The l3pdfannot package Commands for PDF annotations

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1 **I3pdfannot** documentation

This module contains a number of commands to create PDF annotations. The commands are *not* only simple wrappers around primitive commands. To allow external packages to configure links and other annotations, some of the commands have hooks and use shared attribute dictionaries. For these commands the hooks and dictionaries are selected depending on the $\{\langle type \rangle\}$ of the annotation. Currently the module only supports some general commands and link annotations. Commands for other annotations like widgets will be added later.

1.1 General annotation commands

New: 2019-09-05 This creates an /Type/Annot object with the given dimensions. It doesn't use hooks or Updated: 2020-04-14 dictionaries.

 $\label{localization} $$ \prod_b \exp(-bx:nnnn {\langle type \rangle} {\langle width \rangle} {\langle height \rangle} {\langle depth \rangle} {\langle annot spec \rangle} $$$

New: 2020-03-30 This creates an /Type/Annot object with the given dimensions. $\{\langle type \rangle\}$ should be currently one of link/URI, link/GoToR, link/Launch, link/GoTo or link/Named or widget, it will then insert the attribute dictionary of this type additionally to the manually given $\{\langle annot\ spec \rangle\}$. The attribute dictionaries can be filled with commands described below.

Hooks are not used.

\pdfannot_box_ref_last: \pdfannot_box_ref_last:

New: 2019-09-05 This retrieves the object reference of the last box annotation created.

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1.2 Link annotations

Link annotations are special cases of annotations. In the PDF they are identified by an /Subtype/Link entry in the dictionary. Link annotations are quite important as many documents contain links, both internal and external. They need a set of special commands for two reasons:

At first the content of links are not only boxes. Links can contain line and page breaks (this is normally implemented by the primitive command by creating a set of annotations).

At second link annotations are objects that need some "management" as more than one package wants to configure their look and behaviour. For example hyperref, ocgx2 and the code for tagged PDF (currently in tagpdf) all want to add keys and values to the dictionaries of link annotation and code around links. So commands to create link annotations should offer suitable hooks. There are three standard places in a link where such hooks are needed: At the begin (for example for a structure command or color), in the attr spec dictionary of the link (for example for the border), and at the end of the link (to close a structure or the color group). For the begin and end hooks of the LaTeX hook management are predefined and used. To add and remove values from the attr spec dictionary special commands described below are provided. The link commands switch to horizontal mode as the commands of pdftex and luatex can't be used in vertical mode.

\c_pdfannot_link_types_seq There are currently five link types, URI, GoToR, Launch, GoTo or Named, and there are store in this constant.

pdfannot/link/TYPE/begin Launch, GoTo or Named pdfannot/link/TYPE/end pdfannot/link/TYPE/after

pdfannot/link/TYPE/before These are the hooks used by the following commands. TYPE can be one of URI, GoToR,

link/TYPE These is the name of the dictionary used by the following commands. TYPE can be one of URI, GoToR, Launch, GoTo or Named. The dictionary can be changed by the commands \pdfannot_dict_put:nnn and friends described below.

Updated: 2020-12-06

New: 2020-03-12 This creates a link around the $\{\langle link\ text\rangle\}$ with the specified $\{\langle user\ action\ spec\rangle\}^1$. /Subtype/Link is added automatically. $\{\langle type \rangle\}$ should be one of URI, GoToR, Launch, GoTo or Named. The GoTo variant does not complain if the destination name is not known like \pdfannot_link_goto_begin:nw. The attributes stored in the local dictionary $link/{\langle type \rangle}$ are inserted as attr spec and the code in the begin and end hook $pdfannot/link/{\langle type \rangle}/before and pdfannot/link/{\langle type \rangle}/after is executed be$ fore and after the link (outside the link command) while $pdfannot/link/{\langle type \rangle}$ /begin and pdfannot/link/ $\{\langle type \rangle\}$ /end are directly around the link text. None of the hooks introduce a group. $\{\langle type \rangle\}$ should normally be identical to the value of the /S key in the action dictionary. As example

```
\pdfannot_dict_put:nnn
 \{link/URI\} { C } \{[1~0~0]\} %red border
\pdfannot_link:nnn { URI }
{
   /A
       /Type/Action
       /S/URI
       /URI(https://www.latex-project.org)
{ link text }
```

\pdfannot_link_end:n

\pdfannot_link_begin:nnw \pdfannot_link_begin:nnw {\text{\text{type}}} {\text{\text{user action spec}}} \text{\text{\text{content}}} $\pdfannot_link_end:n {\langle type \rangle}$

Updated: 2020-12-06 This creates a link around the $\langle content \rangle$ with the specified $\langle user\ action\ spec \rangle$ (e.g. an /A dictionary with an URI) or $\langle destination \rangle$ (a name as defined with the first argument of \pdf_destination:nn). /Subtype/Link is added automatically. In contrast to \pdfannot_link:nnn this function does not absorb the argument when finding the $\langle content \rangle$, and so can be used in circumstances where the $\langle content \rangle$ may not be a simple argument. But beside this, it works similar and use the same hooks. As example

```
\pdfannot_link_begin:nnw { URI }
{
   /A<<
     /Type/Action
     /URI(https://www.latex-project.org)
  >>
}
link text
\pdfannot_link_end:n { URI }
```

\pdfannot_link_goto_begin:nw \pdfannot_link_goto_begin:nw {\destination\} \content\ \pdfannot_link_goto_end: \pdfannot_link_goto_end:

Updated: 2020-12-06

This is a special, shorter version for links to internal destinations. It always uses the hooks and dictionary of the GoTo link type. $\{\langle destination \rangle\}$ is a destination name. In difference to β is an $\{$ GoTo $\}$ it will complain if $\{$ $\{$ destination $\}$ $\}$ is an unknown destination and give the message

name{ZZZZ} has been referenced but does not exist, replaced by a fixed one

\pdfannot_link_ref_last: This retrieves the object reference a link created previously with the commands above. New: 2021-02-14 This doesn't work currently with xelatex but a feature request has been made. see https://tug.org/pipermail/dvipdfmx/2020-December/000134.html

\pdfannot_ref_last: This retrieves the object reference a previously annotation created either with a link New: 2021-02-14 or a general box command. When the last was a link it won't work with xelatex. see https://tug.org/pipermail/dvipdfmx/2020-December/000134.html

\pdfannot_link_margin:n \pdfannot_link_margin:n {\langle dimen \rangle}

New: 2020-03-12 This sets the dimension of the link margin.

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New: 2020-12-04 This adds (locally) a key-value to the internal annot dictionaries used by the link commands above. {\dictionary name\} should be currently one of link/URI, link/URI,link/GoToR, link/Launch, link/GoTo, link/Named.

New: 2020-12-04 This removes a key-value from the internal annot dictionary $\{\langle dictionary\ name\rangle\}$ should be currently one of link/URI, link/GoToR, link/Launch, link/GoTo, link/Named.

 $\verb| \dict_show:n \dict_show:n$

New: 2020-12-04 This shows the content of the internal annot dictionary. $\{\langle dictionary\ name \rangle\}$ should be currently one of link/URI, link/URI, link/GoToR, link/Launch, link/GoTo, link/Named.

\l_pdfannot_F_bitset This is a bitset variable, with the named index names suitable for the /F flag in an $_{\tt New:\ 2020-12-28}$ annotation. It can be used for example like this:

```
\pdfannot_dict_put:nnn {link/URI} {F}
  { \bitset_to_arabic:N \l_pdfannot_F_bitset }
\bitset_set_true:Nn \l_pdfannot_F_bitset {Print}
```

The known keys for the bitset are Invisible, Hidden, Print, NoZoom, NoRotate, NoView, ReadOnly, Locked, ToggleNoView, LockedContents which correspond to the names used in the PDF references.

2 **I3pdfannot** implementation

```
1 (*package)
 2 (@@=pdfannot)
 3 \ProvidesExplPackage {13pdfannot} {2020-12-04} {0.1}
     {PDF-annotations}
 5 \RequirePackage{13pdfdict}
Annotations have a /F flag, we provide a public bitset for it.
 6 \RequirePackage{13bitset}
   \bitset_new:Nn \l_pdfannot_F_bitset
                       = 1,
       Invisible
                       = 2,
       Hidden
 10
       Print
                       = 3,
 11
       NoZoom
                       = 4,
       NoRotate
                       = 5,
       NoView
 14
       ReadOnly
                       = 7,
 15
       Locked
                       = 8,
       ToggleNoView
                       = 9,
       LockedContents = 10
     }
 19
```

2.1 General Annotations

\g_pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool

The pdf engines have two different primitive commands to refer to the last created annotation: one for links, one for boxed annotation. We use a boolean to decide which one should be used, so that only one user command is needed.

```
20 \bool_new:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
(End\ definition\ for\ \verb|\g_pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool.)
21 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_box:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
     {
22
        \_pdf_backend_annotation:nnnn {#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}
23
       \bool_gset_false:N\g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
24
25
26
   \cs_new:Npn \pdfannot_box_ref_last:
28
        \__pdf_backend_annotation_last:
29
30
31
   \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_box:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
32
33
       \exp_args:Nx
34
       \__pdf_backend_annotation:nnnn {#2}{#3}{#4}
35
36
            \pdfdict_if_exist:nT { l__pdfannot/#1 }
                \pdfdict_use:n { l__pdfannot/#1}
40
41
42
       \verb|\bool_gset_false:N\g_pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool|\\
43
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```

2.2 Annotations, subtype Widget

Currently no code is provided here. The local dictionary 1_@@/Widget is a skeleton dictionary for this subtype. It currently contains as only entry the subtype setting (the /Type is added by the backend).

```
45 \pdfdict_new:n { l__pdfannot/widget }
46 \pdfdict_put:nnn { l__pdfannot/widget }{ Subtype }{ /Widget }
```

2.3 Annotations, subtype Link

The code assumes that there will be different link types (currently URI, GoToR, Launch, GoTo, Named, hyperref uses the names url,file,run,link,menu) and that links of the same type share the *attr spec* and also the same begin/end code. The list of link types need to stay restricted and well documented so that all packages know which types they have to handle. It is stored in a constant seq.

\c_pdfannot_link_types_seq

This constant sequence contains the list of currently supported link types for which hooks and dictionaries exist.

(End definition for \c_pdfannot_link_types_seq. This variable is documented on page 2.)

link/TYPE
pdfannot/link/TYPE/before
pdfannot/link/TYPE/begin
 pdfannot/link/TYPE/end
pdfannot/link/TYPE/after

These setup the dictionary and the hook pairs.

```
47 \seq_const_from_clist:Nn \c_pdfannot_link_types_seq { URI , GoToR , Launch , GoTo, Named }
48 \seq_map_inline: Nn \c_pdfannot_link_types_seq
     {
49
        \pdfdict_new:n { l__pdfannot/link/#1 }
50
       \hook_new_pair:nn
51
          {pdfannot/link/#1/before}
52
          {pdfannot/link/#1/after}
53
       \hook_new_pair:nn
54
          {pdfannot/link/#1/begin}
55
          {pdfannot/link/#1/end}
56
(End definition for link/TYPE and others. These variables are documented on page 2.)
```

2.3.1 Annotations, subtype Link /management

```
\pdfannot_link:nnn
\pdfannot_link:nxn
```

```
58 \cs_new_protected:Nn \pdfannot_link:nnn %#1 type (URI, GoTo etc),
                                             %#2 action spec, #3 link text
59
60
      \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/before}
61
      \mode_leave_vertical:
62
      \exp_args:Nxx %xetex needs expansion
63
      \__pdf_backend_link_begin_user:nnw
64
65
            \pdfdict_if_exist:nT { l__pdfannot/link/#1 }
66
               \pdfdict_use:n { l__pdfannot/link/#1}
69
        }
70
        {
71
           /Subtype/Link
```

```
\bool_gset_true:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                                 75
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/begin}
                                 76
                                 77
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/end}
                                 78
                                       \__pdf_backend_link_end:
                                       \bool_gset_true:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/after}
                                     }
                                 82
                                 83 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \pdfannot_link:nnn {nxn}
                                (End definition for \pdfannot_link:nnn. This function is documented on page 3.)
    \pdfannot_link_begin:nnw
    \pdfannot_link_begin:nxw
                                 84 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_link_begin:nnw #1 #2 %#1 type, #2 action spec
        \pdfannot_link_end:n
                                 85
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/before}
                                 86
                                       \mode_leave_vertical:
                                 87
                                       \exp_args:Nxx %xetex needs expansion
                                         \__pdf_backend_link_begin_user:nnw
                                               \pdfdict_if_exist:nT { l__pdfannot/link/#1 }
                                 91
                                                  \pdfdict_use:n { l__pdfannot/link/#1}
                                 93
                                 94
                                           }
                                 95
                                            { #2 }
                                 96
                                          \bool_gset_true:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                                 97
                                          \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/begin}
                                 98
                                     }
                                100
                                   \cs_new_protected:Nn \pdfannot_link_end:n %#1 type, e.g. url
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/end}
                                       \__pdf_backend_link_end:
                                104
                                       \bool_gset_true:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                                105
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/#1/after}
                                106
                                     }
                                107
                                108 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \pdfannot_link_begin:nnw {nxw}
                                (End definition for \pdfannot_link_begin:nnw and \pdfannot_link_end:n. These functions are docu-
                                mented on page 3.)
\pdfannot_link_goto_begin:nw
    \pdfannot_link_goto_end:
                                109 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_link_goto_begin:nw #1 %#1 destination
                                110
                                       \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/GoTo/before}
                                       \mode_leave_vertical:
                                       \exp_args:Nxx %xetex needs expansion
                                       \__pdf_backend_link_begin_goto:nnw
                                114
                                            \pdfdict_use:n { l__pdfannot/link/GoTo}
                                116
                                         { #1 }
                                118
```

#2 %exp_not?

}

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```
\bool_gset_true:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                            119
                                    \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/GoTo/begin}
                            120
                                 }
                               \cs_new_protected: Nn \pdfannot_link_goto_end:
                            124
                                    \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/GoTo/end}
                            125
                                    \__pdf_backend_link_end:
                            126
                                    \bool_gset_true:N \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                            127
                                    \hook_use:n { pdfannot/link/GoTo/after}
                            128
                                 }
                            (End definition for \pdfannot_link_goto_begin:nw and \pdfannot_link_goto_end:. These functions
                            are documented on page 4.)
\pdfannot_link_ref_last:
     \pdfannot_ref_last:
                            130 \cs_new:Nn \pdfannot_link_ref_last: { \__pdf_backend_link_last: }
                               \cs_new:Npn \pdfannot_ref_last:
                            131
                                 {
                            132
                                    \bool_if:NTF \g__pdfannot_use_lastlink_bool
                            134
                            135
                                        \__pdf_backend_link_last:
                                        \__pdf_backend_annotation_last:
                            139
                                 }
                            140
                            (End definition for \pdfannot_link_ref_last: and \pdfannot_ref_last:. These functions are docu-
                            mented on page 4.)
 \pdfannot_link_margin:n
                               \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_link_margin:n #1
                                    \__pdf_backend_link_margin:n { #1 }
                            143
                            (End definition for \pdfannot_link_margin:n. This function is documented on page 4.)
  \pdfannot_dict_put:nnn
  \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx
                            145 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_dict_put:nnn #1 #2 #3
\pdfannot_dict_remove:nn
                            146
                                    \pdfdict_put:nnn { l__pdfannot/#1 } { #2 }{ #3 }
   \pdfannot_dict_show:n
                               \cs_generate_variant:Nn \pdfannot_dict_put:nnn {nnx}
                               \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn #1 #2
                            150
                                    \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdfannot/#1 } { #2 }
                            152
                            153
                               \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfannot_dict_show:n #1
                            155
                                    \pdfdict_show:n { l__pdfannot/#1 }
                            156
                            157
                            158 (/package)
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\cs_new_protected:Npn	$\label{local_pdfannot_F_bitset} 1_pdfannot_F_bitset \dots 4, 7$
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