

# 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 (`\@capttype`). 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.

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

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

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

```
\hypcapdef{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{hypcap}%
4 [2006/02/20 v1.5 Adjusting anchors of captions (HO)]
```

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{hypcap}{You have to load 'hyperref' first}\@ehc
7 \endinput
8 }{}
```

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

	<pre> 9 \newcommand*\hc@org@caption{} 10 \let\hc@org@caption\caption </pre>
\if@capstart	The switch <code>\if@capstart</code> helps to detect <code>\capstart</code> commands with missing <code>\caption</code> macros. Because <code>\caption</code> can occur inside a group, assignments to the switch have to be made global. <pre> 11 \newif\if@capstart </pre>
\hypcapspace	The anchor is raised by <code>\hypcapspace</code> . <pre> 12 \newcommand*\hypcapspace{.5\baselineskip} </pre>
\capstart	The macro <code>\capstart</code> contains the first part of the <code>\caption</code> command: Incrementing the counter and setting the anchor. <pre> 13 \newcommand*\capstart{% 14   \H@refstepcounter\@capttype % first part of caption 15   \hyper@makecurrent\@capttype 16   \vspace*{-\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 } </pre>
\hc@caption	The new <code>\caption</code> command without the first part is defined in the macro <code>\hc@caption</code> . <pre> 25 \def\hc@caption{% 26   \dblarg{\hc@@caption\@capttype}% 27 } </pre>
\hc@@caption	This is a copy of package <code>hyperref</code> 's <code>\@caption</code> macro without making the anchor, because this is already done in <code>\capstart</code> . <pre> 28 \long\def\hc@@caption#1[#2]#3{% 29   \let\caption\hc@org@caption 30   \global\@capstartfalse 31   \hyper@makecurrent\@capttype 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 } </pre>
\hypcapredef	The macro <code>\hypcapredef</code> prepares the call of <code>\hc@redef</code> that will redefine the environment that is given in the argument. <pre> 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 } </pre>

\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`.

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

**Refresh file databases.** If your TeX distribution (teTeX, mikTeX, ...) rely on file databases, you must refresh these. For example, teTeX users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

### 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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