

# Typesetting captions with the caption package<sup>\*</sup>

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## Abstract

The caption package provides many ways to customise the captions in floating environments such `figure` and `table` and cooperates with many other packages.<sup>1</sup>

## 1 Introduction

Within the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X classes captions haven't received the attention they deserve. Simply typeset as an ordinary paragraph there is no remarkable visual difference from the rest of the text, like here:

Figure 1: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

There should be possibilities to change this; e.g., it would be nice if you can make the text of the caption a little bit smaller as the normal text, add an extra margin, typeset the caption label with the same font family and shape as your headings etc. Just like this one:

**Figure 2:** White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

With this package you can do this easily as there are many ready-to-use caption formatting options, but you are free to define your very own stuff, too.

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<sup>1</sup>A complete re-work of the user interface done together with Steven D. Cochran and Frank Mittelbach has lead to this new enhanced version 3.0.

## 2 Using the package

`\usepackage` Insert

```
\usepackage[<options>]{caption}[2005/05/05]
```

into the preamble of your document, i.e. the part of your document between `\documentclass` and `\begin{document}`. The options control how your captions will look like; e.g.,

```
\usepackage[margin=10pt,font=small,labelfont=bf]{caption}
```

would result in captions looking like the second one in the introduction.

`\captionsetup` For a later change of options the caption package provides the command

```
\captionsetup[<float type>]{<options>}
```

So

```
\usepackage[margin=10pt,font=small,labelfont=bf]{caption}
```

and

```
\usepackage{caption}
\captionsetup{margin=10pt,font=small,labelfont=bf}
```

are equal in their results.

It's good to know that `\captionsetup` has an effect on the current environment only. So if you want to change some settings for the current figure or table only, just place the `\captionsetup` command inside the figure or table right before the `\caption` command. For example

```
\begin{figure}
...
\captionsetup{singlelinecheck=off}
\caption{...}
\end{figure}
```

switches the single-line-check off, but only for this figure so all the other captions remain untouched.

(For a description of the optional parameter *<float type>* see section 4: “Useful stuff”.)

## 3 Options

### 3.1 Formatting

`format=` A figure or table caption mainly consists of three parts: the caption label, which says if

this object is a ‘Figure’ or ‘Table’ and what number is associated with it, the caption text itself, which is normally a short description of contents, and the caption separator which separates the text from the label.

The *caption format* determines how this information will be presented; it is specified with the option

`format=⟨format name⟩` ,

having the name of the caption format as its argument.

There are two standard caption formats:<sup>2</sup>

`default`      Typesets the captions as a normal paragraph. (This is the default behaviour, it is adapted from the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document classes.)

`hang`          Indents the caption text, so it will ‘hang’ under the first line of the text.

An example: Specifying the option

`format=hang`

yields captions like this:

Figure 3: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe’s finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

`indentation=` For both formats (`default` and `hang`) you can setup an extra indentation starting at the second line of the caption. You do this with the option

`indentation=⟨amount⟩`.

Two examples:

`format=default,indentation=.5cm`

Figure 4: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe’s finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

`format=hang,indentation=-0.5cm`

Figure 5: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe’s finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

`labelformat=` With the option

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<sup>2</sup>You have the option to define your own ones, too. See section 5: “*Do it yourself!*” for details.

`labelformat=⟨label format name⟩`

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v3.0e you specify how the caption label will be typeset. There are three standard caption label formats:

default	The caption label will be typeset as specified by the document class, usually this means the name and the number (like <code>simple</code> ). (This is the default behaviour.)
empty	The caption label will be empty. This option only makes sense when used together with other options like <code>labelsep=none</code> .
simple	The caption label will be typeset as a name and a number.
parens	The number of the caption label will be typeset in parentheses.

An example: Using the options

`labelformat=parens, labelsep=quad`

yields captions like this one:

Figure (6) White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

`labelsep=` With the options

`labelsep=⟨label separator name⟩`

you specify what caption separator will be used. You can choose one of the following:

none	There is no caption separator. This option only makes sense when used together with other options like <code>labelformat=empty</code> .
colon	The caption label and text will be separated by a colon and a space. (This is the default one.)
period	The caption label and text will be separated by a period and a space.
space	The caption label and text will be separated by a single space.
quad	The caption label and text will be separated by a <code>\quad</code> .
newline	The caption label and text will be separated by a line break ( <code>\newline</code> ).

Two examples:

labelsep=period

Figure 7. White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

labelsep=newline, singlelinecheck=false

Figure 8

White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

### 3.2 Justification

`justification=` As addition to the caption format you could also specify a *caption justification*; it is specified with the option

`justification=⟨justification name⟩` .

You can choose one of the following:

<code>justified</code>	Typesets the caption as a normal paragraph. (This is the default.)
<code>centering</code>	Each line of the caption will be centered.
<code>centerlast</code>	The last line of each paragraph of the caption text will be centered.
<code>centerfirst</code>	Only the first line of the caption will be centered.
<code>raggedright</code>	Each line of the caption will be moved to the left margin.
<code>RaggedRight</code>	Each line of the caption will be moved to the left margin, too. But this time the command <code>\RaggedRight</code> of the <code>ragged2e</code> package will be used to achieve this. This difference is that this time the word breaking algorithm of $\text{\TeX}$ will work inside the caption.
<code>raggedleft</code>	Each line of the caption will be moved to the right margin.

Two examples:

`justification=centerlast`

Figure 9: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

```
format=hang, justification=raggedright
```

Figure 10: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

`singlelinecheck=` If the caption fit in a single line it will always be centered, ignoring the justification you set:

Figure 11: A short caption.

This behaviour is adapted from the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document classes `article`, `report`, and `book`), but using the `caption` package you can switch this special treatment of such short captions off with the option

```
singlelinecheck=<bool> .
```

Using `false`, `no`, `off` or `0` for *<bool>* you switch off the extra centering:

```
singlelinecheck=false
```

Doing so the above short caption would look like

Figure 11: A short caption.

Using `true`, `yes`, `on` or `1` for *<bool>* you switch on the extra centering again. (The default is on.)

### 3.3 Fonts

`font=` There are three font options which affects different parts of the caption: One affecting the whole caption (`font`), one which only affects the caption label and separator (`labelfont`) and at last one which only affects the caption text (`textfont`). You set them up using the options

```
font={ <font options> } ,
labelfont={ <font options> } and
textfont={ <font options> } .
```

And these are the available font options:

`scriptsize` Very small size

`footnotesize` The size usually used for footnotes

`small` Small size

<code>normalsize</code>	Normal size
<code>large</code>	Large size
<code>Large</code>	Even larger size
<code>up</code>	Upright shape
<code>it</code>	<i>Italic shape</i>
<code>sl</code>	<i>Slanted shape</i>
<code>sc</code>	SMALL CAPS SHAPE
<code>md</code>	Medium series
<code>bf</code>	<b>Bold series</b>
<code>rm</code>	Roman family
<code>sf</code>	Sans Serif family
<code>tt</code>	Typewriter family

If you use only one of these options you can omit the braces; e.g., the options `font={small}` and `font=small` yield the same result.

Two examples:

```
font={small,it},labelfont=bf
```

**Figure 12:** *White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.*

```
font=small,labelfont=bf,textfont=it
```

**Figure 13:** *White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.*

### 3.4 Margins and further paragraph options

`margin=` For all captions you can specify *either* an extra margin *or* a fixed width. You do this using  
`width=` the options

```
margin=<amount> or
width=<amount>
```

Nevertheless what option you use, the left and right margin will be the same.

Two examples illustrating this:

```
margin=10pt
```

Figure 14: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

```
width=.75\textwidth
```

Figure 15: White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

`parskip=` This option is useful for captions containing more than one paragraph. It specifies the extra vertical space inserted between them:

```
parskip=<amount>
```

One example:

```
margin=10pt,parskip=5pt
```

Figure 16: First paragraph of the caption. This one contains some test, just to show how these options affect the layout of the caption.

Second paragraph of the caption. This one contains some text, too, to show how these options affect the layout of the caption.

`hangindent=` The option

```
hangindent=<amount>
```

is for setting up a hanging indentation starting from the second line of each paragraph. If the caption contains just a single paragraph, using this option leads to the same result as the option `indentation=` you already know about. But if the caption contains multiple paragraphs you will notice the difference:

```
format=hang,indentation=-.5cm
```

Figure 17: First paragraph of the caption. This one contains some test, just to show how these options affect the layout of the caption.

Second paragraph of the caption. This one contains some text, too, to show how these options affect the layout of the caption.



```
format=hang, hangindent=-.5cm
```

Figure 18: First paragraph of the caption. This one contains some test, just to show how these options affect the layout of the caption.

Second paragraph of the caption. This one contains some text, too, to show how these options affect the layout of the caption.

### 3.5 Styles

`style=` A suitable combination of caption options is called *caption style*. You can compare them more or less to page styles which you set up with `\pagestyle`: The caption style provides all settings for a whole caption layout.

You switch to an already defined caption style with the option

```
style=\langle style name \rangle .
```

The caption package usually defines only the style `default` which puts all options you already know about to the default ones. This means that specifying the option

```
style=default
```

has the same effect as specifying all these options:

```
format=default, labelformat=simple, labelsep=colon,
justification=justified, font=default, labelfont=default,
textfont=default, margin=0pt, indention=0pt, parindent=0pt
hangindent=0pt, singlelinecheck=true
```

### 3.6 Skips

`aboveskip=` The spaces above and below the caption are controlled by the skips `\abovecaptionskip`  
`belowskip=` and `\belowcaptionskip`. The standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document classes `article`, `report` and `book` set `\abovecaptionskip` to 10pt and `\belowcaptionskip` to 0pt.

Both skips can be changed with the command `\setlength`, but you can use these options, too:

```
aboveskip=\langle amount \rangle and
belowskip=\langle amount \rangle .
```

`position=` Using `\abovecaptionskip` and `\belowcaptionskip` has a major design flaw: If the caption is typeset *above* (and not *below*) the figure or table they are not set up very useful at default, because there will be some extra space above the caption but no space between the caption and the figure or table itself. (Remember: `\belowcaptionskip` is usually set to 0pt.)

Please compare the spacing in these small tables:

Table 1: A table

A	B
C	D

A	B
C	D

Table 2: A table

But you can fix this by using the option `position=`. It specifies how the spacing above and below the caption will be used:

`position=top` (or `position=above`)

tells the caption package to use the spacing useful for caption *above* the figure or table and

`position=bottom` (or `position=below`)

tells the caption package to use the spacing useful for captions *below* the figure or table. (The last one is the default setting except for `longtables`.)

So adding an extra `\captionsetup{position=top}` to the left example table gives you proper spacing around both captions:

Table 3: A table

A	B
C	D

A	B
C	D

Table 4: A table

(Technically speaking `\abovecaptionskip` and `\belowcaptionskip` will be swapped if you specify the option `position=top`, so in both cases `\abovecaptionskip` will be used between the caption and the figure or table itself.)

`tableposition=` This option is especially useful when used together with the optional argument of the `\captionsetup` command. (See section 4: “*Useful stuff*” for details.) E.g.,

`\captionsetup[table]{position=top}`

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causes all captions within tables to be treated as captions *above* the table (regarding spacing around it). Because this is a very common setting the caption package offers an abbreviating option for the use with `\usepackage`:

`\usepackage[... ,tableposition=top]{caption}`

is equivalent to

`\usepackage[...]{caption}`  
`\captionsetup[table]{position=top}`

## 4 Useful stuff

`\caption` The command

```
\caption[ $\langle lst\_entry \rangle$ ]{ $\langle heading \rangle$ }
```

typesets the caption inside a floating environment like `figure` or `table`. Well, you already know this, but what is new is the fact then when you leave the argument  $\langle lst\_entry \rangle$  empty, no entry in the list of figures or tables will be made; e.g.,

```
\caption[] {A figure without entry in the list of figures.}
```

`\caption*` The `longtable` package defines the command `\caption*` which typesets the caption without label and without entry in the list of tables. An example:

```
\begin{longtable}{cc}
  \caption*{A table}\\
  A & B \\
  C & D \\
\end{longtable}
```

looks like

A table

A	B
C	D

This package does it, too, so you can use this command now within every floating environment like `figure` or `table`. Additionally you can specify an entry for the list of figures or tables within square brackets, like here:

```
\begin{table}
  \caption*[List entry for the table]{A table}
  \begin{tabular}{cc}
    A & B \\
    C & D \\
  \end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

`\captionof` Sometimes you want to typeset a caption *outside* a floating environment, putting a figure within a `minipage` for instance. For this purpose the `caption` package offers the command

```
\captionof{ $\langle float\ type \rangle$ }[ $\langle lst\_entry \rangle$ ]{ $\langle heading \rangle$ }
```

Note that the first argument, the *float type*, is mandatory here, because the `\captionof` command needs to know which name to put into the caption label (e.g. “Figure” or “Table”) and in which list to put the contents entry. An example:

```
\captionof{figure}{A figure}
\captionof{table}{A table}
```

typesets captions like this:

Figure 19: A figure

Table 6: A table

The star variant `\captionof*` has the same behaviour as the `\caption*` command: it typesets the caption without label and without entry to the list of figures or tables (if not specified otherwise).

Please use both `\captionof` and `\captionof*` only *inside* environments (like `minipage` or `\parbox`), otherwise a page break can appear between content and caption. Furthermore some strange effects could occur (e.g., wrong spacing around captions).

`\ContinuedFloat` Sometimes you want to split figures or tables without giving them their own reference number. This is what the command

```
\ContinuedFloat
```

is for; it should be used as first command inside the floating environment. It prevents the increment of the relevant counter so a figure or table with a `\ContinuedFloat` in it gets the same reference number as the figure or table before.

An example:

```
\begin{table}
\caption{A table}
...
\end{table}
...
\begin{table}\ContinuedFloat
\caption{A table (cont.)}
...
\end{table}
```

gives the following result:

Table 7: A table

...

Table 7: A table (cont.)

`\captionsetup` We already know the `\captionsetup` command (see section 2: “Using the package”),

but this time we get enlighten about the optional argument  $\langle float\ type \rangle$ . Remember, the syntax of this command is

```
\captionsetup[ $\langle float\ type \rangle$ ]{ $\langle options \rangle$ }
```

If a  $\langle float\ type \rangle$  gets specified, all the  $\langle options \rangle$  don't change anything at this time. Instead they only get marked for a later use, when a caption inside of a floating environment of the particular type  $\langle float\ type \rangle$  gets typeset. For example

```
\captionsetup[figure]{ $\langle options \rangle$ }
```

forces captions within a `figure` environment to use the given  $\langle options \rangle$ . Here comes an example to illustrate this:

```
\captionsetup{font=small}  
\captionsetup[figure]{labelfont=bf}
```

gives captions like this:

**Figure 20:** A figure

Table 8: A table

As you see the command `\captionsetup[figure]{labelfont=bf}` only changed the font of the figure caption labels, not touching all other ones.

`\clearcaptionsetup` If you want to get rid of these parameters marked for an automatic use within a particular environment you can use the command

```
\clearcaptionsetup{ $\langle Typ \rangle$ }
```

For example `\clearcaptionsetup{figure}` would clear the extra handling in the example above:

Figure 21: A figure

Table 9: A table

As  $\langle float\ type \rangle$  you can usually give one of these only two: `figure` and `table`. But as we will see later some  $\text{\LaTeX}$  packages exist (like the `float` package for example) who can define additional floating environments and these two commands also works with them.

## 5 Do it yourself!

A family of commands is provided to allow users to define their own formats. This enables information on separators, justification, fonts, and styles to be associated with a name and kept in one place (these commands need to appear in the document preamble, this is the part between `\documentclass` and `\begin{document}`).

`\DeclareCaptionFormat` You can define your own caption formats using the command

```
\DeclareCaptionFormat{<name>}{<code using #1, #2 and #3>}
```

At usage the system replaces #1 with the caption label, #2 with the separator and #3 with the text. So the standard format default is defined inside `caption.sty` as

```
\DeclareCaptionFormat{default}{#1#2#3\par}
```

`\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat` Likewise you can define your own caption label formats:

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{<name>}{<code using #1 and #2>}
```

At usage #1 gets replaced with the name (e.g. “figure”) and #2 gets replaced with the reference number (e.g. “12”).

`\bothIfFirst` When you define your own caption label formats and use the subfig package[7], too, you  
`\bothIfSecond` must take care of empty caption label names. For this purpose the commands

```
\bothIfFirst{<first arg>}{<second arg>} and  
\bothIfSecond{<first arg>}{<second arg>}
```

are offered. `\bothIfFirst` tests if the first argument exists (means: is not empty), `\bothIfSecond` tests if the second argument exists. If it is so both arguments get typeset, otherwise none of them.

For example the standard label format `simple` isn’t defined as

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{simple}{#1 #2} ,
```

because this could cause an extra space if #1 is empty. Instead `simple` is defined as

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{simple}{\bothIfFirst{#1}{ }#2}  
,
```

causing the space to appear only if the label name is present.

`\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator` You can define your own caption label separators with

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{<name>}{<code>}
```

Again an easy example taken from `caption.sty` itself:

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{colon}{: }
```

`\DeclareCaptionJustification` You can define your own caption justifications with

```
\DeclareCaptionJustification{<name>}{<code>} .
```

The `<code>` simply gets typeset just before the caption. E.g. using the justification `raggedright`, which is defined as

```
\DeclareCaptionJustification{raggedright}{\raggedright}
,
```

yields captions with all lines moved to the left margin.

`\DeclareCaptionFont` You can define your own caption fonts with

```
\DeclareCaptionFont{<name>}{<code>} .
```

For example this package defines the options `small` and `bf` as

```
\DeclareCaptionFont{small}{\small} and
\DeclareCaptionFont{bf}{\bfseries} .
```

`\DeclareCaptionStyle` The best one comes at last: You can define your own caption styles with

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle{<name>}[<additional options>]{<options>}
```

Remember, caption styles are just a collection of suitable options, saved under a given name. You can wake up these options at any time with the option `style=<style name>`.

All caption styles are based on the default set of options. (See section 3.5: “*Styles*” for a complete list.) So you only need to specify options which are different to them.

If you specify `<additional options>` they get used in addition when the caption fits into a single line and this check was not disabled with the option `singlelinecheck=off`.

Again a very easy example taken from `caption.sty`:

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle{default}[justification=centering]{}
```

## 5.1 Examples

If you would like to have a colon *and* a line break as caption separator you could define it this way:

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{period-newline}{. \newline}
```

Selecting this separator with `\captionsetup{labelsep=period-newline}` you get captions like this:

### Figure 22.

White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe’s finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

For short captions—which fit into one single line—this separator may not be satisfying, even when the automatically centering process is switched off (with `singlelinecheck=off`):

**Figure 23.**

A figure.

An own caption style which selects another caption separator automatically puts this right:

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle{period-newline}%
[labelsep=period]{labelsep=period-newline}
```

**Figure 23.** A figure.

If you would like to keep the centering of these captions an appropriate definition is

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle{period-newline}%
[labelsep=period, justification=centering]%
{labelsep=period-newline}
```

Using this definition short captions look like

**Figure 23.** A figure.

while long ones still have a line break after the caption label.

Another example: You want captions to look like this:

White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.

(Figure 24)

You could do it this way:

```
\DeclareCaptionFormat{reverse}{#3#2#1}
\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{fullparens}{(\bothIfFirst{#1}{ }#2)}
\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{fill}{\hfill}
\captionsetup{format=reverse,labelformat=fullparens,
labelsep=fill,font=small,labelfont=it}
```

Another example: The caption text should go into the left margin; a possible solution would be:

```
\DeclareCaptionFormat{llap}{\llap{#1#2}#3\par}
\captionsetup{format=llap,labelsep=quad,singlelinecheck=no}
```

As a result you would get captions like this:

Figure 25 White sand beaches. The pink smoothness of the conch shell. A sea abundant with possibilities. Duty-free shops filled with Europe's finest gifts and perfumes. Play your favorite game of golf amidst the tropical greens on one of the many championship courses.



## 6 Using non-standard document classes

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The `caption` package was developed using the standard document classes `article`, `report` and `book`.

If you would like to use the `caption` package with the KOMA-Script classes or with the `memoir` class, you have to take into consideration that all the possibilities for customization of the captions the KOMA-Script classes or `memoir` class have to offer will get lost. (And they have a lot of possibilities to offer!) So class options like `tablecaptionabove` and commands like `\captionabove`, `\captionbelow`, `\captionformat`, `\figureformat`, `\tableformat`, `\setcapindent`, `\setcaphanging`, `\captionstyle` etc. will not work anymore. So make a wise decision!

Using the `caption` package together with document classes not mentioned so far is not recommended at the moment – unwanted layout changes, side effects or failures could occur. (But future versions of the `caption` package will contain adaptations for more document classes!

## 7 Using other packages

The `caption` package contains special adaptations to other packages who handle with captions, too, so the captions always should look like you have specified them to look like.

These are the packages the `caption` package is adapted to:

<code>float</code>	Gives you the possibility to define new floating environments
<code>listings</code>	Typesets source code listings
<code>longtable</code>	Typesets tables spanned over multiple pages
<code>rotating</code>	Supports rotated figures and tables
<code>sidecap</code>	Offers captions <i>beside</i> figures or tables
<code>supertabular</code>	Typesets tables spanned over multiple pages

New feature  
v3.0b

If you use one of the above packages together with the `caption` package you get the additional possibility to set up captions with

```
\captionsetup[<environment>]{<options>}
```

These options will apply for captions inside these environments automatically. For example

```
\captionsetup[lstlisting]{labelfont=bf}
```

forces captions inside the `lstlisting` environment to have bold labels. (Please note that this do not work with the `sideways` environments offered by the `rotating` package.)

If a certain support is not desired you can switch it off using the `caption` package option

```
\usepackage[<package>=no]{caption}
```

For example specifying the option `float=no` means you don't like the caption package to support the float package. (Note: You can specify these options only within the `\usepackage` command, especially *not* at a later time with `\captionsetup`.)

For further information about the supported packages please take a look at the documentation belonging to it or buy yourself The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Companion[1].

## 7.1 The float package

A very useful feature is provided by the float package[2]: It offers the float placement specifier `H` which is much more restrictive than the specifier `h` offered by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. While the latter one is only a recommendation to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to set the float “here”, the `H` forces the float to appear exactly at the spot where it occurs in your input file and nowhere else.

Furthermore it offers different styles for floating environments, these styles are `plain`, `plaintop`, `ruled`, and `boxed`. You can link one of these styles to either new floating environments or to one of the existing environments `figure` and `table`.

If you are using the caption package together with the float package this caption style called `ruled` gets defined automatically:

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle{ruled}{labelfont=bf,labelsep=space}
```

This style represents the caption layout in `ruled` styled floats. For you as an end user this means that captions within `ruled` floats will always look like this, nevertheless what generic caption options do you specify:

---

**Program 7.1** The first program. This hasn't got anything to do with the package but is included as an example. Note the `ruled` float style.

---

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < argc; ++i)
        printf("argv[%d] = %s\n", i, argv[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

---

If you want a different layout for `ruled` captions you have to define your own one using the command

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle{ruled}{\langle options \rangle} .
```

This mechanism also works with all other float styles. If you want a special caption layout for `plain` or `boxed` floats for example you can simply define a suitable caption style with the same name as the float style.

## 7.2 The listings package

New description  
v3.0b

The listings package[3] is a source code printer for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. You can typeset stand alone files as well as listings with an environment similar to `verbatim` as well as you can print code snippets using a command similar to `\verb`. Many parameters control the output and if your preferred programming language isn't already supported, you can make your own definition.

**Note:** For successful cooperation you need the listings package version 1.2 or higher. You'll get an error message when using an older version!

## 7.3 The longtable package

The longtable package[4] offers the environment `longtable` which behaves similar to the `tabular` environment, but the table itself can span multiple pages.

## 7.4 The rotating package

The rotating package[5] offers the floating environments `sidewaysfigure` and `sideways-table` which are just like normal figures and tables but rotated by 90 degree. Furthermore they always use a full page on their own.

## 7.5 The sidecap package

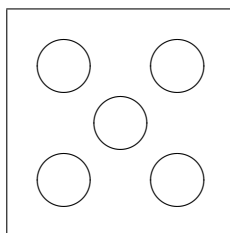
New description  
v3.0b

The sidecap package[6] offers the floating environments `SCfigure` and `SCtable` which are like normal figures and tables but the caption will be put *beside* the contents.

The sidecap package offers it's own options for justification. If set, they will override the one specified with the caption option `justification=` for captions beside their contents.

listof=

Using the sidecap package you will probably notice that suppressing the entry in the list of figures or tables with `\caption[]{\dots}` won't work inside these environments. This is caused by the implementation design of the sidecap package, but you can use `\captionsetup{listof=false}` inside the figure or table as an alternative here.



**Figure 26:** A small example with the caption beside the figure.

## 7.6 The supertabular package

The supertabular package[8] offers the environment `supertabular` which is quite similar to the `longtable` environment provided by the `longtable` package. Both offers the typesetting of tables which can span multiple pages. For a detailed discussion about the differences between these powerful packages please take a look at The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Companion[1].

## 7.7 Known incompatibilities

New description  
v3.0b

Using the `caption` package together with one of the following packages is not recommended; usually this would cause unwanted side effects or even errors:

`ccaption`, `hvfloating`, `nonfloat`

Furthermore using the `hypcap` package will cause major limitations: All extensions to the `\caption` command gets lost, the option `labelformat=` is not working at all and local settings done with `\captionsetup[...]{...}` lead not to the desired results. This is caused by the implementation design of the `hypcap` package, see section 1.3 “Limitations” of the `hypcap` documentation for details.

# 8 Compatibility to older versions

## 8.1 caption version 1.x

This version of the `caption` package still supports the old options and commands provided by the version 1.x of this package. So there shouldn’t occur any problems compiling old documents, but please don’t mix old options and commands with the new ones. This isn’t supported and can yield to ugly side effects.

Here comes a short oversight of the old options and commands and how they are replaced within this version of the `caption` package:

caption 1.x	caption 3.x
<code>normal</code>	<code>format=default</code>
<code>hang</code>	<code>format=hang</code>
<code>isu</code>	<code>format=hang</code>
<code>center</code>	<code>justification=centering</code>
<code>centerlast</code>	<code>justification=centerlast</code>
<code>anne</code>	<code>justification=centerlast</code>
<code>nooneline</code>	<code>singlelinecheck=off</code>
<code>scriptsize</code>	<code>font=scriptsize</code>
<code>footnotesize</code>	<code>font=footnotesize</code>
<code>small</code>	<code>font=small</code>
<code>normalsize</code>	<code>font=normalsize</code>
<code>large</code>	<code>font=large</code>
<code>Large</code>	<code>font=Large</code>

caption 1.x	caption 3.x
up	labelfont=up
it	labelfont=it
sl	labelfont=sl
sc	labelfont=sc
md	labelfont=md
bf	labelfont=bf
rm	labelfont=rm
sf	labelfont=sf
tt	labelfont=tt
\setlength{\captionmargin}	margin= <i>&lt;amount&gt;</i>
\renewcommand{\captionfont}	\DeclareCaptionFont
	+ \captionsetup{font= <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> }
\renewcommand{\captionsize}	\DeclareCaptionFont
	+ \captionsetup{font= <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> }
\renewcommand{\captionlabelfont}	\DeclareCaptionLabelFont
	+ \captionsetup{labelfont= <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> }

## 8.2 caption2 version 2.x

Although they do very similar stuff the packages `caption` and `caption2` have a very different implementation design. So this version of the `caption` package isn't compatible to the `caption2` package at all. Of course for compiling old documents you can still use the `caption2` package, the latest version is provided with this package. But newly created documents shouldn't use the `caption2` package, please use the `caption` package instead as described in this manual.

## 9 Further reading

I recommend the following documents for further reading:

- The `TEX` FAQ - Frequently asked questions about `TEX` and `LATEX`:

<http://faq.tug.org/>

- A French FAQ can be found at

<http://www.grappa.univ-lille3.fr/FAQ-LaTeX/>

- `epslatex` from Keith Reckdahl contains many tips around graphics in `LATEX 2ε`. You will find this document in the directory

<ftp://ftp.ctan.org/pub/tex/info/>

as `epslatex.ps` and `epslatex.pdf`.

There is also a french translation available:

<ftp://ftp.ctan.org/pub/tex/info/fepslatex.ps>

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## 11 The Implementation

The caption package consists of two parts – the kernel and the main package.

The kernel provides all the user commands and internal macros which are necessary for typesetting captions and setting parameters regarding these. While the standard  $\LaTeX$  document classes provides an internal command called `\@makecaption` and no options to control its behavior (except the vertical skips above and below them), we provide similar commands called `\caption@make` and `\caption@@make`, but with a lot of options. Loading the kernel part do not change the output of a  $\LaTeX$  document – it just provides functionality which can be used by  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  packages which typesets captions, like the caption package or the subfig package.

The caption package itself redefines the  $\LaTeX$  commands `\caption`, `\@caption`, and `\@makecaption` and maps the latter one to `\caption@make`, giving the user the possibility to control the captions of the floating environments `figure` and `table`. Furthermore it does similar to the caption stuff coming from other packages like the `longtable` package: Mapping the appropriate internal commands (like `\LT@makecaption`) to the ones offered by the caption kernel. So you can think of the caption package as a layer package, it simply provides adaption layers between the caption stuff coming from  $\LaTeX$  itself or any  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  package and the caption stuff offered by the caption kernel.

### 11.1 Kernel

#### Identification

```
1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
2 \ProvidesPackage{caption3}[2005/05/05 v3.0e caption3 kernel (AS)]
```

#### Generic helpers

`\@nameundef` This is the opposite part to `\@namedef` which is offered by the  $\LaTeX$  kernel. We use it to remove the definition of some commands and keyval options after `\begin{document}` (to save  $\TeX$  memory) or to remove caption options defined with `\captionsetup[⟨type⟩]`.

```
3 \providecommand*\@nameundef[1]{%
4   \expandafter\let\csname #1\endcsname\@undefined}
```

`\l@addto@macro` The  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  kernel offers the internal helper macro `\g@addto@macro` which globally adds commands to any existising macro, like in `\AtBeginDocument`. This is the same but it works local, not global.

```
5 \providecommand\l@addto@macro[2]{%
6   \begingroup
7     \toks@\expandafter{#1#2}%
8     \edef\@tempa{\endgroup\def\noexpand#1{\the\toks@}}%
9   \@tempa}
```

`\bothIfFirst` `\bothIfFirst` tests if the first argument is not empty, `\bothIfSecond` tests if the second argument is not empty. If yes both arguments get typeset, otherwise none of them.

```
10 \def\bothIfFirst#1#2{%
11   \protected@edef\caption@tempa{#1}%
```

```

12 \ifx\caption@tempa\@empty\else
13   #1#2%
14 \fi}
15 \def\bothIfSecond#1#2{%
16   \protected@edef\caption@tempa{#2}%
17   \ifx\caption@tempa\@empty\else
18     #1#2%
19   \fi}

```

`\caption@ifinlist` This helper macro checks if the first argument is in the list which is offered as second argument. So for example

```
\caption@ifinlist{axel}{thomas,axel,frank}{yes}{no}
```

would expand to yes.

```

20 \def\caption@ifinlist#1#2{%
21   \let\next\@secondoftwo
22   \edef\caption@tempa{#1}%
23   \@for\caption@tempb:={#2}\do{%
24     \ifx\caption@tempa\caption@tempb
25       \let\next\@firstoftwo
26     \fi}%
27   \next}

```

`\caption@setbool` For setting and testing boolean options we offer these two helper macros:

`\caption@ifbool`

```

\caption@setbool{<name>}{<value>}
      (with value = false/true/no/yes/off/on/0/1)
\caption@ifbool{<name>}{<if-clause>}{<else-clause>}

```

```

28 \def\caption@setbool#1#2{%
29   \caption@ifinlist{#2}{1,true,yes,on}{%
30     \expandafter\let\csname caption@if#1\endcsname\@firstoftwo
31   }{\caption@ifinlist{#2}{0,false,no,off}{%
32     \expandafter\let\csname caption@if#1\endcsname\@secondoftwo
33   }}%
34   \PackageError{caption}{Undefined boolean value `#2'}{\caption@eh}%
35 }%
36 \def\caption@ifbool#1{\@nameuse{caption@if#1}}

```

## Using the keyval package

We need the keyval package for option handling, so we load it here.

```
37 \RequirePackage{keyval}[1997/11/10]
```

`\undefine@key` This helper macro is the opposite of `\define@key`, it removes a keyval definition.

```

38 \providecommand*\undefine@key[2]{%
39   \@nameundef{KV@#1@#2}\@nameundef{KV@#1@#2@default}}

```



```

\DeclareCaptionOption \DeclareCaptionOption{<option>}{<code>}
\DeclareCaptionOption*{<option>}{<code>}
(The starred form makes the option only available during the lifetime of the current pack-
age.)
40 \newcommand\DeclareCaptionOption{%
41   \@ifstar{\caption@declareoption\AtEndOfPackage}{\caption@declareoption\@gobble}
42 \newcommand*\caption@declareoption[2]{%
43   #1{\undefine@key{caption}{#2}}\define@key{caption}{#2}}
44 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionOption
45 \@onlypreamble\caption@declareoption

\captionsetup \captionsetup[<type>]{<keyval-list of options>}
If ‘type’ is set, we simply save or append the option list, otherwise we ‘execute’ it with
\setkeys.
46 \def\captionsetup{\@ifnextchar\caption@setuptype\caption@setup}
47 \def\caption@setuptype[#1]#2{%
48   \@ifundefined{caption@typ@#1}%
49     {\@namedef{caption@typ@#1}{#2}}%
50     {\expandafter\l@addto@macro\csname caption@typ@#1\endcsname{, #2}}}
51 \def\caption@setup{\setkeys{caption}}

\caption@settype \caption@settype{<type>}
Caption options which have been saved with \captionsetup[<type>] can be exe-
cuted using this macro. (It simply executes the saved option list, if there is any.)
52 \def\caption@settype#1{%
53   \@ifundefined{caption@typ@#1}{}{%
54     \caption@esetup{\csname caption@typ@#1\endcsname}}}

\caption@esetup To execute a keyval-list of options saved within a macro we need this special version of
\caption@setup which expands the argument first.
55 \def\caption@esetup#1{%
56   \edef\caption@tempa{\noexpand\caption@setup{#1}}%
57   \caption@tempa}

\clearcaptionsetup \clearcaptionsetup{<type>}
58 \newcommand*\clearcaptionsetup[1]{\@nameundef{caption@typ@#1}}

\showcaptionsetup \showcaptionsetup[<package>]{<type>}
59 \newcommand*\showcaptionsetup[2][\@firstofone]{%
60   \GenericWarning{}{%
61     #1 Caption Info: KV list on ‘#2’\MessageBreak
62     #1 Caption Data: (%
63     \@ifundefined{caption@typ@#2}{%
64       % Empty -- print nothing.
65     }{%
66       \@nameuse{caption@typ@#2}%
67     }%
68   )}}

```

## Errors

`\caption@eh` We only provide this simple error message as helper for the user.

```
69 \newcommand\caption@eh{%
70   If you do not understand this error, please take a closer look\MessageBreak
71   at the documentation of the 'caption' package.\MessageBreak
72   \@ehc}
```

## Margin resp. width

`\captionmargin` `\captionwidth` and `\captionwidth` contains the extra margin resp. the total width used for captions. Never set these values in a direct way, they are just accessible in user documents to provide compatibility to `caption.sty v1.x`.

```
73 \newdimen\captionmargin
74 \newdimen\captionwidth
75 \newif\ifcaption@width

76 \DeclareCaptionOption{margin}{\caption@setmargin{#1}}
77 \DeclareCaptionOption{width}{\caption@setwidth{#1}}
```

`\caption@setmargin` `\caption@setwidth` Note that we can only setup one at a time, ‘margin’ *or* ‘width’. Which dimension is actually set will be recognized by `\ifcaption@width`.

```
78 \newcommand\caption@setmargin{%
79   \caption@widthfalse
80   \setlength\captionmargin{#1}
81 \newcommand\caption@setwidth{%
82   \caption@widthtrue
83   \setlength\captionwidth{#1}}
```

## Indentations

`\captionindent` `\captionparindent` `\captionhangindent` These are the indentions we support.

```
84 \newdimen\captionindent
85 \newdimen\captionparindent
86 \newdimen\captionhangindent

87 \DeclareCaptionOption{indent}{\leftmargini}{\setlength\captionindent{#1}}% obso
88 \DeclareCaptionOption{indentation}{\leftmargini}{\setlength\captionindent{#1}}
89 \DeclareCaptionOption{parindent}{\parindent}{\setlength\captionparindent{#1}}% c
90 \DeclareCaptionOption{hangindent}{0pt}{\setlength\captionhangindent{#1}}% change
```

## Styles

```
\DeclareCaptionStyle \DeclareCaptionStyle{<name>}[<single-line-list-of-KV>]{<list-of-KV>}
91 \newcommand*\DeclareCaptionStyle[1]{%
92   \@ifnextchar[{\caption@declarestyle{#1}}{\caption@declarestyle{#1}[]}}
93 \def\caption@declarestyle#1[#2]#3{%
94   \global\@namedef{caption@sls@#1}{#2}%
95   \global\@namedef{caption@sty@#1}{#3}}
```

```

96 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionStyle
97 \@onlypreamble\caption@declarestyle

98 \DeclareCaptionOption{style}{\caption@setstyle{#1}}

\caption@setstyle \caption@setstyle{<name>}
Selecting a caption style simply means saving the additional single-line-list-of-KV (this
will be done by \caption@sls), resetting the caption options to the default ones (this
will be done using \caption@setdefault) and executing the list-of-KV options
(this will be done using \caption@esetup).
99 \newcommand*\caption@setstyle[1]{%
100   \@ifundefined{caption@sty@#1}%
101     {\PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption style `#1'}{\caption@eh}}%
102     {\expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@sls\csname caption@sls@#1\endcsname
103      \caption@setdefault\caption@esetup{\csname caption@sty@#1\endcsname}}

\caption@setdefault This resets (nearly) all caption options to the default ones. (Note that this does not touch
the skips and the positioning!)
104 \newcommand\caption@setdefault{\captionsetup{%
105   format=default,labelformat=default,labelsep=default,justification=default,%
106   font=default,labelfont=default,textfont=default,%
107   margin=0pt,indent=0pt,parindent=0pt,hangindent=0pt,singlelinecheck}}

There is only one pre-defined style, called ‘default’. It’s a perfect match to the standard
LATEX document classes: If the caption fits in one single line, it is typeset centered.
108 \DeclareCaptionStyle{default}[indent=0pt,justification=centering]{}

```

## Formats

```

\DeclareCaptionFormat \DeclareCaptionFormat{<name>}{<code with #1, #2, and #3>}
\DeclareCaptionFormat*{<name>}{<code with #1, #2, and #3>}
109 \def\DeclareCaptionFormat{%
110   \@ifstar{\caption@declareformat@gobble}{\caption@declareformat@firstofone}}
111 \newcommand\caption@declareformat[3]{%
112   \global\expandafter\let\csname caption@ifh@#2\endcsname#1%
113   \global\long\expandafter\def\csname caption@fmt@#2\endcsname##1##2##3{#3}}
114 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionFormat
115 \@onlypreamble\caption@declareformat

116 \DeclareCaptionOption{format}{\caption@setformat{#1}}

\caption@setformat \caption@setformat{<name>}
Selecting a caption format simply means saving the code (in \caption@fmt) and if the
code should be used in horizontal or vertical mode (\caption@ifh).
117 \newcommand*\caption@setformat[1]{%
118   \@ifundefined{caption@fmt@#1}%
119     {\PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption format `#1'}{\caption@eh}}%
120     {\expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@ifh\csname caption@ifh@#1\endcsname
121      \expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@fmt\csname caption@fmt@#1\endcsname}}

```

There are two pre-defined formats, called ‘normal’ and ‘hang’. (Note that ‘normal’ is not documented and this name can be a subject of change in future versions of this package!)

```
122 \DeclareCaptionFormat{normal}{#1#2#3\par}
123 \DeclareCaptionFormat{hang}{%
124   \@hangfrom{#1#2}%
125   \advance\captionparindent\hangindent
126   \advance\captionhangindent\hangindent
127   \caption@{#3\par}
```

‘default’ usually maps to ‘normal’.

```
129 \def\caption@fmt@default{\caption@fmt@normal}
130 \def\caption@ifh@default{\caption@ifh@normal}% bugfix v3.0e (05-04-28)
```

### Label formats

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat \DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{<name>}{<code with #1 and #2>}
131 \newcommand*\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat[2]{%
132   \global\expandafter\def\csname caption@lfmt@#1\endcsname##1##2{#2}}
133 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionLabelFormat

134 \DeclareCaptionOption{labelformat}{\caption@setlabelformat{#1}}
```

```
\caption@setlabelformat \caption@setlabelformat{<name>}
```

Selecting a caption label format simply means saving the code (in \caption@lfmt).

```
135 \newcommand*\caption@setlabelformat[1]{%
136   \@ifundefined{caption@lfmt@#1}%
137   {\PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption label format `#1'}{\caption@eh}}%
138   {\expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@lfmt\csname caption@lfmt@#1\endcsname}}
```

There are three pre-defined label formats, called ‘empty’, ‘simple’, and ‘parens’.

```
139 \DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{empty}{}
140 \DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{simple}{\bothIfFirst{#1}{\nobreakspace}#2}
141 \DeclareCaptionLabelFormat{parens}{\bothIfFirst{#1}{\nobreakspace} (#2)}
```

‘default’ usually maps to ‘simple’.

```
142 \def\caption@lfmt@default{\caption@lfmt@simple}
```

### Label separators

```
\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{<name>}{<code>}
143 \newcommand*\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator[2]{%
144   \global\long\@namedef{caption@lsep@#1}{#2}}
145 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator

146 \DeclareCaptionOption{labelsep}{\caption@setlabelseparator{#1}}
147 \DeclareCaptionOption{labelseparator}{\caption@setlabelseparator{#1}}
```

```

\caption@setlabelseparator \caption@setlabelseparator{<name>}
Selecting a caption label separator simply means saving the code (in \caption@lsep).

148 \newcommand*\caption@setlabelseparator[1]{%
149   \@ifundefined{caption@lsep@#1}%
150     {\PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption label separator `#1'}{\caption@eh}}%
151     {\expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@lsep\csname caption@lsep@#1\endcsname}%

```

There are six pre-defined label separators, called ‘none’, ‘colon’, ‘period’, ‘space’, ‘quad’, and ‘newline’.

```

152 \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{none}{}
153 \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{colon}{: }
154 \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{period}{. }
155 \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{space}{ }
156 \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{quad}{\quad}
157 \DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{newline}{\newline}
158 %\DeclareCaptionLabelSeparator{widespace}{\hspace{1em plus .3em}}% obsolete, do
‘default’ usually maps to ‘colon’.

159 \def\caption@lsep@default{\caption@lsep@colon}

```

### Justifications

```

\DeclareCaptionJustification \DeclareCaptionJustification{<name>}{<code>}

160 \newcommand*\DeclareCaptionJustification[2]{%
161   \global\@namedef{caption@hj@#1}{#2}}
162 %\newcommand\DeclareCaptionJustification{\DeclareCaptionFont}
163 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionJustification

164 \DeclareCaptionOption{justification}{\caption@setjustification{#1}}

```

```

\caption@setjustification \caption@setjustification{<name>}
Selecting a caption justification simply means saving the code (in \caption@hj).

165 \newcommand*\caption@setjustification[1]{%
166   \@ifundefined{caption@hj@#1}%
167     {\PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption justification `#1'}{\caption@eh}}%
168     {\expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@hj\csname caption@hj@#1\endcsname}}%
169 %\newcommand\caption@setjustification{\caption@setfont{@hj}}

```

These are the pre-defined justification code snippets.

```

170 \DeclareCaptionJustification{justified}{}
171 \DeclareCaptionJustification{centering}{\centering}
172 \DeclareCaptionJustification{centerfirst}{\caption@centerfirst}
173 \DeclareCaptionJustification{centerlast}{\caption@centerlast}
174 \DeclareCaptionJustification{raggedleft}{\raggedleft}
175 \DeclareCaptionJustification{raggedright}{\raggedright}

```

‘default’ usually maps to ‘justified’.

```

176 \def\caption@hj@default{\caption@hj@justified}

```

`\caption@centerfirst` Please blame Frank Mittelbach for `\caption@centerfirst` and Anne Brüggemann-Klein for `\caption@centerlast` :-)

```

177 \newcommand\caption@centerfirst{%
178   \edef\caption@normaladjust{%
179     \leftskip\the\leftskip
180     \rightskip\the\rightskip
181     \parfillskip\the\parfillskip\relax}%
182   \leftskip\z@\@plus -1fil%
183   \rightskip\z@\@plus 1fil%
184   \parfillskip\z@skip
185   \noindent\hskip\z@\@plus 2fil%
186   \@setpar{\@@par\@restorepar\caption@normaladjust}}
187 \newcommand\caption@centerlast{%
188   \leftskip\z@\@plus 1fil%
189   \rightskip\z@\@plus -1fil%
190   \parfillskip\z@\@plus 2fil\relax}

```

We also support the upper-case commands offered by the `ragged2e` package. Note that these just map to their lower-case variants if the `ragged2e` package is not available.

```

191 \DeclareCaptionJustification{Centering}{%
192   \caption@ragged\Centering\centering}
193 \DeclareCaptionJustification{RaggedLeft}{%
194   \caption@ragged\RaggedLeft\raggedleft}
195 \DeclareCaptionJustification{RaggedRight}{%
196   \caption@ragged\RaggedRight\raggedright}

```

`\caption@ragged` `\caption@ragged` will be basically defined as

```

\AtBeginDocument{\IfFileExists{ragged2e.sty}%
  {\RequirePackage{ragged2e}\let\caption@ragged\@firstoftwo}%
  {\let\caption@ragged\@secondoftwo}}

```

but with a warning if the `ragged2e` package is not avail. (This warning will by typeout only ones per option, that's why we need the `\caption\string#1` stuff.)

```

197 \newcommand*\caption@ragged[2]{%
198   \@ifundefined{caption\string#1}{%
199     \PackageWarning{caption}{%
200       Cannot locate the 'ragged2e' package, therefore\MessageBreak
201       substituting \string#2 for \string#1\MessageBreak}%
202     \global\@namedef{caption\string#1}}}%
203   #2}

204 \AtBeginDocument{\IfFileExists{ragged2e.sty}{%
205   \RequirePackage{ragged2e}\let\caption@ragged\@firstoftwo}}

```

## Fonts

```

\DeclareCaptionFont \DeclareCaptionFont{<name>}{<code>}

206 \newcommand\DeclareCaptionFont[2]{%
207   \define@key{caption@fnt}{#1}[]{\g@addto@macro\caption@tempa{#2}}
208 \@onlypreamble\DeclareCaptionFont

```

```

209 \DeclareCaptionOption{font}{\caption@setfont{font}{#1}}
210 \DeclareCaptionOption{labelfont}{\caption@setfont{labelfont}{#1}}
211 \DeclareCaptionOption{textfont}{\caption@setfont{textfont}{#1}}

```

`\caption@setfont`    `\caption@setfont{<command>}{<keyval-list of names>}`

Selecting a caption font means saving all the code snippets (in #1). Because we use `\setkeys` recursive here we need to put this into an extra group and collect all the code snippets in `\caption@tempa` first.

```

212 \newcommand*\caption@setfont[2]{%
213   \let\caption@tempa\@empty
214   \begingroup
215     \setkeys{caption@fnt}{#2}%
216   \endgroup
217   \expandafter\let\csname caption#1\endcsname\caption@tempa}

```

These are the pre-defined font code snippets.

```

218 \DeclareCaptionFont{default}{}
219 \DeclareCaptionFont{scriptsize}{\scriptsize}
220 \DeclareCaptionFont{footnotesize}{\footnotesize}
221 \DeclareCaptionFont{small}{\small}
222 \DeclareCaptionFont{normalsize}{\normalsize}
223 \DeclareCaptionFont{large}{\large}
224 \DeclareCaptionFont{Large}{\Large}
225 \DeclareCaptionFont{up}{\upshape}
226 \DeclareCaptionFont{it}{\itshape}
227 \DeclareCaptionFont{sl}{\slshape}
228 \DeclareCaptionFont{sc}{\scshape}
229 \DeclareCaptionFont{md}{\mdseries}
230 \DeclareCaptionFont{bf}{\bfseries}
231 \DeclareCaptionFont{rm}{\rmfamily}
232 \DeclareCaptionFont{sf}{\sffamily}
233 \DeclareCaptionFont{tt}{\ttfamily}

```

`\captionsize`    The old versions 1.x of the caption package offered this command to setup the font size used for captions. We still do so old documents will work fine.

```

234 \providecommand\captionsize{}

```

```

235 \DeclareCaptionOption{size}{\caption@setfont{size}{#1}}% changed v3.0a

```

### Vertical spaces before and after captions

`\abovecaptionskip`    Usually these skips are defined within the document class, but some document classes  
`\belowcaptionskip`    don't do so.

```

236 \@ifundefined{abovecaptionskip}{%
237   \newlength\abovecaptionskip\setlength\abovecaptionskip{10\p@}}{}
238 \@ifundefined{belowcaptionskip}{%
239   \newlength\belowcaptionskip\setlength\belowcaptionskip{0\p@}}{}

```

```

240 \DeclareCaptionOption{aboveskip}{\setlength\abovecaptionskip{#1}}
241 \DeclareCaptionOption{belowskip}{\setlength\belowcaptionskip{#1}}
242 \DeclareCaptionOption{skip}{\setlength\abovecaptionskip{#1}}% new 3.0d

```

## Positioning

These macros handle the right position of the caption. Note that the position is actually *not* controlled by the caption kernel options, but by the user (or the package) instead. The user can put the `\caption` command where ever he likes! So this stuff is only to give us a hint where to put the right skips, the user usually has to take care for himself that this hint actually matches the right position. The user can also try out the experimental setting `position=auto` which means that the caption package should try to guess the actual position of the caption for himself. (But in many cases, for example in `longtables`, this is doomed to fail, so it's not documented in the user part of the documentation.)

```

243 \DeclareCaptionOption{position}{\caption@setposition{#1}}

```

`\caption@setposition` Selecting the caption position means that we put `\caption@position` to the right value. Please do *not* use the internal macro `\caption@position` in your own package or document, but use the wrapper macro `\caption@iftop` instead.

```

244 \newcommand*\caption@setposition[1]{%
245   \caption@ifinlist{#1}{d,default}{%
246     \def\caption@position{\caption@defaultpos}%
247   }{\caption@ifinlist{#1}{t,top,above}{%
248     \let\caption@position\@firstoftwo
249   }{\caption@ifinlist{#1}{b,bottom,below}{%
250     \let\caption@position\@secondoftwo
251   }{\caption@ifinlist{#1}{a,auto}{%
252     \let\caption@position\@undefined
253   }{%
254     \PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption position `#1'}{\caption@eh}%
255   }}}

```

`\caption@defaultpos` The default 'position' is 'bottom', this means that the (larger) skip will be typeset above the caption. This corresponds to the `\@makecaption` implementation in the standard  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document classes.

```

256 %\caption@setdefaultpos{b}% default = bottom
257 \let\caption@defaultpos\@secondoftwo

```

`\caption@iftop` `\caption@iftop{<true-code>}{<false-code>}`  
 (If `\caption@position` is set to 'auto' we assume a 'bottom' position.)

```

258 \newcommand\caption@iftop{% bugfixed v3.0a, improved v3.0d
259   \ifx\caption@position\@undefined
260     \expandafter\@secondoftwo
261   \else
262     \expandafter\caption@position
263   \fi}

```



`\caption@fixposition` This macro checks if the ‘position’ is set to ‘auto’. If yes, `\caption@autoposition` will be called to set `\caption@position` to a proper value we can actually use.

```
264 \newcommand\caption@fixposition{%
265   \ifx\caption@position\@undefined
266     \caption@autoposition
267   \fi}
```

`\caption@autoposition` We guess the actual position of the caption by checking `\prevdepth`.

```
268 \newcommand\caption@autoposition{% bugfixed v3.0a
269   \ifvmode
270     \ifodd\caption@debug\relax
271     \edef\caption@tempa{\the\prevdepth}%
272     \PackageInfo{caption}{\protect\prevdepth=\caption@tempa}%
273   \fi
274 %
275 %   \caption@setposition{\ifdim\prevdepth>-\p@ b\else t\fi}%
276   \ifdim\prevdepth>-\p@
277     \let\caption@position\@secondoftwo
278   \else
279     \let\caption@position\@firstoftwo
280   \fi
281 \else
282   \ifodd\caption@debug\relax
283   \PackageInfo{caption}{no \protect\prevdepth}%
284   \fi
285 %
286 %   \caption@setposition{b}%
287   \let\caption@position\@secondoftwo
288   \fi}
```

## Hooks

`\AtBeginCaption` `\AtBeginDocument` {`<code>`}  
`\AtEndCaption` `\AtEndDocument` {`<code>`}

These hooks can be used analogous to `\AtBeginDocument` and `\AtEndDocument`.

```
289 \newcommand\caption@beginhook{}
290 \newcommand\caption@endhook{}
291 \newcommand\AtBeginCaption{\l@addto@macro\caption@beginhook}
292 \newcommand\AtEndCaption{\l@addto@macro\caption@endhook}
```

## Miscellaneous options

```
293 \DeclareCaptionOption{parskip}[5pt]{\AtBeginCaption{\setlength\parskip{#1}}}
294 \DeclareCaptionOption{listof}{\caption@setbool{lof}{#1}}% new v3.0b
295 \DeclareCaptionOption{singlelinecheck}[1]{\caption@setbool{slc}{#1}}
296 \DeclareCaptionOption{strut}{\caption@setbool{strut}{#1}}% new v3.0d
297 \DeclareCaptionOption{debug}{\def\caption@debug{#1}}
```

### Initialization of parameters

```
298 \captionsetup{style=default,position=default,listof=1,strut=1,debug=0}

\ifcaption@star If the starred form of \caption is used, this will be set to true. (Note: This will be
replaced by \caption@iflabel in future versions of the caption package, so I can
use \caption@setbool so set this value.)

299 \newif\ifcaption@star
```

### Typesetting the caption

```
\caption@make \caption@make{<float name>}{<ref. number>}{<text>}

300 \newcommand\caption@make[2]{%
301 \caption@@make{\caption@lfmt{#1}{#2}}}
```

```
\caption@@make \caption@@make{<caption label>}{<caption text>}

302 \newcommand\caption@@make[2]{%
303 % \begingroup
304 \caption@beginhook
305 \caption@calcmargin
```

#### Special single-line treatment (Improvement v3.0d: moved to here)

```
306 \caption@ifslc{%
307 \ifx\caption@sls\@empty\else
308 \caption@startslc
309 \setbox\@tempboxa\hbox{\caption@@make{#1}{#2}}%
310 \ifdim\wd\@tempboxa >\captionwidth
311 \caption@endslc
312 \else
313 \caption@endslc
314 \caption@esetup\caption@sls
315 \caption@calcmargin
316 \fi
317 \fi}{}%
```

#### Bugfix v3.0d: Use \@tempdima instead of \captionmargin, \ifdim added (04-10-26)

```
318 \@tempdima\captionmargin
319 \caption@ifh{\advance\@tempdima by \captionindent}%
320 \ifdim\@tempdima=\z@ \else
321 \hskip\@tempdima
322 \fi
```

#### Bugfix v3.0d: Use \@tempdima instead of \captionwidth (04-10-26)

```
323 \@tempdima\captionwidth
324 \caption@ifh{\advance\@tempdima by -\captionindent}%
325 \caption@startbox\@tempdima
```

Bugfix v3.0b: \ifdim added (04-05-05)  
 Bugfix v3.0d: \leavevmode added (05/02/09)  
 Improvement v3.0d: \caption@ifh (05/02/09)

```
326 \caption@ifh{%
327 \ifdim\captionindent=\z@
328 \leavevmode
329 \else
330 \hskip-\captionindent
331 \fi}%
```

Bugfix v3.0d: \strut moved from here to \caption@@@make

```
332 \caption@@@make{#1}{#2}%
333 \caption@endbox
```

Bugfix v3.0d: This \hskip added

```
334 \ifdim\captionmargin=\z@\else
335 \hskip\captionmargin
336 \fi
337 \caption@endhook
338 % \endgroup
339 \global\caption@starfalse}
```

\caption@calcmargin **Calculate \captionmargin & \captionwidth, so both contain valid values.**

```
340 \newcommand\caption@calcmargin{%
341 \ifcaption@width
342 \captionmargin\hsize
343 \advance\captionmargin by -\captionwidth
344 \divide\captionmargin by 2
345 \else
346 \captionwidth\hsize
347 \advance\captionwidth by -2\captionmargin
348 \fi
349 %
350 \ifodd\caption@debug\relax
351 \PackageInfo{caption}{\protect\hsize=\the\hsize,
352 \protect\margin=\the\captionmargin,
353 \protect\width=\the\captionwidth}%
354 \fi}
```

\caption@startslc **Re-define anything which would disturb the single line check**

Bugfix v3.0b: re-definition of \label & \@footnotetext was missing here  
 Improvement v3.0b: re-define \stepcounter instead of \footnote (mark)  
 Improvement v3.0d: \let\caption@hj\relax added

```
355 \newcommand\caption@startslc{%
356 \begingroup
357 \let\label\@gobble\let\@footnotetext\@gobble
358 \def\stepcounter##1{\advance\csize c@##1\endcsize\@ne\relax}%
359 \let\caption@hj\relax}
```

```

360 \newcommand\caption@endslc{%
361   \endgroup}

\caption@startbox  These macros start and end the box which surrounds the caption paragraph.
\caption@endbox 362 \newcommand*\caption@startbox[1]{\vbox\bgroup\hsize#1}%
363 %\newcommand*\caption@startbox[1]{\vbox\bgroup\setlength\hsize{#1}\@parboxrestor
364 \newcommand*\caption@endbox{\egroup}
365 %\newcommand*\caption@endbox{\@finalstrut\strutbox\@par\egroup}

\caption@@@make \caption@@@make{\langle caption label\rangle}{\langle caption text\rangle}
This one finally typesets the caption paragraph, without margin and indentation.
366 \newcommand\caption@@@make[2]{%
Empty text? Then use no caption label separator.
367   \caption@ifempty{#2}{% changed v3.0e
368     \let\caption@lsep\relax
369     \let\caption@ifstrut\@secondoftwo % added v3.0e
370   }%

Take care that \captionparindent and \captionhangindent will be used to
typeset the paragraph.
371   \def\caption@@par{%
372     \parindent\captionparindent\hangindent\captionhangindent}%
373   \@setpar{\@par\caption@@par}\caption@@par

Finally the caption will be typeset.
374   \caption@hj\captionsize\captionfont

Bugfix v3.0e: Handling of \ifcaption@star changed
375   \caption@fmt{\ifcaption@star\else{\captionlabelfont#1}\fi}%
376               {\ifcaption@star\else{\captionlabelfont\caption@lsep}\fi}%
377               {\captiontextfont

Bugfix v3.0d: Use some kind of \@startstrut\strutbox instead of \strut (04-
12-16)
378               \caption@ifstrut{\vrule\@height\ht\strutbox\@width\z@}{}}%

Bugfix v3.0b: \allowhyphens added (04-05-06)
379               \nobreak\hskip\z@skip
380               #2%

Bugfix v3.0d: \@finalstrut\strutbox added (05-01-23)
381 %               \caption@ifstrut{\vrule\@height\z@\@depth\dp\strutbox\@width\z@}
382               \caption@ifstrut{\@finalstrut\strutbox}{}}%
383               \par}}

\caption@ifempty \caption@ifempty{\langle text\rangle}{\langle if-clause\rangle}
(new v3.0e, 05/05/05)
384 \newcommand\caption@ifempty[1]{%
385   \def\caption@tempa{#1}%
386   \def\caption@tempb{\ignorespaces}%

```

```

387 \ifx\caption@tempa\caption@tempb
388 \let\caption@tempa\@empty
389 \fi
390 \ifx\caption@tempa\@empty
391 \expandafter\@firstofone
392 \else
393 \expandafter\@gobble
394 \fi}

```

## 11.2 Main package

### Identification

```

395 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
396 \ProvidesPackage{caption}[2005/05/05 v3.0e Customising captions (AS)]

```

### Loading the caption kernel

```

397 \RequirePackage{caption3}
398 \DeclareCaptionOption{type}{\def\@capttype{#1}}% new v3.0d

```

### Float names

```

\caption@floatname \caption@floatname{<type>}
\caption@setfloatname \caption@setfloatname{<type>}{<new name>}
\caption@thefloat \caption@thefloat{<type>}

```

Usually all float names and numbers (which build the caption label) follow the same naming convention. But some packages (for example the float package) do not, so we use these wrapper macros which can be extended later on.

```

399 \newcommand*\caption@floatname[1]{\@nameuse{#1name}}
400 \newcommand*\caption@setfloatname[1]{\@namedef{#1name}}% new v3.0d
401 \newcommand*\caption@thefloat[1]{\@nameuse{the#1}}

402 \DeclareCaptionOption{name}{\caption@setfloatname\@capttype{#1}}% new v3.0d

```

### Support for figure and table

We make sure that `\figurename`, `\tablename`, `\thefigure`, and `\thetable` are defined. (Some document classes do not define these.)

```

\figurename 403 \providecommand\figurename{Figure}% new v3.0d
\tablename  404 \providecommand\tablename{Table}% new v3.0d
\thefigure  405 \providecommand\thefigure{\@arabic\c@figure}% new v3.0d
\thetable   406 \providecommand\thetable{\@arabic\c@table}% new v3.0d

407 \DeclareCaptionOption*{figurename}{\captionsetup[figure]{name=#1}}% new v3.0d
408 \DeclareCaptionOption*{tablename}{\captionsetup[table]{name=#1}}% new v3.0d
409 \DeclareCaptionOption*{figureposition}{\captionsetup[figure]{position=#1}}% new
410 \DeclareCaptionOption*{tableposition}{\captionsetup[table]{position=#1}}% new

```

## Configuration files

```

411 \DeclareCaptionOption{config}[caption]{%
412   \InputIfFileExists{#1.cfg}{\typeout{*** Local configuration file
413                                     #1.cfg used ***}}%
414                                     {\PackageWarning{caption}{Configuration
415                                     file #1.cfg not found}}}
```

## Compatibility options (caption v1.x)

```

416 \DeclareCaptionOption*{normal}[]{\caption@setformat{normal}}
417 \DeclareCaptionOption*{isu}[]{\caption@setformat{hang}}
418 \DeclareCaptionOption*{hang}[]{\caption@setformat{hang}}
419 \DeclareCaptionOption*{center}[]{\caption@setjustification{centering}}
420 \DeclareCaptionOption*{anne}[]{\caption@setjustification{centerlast}}
421 \DeclareCaptionOption*{centerlast}[]{\caption@setjustification{centerlast}}

422 \DeclareCaptionOption*{scriptsize}[]{\def\captionfont{\scriptsize}}
423 \DeclareCaptionOption*{footnotesize}[]{\def\captionfont{\footnotesize}}
424 \DeclareCaptionOption*{small}[]{\def\captionfont{\small}}
425 \DeclareCaptionOption*{normalsize}[]{\def\captionfont{\normalsize}}
426 \DeclareCaptionOption*{large}[]{\def\captionfont{\large}}
427 \DeclareCaptionOption*{Large}[]{\def\captionfont{\Large}}

428 \DeclareCaptionOption*{up}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\upshape}
429 \DeclareCaptionOption*{it}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\itshape}
430 \DeclareCaptionOption*{sl}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\slshape}
431 \DeclareCaptionOption*{sc}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\scshape}
432 \DeclareCaptionOption*{md}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\mdseries}
433 \DeclareCaptionOption*{bf}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\bfseries}
434 \DeclareCaptionOption*{rm}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\rmfamily}
435 \DeclareCaptionOption*{sf}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\sffamily}
436 \DeclareCaptionOption*{tt}[]{\l@addto@macro\captionlabelfont\ttfamily}

437 \DeclareCaptionOption*{nooneline}[]{\caption@setbool{slc}{0}}
438 \caption@setbool{ruled}{0}
439 \DeclareCaptionOption*{ruled}[]{\caption@setbool{ruled}{1}}
```

## Generic package support

`\DeclareCaptionPackage` Each single package support can be switched on or off by using the appropriate option.  
By default all of them are enabled.

```

440 \newcommand*\DeclareCaptionPackage[1]{%
441   \caption@setbool{pkt@#1}{1}%
442   \DeclareCaptionOption*{#1}{\caption@setbool{pkt@#1}{##1}}}
443 \AtEndOfPackage{\let\DeclareCaptionPackage\@undefined}
```

`\caption@ifpackage` `\caption@ifpackage{<package name>}{<package macro>}`

```

444 \newcommand*\caption@ifpackage[2]{%
445   \caption@ifbool{pkt@#1}{%
446     \@ifundefined{#2}%
447     {\let\next\AtBeginDocument}%
448     {\let\next\@firstofone}%
449     \next
450   }%
451   \caption@#2
452 }
```

```

449 }{%
450   \let\next\@gobble
451 }%
452 %
453 \ifodd\caption@debug\relax
454   \edef\caption@tempa{%
455     \caption@ifbool{pkt@#1}{%
456       \@ifundefined{#2}{AtBeginDocument}{firstofone}%
457     }{gobble}}%
458   \PackageInfo{caption}{#1 = \caption@ifbool{pkt@#1}{1}{0} %
459     (\@ifundefined{#2}{not }{loaded -> \caption@tempa})}%
460 \fi
461 %
462 \@nameundef{caption@ifpkt@#1}% bugfixed v3.0a
463 \next}
464 \AtEndOfPackage{\let\caption@ifpackage\@undefined}

```

**These are the packages we support  
(new v3.0b: The listings package)**

```

465 \DeclareCaptionPackage{caption}
466 \DeclareCaptionPackage{float}
467 \DeclareCaptionPackage{listings}
468 \DeclareCaptionPackage{longtable}
469 \DeclareCaptionPackage{rotating}
470 \DeclareCaptionPackage{sidecap}
471 \DeclareCaptionPackage{supertabular}

```

**\ProcessOptionsWithKV We process our options using the keyval package.**

```

472 \def\ProcessOptionsWithKV#1{% bugfixed v3.0a
473   \let\@tempc\relax
474   \let\caption@tempa\@empty
475   \@for\CurrentOption:=\@classoptionslist\do{%
476     \@ifundefined{KV@#1\CurrentOption}%
477     {}%
478     {%
479       \edef\caption@tempa{\caption@tempa,\CurrentOption,}%
480       \@expandtwoargs\@removeelement\CurrentOption
481       \@unusedoptionlist\@unusedoptionlist
482     }%
483   }%
484   \edef\caption@tempa{%
485     \noexpand\setkeys{#1}{%
486       \caption@tempa\@optionlist{\@currname.\@current}%
487     }%
488   }%
489   \caption@tempa

```

**Bugfix, see <400D360C.9678329F@gmx.net> for details**

```

490   \let\CurrentOption\@empty
491   \AtEndOfPackage{\let\@unprocessedoptions\relax}}

```

```

492 \ProcessOptionsWithKV{caption}
493 \let\ProcessOptionsWithKV\@undefined
494 \caption@ifbool{pkt@caption}{}{\endinput}
495 \@nameundef{caption@ifpkt@caption}

```

### Usefull stuff

```

\captionof \captionof(*){\langle type \rangle}[\langle lst\_entry \rangle]{\langle heading \rangle}
496 \def\captionof{\@ifstar{\caption@of{\caption*}}{\caption@of\caption}}
497 \newcommand*\caption@of[2]{\def\@captype{#2}#1}

\ContinuedFloat \ContinuedFloat
498 \providecommand\ContinuedFloat{%
499   \ifx\@captype\@undefined
500     \@latex@error{\noexpand\ContinuedFloat outside float}\@ehd
501   \else
502     \addtocounter{\@captype}{\m@ne}%
503   \fi}%

```

### Internal helpers

```

\caption@begin \caption@begin{\langle type \rangle} (changed in v3.0b+v3.0e)
504 \newcommand*\caption@begin[1]{%
505   \begingroup
506   \caption@setfloattype{#1}%
507   % \caption@setfnum{#1}%
508   \ifx\caption@lfmt\caption@lfmt@default\else
509     \@namedef{fnum@#1}{%
510       \caption@lfmt{\caption@floatname{#1}}{\caption@thefloat{#1}}}%
511   \fi
512   \caption@fixposition
513   \global\let\caption@fixedposition\caption@position
514   \caption@@begin{#1}}

\caption@beginex \caption@beginex{\langle type \rangle}{\langle list entry \rangle}
515 \newcommand*\caption@beginex[1]{%
516   \caption@begin{#1}%
517   \caption@preparelof}

\caption@end \caption@end
518 \newcommand*\caption@end{%
519   \caption@@end
520   \endgroup
521   \let\caption@position\caption@fixedposition}

```



`\caption@setfloattype` A macro for setting up the right float type within `\@caption`, `\LT@makecaption` etc. Usually this is equivalent to `\caption@settype` but I made it an own macro so I can extend it later on, for example if the `float` package is loaded.

522 `\let\caption@setfloattype\caption@settype%` new v3.0a

`\caption@letfloattype` `\caption@letfloattype{<type>}{<extra code>}`  
(new in v3.0b, additional argument in v3.0e)

523 `\newcommand*\caption@letfloattype[2]{%`  
524 `\def\caption@setfloattype##1{%`  
525 `\caption@settype{##1}#2\caption@settype{##1}}}`

`\caption@preparelof` `\caption@preparelof{<list entry>}`

526 `\newcommand*\caption@preparelof[1]{%` changed v3.0b  
527 `\caption@iflof%`  
528 `{\def\caption@tempa{##1}}%`  
529 `{\let\caption@tempa\@empty}%`  
530 `\ifx\caption@tempa\@empty`  
531 `\def\addcontentsline##1##2##3{%`  
532 `\fi}`

`\caption@@begin` `\caption@@begin{<type>}`  
`\caption@@end` `\caption@@end`

533 `\let\caption@@begin\@gobble%` new v3.0a  
534 `\let\caption@@end\@empty%` new v3.0a

### Caption support

535 `\AtBeginDocument{%`  
536 `\let\caption@old\caption`  
537 `\let\caption@@old\@caption`  
538 `\@ifundefined{cc@caption}{%`

`\caption` Define `\caption*...`

(07/18/03: `\global` added, so this works with `sidecap`)

539 `\def\caption{\caption@caption\caption@old}%`  
540 `\def\caption@caption#1{%`  
541 `\@ifstar{\global\caption@starttrue\@ifnextchar[{#1}{#1[]}{#1}}%`

`\@caption` Define `\caption[...]`...

542 `\long\def\@caption#1[#2]#3{%`  
543 `\caption@beginex{#1}{#2}%`  
544 `\caption@@old{#1}[{#2}]{#3}%`  
545 `\caption@end}%`  
  
546 `}{%`

### Minimum captcont package support (bugfixed v3.0c, 04-07-15)

547 `\PackageInfo{caption}{captcont package v2.0 detected}%`

```

548 \def\caption@caption#1{#1}% added v3.0c
549 }%
550 }

```

`\@makecaption` `\@makecaption{<label>}{<text>}`

Original code (from latex/base/classes.dtx):

```

\long\def\@makecaption#1#2{%
  \vskip\abovcaptionskip
  \sbox\@tempboxa{#1: #2}%
  \ifdim \wd\@tempboxa >\hsize
    #1: #2\par
  \else
    \global \@minipagefalse
    \hb@xt@\hsize{\hfil\box\@tempboxa\hfil}%
  \fi
  \vskip\belowcaptionskip}

551 \renewcommand\@makecaption[2]{%
552 \caption@iftop{\vskip\belowcaptionskip}{\vskip\abovcaptionskip}%
553 \ifnum\caption@debug>1 %
554 \llap{$\caption@iftop\downarrow\uparrow$ }%
555 \fi
556 \caption@@make{#1}{#2}%
557 \caption@iftop{\vskip\abovcaptionskip}{\vskip\belowcaptionskip}}

```

### float package support

```

558 \def\caption@setfloatposition{%
559 \caption@setposition{\@fs@iftopcapt t\else b\fi}}
560 %
561 \caption@ifpackage{float}{float@caption}{%
562 \ifx\float@caption\relax
563 \else
564 \PackageInfo{caption}{float package v1.2 (or newer) detected}%
565 %
566 % Note that this version of \captionof works only with float 1.3 (or newer)
567 %
568 \let\caption@of@float\@gobble
569 \renewcommand*\caption@of[2]{%
570 \ifundefined{fst@#2}{}{%
571 \let\caption@of@float\@firstofone
572 \@nameuse{fst@#2}\@float@setevery{#2}}}%
573 %
574 \def\@capttype{#2}#1}%
575 %
576 \renewcommand*\caption@floatname[1]{%
577 \@nameuse{\ifundefined{fname@#1}{#1name}{fname@#1}}}%
578 \renewcommand*\caption@setfloatname[1]{% new v3.0d

```

```

579      \@namedef{\@ifundefined{fname@#1}{#1name}{fname@#1}}}%
580 %
581      \let\caption@@float\float@caption
582      \long\def\float@caption#1[#2]#3{%
583        \caption@beginex{#1}{#2}%
584        \let\@fs@capt\caption@@make
585        \caption@@float{#1}[\{#2\}]{#3}%
586 %
587        \caption@of@float{%
588          \def\caption@@make##1##2{\unvbox\@floatcapt}%
589          \@makecaption{}{}}%
590      \caption@end}%
591 %
592      \renewcommand*\caption@setfloattype[1]{% improved v3.0a
593        \caption@fixfloat@c{#1}%
594        \expandafter\ifx\csname @float@c@#1\endcsname\float@caption
595 %      This float is defined with \newfloat or \restylefloat, not with \restyle
596        \expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@fst\csname fst@#1\endcsname
597        \edef\caption@fst{\noexpand\string\expandafter\noexpand\caption@fst}%
598        \edef\caption@fst{\noexpand\@gobblefour\caption@fst}%
599 %      \edef\caption@fst{\caption@fst}%
600 %      |\caption@fst| now contains the float style (e.g. ``ruled'')
601        \@ifundefined{caption@sty@\caption@fst}{}{\caption@setstyle\caption@fst}%
602        \caption@setfloatposition% changed v3.0b
603      \fi
604      \caption@settype{#1}}%
605 %
606 % If you think this works fine, you are in a big error!
607 % The problem is that \newfloat and \restylefloat (of float 1.3) saves the
608 % *ACTUAL* definition of \@caption and \float@caption with \let, so our own
609 % \@caption (and of course our own \float@caption) will never been called if
610 % the \newfloat or \restylefloat takes place in the preamble of the document!
611 %
612 % So we have to correct this for ourself:
613 % We patch \caption again, this time we determine if the user has used
614 % \restylefloat or \restylefloat*. This is quite easy, if \@float@c@<captype>
615 % is the same as the original or our own definition of \float@caption, the
616 % user has used \restylefloat (and \float@caption should be used), otherwise
617 % we assume he has used \restylefloat* (and \@caption should be used).
618 % (This test will only fail if some other package re-defines \float@caption,
619 % too.)
620 %
621      \let\caption@float\caption
622      \def\caption{%
623        \ifx\@captype\@undefined
624          \@latex@error{\noexpand\caption outside float}\@ehd
625          \expandafter\@gobble
626        \else
627 %      Let's bring \@float@c@<captype> up-to-date!
628          \caption@fixfloat@c@\@captype

```

```

629     \fi
630     \caption@float}%
631 %
632 \def\caption@fixfloat@c#1{%
633     \expandafter\let\expandafter\caption@tempa\csname @float@c@#1\endcsname
634     \ifx\caption@tempa\relax
635     \else\ifx\caption@tempa\float@caption
636     \else\ifx\caption@tempa\@caption
637     \else\ifx\caption@tempa\caption@@float
638     \ifodd\caption@debug\relax
639     \PackageInfo{caption}{\protect\@float@c@#1\space := \protect\float@cap
640     \fi
641     \expandafter\let\csname @float@c@#1\endcsname\float@caption
642     \else
643     \ifodd\caption@debug\relax
644     \PackageInfo{caption}{\protect\@float@c@#1\space := \protect\@caption}
645     \fi
646     \expandafter\let\csname @float@c@#1\endcsname\@caption
647     \fi\fi\fi\fi}%
648 %
649 \fi}
650 %
651 \caption@ifbool{ruled}{}{}%
652 \DeclareCaptionStyle{ruled}{labelfont=bf,labelsep=space}}
653 \let\caption@ifruled\@undefined

```

### listings package support

(new in 3.0b)

```

654 \caption@ifpackage{listings}{\lst@MakeCaption}{%
655     \ifx\lst@MakeCaption\relax
656     \else
657     \PackageInfo{caption}{listings package v1.2 (or newer) detected}%
658 %
659     \let\caption@lst@MakeCaption\lst@MakeCaption
660     \def\lst@MakeCaption#1{%
661         \let\caption@setfloattype\caption@settype
662         \def\caption@autoposition{\caption@setposition{#1}}%
663         \caption@begin{lstlisting}%
664         \caption@lst@MakeCaption{#1}%
665         \caption@end}%
666 %
667 \fi}

```

### longtable package support

(revised 3.0d (04-08-04))

```

668 \caption@ifpackage{longtable}{LT@makecaption}{%
669     \ifx\LT@makecaption\relax
670     \else

```

```

671 \PackageInfo{caption}{longtable package v3.15 (or newer) detected}%
672 %
673 % Original code:
674 % \def\LT@makecaption#1#2#3{%
675 % \LT@mcol\LT@cols c{\hbox to\z@{\hss\parbox[t]{\LTcapwidth{%
676 % % Based on article class "\@makecaption", "#1" is "\@gobble" in star
677 % % form, and "\@firstofone" otherwise.
678 % \sbox\@tempboxa{#1{#2: }#3}%
679 % \ifdim\wd\@tempboxa>\hsize
680 % #1{#2: }#3%
681 % \else
682 % \hbox to\hsize{\hfil\box\@tempboxa\hfil}%
683 % \fi
684 % \endgraf\vskip\baselineskip}%
685 % \hss}}}%
686 %
687 % \def\LT@makecaption#1#2#3{%
688 % \noalign{\vskip...}%
689 %
690 % \LT@mcol\LT@cols c{\hbox to\z@{\hss\parbox[t]{\hsize{%
691 %
692 % \caption@letfloattype{longtable}{% bugfixed v3.0e
693 % \ifdim\LTcapwidth=4in \else
694 % \caption@setwidth\LTcapwidth
695 % \fi}%
696 % \caption@setdefaultpos{t}% default = top
697 % \let\caption@defaultpos\@firstoftwo% default = top
698 % \def\caption@autoposition{% does not work within \end(last)foot!
699 % \caption@setposition{\ifcase\LT@rows t\else b\fi}}}%
700 %
701 % \caption@begin{table}%
702 %
703 % This skip has 2 purposes:
704 % 1. Correct the height of the \parbox[t]. Usual it's the height of
705 % the very first line, but because of our extra skip it's always 0pt.
706 % 2. Correct \arraystretch, which usually also affect the longtable
707 % caption. (If this is not requested, take \strutbox instead.)
708 % NOTE: This is only a quick workaround, it has to be revised later on.
709 %
710 % \vskip-\ht\@arstrutbox
711 %
712 % \caption@iftop{\vskip\belowcaptionskip}{\vskip\abovecaptionskip}%
713 % \let\caption@beginbox\caption@beginLTbox
714 % \caption@startrue#1\caption@starfalse
715 % \caption@@make{#2}{#3}\endgraf
716 % \caption@iftop{\vskip\abovecaptionskip}{\vskip\belowcaptionskip}%
717 % \caption@end}%
718 %
719 % \hss}}}%
720 %

```

```
721 \fi}
```

### rotating package support

```
722 \caption@ifpackage{rotating}{@rotcaption}{%
723   \ifx\@rotcaption\relax
724   \else
725     \PackageInfo{caption}{rotating package v2.0 (or newer) detected}%
726 %
727     \let\caption@rot\rotcaption
728     \def\rotcaption{\caption@caption\caption@rot}%
729 %
730     \let\caption@@rot\@rotcaption
731     \long\def\@rotcaption#1[#2]#3{%
732       \caption@beginex{#1}{#2}%
733       \caption@@rot{#1}[{#2}]{#3}%
734       \caption@end}%
735 %
736 % Original code:
737 % \long\def\@makerotcaption#1#2{%
738 %   \setbox\@tempboxa\hbox{#1: #2}%
739 %   \ifdim \wd\@tempboxa > .8\vsizer
740 %     \rotatebox{90}{%
741 %       \begin{minipage}{.8\textheight}#1: #2\end{minipage}%
742 %     }\par
743 %   \else%
744 %     \rotatebox{90}{\box\@tempboxa}%
745 %   \fi
746 %   \hspace{12pt}%
747 % }
748 %
749 % \long\def\@makerotcaption#1#2{%
750 %   \rotatebox{90}{%
751 %     \begin{minipage}{.8\textheight}%
752 %       \caption@@make{#1}{#2}%
753 %     \end{minipage}%
754 %   }\par
755 %   \hspace{12pt}}%
756 %
757 \fi}
```

### sidecap package support

```
758 \caption@ifpackage{sidecap}{endSC@FLOAT}{%
759   \ifx\endSC@FLOAT\relax
760   \else
761     \PackageInfo{caption}{sidecap package v1.4d (or newer) detected}%
762 %
763 % First of all, we let sidecap use an actual definition of \caption:
764 % (This is only required for version 1.5d of the sidecap package.)
765 %
```

```

766 \let\SC@caption=\caption
767 %
768 % Make \caption* and local settings (\captionsetup) work
769 %
770 \let\caption@SC@zfloat\SC@zfloat
771 \def\SC@zfloat#1#2#3[#4]{%
772 #2 = 'figure' or 'table' => \SC@capttype
773 \caption@SC@zfloat{#1}{#2}{#3}[#4]%
774 %
775 \global\let\SC@CAPsetup\empty
776 \def\captionsetup##1{\g@addto@macro\SC@CAPsetup{,##1}}%
777 %
778 \let\caption@old\caption
779 % \def\caption{\renewcommand\captionsetup[1]{}\caption@caption\caption@old}%
780 \def\caption{\caption@caption\caption@old}%
781 }%
782 %
783 % Before typesetting the caption, we set the captionmargin to zero
784 % because the extra margin is only disturbing here.
785 % (We don't need to take care about the caption position because
786 % the sidecap package set both \abovecaptionskip and \belowcaptionskip
787 % to a skip of zero anyway.)
788 % Furthermore \SC@justify will override the caption justification, if set.
789 %
790 % Very old version (1.4): \SC@justify is not defined
791 % Older versions (1.5): \SC@justify is \relax when not set
792 % Newer versions (1.6): \SC@justify is \empty when not set
793 %
794 \let\caption@endSC@FLOAT\endSC@FLOAT
795 \def\endSC@FLOAT{%
796 % (Note that \@capttype isn't defined so far, this will be done inside
797 % the original definition of \endSC@FLOAT.)
798 % We set \@capttype already here, so \captionsetup will
799 % work with \@capttype-based options, too. (new v3.0d)
800 \let\@capttype\SC@capttype
801 \caption@esetup\SC@CAPsetup
802 %
803 \caption@letfloattype{SC\@capttype}{% bugfixed v3.0e
804 \caption@setmargin\z@
805 \@ifundefined{SC@justify}}{%
806 \ifx\SC@justify\empty\else
807 \let\caption@hj\SC@justify
808 \let\SC@justify\empty
809 \fi}%
810 %
811 \long\def\caption@ifempty##1{% bugfix v3.0e
812 \ifx\SC@CAPtext\empty
813 \expandafter\@firstofone
814 \else
815 \expandafter\@gobble

```

```

816         \fi}
817 %
818         \caption@endSC@FLOAT}%
819 %
820 \fi}

supertabular package support

821 \def\caption@setSTposition{%
822   \caption@setposition{\if@topcaption t\else b\fi}}
823 %
824 \caption@ifpackage{supertabular}{ST@caption}{%
825   \ifx\ST@caption\relax
826   \else
827     \PackageInfo{caption}{supertabular package detected}%
828 %
829 %   Improvement v3.0e: \topcaption* and \bottomcaption*
830     \let\caption@tablecaption\tablecaption
831     \def\tablecaption{\caption@caption\caption@tablecaption}%
832 %
833 %   Original code:
834     \long\def\ST@caption#1[#2]#3{\par%
835       \addcontentsline{\csname ext@#1\endcsname}{#1}%
836       {\protect\numberline{%
837         \csname the#1\endcsname}{\ignorespaces #2}}
838       \begingroup
839         \@parboxrestore
840         \normalsize
841         \if@topcaption \vskip -10\p@ \fi
842         \@makecaption{\csname fnum@#1\endcsname}{\ignorespaces #3}\par
843         \if@topcaption \vskip 10\p@ \fi
844       \endgroup}
845 %
846   \let\caption@ST\ST@caption
847   \long\def\ST@caption#1[#2]#3{\par%   bugfixed v3.0a
848     \caption@letfloattype{supertabular}{}}%
849   \let\caption@fixposition\caption@setSTposition
850   \caption@beginex{#1}{#2}%
851     \addcontentsline{\csname ext@#1\endcsname}{#1}%
852     {\protect\numberline{%
853       \csname the#1\endcsname}{\ignorespaces #2}}%
854     \@parboxrestore
855     \normalsize
856     \@makecaption{\csname fnum@#1\endcsname}{\ignorespaces #3}\par
857   \caption@end}%
858 %
859 \fi}

```

### **KOMA-script classes support**

(new in 3.0a)



```
860 \AtBeginDocument{\let\scr@caption\caption}
```

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