

# 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.

`\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
```

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

```
\hypcapredef{myfloat}
```

Only environments with one optional parameter are supported.

`\capstartfalse` **\capstartfalse, \capstarttrue:** Since 2008/09/08 v1.10.  
`\capstarttrue` They disable and enable `\capstart`. They can be used to cancel the effect of a redefined float environment. Example:

```

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{hyperref}
\usepackage[figure]{hypcap}[2008/09/08]

\begin{document}
\section{Hello World}
\begin{figure}
\caption{Figure with caption A}
\end{figure}
\capstartfalse
\begin{figure}
Figure without caption
\end{figure}
\capstarttrue
\begin{figure}
\caption{Figure with caption B}
\end{figure}
\end{document}

```

### 1.3 Limitations

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

## 2 Implementation

```
1 \<*package>
```

Package identification.

```

2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{hypcap}%
4 [2016/05/16 v1.12 Adjusting the 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 }{}

9 \RequirePackage{letltxmacro}[2008/06/24]

```

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

```

10 \newcommand*\hc@org@caption{}
11 \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.

```
12 \newif\if@capstart
```

`\hypcapSPACE` The anchor is raised by `\hypcapSPACE`.

```
13 \newcommand*\hypcapSPACE{.5\baselineskip}
```

`\ifcapstart`

```

14 \newif\ifcapstart
15 \capstarttrue

```

`\capstart` The macro `\capstart` contains the first part of the `\caption` command: Incrementing the counter and setting the anchor.

```

16 \newcommand*\capstart{%
17   \ifcapstart
18     \H@refstepcounter\@captype % first part of caption
19     \hyper@makecurrent\@captype
20     \global\let\hc@currentHref\@currentHref
21     \vspace*{-\hypcapspace}%
22     \begingroup
23       \let\leavevmode\relax
24       \hyper@@anchor\@currentHref\relax
25     \endgroup
26     \vspace*{\hypcapspace}%
27     \hc@hyperref{\let\caption\hc@caption}%
28     \global\@capstarttrue
29     \global\advance\csname c@\@captype\endcsname\m@ne
30   \fi
31 }

32 \@ifpackagelater{hyperref}{2007/04/09}{%
33   \let\hc@hyperref\@gobble
34 }{%
35   \let\hc@hyperref\@firstofone
36 }

```

`\hc@caption` The new `\caption` command without the first part is defined in the macro `\hc@caption`.

```

37 \def\hc@caption{%
38   \global\advance\csname c@\@captype\endcsname\@ne
39   \@dblarg{\hc@@caption\@captype}%
40 }

```

`\hc@@caption` This is a copy of package `hyperref`'s `\@caption` macro without making the anchor, because this is already done in `\capstart`.

```

41 \long\def\hc@@caption#1[#2]#3{%
42   \let\caption\hc@org@caption
43   \global\@capstartfalse
44   \ifHy@hypertextnames
45     \hyper@makecurrent\@captype
46   \else
47     \global\let\@currentHref\hc@currentHref
48   \fi
49   \par\addcontentsline{%
50     \csname ext@#1\endcsname}{#1}{%
51     \protect\numberline{%
52       \csname the#1\endcsname
53     }}{\ignorespaces #2}%
54   }%
55   \begingroup
56     \@parboxrestore
57     \normalsize
58     \@makecaption{\csname fnum@#1\endcsname}{%
59       \ignorespaces#3%
60     }%
61   \par
62 \endgroup
63 }

```

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

```

64 \def\hypcapredef#1{%
65   \expandafter\hc@redef\csname hc@org#1\expandafter\endcsname
66                                   \csname hc@orgend#1\expandafter\endcsname
67                                   \expandafter{#1}%
68 }

```

`\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).

```

69 \def\hc@redef#1#2#3{%
70   \newcommand#1{%
71     \expandafter\LetLtxMacro\expandafter#1\csname#3\endcsname
72     \expandafter\LetLtxMacro\expandafter#2\csname end#3\endcsname
73     \renewenvironment*{#3}[1] [] {%
74       \ifx\##1\%
75         #1\relax
76       \else
77         #1[##1]% hash-ok (compatibility for float)
78       \fi
79       \capstart
80     }{%
81       \if@capstart
82         \PackageError{hypcap}{You have forgotten to use \string\caption}%
83         \global\@capstartfalse
84       \else
85         \fi
86       #2%
87     }%
88 }

```

At last the options are defined and processed.

```

89 \DeclareOption{figure}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
90 \DeclareOption{figure*}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
91 \DeclareOption{table}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
92 \DeclareOption{table*}{\hypcapredef{\CurrentOption}}
93 \DeclareOption{all}{%
94   \hypcapredef{figure}%
95   \hypcapredef{figure*}%
96   \hypcapredef{table}%
97   \hypcapredef{table*}%
98 }
99 \ProcessOptions\relax
100 \end{package}

```

## 3 Installation

### 3.1 Download

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

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

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

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<sup>1</sup>[CTAN:pkg/hypcap](http://CTAN:pkg/hypcap)

**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 T<sub>E</sub>X Files” ([CTAN:pkg/tds](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

## 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
```

## 3.3 Package installation

**Unpacking.** The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
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 T<sub>E</sub>X distribution (T<sub>E</sub>X Live, MiK<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, T<sub>E</sub>X Live users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

## 3.5 Some details for the interested

**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, published in newsgroup `comp.text.tex`:  
“Re: `hyperref` and figures”<sup>2</sup>

[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 `hypertextnames=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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<sup>2</sup>Url: <https://groups.google.com/group/comp.text.tex/msg/5c9b47b001a9379c>

[2008/04/14 v1.8]

- `\hc@redef` fixed to get package float work (Axel Sommerfeldt).

[2008/08/11 v1.9]

- Code is not changed.
- URLs updated.

[2008/09/08 v1.10]

- `\capstartfalse` and `\capstarttrue` added.

[2011/02/16 v1.11]

- `\hc@redef` fixed by using package `letltxmacro`.

[2016/05/16 v1.12]

- Documentation updates.

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