

# The caption package\*

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## Abstract

The `caption` package provides many ways to customise the captions in floating environments such `figure`, `table`, `sidewaysfigure`, and `sidewaystable`. The following L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> packages are supported: `float`, `longtable`, and `subfigure`. But it works fine with the following packages as well: `floatfig`, `rotating`, `supertabular`, and `wrapfig`.

## 1 Documentation? What documentation?

I'm sorry to say this, but there is no documentation provided with the new version of this package, yet. And it's still beta. I hope I can eliminate both circumstances in the near future; at the moment my spare time is very very limited, so I decided to make this beta public.

This new version is nearly compatible with the latest official release (version 1.4b), so you can use the old documentation so far. Here is what differs this version from version 1.4b:

- If the `caption` package will detect a loaded `float` package, it will *not* redefine the boxed style of floats anymore. If you want to have the old behaviour, you have to specify the new option `boxed` to the `caption2` package.
- Anything said about the `subfigure` package in the old doc isn't true anymore; the `caption` package is now adapted to the new version 2.0 of this package. Especially the `caption` package will *not* redefine `\@thesubfigure` and `\@thesubtable` anymore and it will *not* set `\subcapsize` – you have to do this now for yourself if you want to, e.g. with the following code:

```
\usepackage[normalsize]{subfigure}  
\usepackage[large]{caption}
```

So you can load the `caption2` package *before* loading the `subfigure` package now without problems, in fact this is recommended now. Don't care about what the old doc or the doc of the `subfigure` package is telling you!

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\*This package has version number 2.0(BETA), last revised 1995/10/09.

As a summary, the new caption package won't lead into different results of your documents just because of loading it (without options).

If you are really interested in the (many!) new features of this totally rewritten package, take a look in the provided test document (test2.tex) to get a idea of the new commands and possibilities. And feel yourself free to write a email to me, if any questions occur.

## 1.1 Just a few notes...

If you use the new command `\setcaptionwidth` to set the absolut width of a caption, you are not allowed to change `\captionmargin` anymore! Instead, use the new command `\setcaptionmargin` to do this.

Longtables will still take care of `\LTcapwidth`, even if you are setting your own width via `\setcaptionwidth` or `\setcaptionmargin`. To get rid of this, use the following code just after loading the caption2 package:

```
\dummyscaptionstyle{longtable}{}{}
```

or just specify the new package option `longtable`.

This package was developed and tested with following versions of the other packages:

package	version	date
float	1.2c	1995/03/29
longtable	3.15	1995/06/15
rotating	2.9	1995/04/07
subfigure	2.0	1995/03/06

Maybe it will work with older versions, maybe not...

BTW: If you are interested in rotated versions (like `sidewaysfigure` or `sidewaystable`) of new floats (defined with the float package), take a look at the `rotfloat` package, which comes from a very talented young man with a very german style of writing english docs (if he ever writes any!) and a very big mouth - myself :-)

## 2 Thanks

I would like to thank David Carlisle for his help writing the longtable support; without the changes in his package this wouldn't become possible.

### 3 The (not well documented) code

```
1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
2 \ProvidesPackage{caption2}[1995/10/09 v2.0 caption package (AS)]
3 \typeout{Package: caption v2.0(BETA) <1995/10/09> (Harald Sommerfeldt)}
4 %
5 % package detection message
6 \let\caption@message\undefined
7 \newcommand*\caption@package[1]{%
8   \ifx\caption@message\undefined
9     \message{\space\space\space\space\space\space\space\space\space\space
10              packages detected:}
11     \let\caption@message\empty
12   \fi
13   \message{#1}}
14 %
15 % 'internal' stuff
16 \newlength\realcaptionwidth
17 \newsavebox\captionbox
18 %
19 % Code initialisation, 'normal' stuff
20 \newcommand*\captionsize{}
21 \newcommand*\captionfont{\captionsize}
22 \newcommand*\captionlabelfont{}
23 \newcommand*\captionlabeldelim{:}
24 \newdimen\captionlabelsep
25 \sbox\captionbox{ }
26 \setlength\captionlabelsep{\wd\captionbox}
27 \newdimen\captionmargin
28 \newdimen\captionwidth
29 % only used by captionstyle 'indent', but can be used in user-defines styles
30 \newdimen\captionindent
31 \newif\ifonlinecaptions
32 \newif\iftakecaptionwidth
33 %
34 %\newcommand*\setcaptionfont[1]{%
35 %  \def\captionfont{#1}}
36 %\newcommand*\setcaptionlabelfont[1]{%
37 %  \def\captionlabelfont{#1}}
38 \newcommand*\setcaptionmargin[1]{%
39   \setlength\captionmargin{#1}%
40   \takecaptionwidthfalse}
41 \newcommand*\setcaptionwidth[1]{%
42   \setlength\captionwidth{#1}%
43   \takecaptionwidthtrue}
44 %
45 % \newcaptionstyle, \renewcaptionstyle & \defcaptionstyle
46 \newcommand\newcaptionstyle[2]{%
47   \expandafter\ifx\csname caption@@#1\endcsname\relax
48     \defcaptionstyle{#1}{#2}%
49   \else
50     \PackageError{caption}{Caption style '#1' already defined}{}%
51   \fi}
52 \newcommand\renewcaptionstyle[2]{%
```

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53 \expandafter\ifx\csname caption@@#1\endcsname\relax
54 \PackageError{caption}{Caption style '#1' undefined}{}%
55 \else
56 \defcaptionstyle{#1}{#2}%
57 \fi}
58 \newcommand\defcaptionstyle[2]{%
59 \@namedef{caption@@#1}{#2}}
60 \newcommand*\dummycaptionstyle[2]{%
61 \defcaptionstyle{#1}{%
62 \expandafter\ifx\csname caption@@\caption@style\expandafter\endcsname%
63 \csname caption@@#1\endcsname
64 \PackageError{caption}{You can't use the caption style '#1' directly}{%
65 The caption style '#1' is only a dummy and does not really exists.%
66 \MessageBreak You have to redefine it (with \protect\renewcaptionstyle)
67 before you can select\MessageBreak it with \protect\captionstyle.}%
68 \else
69 #2\usecaptionstyle{\caption@style}%
70 \fi}}
71 %
72 % preimplemented types of captions, all with a label and text,
73 % separated by \captionlabeldelim
74 \newcaptionstyle{normal}{\caption@make{normal}}
75 \newcaptionstyle{center}{\caption@make{center}}
76 \newcaptionstyle{flushleft}{\caption@make{flushleft}}
77 \newcaptionstyle{flushright}{\caption@make{flushright}}
78 \newcaptionstyle{centerlast}{\caption@make{centerlast}}
79 \newcaptionstyle{hang}{\caption@make{hang}}
80 \newcaptionstyle{indent}{\caption@make{indent}}
81 %
82 % \captionstyle
83 \newcommand*\captionstyle[1]{%
84 \expandafter\ifx\csname caption@@#1\endcsname\relax
85 \PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption style '#1'}{}%
86 \else
87 \def\caption@style{#1}%
88 \fi}
89 %
90 % Options
91 \DeclareOption{normal}{\captionstyle{normal}}
92 \DeclareOption{center}{\captionstyle{center}}
93 \DeclareOption{flushleft}{\captionstyle{flushleft}}
94 \DeclareOption{flushright}{\captionstyle{flushright}}
95 \DeclareOption{centerlast}{\captionstyle{centerlast}}
96 \DeclareOption{anne}{\ExecuteOptions{centerlast}}
97 \DeclareOption{hang}{\captionstyle{hang}}
98 \DeclareOption{isu}{\ExecuteOptions{hang}}
99 \DeclareOption{indent}{\captionstyle{indent}}
100 %
101 \DeclareOption{oneline}{\onelinecaptionstrue}
102 \DeclareOption{nooneline}{\onelinecaptionfalse}
103 %
104 \DeclareOption{scriptsize}{\renewcommand*\captionsize{\scriptsize}}
105 \DeclareOption{footnotesize}{\renewcommand*\captionsize{\footnotesize}}
106 \DeclareOption{small}{\renewcommand*\captionsize{\small}}

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```

107 \DeclareOption{normalsize}{\renewcommand*\captionsize{\normalsize}}
108 \DeclareOption{large}{\renewcommand*\captionsize{\large}}
109 \DeclareOption{Large}{\renewcommand*\captionsize{\Large}}
110 %
111 \DeclareOption{up}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\upshape}}
112 \DeclareOption{it}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\itshape}}
113 \DeclareOption{sl}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\slshape}}
114 \DeclareOption{sc}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\scshape}}
115 \DeclareOption{md}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\mdseries}}
116 \DeclareOption{bf}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\bfseries}}
117 \DeclareOption{rm}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\rmfamily}}
118 \DeclareOption{sf}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\sffamily}}
119 \DeclareOption{tt}{\renewcommand*\captionlabelfont{\ttfamily}}
120 %
121 \DeclareOption{boxed}{\AtEndOfPackage{%
122   \ifx\caption@ruled\undefined
123     \PackageWarningNoLine{caption}{%
124       Option 'boxed' is set but there is no 'float' package\MessageBreak
125       around here, so this option will be totally ignored}
126   \else
127     \dummyscaptionstyle{boxed}{}%
128   \fi}}
129 \DeclareOption{ruled}{\AtEndOfPackage{%
130   \ifx\caption@ruled\undefined
131     \PackageWarningNoLine{caption}{%
132       Option 'ruled' is set but there is no 'float' package\MessageBreak
133       around here, so this option will be totally ignored}
134   \else
135     \dummyscaptionstyle{ruled}{\onelinecaptionfalse\setcaptionmargin{0pt}}%
136   \fi}}
137 %
138 \DeclareOption{longtable}{\AtEndOfPackage{%
139   \ifx\caption@longtable\undefined
140     \PackageWarningNoLine{caption}{%
141       Option 'longtable' is set but there is no 'longtable' package\MessageBreak
142       around here, so this option will be totally ignored}
143   \else
144     \dummyscaptionstyle{longtable}{}%
145   \fi}}
146 %
147 \DeclareOption*{\AtEndOfPackage{%
148   \InputIfFileExists{\CurrentOption.caption}{}%
149   \PackageError{caption}{File '\CurrentOption.caption' not found}{%
150     You selected the unknown package option '\CurrentOption', so I
151     thought you want to\MessageBreak
152     input the definition file '\CurrentOption.caption' here
153     -- but there is no one!}}}}
154 %
155 \ExecuteOptions{normal,oneline}
156 \ProcessOptions
157 %
158 % \@makecaption
159 \renewcommand\@makecaption[2]{%
160   \vskip\abovecaptionskip

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```

161 \realcaptionwidth\linewidth
162 \def\captionlabel{#1}%
163 \def\captiontext{#2}%
164 \usecaptionstyle{\caption@style}%
165 \vskip\belowcaptionskip}
166 %
167 % Helpers for caption style authors
168 \newcommand*\caption@canterr[1]{%
169   \PackageError{caption}{You can't use \protect#1
170     in normal text}{The usage of \protect#1 is only
171     allowed inside code declared with\MessageBreak \protect\defcaptionstyle,
172     \protect\newcaptionstyle \space or \protect\renewcaptionstyle.}}
173 \newcommand\onlinecaption[2]{%
174   \ifx\captiontext\undefined
175     \caption@canterr{\onlinecaption}%
176   \else
177     \def\caption@temp{#2}%
178     \ifonlinecaptions
179       \sbox\captionbox{#1}%
180       \ifdim\wd\captionbox >\realcaptionwidth
181         \caption@temp
182       \else
183         {\centering\usebox{\captionbox}\par}%
184       \fi
185     \else
186       \caption@temp
187     \fi
188     \let\caption@temp\undefined
189   \fi}
190 \newcommand*\usecaptionmargin{%
191   \ifx\captiontext\undefined
192     \caption@canterr{\usecaptionmargin}%
193   \else
194     \iftakecaptionwidth
195       \leftskip\realcaptionwidth
196       \advance\leftskip by -\captionwidth
197       \divide\leftskip by 2
198       \rightskip\leftskip
199       \realcaptionwidth\captionwidth
200     \else
201       \leftskip\captionmargin
202       \rightskip\captionmargin
203       \advance\realcaptionwidth by -2\captionmargin
204     \fi
205   \fi}
206 \newcommand*\usecaptionstyle[1]{%
207   \ifx\captiontext\undefined
208     \caption@canterr{\usecaptionstyle}%
209   \else
210     \@ifundefined{caption@#1}%
211       {\PackageError{caption}{Caption style '#1' undefined}{}}%
212       {\@nameuse{caption@#1}}
213   \fi}
214 %

```

```

215 % equal code for normal, center, centerlast, hang, and indent
216 \newcommand*\caption@make[1]{%
217   \usecaptionmargin\captionfont
218   \def\caption@label{%
219     {\captionlabelfont\captionlabel\captionlabeldelim}%
220     \hskip\captionlabelsep}%
221   \onelinecaption{\caption@label\captiontext}%
222   {\@nameuse{caption@@#1}}}
223 %
224 % the preimplemented caption styles
225 \newcommand*\caption@@normal{%
226   \caption@label\captiontext\par}
227 \newcommand*\caption@@center{%
228   \parbox[t]{\realcaptionwidth}{\centering
229   \caption@label\captiontext\par}}%
230 \newcommand*\caption@@flushleft{%
231   \parbox[t]{\realcaptionwidth}{\raggedright
232   \caption@label\captiontext\par}}%
233 \newcommand*\caption@@flushright{%
234   \parbox[t]{\realcaptionwidth}{\raggedleft
235   \caption@label\captiontext\par}}%
236 \newcommand*\caption@@centerlast{%
237   \advance\leftskip by 0pt plus 1fil%
238   \advance\rightskip by 0pt plus -1fil%
239   \parfillskip 0pt plus 2fil%
240   \caption@label\captiontext\par}
241 \newcommand*\caption@@hang{%
242   \sbox\captionbox{\caption@label}%
243   \hangindent\wd\captionbox\noindent
244   \usebox\captionbox\captiontext\par}
245 \newcommand*\caption@@indent{%
246   \hangindent\captionindent\noindent
247   \caption@label\captiontext\par}

```

## Support of the float package

```

248 \ifx\floatc@plain\undefined
249 \else
250   \caption@package{float}
251 %
252 % interface float package -> caption package
253 \newcommand\caption@floatc[3]{%
254   \realcaptionwidth\linewidth
255   \def\captionlabel{#2}%
256   \def\captiontext{#3}%
257   \usecaptionstyle{#1}}
258 %
259 % floatstyle plain verwendet jetzt den gesetzten captionstyle
260 \renewcommand\floatc@plain{\caption@floatc{\caption@style}}
261 %
262 % floatstyle boxed auch (kann aber mit \renewcaptionstyle geändert werden)
263 \dummycaptionstyle{boxed}{\def\captionlabelfont{\bfseries}}
264 \newcommand\floatc@boxed{\caption@floatc{boxed}}
265 % jetzt muessen wir nur noch dafuer sorgen, dass es auch (statt floatc@plain)
266 % in \fs@boxed verwendet wird...

```

```

267 \let\caption@boxed\fs@boxed
268 \renewcommand\fs@boxed{\let\floatc@plain\floatc@boxed\caption@boxed}
269 %
270 % floatstyle ruled, dies geht zum Glueck wieder geradeaus
271 \newcaptionstyle{ruled}{\bfseries\captionlabel} \captiontext\par}
272 \renewcommand*\floatc@ruled{\caption@floatc{ruled}}
273 %
274 \fi

```

## Support of the longtable package

```

275 \ifx\LT@makecaption\undefined
276 \else
277 \caption@package{longtable}
278 \dummycaptionstyle{longtable}{\setcaptionwidth\LTcapwidth}
279 \renewcommand\LT@makecaption[3]{%
280 \LT@mcol\LT@cols c{\hbox to\z@{\hss\parbox[t]{\linewidth{%
281 \realcaptionwidth\linewidth
282 \ifx#1\@gobble
283 \def\captionlabel{}}%
284 \def\captionlabeldelim{}}%
285 \captionlabelsep\z@
286 \else
287 \def\captionlabel{#2}%
288 \fi
289 \def\captiontext{#3}%
290 \usecaptionstyle{longtable}%
291 \endgraf\vskip\baselineskip}%
292 \hss}}}
293 \fi

```

## Support of the subfigure package

```

294 \newcommand*\addtosubcaption[1]{%
295 \@ifundefined{@makesubfigurecaption}{\}%
296 \caption@package{subfigure}

```

\subcapsize

```

297 \newcommand*\subcapstyle[1]{%
298 \expandafter\ifx\csname caption@@#1\endcsname\relax
299 \PackageError{caption}{Undefined caption style '#1'}{\}%
300 \else
301 \def\caption@substyle{#1}%
302 \fi}

```

Detection of \caption@substyle.

```

303 \subcapstyle{normal}
304 \ifsubcaphang
305 \subcapstyle{hang}
306 \fi
307 \ifsubcapcenter
308 \subcapstyle{center}
309 \fi
310 \ifsubcapcenterlast
311 \subcapstyle{centerlast}
312 \fi

```

NOTE: `\subfigcapmargin` is *not* a length, it's a command. So we make `\subfigcapwidth` also a command!

```

313 \newif\iftakesubfigcapwidth
314 \newcommand*\subfigcapwidth{0pt}
315 % only used by captionstyle 'indent', but can be used in user-defines styles
316 \newlength\subcapindent

\setsubcapmargin
\setsubcapwidth 317 \newcommand*\setsubcapmargin[1]{%
318 \renewcommand*\subcapfigmargin{#1}%
319 \takesubfigcapwidthfalse}
320 \newcommand*\setsubcapwidth[1]{%
321 \renewcommand*\subcapfigwidth{#1}%
322 \takesubfigcapwidthtrue}

323 \renewcommand\@makesubfigurecaption[2]{%
324 \realcaptionwidth\@tempdima
325 \def\captionlabel{#1}%
326 \def\captiontext{#2}%
327 \let\captionfont\subcapsize
328 \let\captionlabelfont\relax
329 \let\captionlabeldelim\empty
330 \captionlabelsep0pt
331 \ifsubcapnooneline\onelinecaptionsfalse\else\onelinecaptionstrue\fi
332 \iftakesubfigcapwidth\takecaptionwidthtrue\else\takecaptionwidthfalse\fi
333 \setlength\captionmargin{\subfigcapmargin}%
334 \setlength\captionwidth{\subfigcapwidth}%
335 \captionindent\subcapindent
336 \hbox{\parbox[t]{\@tempdima{\strut\usecaptionstyle{\caption@substyle}}}}

337 \renewcommand*\addtosubcaption[1]{%
338 \let\caption@makesubfigurecaption\@makesubfigurecaption
339 \renewcommand\@makesubfigurecaption[2]{%
340 #1\caption@makesubfigurecaption}
341 \let\@makesubtablecaption\@makesubfigurecaption}}

```

## Cleaning up

```

342 \ifx\caption@message\undefined
343 \else\message{^^J}\let\caption@message\undefined\fi
344 \let\caption@package\undefined
345 \let\caption@subcapsize\undefined

```

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