

Handling conceptual links with generic hooks

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The basic command `hyperref` uses to create an internal document link (a “GoTo” link in PDF speech) has a quite unknown first argument which can be used to differentiate the links. Only two values for this argument are currently in use: `cite` used by various citation commands and `link` used for everything else. The actual effect of the argument is quite restricted in older `hyperref` versions: It only calls `\csname @#1color\endcsname` at some point, so it simply selects a color.

In the new `hyperref` driver which is used when the pdfmanagement is active this argument has been connected with a generic hook, `hyp/link/<name>`. This hook is executed at the begin of the link command, outside the actual link but inside a group.

Packages or code which create links which are used for a specific concept, like e.g. citations, or acronyms, or glossary terms, or links to an author list can make use of this to make the links customizable by the user. They only need to create the link with `\hyper@linkstart` and `\hyper@linkend` with a suitable first argument (both commands are official interfaces of `hyperref` for links) and to activate the relevant hook (for `cite` the hook is already declared, `hyperref` uses it to reimplement the `citecolor` keys. So it can be used directly). For other types (including the default type `link`) the hooks must be activated first. This can be done with `\ActivateGenericHook`.

The hook can e.g. change colors with `\hypersetup` or add some text before the link. The color of a internal link is stored in `hyp/color/link`, using `\colorlet` to change it is possible too, but this method is less clean: it relies a bit on some knowledge about the internal processing, and doesn’t work for border colors which are set differently to text colors.

Example with the predefined hook for the keyword “cite”

```
\makeatletter
\hyper@linkstart{cite}{some-target}1234\hyper@linkend

\AddToHook{hyp/link/cite}
{Cite:~\hypersetup{linkcolor=blue,linkbordercolor=yellow}}

\hyper@linkstart{cite}{some-target}1234\hyper@linkend
```

1234
Cite: 1234

Activation of a new keyword

```
\ActivateGenericHook{hyp/link/acro}  
\AddToHookNext{hyp/link/acro}{Acro:~\colorlet{hyp/color/link}{blue}\sffamily}  
  
\makeatletter  
\hyper@linkstart{acro}{some-target}acronym\hyper@linkend\ more text  
\makeatother
```

Acro: [acronym](#) more text

Activation of the existing keyword “link”

```
\AddToHook{hyp/link/link}{Link:~\colorlet{hyp/color/link}{orange}\sffamily}  
\ActivateGenericHook{hyp/link/link}  
  
\makeatletter  
\hyper@linkstart{link}{some-target}see 1\hyper@linkend  
\makeatother  
  
\hyperlink{some-target}{see 2}
```

Link: [see 1](#)
Link: [see 2](#)

keyword without hook activation

```
\hypersetup{linkcolor=brown,linkbordercolor=red}  
\AddToHook{hyp/link/unknown}{Blub??}  
\makeatletter  
\hyper@linkstart{unknown}{some-target}acronym\hyper@linkend\ more text  
\makeatother
```

[acronym](#) more text