

The refcount package

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Abstract

References are not numbers, however they often store numerical data such as section or page numbers. `\ref` or `\pageref` cannot be used for counter assignments or calculations because they are not expandable, generate warnings, or can even be links. The package provides expandable macros to extract the data from references. Packages `hyperref`, `nameref`, `titleref`, and `babel` are supported.

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1 Usage

1.1 Setting counters

The following commands are similar to L^AT_EX's `\setcounter` and `\addtocounter`, but they extract the number value from a reference:

```
\setcounterref, \addtocounterref
\setcounterpageref, \addtocounterpageref
```

They take two arguments:

```
\...counter...ref {\LaTeX counter} {\reference}
```

An undefined references produces the usual LaTeX warning and its value is assumed to be zero. Example:

```
\newcounter{ctrA}
\newcounter{ctrB}
\refstepcounter{ctrA}\label{ref:A}
\setcounterref{ctrB}{ref:A}
\addtocounterpageref{ctrB}{ref:A}
```

1.2 Expandable commands

These commands that can be used in expandible contexts (inside calculations, `\edef`, `\csname`, `\write`, ...):

```
\getrefnumber, \getpagerefnumber
```

They take one argument, the reference:

```
\get...refnumber {\reference}
```

The default for undefined references can be changed with macro `\setrefcountdefault`, for example this package calls:

```
\setrefcountdefault{0}
```

Since version 2.0 of this package there is a new command:

```
\getrefbykeydefault {\reference} {\key} {\default}
```

This generalized version allows the extraction of further properties of a reference than the two standard ones. Thus the following properties are supported, if they are available:

Key	Description	Package
<code>\empty</code>	same as <code>\ref</code>	<code>L^AT_EX</code>
<code>page</code>	same as <code>\pageref</code>	<code>L^AT_EX</code>
<code>title</code>	section and caption titles	<code>titleref</code>
<code>name</code>	section and caption titles	<code>nameref</code>
<code>anchor</code>	anchor name	<code>hyperref</code>
<code>url</code>	url/file	<code>hyperref/xr</code>

Since version 3.2 the expandable macros described before in this section are expandable in exact two expansion steps.

1.3 Undefined references

Because warnings and assignments cannot be used in expandible contexts, undefined references do not produce a warning, their values are assumed to be zero. Example:

```
\label{ref:here}%\somewhere
\refused{ref:here}%\see\below
\ifodd\getpagerefnnumber{ref:here}%
\referenceis\on\an\odd\page
\else
\referenceis\on\an\even\page
\fi
```

In case of undefined references the user usually want's to be informed. Also `LATEX` prints a warning at the end of the `LATEX` run. To notify `LATEX` and get a normal warning, just use

```
\refused {\<reference>}
```

outside the expanding context. Example, see above.

1.3.1 Check for undefined references

In version 3.2 macros were added, that test, whether references are defined.

<code>\IfRefUndefinedExpandable {\<refname>} {\<then>} {\<else>}</code> <code>\IfRefUndefinedBabel {\<refname>} {\<then>} {\<else>}</code>

If the reference is not available and therefore undefined, then argument `\<then>` is executed, otherwise argument `\<else>` is called. Macro `\IfRefUndefinedExpandable` is expandable, but `\<refname>` must not contain babel shorthand characters. Macro `\IfRefUndefinedBabel` supports shorthand characters of babel, but it is not expandable.

1.4 Notes

- The method of extracting the number in this package also works in cases, where the reference cannot be used directly, because a package such as `hyperref` has added extra stuff (hyper link), so that the reference cannot be used as number any more.
- If the reference does not contain a number, assignments to a counter will fail of course.

2 Implementation

```

1 \(*package)
Reload check, especially if the package is not used with LATEX.
2 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
3 \catcode13=5 % ^M
4 \endlinechar=13 %
5 \catcode35=6 % #
6 \catcode39=12 % '
7 \catcode44=12 % ,
8 \catcode45=12 % -
9 \catcode46=12 % .
10 \catcode58=12 % :
11 \catcode64=11 % @
12 \catcode123=1 % {
13 \catcode125=2 % }
14 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@refcount.sty\endcsname
15 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
16 \else
17 \def\empty{}%
18 \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
19 % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
20 \else
21 \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
22 \def\x#1#2{%
23 \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
24 }%
25 \else
26 \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
27 \fi
28 \x{refcount}{The package is already loaded}%
29 \aftergroup\endinput
30 \fi
31 \fi
32 \endgroup%

```

Package identification:

```

33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
34 \catcode13=5 % ^M
35 \endlinechar=13 %
36 \catcode35=6 % #
37 \catcode39=12 % '
38 \catcode40=12 % (
39 \catcode41=12 % )
40 \catcode44=12 % ,
41 \catcode45=12 % -
42 \catcode46=12 % .
43 \catcode47=12 % /
44 \catcode58=12 % :
45 \catcode64=11 % @
46 \catcode91=12 % [
47 \catcode93=12 % ]
48 \catcode123=1 % {
49 \catcode125=2 % }
50 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
51 \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
52 \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
53 \xdef#1{#4}%
54 }%

```

```

55 \else
56 \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
57 #2[#3]}%
58 \ifx#1\@undefined
59 \xdef#1{#3}%
60 \fi
61 \ifx#1\relax
62 \xdef#1{#3}%
63 \fi
64 }%
65 \fi
66 \expandafter\x\csname ver@refcount.sty\endcsname
67 \ProvidesPackage{refcount}%
68 [2016/05/16 v3.5 Data extraction from label references (H0)]%
69 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
70 \catcode13=5 % ^M
71 \endlinechar=13 %
72 \catcode123=1 % {
73 \catcode125=2 % }
74 \catcode64=11 % @
75 \def\x{\endgroup
76 \expandafter\edef\csname rc@AtEnd\endcsname{%
77 \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
78 \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
79 \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
80 \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
81 \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
82 \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
83 \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
84 \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
85 }%
86 }%
87 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
88 \catcode13=5 % ^M
89 \endlinechar=13 %
90 \catcode35=6 % #
91 \catcode64=11 % @
92 \catcode123=1 % {
93 \catcode125=2 % }
94 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
95 \edef\rc@AtEnd{%
96 \rc@AtEnd
97 \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
98 }%
99 \catcode#1=#2\relax
100 }
101 \TMP@EnsureCode{33}{12}% !
102 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}% '
103 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
104 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
105 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
106 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
107 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
108 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
109 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}% `
110 \edef\rc@AtEnd{\rc@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

```

2.1 Loading packages

```

111 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
112 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
113   \input ltxcmds.sty\relax
114   \input infwarerr.sty\relax
115 \else
116   \RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2011/11/09]%
117   \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2010/04/08]%
118 \fi

```

2.2 Defining commands

\rc@ifdefinable

```

119 \ltx@ifundefined{ifdefinable}{%
120   \def\rc@ifdefinable#1{%
121     \ifx#1\ltx@undefined
122       \expandafter\ltx@firstofone
123     \else
124       \ifx#1\relax
125         \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@firstofone
126       \else
127         \@PackageError{refcount}{%
128           Command \string#1 is already defined.\MessageBreak
129           It will not redefined by this package%
130         }{@ehc
131         \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@gobble
132       \fi
133     \fi
134   }%
135 }{%
136   \let\rc@ifdefinable\ifdefinable
137 }

```

\rc@RobustDefOne

\rc@RobustDefZero

```

138 \ltx@ifundefined{protected}{%
139   \ltx@ifundefined{DeclareRobustCommand}{%
140     \def\rc@RobustDefOne#1#2#3#4{%
141       \rc@ifdefinable#3{%
142         #1\def#3##1{#4}%
143       }%
144     }%
145     \def\rc@RobustDefZero#1#2{%
146       \rc@ifdefinable#1{%
147         \def#1{#2}%
148       }%
149     }%
150   }{%
151     \def\rc@RobustDefOne#1#2#3#4{%
152       \rc@ifdefinable#3{%
153         \DeclareRobustCommand#2#3[1]{#4}%
154       }%
155     }%
156     \def\rc@RobustDefZero#1#2{%
157       \rc@ifdefinable#1{%
158         \DeclareRobustCommand#1{#2}%
159       }%
160     }%
161   }%
162 }{%
163   \def\rc@RobustDefOne#1#2#3#4{%

```

```

164 \rc@IfDefinable#3{%
165 \protected#1\def#3##1{#4}%
166 }%
167 }%
168 \def\rc@RobustDefZero#1#2{%
169 \rc@IfDefinable#1{%
170 \protected\def#1{#2}%
171 }%
172 }%
173 }

```

\rc@newcommand

```

174 \ltx@IfUndefined{newcommand}{%
175 \def\rc@newcommand*1[#2]#3{% hash-ok
176 \rc@IfDefinable#1{%
177 \ifcase#2 %
178 \def#1{#3}%
179 \or
180 \def#1##1{#3}%
181 \or
182 \def#1##1##2{#3}%
183 \else
184 \rc@InternalError
185 \fi
186 }%
187 }%
188 }{%
189 \let\rc@newcommand\newcommand
190 }

```

2.3 \setrefcountdefault

\setrefcountdefault

```

191 \rc@RobustDefOne\long{}\setrefcountdefault{%
192 \def\rc@default{#1}%
193 }

194 \setrefcountdefault{0}

```

2.4 \refused

\refused

```

195 \ltx@IfUndefined{G@refundefinedtrue}{%
196 \rc@RobustDefOne{}{*}\refused{%
197 \begingroup
198 \csname @safe@activetrue\endcsname
199 \ltx@IfUndefined{r@#1}{%
200 \protect\G@refundefinedtrue
201 \rc@WarningUndefined{#1}%
202 }{%
203 \endgroup
204 }%
205 }{%
206 \rc@RobustDefOne{}{*}\refused{%
207 \begingroup
208 \csname @safe@activetrue\endcsname
209 \ltx@IfUndefined{r@#1}{%

```

```

210         \csname protect\expandafter\endcsname
211         \csname G@refundefinedtrue\endcsname
212         \rc@WarningUndefined{#1}%
213     }{}%
214 \endgroup
215 }%
216 }

\rc@WarningUndefined

217 \ltx@ifundefined{@latex@warning}{%
218     \def\rc@WarningUndefined#1{%
219         \ltx@ifundefined{thepage}{%
220             \def\thepage{\number\count0 }%
221         }{}%
222         \@PackageWarning{refcount}{%
223             Reference `#1' on page \thepage\space undefined%
224         }%
225     }%
226 }{}%
227 \def\rc@WarningUndefined#1{%
228     \@latex@warning{%
229         Reference `#1' on page \thepage\space undefined%
230     }%
231 }%
232 }

```

2.5 Setting counters by reference data

2.5.1 Generic setting

`\rc@set` Generic command for `\{set,addto\}counter{page,}ref:`

```

#1: \setcounter, \addtocounter
#2: \ltx@car (for \ref), \ltx@cartwo (for \pageref)
#3: LATEX counter
#4: reference

```

```

233 \def\rc@set#1#2#3#4{%
234     \begingroup
235     \csname @safe@activetrue\endcsname
236     \refused{#4}%
237     \expandafter\rc@@set\csname r@#4\endcsname{#1}{#2}{#3}%
238 \endgroup
239 }

```

```

\rc@@set      #1: \r@<...>
               #2: \setcounter, \addtocounter
               #3: \ltx@car (for \ref), \ltx@carsecond (for \pageref)
               #4: LATEX counter

240 \def\rc@@set#1#2#3#4{%
241     \ifx#1\relax
242         #2{#4}{\rc@default}%
243     \else
244         #2{#4}{%
245             \expandafter#3#1\rc@default\rc@default\@nil
246         }%
247     \fi
248 }

```


2.5.2 User commands

`\setcounterref`

```
249 \rc@RobustDefZero\setcounterref{%  
250   \rc@set\setcounter\ltx@car  
251 }
```

`\addtocounterref`

```
252 \rc@RobustDefZero\addtocounterref{%  
253   \rc@set\addtocounter\ltx@car  
254 }
```

`\setcounterpageref`

```
255 \rc@RobustDefZero\setcounterpageref{%  
256   \rc@set\setcounter\ltx@carsecond  
257 }
```

`\addtocounterpageref`

```
258 \rc@RobustDefZero\addtocounterpageref{%  
259   \rc@set\addtocounter\ltx@carsecond  
260 }
```

2.6 Extracting references

`\getrefnumber`

```
261 \rc@newcommand*\getrefnumber}[1]{%  
262   \romannumeral  
263   \ltx@ifundefined{r@#1}{%  
264     \expandafter\ltx@zero  
265     \rc@default  
266   }{%  
267     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\rc@extract@  
268     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter!%  
269     \csname r@#1\expandafter\endcsname  
270     \expandafter{\rc@default}\@nil  
271   }%  
272 }
```

`\getpagerefnumber`

```
273 \rc@newcommand*\getpagerefnumber}[1]{%  
274   \romannumeral  
275   \ltx@ifundefined{r@#1}{%  
276     \expandafter\ltx@zero  
277     \rc@default  
278   }{%  
279     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\rc@extract@page  
280     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter!%  
281     \csname r@#1\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endcsname  
282     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%  
283       \expandafter\rc@default  
284       \expandafter}\expandafter{\rc@default}\@nil  
285     }%  
286 }
```

`\getrefbykeydefault`

```
287 \rc@newcommand*\getrefbykeydefault}[2]{%  
288   \romannumeral
```

```

289 \expandafter\rc@getrefbykeydefault
290 \csname r@#1\expandafter\endcsname
291 \csname rc@extract@#2\endcsname
292 }

\rc@getrefbykeydefault #1: \r@<...>
#2: \rc@extract@<...>
#3: default

293 \long\def\rc@getrefbykeydefault#1#2#3{%
294 \ifx#1\relax
295 % reference is undefined
296 \ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi{%
297 \ltx@zero
298 #3%
299 }%
300 \else
301 \ltx@ReturnAfterFi{%
302 \ifx#2\relax
303 % extract method is missing
304 \ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi{%
305 \ltx@zero
306 #3%
307 }%
308 \else
309 \ltx@ReturnAfterFi{%
310 \expandafter
311 \rc@generic#1{#3}{#3}{#3}{#3}{#3}\@nil#2{#3}%
312 }%
313 \fi
314 }%
315 \fi
316 }

\rc@generic #1: first item in \r@<...>
#2: remaining items in \r@<...>
#3: \rc@extract@<...>
#4: default

317 \long\def\rc@generic#1#2\@nil#3#4{%
318 #3{#1\TR@TitleReference\@empty{#4}\@nil}{#1}#2\@nil
319 }

\rc@extract@

320 \long\def\rc@extract@#1#2#3\@nil{%
321 \ltx@zero
322 #2%
323 }

\rc@extract@page

324 \long\def\rc@extract@page#1#2#3#4\@nil{%
325 \ltx@zero
326 #3%
327 }

\rc@extract@name

328 \long\def\rc@extract@name#1#2#3#4#5\@nil{%
329 \ltx@zero
330 #4%
331 }

```

```

\rc@extract@anchor
332 \long\def\rc@extract@anchor#1#2#3#4#5#6\@nil{%
333   \ltx@zero
334   #5%
335 }

\rc@extract@url
336 \long\def\rc@extract@url#1#2#3#4#5#6#7\@nil{%
337   \ltx@zero
338   #6%
339 }

\rc@extract@title
340 \long\def\rc@extract@title#1#2\@nil{%
341   \rc@@extract@title#1%
342 }

\rc@@extract@title
343 \long\def\rc@@extract@title#1\TR@TitleReference#2#3#4\@nil{%
344   \ltx@zero
345   #3%
346 }

```

2.7 Macros for checking undefined references

```

\IfRefUndefinedExpandable
347 \rc@newcommand*{\IfRefUndefinedExpandable}[1]{%
348   \ltx@ifundefined{r@#1}\ltx@firstoftwo\ltx@secondoftwo
349 }

\IfRefUndefinedBabel
350 \rc@RobustDefOne{*}\IfRefUndefinedBabel{%
351   \begingroup
352   \csname safe@actives@true\endcsname
353   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
354   \expandafter\ifx\csname r@#1\endcsname\relax
355     \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
356   \else
357     \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
358   \fi
359 }

360 \rc@AtEnd%
361 \endpackage

```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

362 (*test1)

363 \catcode`\{=1 %
364 \catcode`\}=2 %
365 \catcode`\#=6 %
366 \catcode`\@=11 %
367 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
368   \countdef\count@=255 %

```

```

369 \fi
370 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
371 \long\def@gobble#1{%
372 \fi
373 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
374 \long\def@firstofone#1{#1}%
375 \fi
376 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
377 \expandafter@firstofone
378 \else
379 \expandafter@gobble
380 \fi
381 {%
382 \def\loop#1\repeat{%
383 \def\body{#1}%
384 \iterate
385 }%
386 \def\iterate{%
387 \body
388 \let\next\iterate
389 \else
390 \let\next\relax
391 \fi
392 \next
393 }%
394 \let\repeat=\fi
395 }%
396 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
397 \count@=0 %
398 \loop
399 \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
400 \RestoreCatcodes
401 \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
402 }%
403 \ifnum\count@<255 %
404 \advance\count@ 1 %
405 \repeat
406
407 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
408 \count@=#1\relax
409 \loop
410 \catcode\count@=15 %
411 \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
412 \advance\count@ 1 %
413 \repeat
414 }
415 \def\RangeCatcodeCheck#1#2#3{%
416 \count@=#1\relax
417 \loop
418 \ifnum#3=\catcode\count@
419 \else
420 \errmessage{%
421 Character \the\count@\space
422 with wrong catcode \the\catcode\count@\space
423 instead of \number#3%
424 }%
425 \fi
426 \ifnum\count@<#2\relax

```

```

427 \advance\count@ 1 %
428 \repeat
429 }
430 \def\space{ }
431 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
432 \def\LoadCommand{\input refcount.sty\relax}%
433 \fi
434 \def\Test{%
435 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
436 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
437 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
438 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
439 \catcode`\@=12 %
440 \catcode`\=0 %
441 \catcode`\%=14 %
442 \LoadCommand
443 \RangeCatcodeCheck{0}{36}{15}%
444 \RangeCatcodeCheck{37}{37}{14}%
445 \RangeCatcodeCheck{38}{47}{15}%
446 \RangeCatcodeCheck{48}{57}{12}%
447 \RangeCatcodeCheck{58}{63}{15}%
448 \RangeCatcodeCheck{64}{64}{12}%
449 \RangeCatcodeCheck{65}{90}{11}%
450 \RangeCatcodeCheck{91}{91}{15}%
451 \RangeCatcodeCheck{92}{92}{0}%
452 \RangeCatcodeCheck{93}{96}{15}%
453 \RangeCatcodeCheck{97}{122}{11}%
454 \RangeCatcodeCheck{123}{255}{15}%
455 \RestoreCatcodes
456 }
457 \Test
458 \csname @@end\endcsname
459 \end
460 </test1>

```

3.2 Macro tests

```

461 <*test2>
462 \errorcontextlines=10000 %
463 \showboxbreadth=10000 %
464 \showboxdepth=10000 %
465 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
466 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
467 \input refcount.sty\relax
468 \else
469 \RequirePackage{refcount}[2016/05/16]%
470 \fi
471 \catcode`\@=11 %
472 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
473 \expandafter\ifx\csname @onelevel@sanitize\endcsname\relax
474 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
475 \expandafter\ifx\csname detokenize\endcsname\relax
476 \def\strip@prefix#1->{%
477 \def@onelevel@sanitize#1{%
478 \edef#1{%
479 \expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning#1%
480 }%
481 }%
482 \else

```

```

483 \def\@onelevel@sanitize#1{%
484 \edef#1{%
485 \detokenize\expandafter{#1}%
486 }%
487 }%
488 \fi
489 \fi
490 \def\msg#{\immediate\write16}
491 \def\empty{}
492 \def\space{ }

493 \def\r@foo{\empty 1}{\empty 2}
494 \long\def\test#1#2{%
495 \begingroup
496 \setbox0=\hbox{%
497 \def\TestTask{#1}%
498 \@onelevel@sanitize\TestTask
499 \msg{* \TestTask}%
500 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
501 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\TestResult
502 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
503 #1%
504 }%
505 \def\TestExpected{#2}%
506 \ifx\TestResult\TestExpected
507 \msg{ \space ok.}%
508 \else
509 \@onelevel@sanitize\TestResult
510 \@onelevel@sanitize\TestExpected
511 \msg{ \space Result: \space\space[\TestResult]}%
512 \msg{ \space Expected: [\TestExpected]}%
513 \errmessage{Test failed!}%
514 \fi
515 }%
516 \ifdim\wd0=0pt %
517 \else
518 \showbox0 %
519 \fi
520 \endgroup
521 }
522 \test{\getrefnumber{foo}}{\empty 1}
523 \test{\getpagerefnumber{foo}}{\empty 2}
524 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{foo}{}\empty default}{\empty 1}
525 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{foo}{page}\empty default}{\empty 2}
526 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{foo}{name}\empty default}{\empty default}
527 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{foo}{anchor}\empty default}{\empty default}
528 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{foo}{url}\empty default}{\empty default}
529 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{foo}{title}\empty default}{\empty default}
530 \msg{}
531 \def\r@foo{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }
532 \def\Test#1#2\\{%
533 \test{#1{foo}#2}{}%
534 }
535 \def\TestGroup{%
536 \Test\getrefnumber\\%
537 \Test\getpagerefnumber\\%
538 \Test\getrefbykeydefault{}{}\\%
539 \Test\getrefbykeydefault{page}{}\\%
540 \Test\getrefbykeydefault{anchor}{}\\%

```

```

541 \Test\getrefbykeydefault{name}{}\%
542 \Test\getrefbykeydefault{url}{}\%
543 }
544 \TestGroup
545 \Test\getrefbykeydefault{title}{}\%
546 \msg{}
547 \def\r@foo{\par\par\par\par\par\par\par\par}
548 \long\def\Test#1#2\{\%
549 \test{#1{foo}#2}{\par}%
550 }
551 \TestGroup
552 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{title}{}}{}{}
553 \msg{}
554 \def\r@foo{{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }{ }}
555 \def\Test#1#2\{\%
556 \test{#1{foo}#2}{ }%
557 }
558 \TestGroup
559 \msg{}
560 \long\def\TestDefault#1{%
561 \begingroup
562 \setrefcountdefault{#1}%
563 \test{\getrefnumber{foo}}{#1}%
564 \test{\getpagerefnumber{foo}}{#1}%
565 \endgroup
566 }
567 \def\TestDefaultX{%
568 \TestDefault{}%
569 \TestDefault{\par}%
570 \TestDefault{ }%
571 \TestDefault{\space}%
572 }
573 \let\r@foo\undefined
574 \TestDefaultX
575 \let\r@foo\relax
576 \TestDefaultX
577 \def\r@foo{}
578 \TestDefaultX

579 \msg{}
580 \long\def\Test#1#2#3#4{%
581 \begingroup
582 \def\TestTask{#1}%
583 \@onelevel@sanitize\TestTask
584 \msg{* [\TestTask]}%
585 \edef\TestResultA{\IfRefUndefinedExpandable{#1}{#2}{#3}}%
586 \IfRefUndefinedBabel{#1}{%
587 \def\TestResultB{#2}%
588 }{%
589 \def\TestResultB{#3}%
590 }%
591 \def\TestExpected{#4}%
592 \ifx\TestResultA\TestExpected
593 \msg{ \space ok.}%
594 \else
595 \begingroup
596 \@onelevel@sanitize\TestResultA
597 \@onelevel@sanitize\TestExpected
598 \msg{ \space Result: \space\space[\TestResultA]}%

```

```

599     \msg{ \space Expected: [\TestExpected]]}%
600     \errmessage{Test failed!}%
601   \endgroup
602 \fi
603 \ifx\TestResultB\TestExpected
604   \msg{ \space ok.}%
605 \else
606   \begingroup
607     \@onelevel@sanitize\TestResultB
608     \@onelevel@sanitize\TestExpected
609     \msg{ \space Result: \space\space[\TestResultB]]}%
610     \msg{ \space Expected: [\TestExpected]]}%
611     \errmessage{Test failed!}%
612   \endgroup
613 \fi
614 \endgroup
615 }
616 \begingroup
617   \def\r@foo{{}}{}%
618   \let\r@bar\@undefined
619   \let\r@xyz\relax
620   \Test{foo}{true}{false}{false}%
621   \Test{bar}{true}{false}{true}%
622   \Test{xyz}{true}{false}{true}%
623 \endgroup
624 \csname @@end\endcsname\end
625 </test2>

```

3.3 Test with package titleref

```

626 <*test3>
627 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
628 \documentclass{article}
629 \usepackage{refcount}[2016/05/16]
630 (test4)\usepackage{nameref}
631 \usepackage{titleref}
632 \begin{document}
633 \section{Hello World}
634 \label{sec:hello}
635 \section{\hbox{xy}}
636 \label{sec:foo}
637 %
638 \makeatletter
639 \@ifundefined{r@sec:hello}{%
640   \typeout{==> Compile twice!}%
641 }{%
642   \def\test#1#2{%
643     \begingroup
644       \def\TestTask{#1}%
645       \@onelevel@sanitize\TestTask
646       \typeout{* \TestTask}%
647       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
648       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\TestResult
649       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
650         #1%
651       }%
652       \def\TestExpected{#2}%
653       \ifx\TestResult\TestExpected
654         \typeout{ \space ok.}%

```



```

655     \else
656         \@onelevel@sanitize\TestResult
657         \@onelevel@sanitize\TestExpected
658         \typeout{ \space Result: \space\space[\TestResult]}%
659         \typeout{ \space Expected: [\TestExpected]}%
660         \errmessage{Test failed!}%
661     \fi
662 \endgroup
663 }%
664 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{sec:hello}{title}{}}{Hello World}%
665 \test{\getrefbykeydefault{sec:foo}{title}{}}{\hbox{xy}}%
666 \begingroup
667     \def\hbox#1{[#1]}% hash-ok
668     \test{\getrefbykeydefault{sec:foo}{title}{}}{\hbox{xy}}%
669 \endgroup
670 }
671 \makeatother
672 \end{document}
673 \end{test3}
674 \end{test5}
675 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
676 \documentclass{book}
677 \usepackage{refcount}[2016/05/16]
678 \usepackage{zref-runs}
679 \newcounter{test}
680 \begin{document}
681 \ifnum\zruns>1 %
682     \makeatletter
683     \def\Test#1#2#3{%
684         \begingroup
685             \setcounter{test}{10}%
686             \sbox0{%
687                 #1{test}{#2}%
688                 \ifnum#3=\value{test}%
689                     \else
690                     \PackageError{test}{\string#1{#2} <> #3 (\the\value{test})}%
691                 \fi
692             }%
693             \ifdim\wd0=0pt %
694                 \else
695                 \PackageError{test}{Non-empty box}\@ehc
696             \fi
697         \endgroup
698     }%
699 \makeatother
700 \Test\setcounterpageref{ch:two}{1}%
701 \Test\setcounterpageref{ch:three}{3}%
702 \Test\setcounterpageref{ch:four}{5}%
703 \Test\setcounterpageref{ch:five}{7}%
704 \Test\setcounterpageref{ch:six}{9}%
705 \Test\setcounterpageref{ch:seven}{13}%
706 \Test\addtocounterpageref{ch:two}{11}%
707 \Test\addtocounterpageref{ch:three}{13}%
708 \Test\addtocounterpageref{ch:four}{15}%
709 \Test\addtocounterpageref{ch:five}{17}%
710 \Test\addtocounterpageref{ch:six}{19}%
711 \Test\addtocounterpageref{ch:seven}{23}%
712 \Test\setcounterref{ch:two}{1}%

```

```

713 \Test\setcounterref{ch:three}{2}%
714 \Test\setcounterref{ch:four}{11}%
715 \Test\addtocounterref{ch:two}{11}%
716 \Test\addtocounterref{ch:three}{12}%
717 \Test\addtocounterref{ch:four}{21}%
718 \fi
719 \frontmatter
720 \chapter{Chapter one}\label{ch:one}
721 \cleardoublepage
722 \mainmatter
723 \chapter{Chapter two}\label{ch:two}
724 \cleardoublepage
725 \chapter{Chapter three}\label{ch:three}
726 \cleardoublepage
727 \setcounter{chapter}{10}
728 \chapter{Chapter four}\label{ch:four}
729 \cleardoublepage
730 \appendix
731 \chapter{Chapter five}\label{ch:five}
732 \cleardoublepage
733 \chapter{Chapter six}\label{ch:six}
734 \cleardoublepage
735 \null
736 \cleardoublepage
737 \chapter{Chapter seven}\label{ch:seven}
738 \end{document}
739 \end{test5}

```

4 Installation

4.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

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

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

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for \TeX Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

4.2 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
```

¹[CTAN:pkg/refcount](#)

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/
```

4.3 Package installation

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

```
tex refcount.dtx
```

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

```
refcount.sty      → tex/latex/oberdiek/refcount.sty
refcount.pdf      → doc/latex/oberdiek/refcount.pdf
test/refcount-test1.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/refcount-test1.tex
test/refcount-test2.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/refcount-test2.tex
test/refcount-test3.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/refcount-test3.tex
test/refcount-test4.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/refcount-test4.tex
test/refcount-test5.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/refcount-test5.tex
refcount.dtx      → source/latex/oberdiek/refcount.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.

4.4 Refresh file name databases

If your \TeX distribution (te \TeX , mik \TeX , ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, te \TeX users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

4.5 Some details for the interested

Unpacking with \LaTeX . The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain \TeX : Run docstrip and extract the files.

\LaTeX : Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using \LaTeX for docstrip (really, docstrip does not need \LaTeX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{refcount.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 pdf \LaTeX :

```
pdflatex_refcount.dtx
makeindex_s_gind.ist_refcount.idx
pdflatex_refcount.dtx
makeindex_s_gind.ist_refcount.idx
pdflatex_refcount.dtx
```

5 History

[1998/04/08 v1.0]

- First public release, written as answer in the newsgroup `comp.text.tex`:
“Re: Adding a `\ref` to a counter?”²

[2000/09/07 v2.0]

- Documentation added.
- LPPL 1.2
- Package rewritten, new commands added.

[2006/02/20 v3.0]

- Support for `hyperref` and `nameref` improved.
- Support for `titleref` and `babel`’s shorthands added.
- New: `\refused`, `\getrefbykeydefault`

[2008/08/11 v3.1]

- Code is not changed.
- URLs updated.

[2010/12/01 v3.2]

- `\IfRefUndefinedExpandable` and `\IfRefUndefinedBabel` added.
- `\getrefnumber`, `\getpagerefnumber`, `\getrefbykeydefault` are expandable in exact two expansion steps.
- Non-expandable macros are made robust.
- Test files added.

[2011/06/22 v3.3]

- Bug fix: `\rc@refused` is undefined for `\setcounterpageref` and similar macros. (Bug found by Marc van Dongen.)

[2011/10/16 v3.4]

- Bug fix: `\setcounterpageref` and `\addtocounterpageref` fixed. (Bug found by Staz.)
- Macros `\(setaddto)counter(page)ref` are made robust.

²Url: <https://groups.google.com/group/comp.text.tex/msg/c3f2a135ef5ee528>

[2016/05/16 v3.5]

- Documentation updates.

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