

# 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 `\hyccapredef`.

## 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

- Packages that redefine `\caption` or `\@caption`.

## 2 Implementation

```
1 (*package)
```

Package identification.

```
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
```

```
3 \ProvidesPackage{hyccap}%
```

```
4 [2007/04/09 v1.7 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{hypcap}{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   \global\let\hc@currentHref\@currentHref
17   \vspace*{-\hypcapspace}%
18   \begingroup
19     \let\leavevmode\relax
20     \hyper@@anchor\@currentHref\relax
21   \endgroup
22   \vspace*{\hypcapspace}%
23   \hc@hyperref{\let\caption\hc@caption}%
24   \global\@capstarttrue
25   \global\advance\csname c@\@captype\endcsname\m@ne
26 }

27 \@ifpackagelater{hyperref}{2007/04/09}{%
28   \let\hc@hyperref\@gobble
29 }{%
30   \let\hc@hyperref\@firstofone
31 }

\hc@caption The new \caption command without the first part is defined in the macro
\hc@caption.
32 \def\hc@caption{%
33   \global\advance\csname c@\@captype\endcsname\@ne
34   \@dblarg{\hc@caption\@captype}%
35 }

\hc@@caption This is a copy of package hyperref's \@caption macro without making the anchor,
because this is already done in \capstart.
36 \long\def\hc@@caption#1[#2]#3{%
37   \let\caption\hc@org@caption
38   \global\@capstartfalse
39   \ifHy@hypertextnames
40     \hyper@makecurrent\@captype
41   \else
42     \global\let\@currentHref\hc@currentHref
43   \fi
44   \par\addcontentsline{%
45     \csname ext@#1\endcsname}{#1}{%
46     \protect\numberline{%
47       \csname the#1\endcsname

```

```

48   }\ignorespaces #2}%
49 }%
50 \begingroup
51   \@parboxrestore
52   \normalsize
53   \@makecaption{\csname fnum@#1\endcsname}{%
54     \ignorespaces#3%
55   }%
56   \par
57 \endgroup
58 }

```

**\hycapredef** The macro `\hycapredef` prepares the call of `\hc@redef` that will redefine the environment that is given in the argument.

```

59 \def\hycapredef#1{%
60   \expandafter\hc@redef\csname hc@org#1\expandafter\endcsname
61   \csname hc@orgend#1\expandafter\endcsname
62   \expandafter{#1}%
63 }

```

**\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).

```

64 \def\hc@redef#1#2#3{%
65   \newcommand#1{%
66     \expandafter\let\expandafter#1\csname#3\endcsname
67     \expandafter\let\expandafter#2\csname end#3\endcsname
68     \renewenvironment*{#3}[1][1]{%
69       \ifx\##1\%
70         #1\relax
71       \else
72         #1[#1]%
73       \fi
74       \capstart
75     }{%
76       \if@capstart
77         \PackageError{hycap}{You have forgotten to use \string\caption}%
78         \global\@capstartfalse
79       \else
80         \fi
81       #2%
82     }%
83 }

```

At last the options are defined and processed.

```

84 \DeclareOption{figure}{\hycapredef{\CurrentOption}}
85 \DeclareOption{figure*}{\hycapredef{\CurrentOption}}
86 \DeclareOption{table}{\hycapredef{\CurrentOption}}
87 \DeclareOption{table*}{\hycapredef{\CurrentOption}}
88 \DeclareOption{all}{%
89   \hycapredef{figure}%
90   \hycapredef{figure*}%
91   \hycapredef{table}%
92   \hycapredef{table*}%
93 }
94 \ProcessOptions\relax
95 \</package>

```

## 3 Installation

### 3.1 Download

**Package.** 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.

**Bundle.** All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/oberdiek-tds.zip](#)

### 3.2 Bundle installation

**Unpacking.** Unpack the oberdiek-tds.zip in the TDS tree (also known as texmf tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek-tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

**Script installation.** Check the directory TDS:scripts/oberdiek/ for scripts that need further installation steps. Package attachfile2 comes with the Perl script pdfatfi.pl that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as pdfatfi. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

### 3.3 Package installation

**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.

### 3.4 Refresh file name databases

If your TeX distribution (TeX, mikTeX, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, TeX users run texhash or mktexlsr.

### 3.5 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 .
```

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

**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 intention:

```
latex \let\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.

[2007/02/19 v1.6]

- Fix for hypertexnames=false.

[2007/04/09 v1.7]

- Stuff in `\caption` moved to `hyperref`. This avoids redefinitions of `\caption` and `\@caption` (idea of Axel Sommerfeldt).
- Fix for subfigure (Marco Kuhlmann, Amilcar do Carmo Lucas).

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