

# Defining References (`refs.dtx`)

Charles Duan

May 2, 2023

A reference represents a single citable work of authority. What constitutes a single work may be uncertain, particularly for statutes and multi-authored works, as described previously. The general test for whether two items are two references or subdivisions of a single reference is whether, if they were cited immediately in sequence, *id.* should be used for the second item. In some cases this is a matter of the writer's taste, so this package generally gives writers the flexibility to define references however they see fit.

If a reference is used in a citation string but not defined, this package will issue an error, or it will keep track of the missing citation. See `draw.dtx` for more information on missing references.

## 1 Data Model

Each reference consists of:

- A reference type, such as a book, case, or statute. The complete list of reference types is given in Part ???. The reference type determines how the reference is formatted and what parameters are necessary to define the reference.
- An identifier nickname that will be used to identify this reference in citations (and, on occasion, inside other references). The nickname must be unique and generally should not contain spaces.
- Parameters providing information about the reference. For example, a book uses parameters for the author, title, and publication year. The reference type determines which parameters are required and optional; this is documented in Part ???. There are also parameters of general applicability to all reference types, described in `genparams.dtx`. The complete list of parameters is given in Part ??.

Each reference type is further associated with a category, used to organize a Table of Authorities as described in `toa.dtx`. The category can be altered using the reference definition parameter `citetype`. The categories are associated with a textual description that is used to assemble the headings for the table of authorities, as described in `toa.dtx`.

Unfortunately, when I first started writing this program I used the word “cite” to refer to what I now call references. While I have tried to be consistent in the documentation, I have not revised the internal macro names in the program to follow the current paradigm.

`\hi@citetype` Defines a macro `\tc@⟨reference⟩` to be the TOA category desired for *⟨reference⟩*. This macro should be called within the reference definer macros to set the category, or it is invoked by the `citetype` parameter. If it is not called such that no `\tc@⟨reference⟩` macro is set, then the reference will not appear in the table. #1 should be the reference name, #2 a macro defined to the category name.

```
\def\hi@citetype#1#2{%
  \ifundefined{tc@#1}{%
    \global\expandafter\let\csname tc@#1\endcsname#2%
  }{}%
}
\let\hi@newcitetype\def
```

Definitions of the categories follow in the source code, but they are used to produce a table in the documentation, so please consult the documentation for the code.

The following are the reference categories. The group associated with each category is a label for the group in the table of authorities that the reference will be placed together with (so, for example, statutes and regulations are placed in the same category). The text associated with each category will be used for the heading in the table of authorities.

Category	Group	Text
other	other	Other Source/s
const	const	Constitutional Provision/s
found	const	Foundational Document/s
statute	statute	Statute/s
regulation	statute	Regulation/s
rule	statute	Rule/s
case	case	Case/s
admin	case	Administrative Decision/s
treaty	statute	Treat/y/ies

`\hi@type@doforall` This macro will perform `\do for each` of the Table of Authorities groups, in the proper order.

```
\def\hi@type@doforall{%
  \do{case}%
  \do{const}%
  \do{statute}%
  \do{other}%
}
```

## 2 Input Syntax

The package provides its own syntax for writers to use when defining references. As an alternative, the `hitobib` package offers a compatibility layer that accepts Biblatex reference definitions, so long as the parameter names correspond with those of this package.

Generally, references are defined as follows:

```
\def⟨reference type⟩ {⟨name⟩} {
  ⟨param1⟩ = ⟨value1⟩,
```

```

    <param2> = <value2>,
    ...
}

```

For example, to define the historic case on copyrightability:

```

\defcase{baker}{
    parties=Baker v. Selden,
    cite=101 U.S. 99,
    year=1880,
}

```

The input follows  $\TeX$  syntax and uses the `keyval` package, so if there are equal signs or commas in the parameter values, then the parameter should be surrounded with braces.

Entering the parameter names for every reference can be tedious, so for common reference types there are shortcuts described in `cparse.dtx`.

Contains a list of every reference type.

```
\let\hi@citeforms\empty
```

Creates a new reference definer macro. #1 is the `\def<type>` command for the reference, #2 a textual description, and #3 the macro code to be run to define the reference. Executing the reference definition command should cause the definition of the following formatting macros of the form `\<prefix>@<ref-name>`:

```

fc    full citation. Required.
sc    short citation. Optional, with full cite form used otherwise.
lc    full citation, for use in table of authorities. Optional.
pc    page number formatter. Optional; defaults to \@format@pageno.
ic    inline citation, for internal use if desired.
idc   id. citation. Optional.

```

For convenience of parameter definition macros, `\@this@case` is set to the name of the reference being defined.

```

\def\hi@newcite#1#2#3{%
  \g@addto@macro\hi@citeforms{\do{#1}{#2}}%
  \gdef#1#1#2{%
    \@ifundefined{fc@#1}{%
      \PackageError\hi@pkgname{%
        Citation for ##1 already defined
      }{%
        The citation for ##1 has already been defined.\MessageBreak
        Please select another name.
      }%
    }%
    \begingroup
      \def\@this@case{##1}%
      \hi@param@set{#1}{##2}%
      #3%
      % \hi@bib@output
    \endgroup
  }%
}

```

`\hi@alias@cite` Aliases a cite definer macro to another.

```
\def\hi@alias@cite#1#2{\def#1{#2}}
```

Within a reference definer macro, defines a new formatting macro of the form `\<prefix>@<name>`, where #1 is `<prefix>` and #2 is `<name>`. Mainly, this checks to make sure that the formatting macro isn't being redefined (indicating that the writer has used a duplicate name).

```
\def\hi@newcite@form#1#2{%
```

```

\ifundefined{#1@#2}{%
  \expandafter\protected@xdef\csname#1@#2\endcsname
}{%
  \find@eq{sc}{#1}{}%
  \PackageWarning\hi@pkgname{Refusing to redefine #1@#2}%
}%
\hi@newcite@form@gobble
}%
}
\make@find@eq{sc}
\def\hi@newcite@form@gobble#1#{\@gobble}

```

### 3 Implementation of Parameters

This implementation documentation now turns to how parameters are stored and set internally. For every defined parameter, there is a macro `\KV@hi@⟨param⟩` as created by the `keyval` package. There is also a macro `\hi@kv@⟨param⟩` defined to hold the value that the parameter is set to, which is used by most but not all parameters. By default, the `\hi@kv@⟨param⟩` variable is given a value that will generate an error if used in a citation, alerting the user to the parameter being necessary but missing.

This is a list of all the parameter registers. Each parameter is stored in the form `\do{⟨param⟩}{⟨description⟩}`.

```
\def\hi@params{}
```

**Parenthetical parameters.** We make a special token list of parenthetical creator commands, to be executed presumably upon the full citation.

```
\newtoks\hi@param@parens
```

**Adds a parenthetical to the list. #1 is the parenthetical priority, #2 the text.**

```

\def\hi@param@addparen#1#2{%
  \push@toks\hi@param@parens{%
    \hi@parens@add#1{#2}%
  }%
}%
%
% Special token to set undefined parameters to.
%
% \begin{macrocode}
\DeclareRobustCommand\hi@param@undef[1]{%
  \PackageError\hi@pkgname{%
    Citation parameter \noexpand#1 missing in \@this@case
  }{Include the missing citation parameter.}%
  \textbf{???}%
}

\def\hi@undefine#1{\def#1{\hi@param@undef{\string#1}}}

```

**Set all parameters to empty.** This will be called after all the parameters have been created. Since reference definitions are executed inside groups, these initial settings should carry over into all definitions.

```

\def\hi@param@clear{%
  \def\do#1#2{\expandafter\hi@undefine\csname hi@kv@#1\endcsname}%
  \hi@params
  \hi@param@parens}%
}
\AtEndOfPackage{\hi@param@clear}

```

**Parameter definers. #1 is the parameter, #2 is an explanation, and anything that follows should be arguments to `\define@key` excluding the keyset and parameter name.**

```

\def\hi@defparam#1#2{%
  \g@addto@macro\hi@params{\do{#1}{#2}}%
  \define@key{hi}{#1}%
}
\def\hi@newparam#1#2{%
  \@expand{\hi@defparam{#1}{#2}}{%
    \expandafter\def\csname hi@kv@#1\endcsname{##1}%
  }%
}
\def\hi@defparam@noval#1#2{%
  \hi@defparam{#1}{#2}[#1]%
}
\def\hi@newparam@noval#1#2{%
  \@expand{\hi@defparam@noval{#1}{#2}}{%
    \expandafter\def\csname hi@kv@#1\endcsname{##1}%
  }%
}

```

```

    }%
}
\def\hi@param@alias#1#2{%
  \g@addto@macro\hi@params{\do{#1}{Alias for #2}}%
  \edef\reserved@a{%
    \noexpand\def\expandafter\noexpand\csname KV@hi@#1\endcsname{%
      \expandafter\noexpand\csname KV@hi@#2\endcsname
    }%
  }\reserved@a
}

```

`\hi@param@set` **3(a) Setting Parameters** The following macro is used when executing a reference definer, to read and set all the parameters in preparation for constructing the citation macros. It looks for a parseable formatted citation (either by finding a semicolon in the parameters, or determining that the parameters contain no equal sign), and otherwise uses `keyval` to read the parameters. It also executes any post-parameter hooks.

```

\def\hi@param@set#1#2{%
  \let\hi@param@set@hooks\empty
  \expandafter\hi@param@set@kindstring#1\@stop
  \hi@param@read{#2}%
  \hi@param@set@hooks
}
\def\hi@param@read#1{%
  \find@in{;}{#1}{%
    \hi@param@read@{#1}%
  }{\hi@param@read@{#1}{#1}{}}%
}
\def\hi@param@read@#1#2#3{%
  \find@in{=}{#2}{%
    \@firstofthree{\setkeys{hi}{#1}}%
  }{%
    \chop@space@then@run{#2}\hi@cparse
    \ifstrempy{#3}{\setkeys{hi}{#3}}%
  }%
}
\make@find@in{=}
\make@find@in{;}

```

Sets the reference kind by removing `\def` from the beginning of the reference definer macro name.

```

\def\hi@param@set@kind#1#2#3#4#5\@stop{%
  \def\hi@kv@kind{#5}%
}

```

Adds a post-parameter-setting hook. #1 is code to be run.

```

\def\hi@param@addhook#1{%
  \addto@macro\hi@param@set@hooks{#1}%
}

```

**3(b) Testing Parameters in Citation Macros** Commands for testing parameters in citation macros.

```

\def\hi@ifset#1{%
  \expandafter\hi@ifset@#1.\@stop
}
\def\hi@ifset@#1#2\@stop{%
  \ifx\hi@param@undef#1\expandafter\@secondoftwo
  \else \expandafter\@firstoftwo \fi
}

\def\hi@ifeitherset#1#2{%
  \hi@ifset#1{\@firstoftwo}{\hi@ifset#2}%
}

```

## 4 Citation Groups

`\defcitegroup` Often there will be several references that follow a standard conventional form, so it would be convenient to define all of them in one go. The `\defcitegroup` macro enables this to an extent. It takes three arguments:

- A reference definer macro (`\def<type>`)
- Initial text for the reference definition body
- A comma-separated list of texts used both as the nickname and as a suffix to the reference definition

For example, say you want to define references for several sections of the Patent Act. That could be achieved with the following three definitions:

```
\defstatcode{101}{35 U.S.C. S 101}
\defstatcode{102}{35 U.S.C. S 102}
\defstatcode{103}{35 U.S.C. S 103}
```

This works (using the reference parser for statutes) but is repetitive. Instead, you can write:

```
\defcitegroup\defstatcode{35 U.S.C. S }{101, 102,
103}
```

Each of the items in the comma-separated list (e.g., 101) becomes both a reference nickname and the end of the reference definition.

```
\def\defcitegroup#1#2#3{%
  \forcsvlist{\hi@citegroup@{#1}{#2}}{#3}%
}
\def\hi@citegroup@#1#2#3{#1{#3}{#2#3}}
```