

# The **hypcap** package

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## Abstract

This package tries a solution of the problem with `hyperref`, that links to floats points below the caption and not at the beginning of the float. Therefore this package divides the task into two part, the link setting with `\capstart` or automatically at the beginning of a float and the rest in the `\caption` command.

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## 1 Usage

The package `hypcap` requires that `hyperref` is loaded first:

```
\usepackage[...]{hyperref}
\usepackage[...]{hypcap}
```

### 1.1 Package options

The names of the four float environments `figure`, `figure*`, `table`, or `table*` can be used as option. Then the package redefines the environment in order to insert `\capstart` (see below) in the beginning of the environment automatically.

Option `all` enables the redefinitions of all four float environments. For other environments see the user command `\hypcapredef`.

## 1.2 User commands

`\capstart` **\capstart:** First this command increments the counter (`\@captype`). Then it makes an anchor for package `hyperref`. At last `\caption` is redefined to remove the anchor setting part from `hyperref`'s `\caption`.

The package expects the following structure of a float environment:

```
\begin{float}...
\capstart
...
\caption{...}
...
\end{float}
```

There can be several `\caption` commands. For these you need `\capstart` again:

```
\capstart ... \caption... \capstart ... \caption...
```

And the `\caption` command itself can be put in a group.

With the options, described above, the extra writing of `\capstart` can be avoided. Consequently, there must be a `\caption` in every environment of this type, specified by the option. If you want to use more than one `\caption` in this environment, you have to state `\capstart` again.

`\hyccapspace` **\hyccapspace:** Because it looks poor, if the link points exactly at top of the figure, there is additional space: `\hyccapspace`, the default is `0.5\baselineskip`, examples:

```
\renewcommand{\hyccapspace}{0pt} removes the space
\renewcommand{\hyccapspace}{1pt} sets a fix value
```

`\hyccapredef` **\hyccapredef:** If there are other float environments, that should automatically execute `\capstart`, then a redefinition with `\hyccapredef` can be tried:

```
\hyccapredef{myfloat}
```

Only environments with one optional parameter are supported.

## 1.3 Limitations

- Package `subfigure` does not work.
- Packages that redefine `\caption` or `\@caption`.

## 2 Implementation

```
1 <{*package}
```

Package identification.

```
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{hyccap}%
4 [2006/02/20 v1.5 Adjusting anchors of captions (H0)]
```

For unique command names this package uses `hc@` as prefix for internal command names.

First we check, if package `hyperref` is loaded:

```
5 \@ifundefined{hyper@anchor}{%
6   \PackageError{hyccap}{You have to load 'hyperref' first}\@ehc
7   \endinput
8 }{}
```

`\hc@org@caption` Save the original meaning of `\caption`:

```

9 \newcommand*{\hc@org@caption{}}
10 \let\hc@org@caption\caption

\if@capstart The switch \if@capstart helps to detect \capstart commands with missing
\caption macros. Because \caption can occur inside a group, assignments to
the switch have to be made global.
11 \newif\if@capstart

\hypcapSPACE The anchor is raised by \hypcapSPACE.
12 \newcommand*\hypcapSPACE{.5\baselineskip}

\capstart The macro \capstart contains the first part of the \caption command: Incre-
menting the counter and setting the anchor.
13 \newcommand*\capstart{%
14   \H@refstepcounter\@captype % first part of caption
15   \hyper@makecurrent\@captype
16   \vspace*{-.5\hypcapSPACE}%
17   \begingroup
18     \let\leavevmode\relax
19     \hyper@@anchor\@currentHref\relax
20   \endgroup
21   \vspace*{\hypcapSPACE}%
22   \let\caption\hc@caption
23   \global\@capstarttrue
24 }

\hc@caption The new \caption command without the first part is defined in the macro
\hc@caption.
25 \def\hc@caption{%
26   \@dblarg{\hc@caption\@captype}%
27 }

\hc@@caption This is a copy of package hyperref's \@caption macro without making the anchor,
because this is already done in \capstart.
28 \long\def\hc@@caption#1[#2]#3{%
29   \let\caption\hc@org@caption
30   \global\@capstartfalse
31   \hyper@makecurrent\@captype
32   \par\addcontentsline{%
33     \csname ext@#1\endcsname}{#1}{%
34       \protect\numberline{%
35         \csname the#1\endcsname
36       }}{\ignorespaces #2}%
37   }%
38   \begingroup
39     \@parboxrestore
40     \normalsize
41     \@makecaption{\csname fnum@#1\endcsname}{%
42       \ignorespaces#3%
43     }%
44   \par
45   \endgroup
46 }

\hypcapreDEF The macro \hypcapreDEF prepares the call of \hc@reDEF that will redefine the
environment that is given in the argument.
47 \def\hypcapreDEF#1{%
48   \expandafter\hc@reDEF\csname hc@org#1\expandafter\endcsname
49     \csname hc@orgend#1\expandafter\endcsname
50     \expandafter{#1}%
51 }

```

```

\hc@redef The old meaning of the environment is saved. Then \capstart is appended in
the begin part. The end part contains a check that produces an error message in
case of \capstart without \capstart (\capstart has incremented the counter).
52 \def\hc@redef#1#2#3{%
53   \newcommand#1{%
54     \expandafter\let\expandafter#1\csname#3\endcsname
55     \expandafter\let\expandafter#2\csname end#3\endcsname
56     \renewenvironment*{#3}[1][]{%
57       \ifx\##1\%
58         #1\relax
59       \else
60         #1[\##1]%
61       \fi
62       \capstart
63     }{%
64       \if@capstart
65         \PackageError{hypcap}{You have forgotten to use \string\caption}%
66         \global\@capstartfalse
67       \else
68         \fi
69       #2%
70     }%
71 }

```

At last the options are defined and processed.

```

72 \DeclareOption{figure}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
73 \DeclareOption{figure*}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
74 \DeclareOption{table}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
75 \DeclareOption{table*}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
76 \DeclareOption{all}{%
77   \hypcapredef{figure}%
78   \hypcapredef{figure*}%
79   \hypcapredef{table}%
80   \hypcapredef{table*}%
81 }
82 \ProcessOptions\relax
83 \</package>

```

### 3 Installation

**CTAN.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/hypcap.dtx](#) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/hypcap.pdf](#) Documentation.

**Unpacking.** The .dtx file is a self-extracting docstrip archive. The files are extracted by running the .dtx through plain-TeX:

```
tex hypcap.dtx
```

**TDS.** Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as texmf tree):

```

hypcap.sty → tex/latex/oberdiek/hypcap.sty
hypcap.pdf → doc/latex/oberdiek/hypcap.pdf
hypcap.dtx → source/latex/oberdiek/hypcap.dtx

```

If you have a docstrip.cfg that configures and enables docstrip's TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of docstrip.

<sup>1</sup><http://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/>

**Refresh file databases.** If your T<sub>E</sub>X distribution (teT<sub>E</sub>X, mikT<sub>E</sub>X, ...) rely on file databases, you must refresh these. For example, teT<sub>E</sub>X users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

### 3.1 Some details for the interested

**Attached source.** The PDF documentation on CTAN also includes the `.dtx` source file. It can be extracted by AcrobatReader 6 or higher. Another option is `pdftk`, e.g. unpack the file into the current directory:

```
pdftk hypcap.pdf unpack_files output .
```

**Unpacking with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain-T<sub>E</sub>X:** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X), then inform the autodetect routine about your intension:

```
latex \install=y\input{hypcap.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

**Generating the documentation.** You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
pdflatex hypcap.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist hypcap.idx
pdflatex hypcap.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist hypcap.idx
pdflatex hypcap.dtx
```

## 4 History

[1999/02/13 v1.0]

- A beginning version.

[2000/08/14 v1.1]

- Global assignments of `\if@capstart` in order to allow `\caption` in groups.
- Option `all` added.

[2000/09/07 v1.2]

- Package in `dtx` format.

[2001/08/27 v1.3]

- Bug fix with `hyperref`'s `pdfmark` driver  
(`\leavevmode` in `\hyper@@anchor/\pdf@rect`).

[2001/09/06 v1.4]

- Small fixes in the dtx file.

[2006/02/20 v1.5]

- Code is not changed.
- New DTX framework.

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