# The l3pdffield module Commands to create form fields LATEX PDF management testphase bundle

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# 1 **I3pdffield** Introduction

The implementation of form fields in hyperref has some bugs<sup>1</sup>. This package is a first step towards the goal to review and improve the code of form fields.

Like the pdfmanagement-testphase package itself it is a temporary package: the definite home of the code is not yet decided, and during the development changes in the interfaces are possible.

The package itself is currently loaded with

## \usepackage{13pdffield-testphase}

The source code is splitted into various submodules. All code is combined in the sty, but the documentation is in individual PDF.

13pdffield This contains the basic commands and keys to create a form field.

13pdffield-checkbox The code to created checkboxes.

13pdffield-textfield The code to created text fields.

13pdffield-radiobutton The code to create radio buttons.

13pdffield-pushbutton The code to create push buttons.

13pdffield-choice The code to create choice fields (lists and drop-down/combo fields.

13pdffield-action Code related to actions, mostly submit and reset actions.

13pdffield-signature (not done yet) Code for signature fields

Form initialization (not done yet) The \Form command/environment of hyperref initialize a few things like fonts for text fields which should be moved. It is not strictly necessary to have this code, most examples works without it, but in case of problems it is possible to do the initialization by using the hyperref command.

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<sup>1</sup>see for example https://github.com/latex3/hyperref/issues/94

The code requires the new PDF management. The code makes use of <code>l3pdfxform</code> to create the form Xobjects of the appearances. This code doesn't support yet the the dvips backend.

The code targets PDF 2.0. This doesn't mean that it won't work in older PDF versions, but it tries to implement requirements needed or recommended for 2.0; most importantly appearances are used by default everywhere and it deprecates /NeedAppearances.

Please keep in mind

- Not every PDF viewer supports form fields or all types and features.
- The handling can depend on settings in the PDF viewer. In adobe reader for example I had to disable an option to avoid that it tries to create an appearance itself.
- Standards like pdf/A disable some features of form fields like javascript actions (as you typically can't change the PDF).

If hyperref is loaded before the package will suppress the deprecated /NeedAppearances setting. If hyperref is loaded later you should do it in the \Form options.

So a typical use together with hyperref could look like this

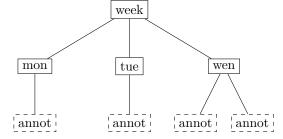
\RequirePackage{pdfmanagement-testphase}
\DeclareDocumentMetadata{uncompress}
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{hyperref}
\usepackage{13pdffield-testphase}
\begin{document}
\Form

# 2 Some background

A document can contain a arbitrary number of fields which can be organized in trees. The leaf fields in such a tree, the *terminal fields*, typically have widget annotations as kids which are then the actual, visual instances of the field, and allow to interact with the field. I will call such a tree a *fieldset*, nodes *fields* and the widget annotation *field annotations*.

If a field has only one child annotation the content of the field dictionary and the widget annotation dictionary can be merged—some examples in the PDF reference show such merged dictionaries—but the code here keeps them separate, at the end this is clearer.

A simple example would look like this



In many cases a fieldset consists of only one field along with its field annotation(s), but larger sets can be needed to build more complex interactions with javascript code. For example a datepicker can be built as a fieldset with various fields to represent the month and year choice and to select days.

Fields in a fieldset should have a name, for example wen or week in the example above. This name is the partial name of the field, the full name is than built from it by adding the names of the parents separated by periods. In the example above the partial name is mon and the full name week.mon. Partial names shouldn't contain periods. If two fields have the same name they will work in unison: if you enter text in one field, the text appears also in the other, such fields must have the same type and the same value and default value entry. If a field has no name it is considered to be a simple widget annotation and so only another representation of its parent.

All terminal fields should also have a type, e.g. Btn for a button field, or Tx for a textfield. The type can be set for the parent and then inherited. The fields in a fieldset can have different types.

# 2.1 The look of a field: Appearances and other settings

The look of widget annotation of a field can be set with various keys. The keys developed over time and some of them superseed older ones. There is for example the simple /Border, the more sophisticated /BS ("border style dictionary"), the "dynamic appearance dictionary" MK, with lots of keys, and the appearance dictionary /AP which may define as many as three separate appearances: the normal appearance (required), the rollover appearance and the down appearance. Such an appearance can be a simple form XObjects <sup>2</sup>, but in some cases the annotation can have different appearance states: a checkbox for example can be checked or unchecked, in this case the appearances are dictionaries which maps state names like /Yes and /Off to form XObjects.

The annotations cover a rectangular area on the page and form XObjects appearances are squeezed into this rectangle. So for the best result both should have the same ratio of width and height. Simple plain backgrounds can also be created in large size and reused for various annotations. Form XObjects used as appearances can not be rotated, if needed one has to create a new appearance.

In PDF 2.0 widget annotations must have at least a normal /AP appearance (unless the size of the annotation is zero) and the keys "C, IC, Border, BS, BE, BM, CA, ca, H, DA, Q, DS, LE, LL, LLE, and Sy shall be ignored". But it is quite unclear if PDF Viewer honor this, and if this make sense e.g. for text fields which require a DA entry. It is also not clear how appearances and the entries of the MK dictionary are related in a form field. Tests with some PDF viewers are needed here.

# 2.2 Tagged PDF

Field annotations are (like link annotations) not part of the page stream. But they are obviously nevertheless meaningful content and must be consider if a PDF is "tagged", that means if a structure is added.

According to the PDF references fields should be tagged by adding a Form structure element containing the object reference to a field annotations. Fields with more than one annotation like radio buttons need a Form structure for every one. Additional some

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Such form XObjects are small pictures stored in the PDF which can be referenced in various part of the PDF. They can be created with the commands of the l3pdfxform package.

cross references to structure relevant object like the parent tree are needed, for more info check the documentation of the tagpdf package.

The commands of this module already contain the needed support. So if tagpdf is used and tagging activated the fields will be added as Form element to the structure where they are created. It is possible to deactivate tagging for a field annotation by setting the tag to false as described below.

If lualatex is used tagging require either that tagpdf is used with the option global-mc, or mc-chunks must be correctly closed manually, as the automatic code can't escape the grouping.

It is recommended to use the TU/altname key to give the field a readable name.

### 3 Commands

\pdffield\_field:Vn

 $\pdffield_field:nn \pdffield_field:nn{\langle key val list \rangle}{\langle field ID \rangle}$ 

This creates a new field. (field ID) will be used to create and reference the needed objects but it is not the direct object name, so pdf\_object\_ref:n can not be used to access (and there will not clash with object names). It is recommended to start the name with a module prefix to avoid name clashes, so e.g. mymodule/field/1 or mymodule/field/week.

The list of handled keys is described below. Typically the  $\langle key \ val \ list \rangle$  should at least set the name T, fields that are kids in a fieldset must set the parent key, this should point to a field declared before.

The command is meant as a basic command to build more complex variants like checkbox or textfields. For this reason it doesn't check if the combination of values and flags are sensible, and it uses as key names the names from the PDF reference. If you create a button field (Btn) and set MaxLen (which is only known for text fields), it will not complain.

Root fields (fields without parent) are added automatically to the Catalog/AcroForm dictionary with

\pdfmanagement\_add:nnx{Catalog/AcroForm}{Fields}{<obj ref>}

\pdffield\_annot:V

 $\pdffield_annot:n \pdffield_annot:n{\langle key val list \rangle}$ 

This creates a new field annotation. It is a widget annotation box created with \pdfannot\_widget\_box:nnn, and it is possible to add values to its dictionary by using \pdfannot\_dict\_put:nnn {widget}.... But to correctly setup the parent/kid relationship some additional wrapper code is needed. The command also setup dictionaries to fill the AP, MK and AA dictionaries.

\pdffield\_annot\_ref\_last: \pdffield\_annot\_ref\_last:

If a tagged PDF should be created, the object of the annotation of a field should be referenced in the Form structure element. This command allows to retrieve the reference to this object.

 $\pdffield_appearance:nn \pdffield_appearance:nn{\langle name \rangle} {\langle content \rangle}$ 

This is a small wrapper around \pdfxform\_new:nnn (which could be used too) to create an appearance. To avoid name clashes  $\langle name \rangle$  should start with a module part, e.g. mymodule/appearance/cross.

\pdffield\_setup:n

```
\displaystyle \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \end{array}
```

This command allows to preset some field settings.

It knows currently two keys:

```
\verb|create-style| = \{\langle \verb|name| \rangle\} \{\langle \verb|key-val| \rangle\}|
```

This defines a style which can then be used with the style key.  $\{\langle key\text{-}val\rangle\}$  can be an arbitrary collection of the keys of the module.

```
create-style style = \{\langle style \rangle\}
```

This uses a style define with the previous create-style.

```
preset-checkbox preset-checkbox={\langle key-val \rangle}
```

This allows to set default keys for a checkbox.

```
preset-radio preset-radio={\langle key-val \rangle}
```

This allows to set default keys for a radio button.

```
preset-textfield preset-textfield={\langle key-val \rangle}
```

This allows to set default keys for a text field.

# Special keys

```
value
            value ={\langle value \rangle}
default default=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

These two keys pass the value to a handler which can be redefined. Their exact behaviour depends on field type. Please check their documentation.

### 5 Field Keys

Table 1 summarize the keys which can be used. A number of keys have two names, the second is normally the name used by hyperref. Where is makes sense an empty value "unsets" a key.

```
parent parent = \langle field ID \rangle
```

This declares the parent of the field. It is required if the field is not the root of the fieldset. The value is the field ID of the parent, the parent should have been already declared. It will add the reference to the parent field to the /Parent key, and also add reference of the kid as /Kid in the parent field.

Table 1: Keys for fields

key	value	required	inheritable	remark
parent	field ID	for non-root fields		
style	style name		defined with create-style	
T, name	string	mostly		
TU, altname	string			
TM, mappingname	string			
FT	name	terminal fields	yes	
setFf,	list of flags		yes	
setfieldflags				
unsetFf,	list of flags		yes	
unsetfieldflags				
V	various		yes	
DV	various		yes	
MaxLen	integer	with Comb	yes	only textfields
Lock	object name			signature field
SV	object name			signature field
Opt	object name			buttons and che
TI	integer			list fields
I	object name			list fields
AA/K, keystroke	javascript			
AA/F, format	javascript			
AA/V, validate	javascript			
AA/C, calculate	javascript	****		variable text
DA	string	yes	yes	variable text
Q DS	0, 1  or  2		yes	
				(ignored)
RV				(ignored)

```
name name = \langle partial name \rangle
T = \langle partial name \rangle
```

This sets the partial name of the field. It shouldn't contain a period, be not empty and sensibly consist of simple ascii chars. It is normally required, see above. The value is passed through \pdf\_string\_from\_unicode:nnN.

```
altname altname = \langle string \rangle
TU TU = \langle string \rangle
```

This sets an alternative name for user interaction. Unlike the name field it can use unicode or periods. The value is passed through \pdf\_string\_from\_unicode:nnN

```
mappingname mappingname = \langle string \rangle
TM = \langle string \rangle
```

This sets an alternative name for the export. The value is passed through \pdf\_string\_-from\_unicode:nnN

```
mappingname FT = Btn|Tx|Ch|Sig
```

This sets the type of the field, the value should be one of Btn (button), Tx (text), Ch (choice), Sig (signature). The value is of relevance only for terminal fields, but it can be set in a parent and then inherited.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \texttt{setfieldflags} & \texttt{setfieldflags} = \langle \textit{comma list of flags} \rangle \\ \texttt{setFf} & \texttt{setFf} = \langle \textit{comma list of flags} \rangle \\ \texttt{unsetfieldflags} & \texttt{unsetfieldflags} = \texttt{all} \mid \langle \textit{comma list of flags} \rangle \\ \texttt{unsetFf} & \texttt{unsetFf} = \texttt{all} \mid \langle \textit{comma list of flags} \rangle \\ \end{array}
```

These keys accept a list of flag names and then sets or unsets them, the resulting value is then used with the /Ff key. Depending on the field type some flags must be set or unset, other are optional or are ignored. The flag name can be given in PDF spelling (RadiosInUnison), in lowercase (radiosinunison), and as number. unsetFf and its alias unsetfieldflags know the special value all which clears all the fields.

The list of flags are: ReadOnly, Required, NoExport, Multiline, Password, NoToggleToOff, Radio, Pushbotton, Combo, Edit, Sort, FileSelect, MultiSelect, DoNotSpellCheck, DoNotScroll, Comb, RadiosInUnison, RichText, CommitOnSelChange.

```
V V = \langle various \rangle
```

This sets the value of the field. Its format varies depending on the field type, so typically commands for the various type will have to preprocess and sanitize it. The value given here is x-expanded and then added to the dictionary! See the descriptions of individual field types for further information. (Pushbuttons for example don't have a value).

```
DV DV = \langle various \rangle
```

The default value, to which the field reverts when a reset-form action is executed. The format of this value is the same as that of DV.

```
MaxLen MaxLen = \( \)integer \( \)
```

Only relevant for textfields. The value is an integer and describes the maximum length of the field's text in characters. Required if the Comb flag is used.

```
Lock MaxLen = (object name)
```

Only relevant for signature fields. The value is an object name which should point to a dictionary that specifies a set of form fields that shall be locked when this signature field is signed. The exact format of the dictionary is described in the PDF reference.

```
SV SV = \langle object name \rangle
```

Only relevant for signature fields. The value is an object name which should point to a seed value dictionary. The exact format of the dictionary is described in the PDF reference.

```
Opt Opt = \langle object name \rangle
```

Only relevant for checkboxes, radiobuttons and choice fields. The value is an object name which should point to a array. The exact format of the array is described in the PDF reference.

```
TI TI = \(\langle integer \rangle \)
```

Only relevant for scrollable list boxes. The value is an integer, the top index (the index in the Opt array of the first option visible in the list). Default value: 0

```
I I = \langle object name \rangle
```

For choice fields that allow multiple selection (MultiSelect flag set). The value is an object name which should point to a array. The exact format of the array is described in the PDF reference (I have no idea what exactly should be added there, perhaps some future test will make it more understandable.)

The following four keys are used to add javascript ("ECMAScript") code. The values are expanded. It is recommended to store the javascript in a stream object and to pass the object reference, but passing a string (including parentheses) is possible too. The keys will be ignored if a pdfstandard is used that prohibits such actions.

This adds a keystroke action to the additional action dictionary. The action is meant for text and choice fields. It is quite unclear if such an action make sense for non-terminal fields.

```
AA/F AA/F = \langle ECMAScript \rangle
format format = \langle ECMAScript \rangle
```

This adds a format action to the additional action dictionary. The action is meant for text and choice fields. It is quite unclear if such an action make sense for non-terminal fields.

This adds a validate action to the additional action dictionary. It is quite unclear if such an action make sense for non-terminal fields.

```
AA/C AA/C = \langle string (\textit{ECMAScript}) \rangle calculate calculate = \langle string (\textit{ECMAScript}) \rangle
```

This adds a calculate action to the additional action dictionary. It is quite unclear if such an action make sense for non-terminal fields. If an calculate action is used, the field will be added to the AcroForm/CO array to define the calculation order. The order can be controlled through the following key sortkey.

```
sortkey sortkey = \langle string \rangle
```

This sets a sortkey for fields with calculate action. The sortkeys are sorted lexically with \str\_compare:nNnTF. fields without sortkey will get an empty sortkey and so be at the begin, the order of fields with the same sortkey is not defined. The module only sorts fields created with the commands of this module, the sorting of fields created by hyperref is independent.

```
DA DA = \langle string \rangle
```

This contains instructions for the text in text fields. It is stored expanded and parentheses are added around the value.

```
Q Q = left|center|right
align = left|center|right
```

The justification of the text.

 ${\tt DS}$  These two keys are currently not implemented as it is unclear if there are of any use.  ${\tt RV}$ 

```
fieldID fieldID = \langle field ID \rangle
```

For experts only! This stores  $\langle field \ ID \rangle$  in an internal variable. The variable is not used by the basic commands, but by the commands to create the various field types. Check their documentation for use cases.

# 6 Annot keys

Table 2 summarize the keys which can be used. A number of keys have alias names which are mentioned in the descriptions.

```
width width = \langle dim \ expression \rangle
height height = \langle dim \ expression \rangle
depth depth = \langle dim \ expression \rangle
```

These keys allow to set the dimensions of the annotation. The value should be a command that expands to a dimension expression. By default all values are zero.

```
parent parent = \langle field ID \rangle
```

This sets the parent. The value should be field ID of an already declared field.

Table 2: Keys for field annotations

key	value	required	remark
parent	field ID	yes	
width	dim expression	(yes)	default is 0pt
height	dim expression	(yes)	default is 0pt
depth	dim expression	(yes)	default is 0pt
AP/N	appearance name	yes (in PDF $2.0$ )	
AP/R	appearance name	yes (in PDF $2.0$ )	
AP/D	appearance name	yes (in PDF $2.0$ )	
AS	name	yes (in PDF $2.0$ )	
setF	list of flags		
${\tt unsetF}$	list of flags		
AA/*	javascript	*= F, Bl, D, U, E,	
		X, PO, PC,PV, PI	
MK/*	various	*= R, BC, BG, CA, RC,	
		AC, I, RI, IX, IF, TP	

AP/N appearance  $AP/N = \langle appearance name \rangle$ 

AP/R

appearance = \langle appearance name \rangle AP/R = \(\rangle rollover appearance name \rangle \)

rollover-appearance rollover-appearance = \( \text{rollover appearance name} \)

AP/D

AP/D = \( down appearance name \)

down-appearance

down appearance = \( down appearance name \)

This keys set the normal, rollover and down appearance. The names appearance, rollover-appearance and down-appearance are aliases. The value is by default a simple name of an appearance/form Xobject but modules like l3pdffield-checkbox change this to allow to add appearances for various states. So check the documentation for the various field types for the exact format of the value.

AS AS = \( appearance state name \)

This key sets the default appearance state. The value is a name without the starting slash (it is passed through \pdf\_name\_from\_unicode\_e:n), for checkbox for example Yes. If used it should typically have the same value as the V and DV key of the field.

setannotflags setF

setannotflags = (comma list of flags)

setF = \langle comma list of flags\rangle

unsetannotflags unsetannotflags = all | (comma list of flags)

unsetF = all | ⟨comma list of flags⟩ unsetF

> These keys allow to set or unset the annot flags. They expect a comma lists of flag names. Allowed names Invisible, Hidden, Print, NoZoom, NoRotate, NoView, ReadOnly, Locked, ToggleNoView, LockedContents, or the lowercase variants or numbers.

```
AA/* AA/* = \langle ECMAScript \rangle
```

\* should be one of F, Bl, D, U, E, X, PO, PC, PV, PI. Alias names for the first six keys are onfocus, onblur, onmousedown, onmouseup, onenter, onexit. These keys adds then the respective key to the /AA dictionary of the field annotation object. Their value should be javascript code. The value is expanded but not escaped. It is recommended to store the code in a stream object and to use the object reference as value. The /AA dictionary is suppressed if a pdf/A standard is set.

For example

```
onenter={(app.alert('Hello');)}
```

The following keys add values to the *dynamic appearance dictionary* MK directory. This is only relevant for annotations with dynamic content, like e.g. textfields. The settings can also affect checkboxes and radio buttons if the (deprecated) NeedAppearances is set to true.

The MK dictionary can also be added by using \pdfannot\_dict\_put:nnn{Widget}{MK}{...} but the two methods should not be mixed.

```
MK/R MK/R = 0 | 90 | 180 | 270
rotate rotate = 0 | 90 | 180 | 270
```

These rotates the content of the annotation.

```
\label{eq:mk/BC} \begin{split} \text{MK/BC} &= \langle color \; expression \rangle \; | \; [\langle model \rangle] \{\langle values \rangle\} \\ \text{bordercolor} \; &= \langle color \; expression \rangle \; | \; [\langle model \rangle] \{\langle values \rangle\} \end{split}
```

These colors the border. Internally currently RGB is used. The colors used in  $\langle color expression \rangle$  must be known to the l3color commands.

```
MK/BG MK/BG = \langle color\ expression \rangle \mid [\langle model \rangle] \{\langle values \rangle\} backgroundcolor backgroundcolor = \langle color\ expression \rangle \mid [\langle model \rangle] \{\langle values \rangle\}
```

These colors the background. Internally currently RGB is used. The colors used in  $\langle color expression \rangle$  must be known to the l3color commands.

```
\begin{array}{ll} \texttt{MK/CA} & \texttt{MK/CA} = \langle \textit{string} \rangle \\ \texttt{caption} & \texttt{caption} = \langle \textit{string} \rangle \end{array}
```

This sets a text for the caption.  $\langle string \rangle$  is passed through \pdf\_string\_from\_-unicode:nnN and parentheses are added automatically. The font used seems to depend on the whims of the PDF reader: At least for checkboxes adobe reader quite insists to always use a symbol font and not a text font. It also shows always only one symbol, regardless how much one put in the string. hyperref uses the key names checkboxsymbol and radiosymbol for this setting.

```
\begin{array}{ccc} \hline \\ \text{MK/RC} & \text{MK/RC} = \langle string \rangle \\ \\ \text{rollover-caption rollover-caption} = \langle string \rangle \\ \end{array}
```

This sets a text for the rollover-caption.  $\langle string \rangle$  is passed through \pdf\_string\_from\_-unicode:nnN and parentheses are added automatically. The key should be used only with pushbuttons. It is unclear if is actually used by the PDF viewer, but the pushbuttons modules uses the argument also to setup the appearance.

```
MK/AC
                   MK/AC = \langle string \rangle
down-caption down-caption = \langle string \rangle
```

This sets a text for the down-caption.  $\langle string \rangle$  is passed through \pdf\_string\_from\_unicode:nnN and parentheses are added automatically. The key should be used only with pushbuttons. It is unclear if is actually used by the PDF viewer, but the pushbuttons modules uses the argument also to setup the appearance.

The remaining key are like the two above useful for pushbuttons only. Currently no special syntax support is implemented. They will be handled if needed when the code for push buttons is developed and tested.

```
MK/* MK/* = (various)
```

These keys adds the various entries in the dynamic appearance dictionary. \* should be one of I, RI, IX, IF, TP. The MK dictionary can also be added by using  $<page-header> <page-header> \$ but the two methods should not be mixed.

# **I3pdffield** Implementation

```
1 (*package)
 <@@=pdffield>
3 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
4 \ProvidesExplPackage{l3pdffield-testphase}{2021-07-21}{0.95g}%
    {form fields}
```

# hyperref specific command

hyperref sets NeedAppearances by default. As this is deprecated we disable this.

6 \csname HyField@NeedAppearancesfalse\endcsname % suppress NeedAppearances

### 7.2local variables

\l\_\_pdffield\_tmpa\_str Some tmp variables, and a variable for the current parent and the current fieldID. \l\_\_pdffield\_tmpb\_str 7 \str\_new:N \l\_\_pdffield\_tmpa\_str \l\_\_pdffield\_tmpa\_tl 8 \str\_new:N \l\_\_pdffield\_tmpb\_str \l\_\_pdffield\_tmpa\_keys\_tl \l pdffield currentparent tl \l\_\_pdffield\_fieldID\_tl \l\_pdffield\_caption\_tl \l pdffield rollover caption tl \l\_\_pdffield\_down\_caption\_tl \g\_pdffield\_CO\_sortkeys\_prop \l\_\_pdffield\_CO\_sortkey\_str

\g pdffield annot ref last tl

\l\_\_pdffield\_tag\_bool

```
9 \tl_new:N \l__pdffield_tmpa_tl
10 \tl_new:N \l__pdffield_tmpa_keys_tl
11 \tl_new:N \l__pdffield_currentparent_tl
12 \tl_new:N \l__pdffield_fieldID_tl
13 \tl_new:N \l__pdffield_caption_tl
{\tt 14} \verb|\tl_new:N \ \l_pdffield_rollover_caption_tl
15 \tl_new:N \l__pdffield_down_caption_tl
16 \prop_new:N \g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_prop
\mbox{17 } \space{-0.05cm} \
18 \str_new:N \l__pdffield_CO_sortkey_str
19 \tl_new:N \g__pdffield_annot_ref_last_tl
20 \bool_new:N \l__pdffield_tag_bool
```

 $(End\ definition\ for\ \l_pdffield\_tmpa\_str\ and\ others.)$ 

21 \bool\_set\_true:N \l\_\_pdffield\_tag\_bool

```
22 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:n #1 {}
23 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:nn #1 #2 {}
```

### 7.3messages

```
24 \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{no-period}
25
    {
       The~field~name~'#1'~contains~a~period. \\
       This~is~not~allowed. '
    }
28
   \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{empty-name}
29
30
       The~field~name~is~empty. \\
31
       This~is~not~allowed. '
    }
33
34 \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{appearance-missing}
35
       The appearance definition "#1' is missing for the #2 appearance.
36
    }
38 \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{not-implemented}
39
       Support~for~'/#1'~is~not~implemented\\
40
       The~key~is~ignored.
41
42
43
  \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{key-disabled}
       Use~key~'#3'~instead.
46
    }
47
48 \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{parent-field-missing}
49
       The~parent~field~'#1'~doesn't~exist\\
50
       Create~it~with~\tl_to_str:n{\pdffield_field:nn}
51
52
   \msg_new:nnn {pdffield}{key-ignored}
       key~'#1'~has~no~function~and~is~ignored
    An auxiliary command to disable some keys
57 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_key_disable:nnn #1#2#3
    {
      \keys_define:nn {pdffield}
59
60
         #2 .code:n =
61
62
            \label{lem:msg_warning:nnnnn} $$ \pdffield_{key-disabled_{\#1}_{\#2}_{\#3}} $$
63
64
       }
65
(End\ definition\ for\ \\_pdffield\_key\_disable:nnn.)
7.4 bitsets
```

\\_\_pdffield\_key\_disable:nnn

```
\l__pdffield_Ff_bitset
                        The field and the annot bitset.
\l__pdffield_F_bitset
                         67 \bitset_new:Nn \l__pdffield_Ff_bitset
```

```
{
68
       ReadOnly
                          = 1,
69
       Required
                          = 2,
70
       NoExport
                          = 3,
       Multiline
                          = 13,\%Tx
72
       Password
                          = 14,
73
       NoToggleToOff
                          = 15,%Btn, radio button
74
       Radio
                          = 16, %Btn: Radio: 15=1, 16=0
75
       Pushbutton
                          = 17, %Btn: Checkbox: 15=0, 16=0
                                %Btn: Pushbutton: 16=1
77
                          = 18,%Ch: Combo=1 List=0
       Combo
78
       Edit
                          = 19,%Ch, Combo=1 \rightarrow + edit field
79
       Sort
                          = 20,%Ch, not relevant for view...
80
                          = 21,\%Tx
       FileSelect
81
       MultiSelect
                          = 22,\%Ch
82
       DoNotSpellCheck
                          = 23, %Tx, Ch (if Combo + Edit set)
83
       DoNotScroll
                          = 24,\%Tx
84
                          = 25,%Tx, requires MaxLen in dict
       Comb
85
       {\tt RadiosInUnison}
                          = 26, %Btn Radio
                          = 26, %Tx
87
       RichText
       CommitOnSelChange = 27,
                          = 1,
       readonly
89
                          = 2,
       required
90
       noexport
                         = 3,
91
                          = 13,\%Tx
       multiline
92
                          = 14,
93
       password
       notoggletooff
                          = 15,%Btn, radio button
       radio
                          = 16, %Btn: Radio: 15=1, 16=0
95
                          = 17, %Btn: Checkbox: 15=0, 16=0
       pushbutton
                                %Btn: Pushbutton: 16=1
                          = 18,%Ch: Combo=1 List=0
98
       combo
                          = 19,%Ch, Combo=1 \rightarrow + edit field
       edit
99
                          = 20,%Ch, not relevant for view...
100
       sort
       fileselect
                          = 21,\%Tx
101
       multiselect
                          = 22, %Ch
102
       donotspellcheck
                          = 23,%Tx, Ch (if Combo + Edit set)
103
       donotscroll
                          = 24,\%Tx
104
105
       comb
                          = 25, %Tx, requires MaxLen in dict
106
       radiosinunison
                          = 26, %Btn Radio
                          = 26, %Tx
107
       richtext
       commitonselchange = 27
108
109
     }
  \verb|\bitset_new:Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset|
111
       Invisible
                       = 1,
113
       Hidden
                       = 2,
114
       Print
                       = 3,
115
       NoZoom
                       = 4,
116
117
       NoRotate
                       = 5,
118
       NoView
                       = 6,
119
       ReadOnly
                       = 7,
       Locked
120
                       = 8.
       ToggleNoView
                      = 9,
121
```

```
LockedContents = 10,
                         = 1,
        invisible
                         = 2,
       hidden
124
       print
                         = 3,
125
                         = 4,
       nozoom
126
       norotate
        noview
128
                         = 7,
129
        readonly
        locked
                         = 8.
130
131
        togglenoview
                         = 9,
132
        lockedcontents = 10
     }
(End\ definition\ for\ \l_pdffield_Ff_bitset\ and\ \l_pdffield_F_bitset.)
```

{l\_\_pdffield/field}

### 7.5 The field dictionary

134 \pdfdict\_new:n

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The field dictionary is the main object. To be able to set values from the outside it will use a dictionary which can be filled by key-val.

```
135 \pdfdict_new:n
                                           {l_pdffield/field/AA}
\__pdffield_field:n
                           \_{pdffield_field:n\{\langle field\ ID\rangle\}}
\pdffield_field:nn
                      136 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_field:n #1
                      137
                             \pdf_object_new:nn {__pdffield/field/#1}
                      138
                      139
                             \pdf_object_new:nn {__pdffield/field/Kids/#1} {array}
                             \tl_if_empty:NTF \l__pdffield_currentparent_tl
                                  \pdfmanagement_add:nnx
                      142
                                    { Catalog / AcroForm }
                                    { Fields }
                      144
                                    {\pdf_object_ref:n {__pdffield/#1} }
                      145
                               }
                      146
                      147
                                  \exp_args:Ne
                      148
                                  \pdf_object_if_exist:nTF {__pdffield/field/\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl}
                      149
                      150
                                      \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{Parent}
                      151
                                        {\exp_args:Ne \pdf_object_ref:n{__pdffield/\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl}
                                      \seq_gput_right:cx {g__pdffield_field/Kids/\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl _seq}
                      154
                                        { \exp_args:Ne \pdf_object_ref:n{__pdffield/#1}}
                                    }
                      155
                                    {
                      156
                                      \msg_error:nnx {pdffield}{parent-field-missing}{\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl}
                      157
                      158
                      159
                              \seq_new:c \{g\_pdffield\_field/Kids/#1\_seq\}
                      160
                             \pdfdict_put:nnx {l__pdffield/field}
                      161
                                {Kids}
                      162
                               {
                                  \pdf_object_ref:n {__pdffield/field/Kids/#1}
```

```
\pdfdict_put:nnx {l__pdffield/field}
166
         {Ff}
167
         {\bitset_to_arabic:N \l__pdffield_Ff_bitset }
168
       \pdfdict_if_empty:nF{l__pdffield/field/AA}
169
170
           \pdfmeta_standard_verify:nT
171
             {annot_widget_no_AA}
173
                \pdf_object_unnamed_write:nx {dict}{\pdfdict_use:n {l__pdffield/AA}}
174
                \pdfdict_put:nnx
175
                 {l__pdffield/field}
176
                 {AA}
                 {\pdf_object_ref_last:}
178
                \pdfdict_get:nnN {l__pdffield/field/AA}{C}\l__pdffield_tmpa_tl
179
                \quark_if_no_value:NF \l__pdffield_tmpa_tl
180
                 {
181
                    \prop_gput:Nxx\g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_prop
182
                      { \pdf_object_ref:n {__pdffield/field/#1} }{ \l__pdffield_CO_sortkey_str }
183
                    \seq_gput_right: Nx\g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_seq
                      { \pdf_object_ref:n {__pdffield/field/#1} }
                 }
             }
187
         }
188
       \hook_gput_code:nnn {shipout/lastpage}{pdffield} %xetex needs this ...
189
190
           \pdf_object_write:nx {__pdffield/field/Kids/#1}
191
192
                \seq_use:cn{g_pdffield_field/Kids/#1_seq}{~}
193
194
       \pdf_object_write:nx {__pdffield/field/#1} { \pdfdict_use:n {l__pdffield/field} }
196
     }
197
198
   \hook_gput_code:nnn {shipout/lastpage}{pdffield}
199
     {
200
        \prop_if_empty:NF \g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_prop
201
202
             \seq_sort:Nn \g_pdffield_CO_sortkeys_seq
203
204
                  \str_compare:eNeTF
                    { \prop_item: Nn \g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_prop {#1} }
                    { \prop_item: Nn \g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_prop {#2} }
                    { \sort_return_swapped: }
209
                    { \sort_return_same: }
              }
211
              \pdfmanagement_add:nnx
               { Catalog / AcroForm }
               { CO }
214
215
                { \seq_use: Nn \g__pdffield_CO_sortkeys_seq{~} }
216
          }
217
      }
218
219 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdffield_field:nn #1 #2
```

(End definition for \\_\_pdffield\_field:n and \pdffield\_field:nn. This function is documented on page 4.)

# 7.6 The annot dictionary

We assume that the annotation should really occupy space on the page and leave vertical mode.

\\_\_pdffield\_annot:
 \pdffield\_annot:n

The command doesn't add grouping, so should only be used inside a group.

```
\cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_annot:
227
228
       \pdfmeta_standard_verify:nF
         {annot_flags}
229
230
           \bitset_set_true:Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset {Print}
           \bitset_set_false: Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset {Hidden}
232
           \bitset_set_false: Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset {Invisible}
           \bitset_set_false: Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset {NoView}
234
235
       \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget}{F}{ \bitset_to_arabic:N \l__pdffield_F_bitset }
236
       \__pdffield_tag_add_struct_parent:
       \tl_if_empty:NF \l__pdffield_currentparent_tl
         {
240
            \exp_args:Ne
            \pdf_object_if_exist:nTF { __pdffield/field/\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl }
241
              {
242
                \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget}{Parent}
243
244
                     \exp_args:Ne
245
                       \pdf_object_ref:n{__pdffield/field/\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl}
246
              }
              {
                   \msg_error:nnx { pdffield }{parent-field-missing}{\l__pdffield_currentparent_t
250
              }
251
          }
252
       \mode_leave_vertical:
253
       \__pdffield_tag_struct_begin:
254
       \hbox_to_wd:nn
255
         { \l_pdffield_annot_wd_dim }
256
257
```

\rule [-\l\_\_pdffield\_annot\_dp\_dim]{0pt}{\dim\_eval:n{\l\_\_pdffield\_annot\_ht\_dim+\l\_\_pdi

\pdfannot\_widget\_box:nnn

\hfill

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{ \l\_pdffield\_annot\_wd\_dim }
{ \l\_pdffield\_annot\_ht\_dim }
{ \l\_pdffield\_annot\_dp\_dim }

```
\exp_args:NV \__pdffield_tag_add_objr:n \g__pdffield_annot_ref_last_tl
                                 266
                                         \__pdffield_tag_struct_end:
                                 267
                                         \tl_if_empty:NF \l__pdffield_currentparent_tl
                                 268
                                             \seq_if_exist:cTF {g__pdffield_field/Kids/\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl _seq}
                                 270
                                                \seq_gput_right:cx
                                                  {g_pdffield_field/Kids/\l_pdffield_currentparent_tl _seq}
                                                  { \g_pdffield_annot_ref_last_tl }
                                              }
                                 275
                                              {
                                 276
                                                \msg_error:nnx { pdffield}{parent-field-missing}{\l__pdffield_currentparent_tl}
                                              }
                                 278
                                          }
                                 279
                                      }
                                 280
                                    \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdffield_annot:n #1
                                 281
                                         \group_begin:
                                         \keys_set:nn { pdffield } {#1}
                                         \__pdffield_annot:
                                 285
                                 286
                                         \group_end:
                                      }
                                 287
                                 (End definition for \__pdffield_annot: and \pdffield_annot:n. This function is documented on page
                                 4.)
   \pdffield_annot_ref_last:
                                 288 \cs_new:Npn \pdffield_annot_ref_last: { \g__pdffield_annot_ref_last_tl }
                                 (End definition for \pdffield_annot_ref_last:. This function is documented on page 4.)
                                 7.7
                                        Tagging
      \_pdffield_tag_add_struct_parent:
  \__pdffield_tag_add_objr:n
                                    \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_add_struct_parent: {}
struct begin: pdffield tag struct end:
                                    \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_add_objr:n #1 {}
                                    \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_struct_begin: {}
                                    \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_struct_end: {}
                                    \hook_gput_code:nnn {begindocument} { 13pdffield }
                                 293
                                     {
                                 294
                                        \cs_if_exist:NT \tag_if_active:T
                                 295
                                 296
                                           \tag_if_active:T
                                 297
                                 298
                                              \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_add_struct_parent:
                                                  \bool_if:NT \l__pdffield_tag_bool
                                 302
                                                   {
                                                      \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget}{StructParent}{ \tag_struct_parent_int: }
                                 303
                                                   }
                                 304
                                 305
                                              \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_add_objr:n #1
                                 306
```

\tl\_gset:Nx \g\_\_pdffield\_annot\_ref\_last\_tl { \pdfannot\_box\_ref\_last: }

```
\bool_if:NT \l__pdffield_tag_bool
308
309
                      \exp_args:Nnx
310
                      \tag_struct_insert_annot:nn {#1}{ \tag_struct_parent_int: }
311
312
313
             \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_struct_begin:
314
                 \bool_if:NT \l__pdffield_tag_bool
317
                     \tag_mc_end_push:
318
                     \tag_struct_begin:n{tag=Form}
319
320
321
             \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tag_struct_end:
322
323
                 \bool_if:NT \l__pdffield_tag_bool
324
                    \tag_struct_end:
                    \tag_mc_begin_pop:n{}
328
              }
329
           }
330
        }
331
332
(End definition for \__pdffield_tag_add_struct_parent:, \__pdffield_tag_add_objr:n, and \__-
                              \__pdffield_tag_struct_end:.)
pdffield_tag_struct_begin:
```

# 7.8 auxiliary command for color keys

```
\__pdffield_color_set:nn
```

```
333 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_color_set:nn #1 #2
334
       \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF {#2}[ %]
335
336
          \__pdffield_color_set_aux:nwn { #1 } #2
337
338
339
340
          \color_set:nn {#1} {#2}
342
    }
   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_color_set_aux:nwn #1 [#2] #3
344
345
         \color_set:nnn {#1}{#2}{#3}
346
347
348
(End\ definition\ for\ \verb|\__pdffield_color_set:nn.|)
```

# 7.9 Field keys

The names. The main name should not be empty, it is added to the dictionary when the field is created. A new name means a new field. The other names can only be set when the field is created, so we put them in the field group.

\\_\_pdffield\_V\_handler:nN

Values (V and DV) need different handling in the various field types. So it uses a handler which can be redefined locally. By default it simply stores the value in a tl var.

```
349 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_V_handler:nN #1#2
                    {
              350
                      \tl_set:Nn #2 {#1}
              351
              (End definition for \__pdffield_V_handler:nN.)
     parent
           T
               353 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
       name
                      ,parent .tl_set:N = \l__pdffield_currentparent_tl
          TU
                      ,parent .groups:n = {field,annot}
    altname
                      T \cdot code : n =
         TM
               357
               358
mappingname
                          \pdf_string_from_unicode:nnN {utf8/string-raw}{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
               359
                          \str_if_in:NnT \l__pdffield_tmpa_str {.}
               360
              361
                               \msg_error:nnx {pdffield}{no-period}{\l__pdffield_tmpa_str}
               362
                            }
                          \str_if_empty:NTF\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
               366
                               \msg_warning:nn {pdffield}{empty-name}
                               \pdfdict_remove:nn { l_pdffield/field }{T}
              367
                            }
              368
              369
                               \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{T}{(\l__pdffield_tmpa_str)}
              370
                            }
              371
              372
                      ,T .value_required:n = true
              373
                      ,T .groups:n = {field}
                                               = \{T = \{\#1\}\}
                      ,name .meta:n
                      ,name .value_required:n = true
              376
                      ,name .groups:n = {field}
              377
                      ,TU .groups:n = {field}
              378
                      ,TU .code:n =
              379
                        {
              380
                          \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
              381
                            {
              382
                               \pdfdict_remove:nn { l_pdffield/field }{TU}
              383
                            }
                               \pdf_string_from_unicode:nnN {utf16/hex}{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
                               \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{TU}{\l__pdffield_tmpa_str}
               387
               388
                        }
               389
                      ,TU .groups:n = {field}
              390
                                              = \{TU = \{\#1\}\}
                      ,altname .meta:n
              391
```

```
,altname .groups:n = {field}
          392
                  ,TM .code:n =
          393
          394
                      \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
          395
                        {
          396
                           \pdfdict_remove:nn { l_pdffield/field }{TM}
          397
                        }
          398
                           \pdf_string_from_unicode:nnN {utf16/hex}{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
                           \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{TM}{\l__pdffield_tmpa_str}
          401
          402
                    }
          403
                  ,TM .groups:n = {field}
          404
                  ,mappingname .meta:n = \{TM=\{\#1\}\}
          405
                  ,mappingname .groups:n = {field}
          406
          407
          (End definition for parent and others. These functions are documented on page 9.)
fieldID For some field types we need a fieldID.
          408 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
          409
              {
                fieldID .tl_set:N = \l__pdffield_fieldID_tl
              }
          411
          (End definition for fieldID. This function is documented on page 9.)
     FT
      V
          412 \keys_define:nn{pdffield}
     DV
          413
                  ,FT .choices:nn =
 MaxLen
          414
                    { Btn, Tx, Ch, Sig }
   Lock
          415
     SV
          416
                      \pdfdict_put:nnn { l__pdffield/field }{FT}{ /#1 }
          417
    Opt
                    }
          418
     ΤI
          419
                  ,FT .groups:n = {field}
      Ι
                  ,V.code:n =
          421
                     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
          422
          423
                          \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{V}
          424
                       }
          425
                       {
          426
                          \__pdffield_V_handler:nN{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
          427
                          \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{V}{ \l__pdffield_tmpa_str }
          428
          429
          430
                   }
          431
                  ,V .groups:n = {field}
                  ,DV .code:n =
          432
          433
                     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
          434
          435
                       {
                          \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{DV}
          436
                       }
          437
```

```
438
                __pdffield_V_handler:nN{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
439
               \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{DV}{ \l__pdffield_tmpa_str }
440
441
442
       ,DV .groups:n = {field}
443
       ,MaxLen .code:n =
          \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
447
             {
               \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{MaxLen}
448
             }
449
             {
450
               \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{MaxLen}{ #1 }
451
452
453
       ,MaxLen .groups:n = {field}
454
       ,Lock .code:n =
455
           \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
                \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{Lock}
459
              }
460
461
                \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{Lock}{ \pdf_object_ref:n{#1} }
462
463
       ,Lock .groups:n = {field}
465
       ,SV .code:n =
466
           \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
468
                \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{SV}
470
              }
471
472
                \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{SV}{ \pdf_object_ref:n{#1} }
473
474
475
         }
476
       ,SV .groups:n = {field}
       ,Opt .code:n =
           \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
479
480
              {
                \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{Opt}
481
              }
482
              {
483
                \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{Opt}{ \pdf_object_ref:n{#1} }
484
485
         }
486
       ,Opt .groups:n = {field}
       ,TI .code:n =
489
            \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
490
              {
491
```

```
}
                   493
                                 {
                   494
                                    \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{TI}{ #1 }
                   496
                   497
                           ,TI .groups:n = {field}
                   498
                           ,I.code:n =
                               \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
                   501
                                 {
                                   \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{I}
                   503
                                 }
                   504
                                 {
                   505
                                   \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{I}{ \pdf_object_ref:n{#1} }
                   506
                   507
                   508
                           ,I .groups:n = {field}
                   509
                        }
                   (End definition for FT and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
                       Flags. We don't add lots of individual keys but map the key names directly
          setFf
  setfieldflags
                   511 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
        unsetFf
                   512
unsetfieldflags
                   513
                           ,setFf .code:n =
                   514
                                 \clist_map_inline:nn {#1}
                                    \bitset_set_true: Nn \l__pdffield_Ff_bitset {##1}
                   517
                                  }
                   518
                            }
                   519
                           ,setFf .groups:n = {field}
                           ,setfieldflags .meta:n =
                   521
                            \{setFf=\{\#1\}\}
                   522
                           ,setfieldflags .groups:n = {field}
                   523
                           ,unsetFf .multichoice:
                   524
                           ,unsetFf / all .code:n = { \bitset_clear:N \l__pdffield_Ff_bitset}
                           ,unsetFf / unknown .code:n =
                   527
                               \bitset_set_false:Nn \l__pdffield_Ff_bitset {#1}
                   528
                   529
                           ,unsetFf .groups:n = {field}
                   530
                           ,unsetfieldflags .meta:n = {unsetFf={#1}}
                   531
                           ,unsetfieldflags .groups:n = {field}
                   532
                        }
                   533
                   (End definition for setFf and others. These functions are documented on page 7.)
            AA/K
                  Keys for the AA dictionary. They all trigger a javascript option. K=keystroke, F=format,
                  V=validate, C=calculate
      keystroke
            AA/F
                   535 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:n #1 %
          format
                        {
            AA/V
       validate
                                                               23
            AA/C
      calculate
```

\pdfdict\_remove:nn { l\_\_pdffield/field }{TI}

```
\keys_define:nn { pdffield }
        537
                 {
        538
                     AA/#1 .code:n =
        539
                       {
        540
                         \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
        541
                           {
        542
                              \pdfdict_remove:nn {l__pdffield/field/AA}{#1}
        543
                           }
                              \pdfdict_put:nnx {l__pdffield/AA}
        546
                               {#1}
        547
                               {<</S/JavaScript/JS\c_space_tl ##1>>}
        548
                           }
        549
                       },
        550
                   AA/#1 .groups:n = {field}
        551
        552
             }
        553
        554
           \clist_map_inline:nn {K,F,V,C}{\__pdffield_tmpa:n{#1}}
           \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:nn #1 #2
             {
        558
               \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
        559
                 {
        560
                    #1 .meta:nn =
        561
                       { pdffield }{AA/#2={##1}},
        562
                    #1 .groups:n = {field}
        563
        564
             }
           \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {keystroke}{K}
        567 \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {format}
           \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {validate} {V}
           \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {calculate}{C}
        569
        570
        571 \keys_define:nn {pdffield}
           {
        572
              sortkey .code:n = {\str_set:Nx \l__pdffield_CO_sortkey_str {\tl_to_str:n{#1}}}
        573
        574
       (End definition for AA/K and others. These functions are documented on page 8.)
       The following keys are related to textfield and their format.
    Q
        575 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
align
             {
   DS
       577
               DA .code:n =
   RV
        578
                  \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
        579
        580
                     {
                       \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{DA}
        581
                     }
        582
                     {
        583
                       \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{DA}{ (#1) }
        584
                     }
        585
                 }
```

```
,DA .groups:n = {field}
587
       ,Q .choices:nn = {left,center,right}
588
589
          \pdfdict_put:nnx { l__pdffield/field }{Q}{ \int_eval:n{\l_keys_choice_int-1} }
590
591
       ,Q / .code:n = { \pdfdict_remove:nn { l__pdffield/field }{Q} }
592
       ,Q .groups:n = {field}
593
       ,align .meta:n={Q=\#1}
       ,DS .code:n =
        {
          \msg_warning:nnn {pdffield}{not-implemented}{DS}
597
598
       ,DS .groups:n = {field}
599
       ,RV .code:n =
600
601
          \msg_warning:nnn {pdffield}{not-implemented}{RV}
602
603
       ,RV .groups:n = {field}
604
```

(End definition for DA and others. These functions are documented on page 9.)

# 7.10 Annotation keys

The size of the field annotation

```
\l__pdffield_annot_ht_dim
\l__pdffield_annot_wd_dim
                                \verb| dim_new:N l_pdffield_annot_ht_dim| \\
                                \label{eq:condition} $$ \dim_{new:N} \leq_{pdffield\_annot\_wd\_dim} $$
\l_pdffield_annot_dp_dim
                                608 \dim_new:N \l__pdffield_annot_dp_dim
                                (End definition for \l_pdffield_annot_ht_dim, \l_pdffield_annot_wd_dim, and \l_pdffield_-
                                annot_dp_dim.)
                       width
                                The size of the field annotation.
                      height
                                609 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                       depth
                                      {
                                610
                                         ,width .dim_set:N = \l__pdffield_annot_wd_dim
                                 611
                                         ,height .dim_set:N = \l__pdffield_annot_ht_dim
                                 612
                                         ,depth .dim_set:N = \l__pdffield_annot_dp_dim
                                 613
                                         ,width .initial:n = Opt
                                         ,height .initial:n = Opt
                                615
                                         ,depth .initial:n = Opt
                                616
                                (\mathit{End \ definition \ for \ width}\ ,\ \mathit{height}\ ,\ \mathit{and \ depth}\ .\ \mathit{These \ functions \ are \ documented \ on \ page \ 9.})
                          tag to disable tagging locall
                                618 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                619
                                      {
                                         ,tag .bool_set:N = \l__pdffield_tag_bool
                                620
```

(End definition for tag. This function is documented on page ??.)

Appearances have to be handled in various ways, so we use a handler, that the field types \\_\_pdffield\_appearance\_handler:nnn can redefine if needed. 622 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \\_\_pdffield\_appearance\_handler:nnn #1#2#3 \pdfxform\_if\_exist:nTF { #1 } 624 625 \pdfannot\_dict\_put:nnx {widget/AP}{#2} 626 627 \pdfxform\_ref:n {#1} 628 629 } 630 { \msg\_error:nnnn{pdffield}{appearance-missing}{#1}{#3} 633 } 634  $(End\ definition\ for\ \_pdffield\_appearance\_handler:nnn.)$ AS The key for the default appearance and the various types. AP/N 635 \keys\_define:nn { pdffield } appearance { 636 AP/R %parent is defined in field 637 ,AS .code:n = rollover-appearance 638 { AP/D 639 \tl\_if\_empty:nTF {#1} 640 down-appearance 641 \pdfannot\_dict\_remove:nn { widget }{AS} 642 } 644 \pdfannot\_dict\_put:nnx {widget}{AS}{\pdf\_name\_from\_unicode\_e:n{#1}} 645 646 647 ,AS .groups:n = annot 648 } 649 \keys\_define:nn { pdffield } 650 { 651 AP/N .code:n = 652 653 \tl\_if\_empty:nTF {#1} \pdfannot\_dict\_remove:nn { widget/AP }{N} 656 } 657 658 \\_\_pdffield\_appearance\_handler:nnn {#1}{N}{normal} 659 660 } 661 ,AP/N .groups:n = annot 662 ,appearance .meta:n = {AP/N={#1}} 663 ,appearance .groups:n = annot

\keys\_define:nn { pdffield }

AP/R .code:n =

{

667

668

669

```
\tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
                                 {
                   671
                                   \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/AP }{R}
                   672
                   673
                                 {
                   674
                                     \__pdffield_appearance_handler:nnn {#1}{R}{rollover}
                   675
                   676
                               }
                   677
                          ,AP/R .groups:n = annot
                          ,rollover-appearance .meta:n = {AP/R={\#1}}
                   679
                   680
                          ,rollover-appearance .groups:n = annot
                        }
                   681
                      \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                   682
                        {
                   683
                          AP/D .code:n =
                   684
                   685
                               \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
                   686
                   687
                                   \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/AP }{D}
                                    \__pdffield_appearance_handler:nnn {#1}{D}{down}
                   691
                                 }
                   692
                               }
                   693
                          ,AP/D .groups:n = annot
                   694
                          ,down-appearance .meta:n = {AP/D={\#1}}
                   695
                          , down-appearance .groups:n = annot
                   696
                   697
                   (End definition for AS and others. These functions are documented on page 10.)
            MK/R
                  This are the keys for the dynamic appearance. A number are not handled yet fully.
         rotate
                   698 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
          MK/BC
                          MK/R .choices:nn = {0,90,180,270}
    bordercolor
           MK/BG
                              \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{R}{#1}
backgroundcolor
                           }
           MK/CA
                          ,MK/R / .code:n =
                   704
        caption
                           {
                   705
                               \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{R}
                   706
                   707
                          ,MK/R .groups:n = annot
                   708
                         ,rotate .meta:n = \{MK/R=#1\}
                   709
                   710
                      \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                   712
                          MK/BC .code:n =
                   714
                              \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
                   716
                                 \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{BC}
                   718
```

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```
{
720
               __pdffield_color_set:nn {__pdffield/tmp}{#1}
             \verb|\color_export:nnN{\_pdffield/tmp}{space-sep-rgb}\\l\_pdffield\_tmpa\_tl|
             \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{BC}{[\l__pdffield_tmpa_tl]}
724
        }
725
       ,MK/BC .groups:n = annot
726
      ,bordercolor .meta:n = {MK/BC=#1}
727
728
729
  \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
730
     {
731
       MK/BG .code:n =
732
        {
          \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
734
735
              \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{BG}
736
           }
737
              \__pdffield_color_set:nn {__pdffield/tmp}{#1}
             \color_export:nnN{__pdffield/tmp}{space-sep-rgb}\l__pdffield_tmpa_tl
             \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{BG}{[\l__pdffield_tmpa_tl]}
741
742
743
       ,MK/BG .groups:n = annot
744
745
      ,backgroundcolor .meta:n = {MK/BG=#1}
746
747
748
  \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
750
      MK/CA .code:n =
751
752
          \tl_set:Nn \l__pdffield_caption_tl {#1}
753
          \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
754
           {
755
              \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{CA}
756
757
758
              \pdf_string_from_unicode:nnN {utf8/string}{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
             \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{CA}{\l__pdffield_tmpa_str}
           }
        }
762
       ,MK/CA .groups:n = annot
763
      ,caption .meta:n = \{MK/CA=#1\}
764
765
766
   \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
767
768
769
       MK/RC .code:n =
771
          \tl_set:Nn \l__pdffield_rollover_caption_tl {#1}
          \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
           {
```

```
\pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{RC}
                    }
        775
                    {
        776
                      \pdf_string_from_unicode:nnN {utf8/string}{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
                      \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{RC}{\l__pdffield_tmpa_str}
        778
                    }
        779
        780
                ,MK/RC .groups:n = annot
        781
              ,rollover-caption .meta:n = \{MK/RC=#1\}
        783
           \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
        785
        786
               MK/AC .code:n =
        787
                {
        788
                   \tl_set:Nn \l__pdffield_down_caption_tl {#1}
        789
                   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
        790
        791
                      \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{AC}
                    }
                      \pdf_string_from_unicode:nnN {utf8/string}{#1}\l__pdffield_tmpa_str
                      \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{AC}{\l__pdffield_tmpa_str}
        796
                    }
        797
        798
        799
                ,MK/AC .groups:n = annot
               ,down-caption .meta:n = {MK/AC=#1}
        800
        801
        (End definition for MK/R and others. These functions are documented on page 11.)
 MK/I
       The following keys are pushputtons only. Currently there is no special handling involved
MK/RI
       as it is unclear if they are useful.
MK/IX
MK/IF
        803
           \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:n #1
MK/TP
        804
              \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
        805
        806
                  MK/#1 .code:n =
                    {
                      \tl_if_empty:nTF {##1}
        809
        810
                           \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn { widget/MK }{#1}
        811
                        }
        812
                        {
        813
                           \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/MK}{#1}{##1}
        814
        815
        816
        817
                  ,MK/#1 .groups:n = annot
        818
        819
        820
           \clist_map_inline:nn {I,RI,IX,IF,TP}
        821
             { \__pdffield_tmpa:n {#1} }
```

```
(End definition for MK/I and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
                       Flags.
            setF
  setannotflags
                  823 \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
         unsetF
                        {
                  824
                          ,setF .code:n =
unsetannotflags
                  825
                            {
                   826
                                 \clist_map_inline:nn {#1}
                   827
                   828
                                    \bitset_set_true: Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset {##1}
                   829
                            }
                   832
                          ,setF.groups:n = annot
                   833
                          ,setannotflags .meta:nn =
                   834
                            { pdffield }{setF={#1}}
                   835
                          ,setannotflags .groups:n = annot
                          ,unsetF .multichoice:
                   836
                          ,unsetF / all .code:n = { \bitset_clear:N \l__pdffield_F_bitset}
                   837
                          ,unsetF / unknown .code:n =
                   838
                   839
                               \bitset_set_false:Nn \l__pdffield_F_bitset {#1}
                   840
                            }
                   842
                          ,unsetF .groups:n = annot
                   843
                          ,unsetannotflags .meta:nn =
                            { pdffield }{unsetF= {#1} }
                   844
                          ,unsetannotflags .groups:n = annot
                   845
                        }
                  846
                  847
                  (End definition for setF and others. These functions are documented on page 10.)
                       Keys for the AA dictionary. They all trigger a javascript option. Fo = onfocus, Bl =
                  onblur, D = onmousedown, U = onmouseup, E = onenter, X = onexit, PO = pageopen,
                  PC = pageclose, PV = pagevisible, PI = pageinvisible
          AA/Fo
        onfocus
                  848 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:n #1 %
          AA/Bl
                  849
                          \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
         onblur
                  850
            AA/D
                   851
                               AA/#1 .code:n =
    onmousedown
                                 {
            AA/U
                                    \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
      onmouseup
            AA/E
                                        \pdfannot_dict_remove:nn {widget/AA}{#1}
        onenter
                                      }
           AA/X
         onexit
                                        \pdfannot_dict_put:nnx {widget/AA}
          AA/PO
       pageopen
                                         {<</S/JavaScript/JS\c_space_tl##1>>}
          AA/PC
      pageclose
                                ,AA/#1 .groups:n = annot
          AA/PV
```

pagevisible AA/PI

pageinvisible

```
}
866
   \clist_map_inline:nn {Fo,Bl,D,U,E,X,PO,PC,PV,PI}{\__pdffield_tmpa:n{#1}}
   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__pdffield_tmpa:nn #1 #2
870
871
       \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
872
873
            #1 .meta:nn =
874
              { pdffield }{AA/#2={##1}},
            #1 .groups:n = {annot}
876
877
    }
878
   \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {onfocus}
879
   \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {onblur}
881 \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {onmousedown}{D}
   \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {onmouseup}{U}
883 \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {onenter}
884 \__pdffield_tmpa:nn {onexit}
                                    \{X\}
```

(End definition for AA/Fo and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 7.11Appearances

### \pdffield\_appearance:nn

```
\pdffield_store_appearance:nn
```

```
885 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdffield_appearance:nn #1 #2
        \pdfxform_new:nnn {#1}{}{#2}
    }
890 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdffield_store_appearance:nn\pdffield_appearance:nn
```

(End definition for \pdffield\_appearance:nn and \pdffield\_store\_appearance:nn. These functions are documented on page 5.)

### 7.12Setup command

```
create-style
preset-checkbox
                      \keys_define:nn { pdffield / setup }
    preset-radio
                          ,create-style .code:n = { \__pdffield_style_create:nn #1 }
preset-textfield
                   893
                          ,preset-checkbox .code:n =
                               \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                   897
                                  __pdffield/preset/checkbox .meta:n = {#1},
                   898
                   899
                   900
                          ,preset-radiobutton .code:n =
                   901
                   902
                   903
                               \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                  __pdffield/preset/radiobutton .meta:n = {#1},
```

```
\keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                910
                                911
                                                __pdffield/preset/textfield .meta:n = {#1},
                                912
                                913
                                          }
                                914
                                       ,preset-pushbutton .code:n =
                                915
                                916
                                            \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                917
                                918
                                               __pdffield/preset/pushbutton .meta:n = {#1},
                                919
                                920
                                921
                                     ,preset-choice .code:n =
                                922
                                923
                                            \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                924
                                               __pdffield/preset/choice .meta:n = {#1},
                                927
                                          }
                                928
                                     }
                                929
                                   \keys_set:nn{ pdffield / setup }{preset-checkbox={}}
                                   \keys_set:nn{ pdffield / setup }{preset-textfield={}}
                                932 \keys_set:nn{ pdffield / setup }{preset-radiobutton={}}
                                933 \keys_set:nn{ pdffield / setup }{preset-pushbutton={}}
                                934 \keys_set:nn{ pdffield / setup }{preset-choice={}}
                                (End definition for create-style and others. These functions are documented on page 5.)
\__pdffield_style_create:nn
                                   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_style_create:nn #1#2
                                935
                                936
                                       \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                937
                                938
                                            __pdffield/style/#1 .meta:n = \{#2\},
                                940
                                     }
                                941
                                942
                                (End definition for \__pdffield_style_create:nn.)
          \pdffield_setup:n
                        style
                                943 \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdffield_setup:n #1
                                     {
                                944
                                         \keys_set:nn{ pdffield / setup }{#1}
                                945
                                946
                                   \keys_define:nn { pdffield }
                                949
                                       style .code:n = {\keys_set:nn {pdffield}{__pdffield/style/#1={#1}}}
                                950
                                951
                                (End definition for \pdffield setup:n and style. These functions are documented on page 5.)
```

}

,preset-textfield .code:n =

907

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# 8 Value keys

```
value
                      default
                                952 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_value_handler:n #1
\__pdffield_value_handler:n
                                        \msg_info:nnn {pdffield}{key-ignored}{value}
        \__pdffield_default_handler:n
                                956 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdffield_default_handler:n #1
                                        \msg_info:nnn {pdffield}{key-ignored}{default}
                                      }
                                 959
                                 960 \keys_define:nn {pdffield}
                                 961
                                                  .code:n = { \__pdffield_value_handler:n {#1} }
                                 962
                                        ,default .code:n = { \__pdffield_default_handler:n {#1}}
                                 963
                                      }
                                (End definition for value and others. These functions are documented on page 5.)
                                _{965} \langle /package \rangle
```

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