

The hrefhide package

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Abstract

This L^AT_EX package allows to “hide” some (hyperlinked) text when printing the document while keeping the layout and to simulate switching `ocgcolor` of `hyperref` package on and off. –
This package is possibly obsolete, see section 3: Alternatives.

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1 Introduction

This L^AT_EX package provides the command `\hrefdisplayonly` (additionally to `\href` of the `hyperref` package). While the (hyperlinked) text appears like an ordinary `\href` in the compiled `.pdf`-file, the same text will be “hidden” when printing the text. It is not really invisible, but just has the same color as the background (default: `white`). Therefore the layout is not changed when printing the document.

Further the commands `\hycon` and `\hycoff` (hyper-colour-on/off) can be used to *simulate* switching option `ocgcolorlinks` of the `hyperref` package on and off. This package is possibly obsolete, see section 3: Alternatives.

2 Usage

Just load the package placing

```
\usepackage[<options>]{hrefhide}
```

in the preamble of your L^AT_EX 2_ε source file **after** the `hyperref` package. For a link, which shall not be printed, use `\hrefdisplayonly` instead of `\href`. This might be practical for example for internal links, which make no sense in a printed version (“Click here” does not work with physical paper).

`\hypersetup{ocgcolorlinks=true}` and `\hypersetup{ocgcolorlinks=false}` may work - or they may not. (`ocgcolorlinks` is a decision to be made in the preamble and performs changes which cannot easily be reverted.) But it is possible to use `ocgcolorlinks` while letting the links *appear* as if `ocgcolorlinks=false` was chosen. Therefore this package provides the command `\hycoff` (and `\hycon` to switch back to default `ocgcolorlinks=true` behaviour). Note that `ocgcolorlinks=true` really is enabled, therefore all limitation of this apply (e. g. no breaks in links).

2.1 Options

options The `hrefhide` package takes the following options:

2.1.1 linktextcolour

linktextcolour The option `linktextcolour` takes the color of the text of the links. The default is `black`.

2.1.2 backgroundcolour

backgroundcolour The option `backgroundcolour` takes the color of the background of the links. The default is `white`.

2.1.3 pdfborder

pdfborder The option `pdfborder` takes the configuration of the `pdfborder` around the link. The default is `{0 0 1}`, i. e. a 1 pt rectangular line. `{0 0 0}` means no line.

3 Alternatives

`ocgcolorlinks` If option `ocgcolorlinks` (of the `hyperref` package) is already used in your document (i.e. you *want* colored links), do **NOT** use this `hrefhide` package to hide links! For a link to be “hidden”, just say

```
{\color{white} \href{...}{...}}
```

(and replace `white` with the background color; when the `pagecolor` package is used, `\thepagecolor` instead of `white` should be used).

`pdfcomment` For hiding text, which does not contain links, the `pdfcomment` package by JOSEF KLEBER should be noted.

`ocgx2` This `hrefhide` package is possibly obsolete. Using the `ocgx2` package

```
\usepackage[<options>]{ocgx2}
\begin{ocg}[<options>]{<layer name>}{<OCG id>}{<initial visibility>}
... material to be put on a PDF layer ...
\end{ocg}
```

one can say

```
\begin{ocg}[printocg=never, exportocg=never, listintoolbar=never%
]{MyLayer}{example}{1}%
\hyperref[RefB]{B} \url{https://ctan.org/} simple text etc.%
\end{ocg}%
```

and the links will be visible in the pdf document but will turn into blank space when printed.

4 Example

```
1 (*example)
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2022-11-01]
3 \documentclass[british]{article}[2022/07/02]% v1.4n Standard LaTeX document class
4 \usepackage[lipsum][2021-09-20]% v2.7 150 paragraphs of Lorem Ipsum dummy text
5 \usepackage[ocgcolorlinks,bookmarks=false,bookmarksopen=false%
6 ]{hyperref}[2023-02-07]% v7.00v Hypertext links for LaTeX
7 % Bookmarks are not needed here, but are possible, of course.
8 \hypersetup{extension=pdf,%
9 plainpages=false,%
10 pdfpagelabels=true,%
11 hyperindex=false,%
12 pdflang={en},%
13 pdftitle={hrefhide package example},%
14 pdfauthor={H.-Martin Muench},%
15 pdfsubject={Example for the hrefhide package},%
16 pdfkeywords={LaTeX, hrefhide},%
17 pdfview=Fit,pdfstartview=Fit,%
18 pdfpagelayout=SinglePage%
19 }
20 \usepackage[linktextcolour=black,backgroundcolour=white,pdfborder={0 0 1}%
21 ]{hrefhide}[2023-02-26]% v1.1a Hiding hyperrefs when printing pdf files (HMM)
22 \listfiles
23 \begin{document}
24 \pagenumbering{arabic}
25 \section*{Example for hrefhide}
26 \markboth{Example for hrefhide}{Example for hrefhide}
27
28 This example demonstrates the use of package\newline
29 \textsf{hrefhide}, v1.1a as of 2023-02-26 (HMM).\newline
```

30 The used options were `\texttt{linktextcolour=black}`,

31 `\texttt{backgroundcolour=white}`, and `\texttt{pdfborder={0 0 1}}`

32 (the default ones).\newline

33 For more details please see the documentation!\newline

34

35 `\textit{Print-\textbf{preview}}` the first page of this document

36 and compare it with the page as displayed in your pdf reader.}

37

38 `\bigskip`

39 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet `\href{\#target}{link to target}` consectetur

40 adipiscing elit, sed diam nonummy nibh euismod tincidunt ut laoreet

41 dolore magna aliquam erat volutpat.

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43 Ut wisi enim ad minim

44 `veniam \hrefdisplayonly{\#target}{hidden link to target}` quis nostrud

45 exerci tation ullamcorper suscipit lobortis nisl ut aliquip ex ea

46 commodo consequat.

47

48 Duis autem vel eum iriure dolor `\href{\#target}{link to target}` in

49 hendrerit in vulputate velit esse molestie consequat, vel illum dolore

50 eu feugiat nulla facilisis at vero eros et accumsan et iusto odio

51 dignissim qui blandit praesent luptatum zzril delenit augue

52 dui dolore te feugait nulla facilisi.

53

54 `\noindent \textbf{\textsf{%`

55 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefA}{A}`

56 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefB}{B}`

57 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefC}{C}`

58 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefD}{D}`

59 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefE}{E}`

60 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefF}{F}`

61 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefG}{G}`

62 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefH}{H}`

63 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefI}{I}`

64 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefJ}{J}`

65 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefK}{K}`

66 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefL}{L}`

67 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefM}{M}`

68 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefN}{N}`

69 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefO}{O}`

70 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefP}{P}`

71 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefQ}{Q}`

72 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefR}{R}`

73 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefS}{S}`

74 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefT}{T}`

75 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefU}{U}`

76 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefV}{V}`

77 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefW}{W}`

78 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefX}{X}`

79 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefY}{Y}`

80 `\hrefdisplayonly{\#RefZ}{Z}}`\linebreak

81

82 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Ut purus elit,

83 vestibulum ut, placerat ac, adipiscing vitae, felis. Curabitur dictum gravida

84 mauris. Nam arcu libero, nonummy eget, consectetur id, vulputate a,

85 magna.

86

87 Switching to colored links with `\verb|\hycon|`:\newline

88 `\hycon%`

89 `\href{\#RefX}{section X}` and also

90 `\href{https://ctan.org/pkg/hrefhide}{https://ctan.org/pkg/hrefhide}`.

91

```

92 Switching off the colored links with \verb|\hycoff| again:\newline
93 \hycoff%
94 \href{\#RefX}{section X} and also
95 \href{https://ctan.org/pkg/hrefhide}{https://ctan.org/pkg/hrefhide}.
96 \pagebreak
97
98 {\Large \textbf{Targets}}\}
99 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed diam
100 nonummy nibh euismod tincidunt ut laoreet dolore magna aliquam erat
101 volutpat. \hypertarget{target}{target text} Ut wisi enim ad minim
102 veniam, quis nostrud exerci tation ullamcorper suscipit lobortis
103 nisl ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.
104
105 \section[A]{\hypertarget{RefA}{A}} \lipsum[1]
106 \section[B]{\hypertarget{RefB}{B}} \lipsum[1]
107 \section[C]{\hypertarget{RefC}{C}} \lipsum[1]
108 \section[D]{\hypertarget{RefD}{D}} \lipsum[1]
109 \section[E]{\hypertarget{RefE}{E}} \lipsum[1]
110 \section[F]{\hypertarget{RefF}{F}} \lipsum[1]
111 \section[G]{\hypertarget{RefG}{G}} \lipsum[1]
112 \section[H]{\hypertarget{RefH}{H}} \lipsum[1]
113 \section[I]{\hypertarget{RefI}{I}} \lipsum[1]
114 \section[J]{\hypertarget{RefJ}{J}} \lipsum[1]
115 \section[K]{\hypertarget{RefK}{K}} \lipsum[1]
116 \section[L]{\hypertarget{RefL}{L}} \lipsum[1]
117 \section[M]{\hypertarget{RefM}{M}} \lipsum[1]
118 \section[N]{\hypertarget{RefN}{N}} \lipsum[1]
119 \section[O]{\hypertarget{RefO}{O}} \lipsum[1]
120 \section[P]{\hypertarget{RefP}{P}} \lipsum[1]
121 \section[Q]{\hypertarget{RefQ}{Q}} \lipsum[1]
122 \section[R]{\hypertarget{RefR}{R}} \lipsum[1]
123 \section[S]{\hypertarget{RefS}{S}} \lipsum[1]
124 \section[T]{\hypertarget{RefT}{T}} \lipsum[1]
125 \section[U]{\hypertarget{RefU}{U}} \lipsum[1]
126 \section[V]{\hypertarget{RefV}{V}} \lipsum[1]
127 \section[W]{\hypertarget{RefW}{W}} \lipsum[1]
128 \section[X]{\hypertarget{RefX}{X}} \lipsum[1]
129 \section[Y]{\hypertarget{RefY}{Y}} \lipsum[1]
130 \section[Z]{\hypertarget{RefZ}{Z}} \lipsum[1]
131 \end{document}
132 </example>

```

5 The implementation

We start off by checking that we are loading into L^AT_εX 2_ε and announcing the name and version of this package.

```
133 (*package)
134 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2022-11-01]
135 \ProvidesPackage{hrefhide}[2023-02-26 v1.1a
136     Hiding hyperrefs when printing pdf files (HMM)]
137 %% Allows to "hide" hyperlinked text in a pdf file when printing
138 %% ("Click here" does not work on physical paper)
139 %% by providing the command \hrefdisplayonly
140 %% and allows simulating to switch on/off ocgcolourlinks
141 %% of the hyperref package.
142
143 \@ifl@t@r\fmtversion{2022/11/01}{% would have understood
144 % \IfFormatAtLeastTF{2022-11-01}{<true code>}{<>false code>}
145 }{\PackageError{hrefhide}{%
146     Newer LaTeX format needed or older hrefhide package%
147     }{Needed LaTeX format version: 2022-11-01 or newer.\MessageBreak%
148     Found\space\space LaTeX format version: \fmtversion.\MessageBreak%
149     Either update your TeX distribution\MessageBreak%
150     or use an archived version of hrefhide\MessageBreak%
151     (see section History in the documentation).\MessageBreak%
152     }
153 }
154
```

We need the xcolor package by DR. UWE KERN

```
155 \RequirePackage{xcolor}[2022/06/12]% v2.14 LaTeX color extensions (UK)
the hyperref package
156 \RequirePackage[ocgcolorlinks]{hyperref}[2023-02-07]% v7.00v Hypertext links for LaTeX
and the kvoptions package by HEIKO OBERDIEK
157 \RequirePackage{kvoptions}[2022-06-15]% v3.15 Key value format for package options (HO)
See subsection 6.1 about how to get them.
```

The options are introduced:

```
158
159 \SetupKeyvalOptions{family=hrefhide,prefix=hrefhide@}
160 \DeclareStringOption[black]{linktextcolour}[black]
161 \DeclareStringOption[white]{backgroundcolour}[white]
162 \DeclareStringOption[{0 0 1}]{pdfborder} [{0 0 1}]
163
164 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*
165
166 \newif\ifhrefhide
167
```

The new commands are defined:

\hycon

```
168 \DeclareRobustCommand{\hycon}{%
169 \ifhrefhide%
170 \PackageWarning{hrefhide}{\string\hycon\space called when OCG-link %
171 coloring was not OFF\MessageBreak%
172 - nothing done}%
173 \else%
174 \@ifundefined{@anchorbordercolor}{%
175 \hypersetup{anchorcolor=\hrefhide@anchorbordercolor}%
176 }{%
177 \definecolor{hyanchorbordercolor}{rgb}{\@anchorbordercolor}%
178 \hypersetup{anchorcolor=hyanchorbordercolor}%

```

```

179 }%
because there is no anchorborder(color) in hyperref.
180 \definecolor{hycitebordercolor}{rgb}{\@citebordercolor}%
181 \hypersetup{citecolor=hycitebordercolor}%
182 \definecolor{hyfilebordercolor}{rgb}{\@filebordercolor}%
183 \hypersetup{filecolor=hyfilebordercolor}%
184 \definecolor{hylinkbordercolor}{rgb}{\@linkbordercolor}%
185 \hypersetup{linkcolor=hylinkbordercolor}%
186 \definecolor{hymenubordercolor}{rgb}{\@menubordercolor}%
187 \hypersetup{menucolor=hymenubordercolor}%
188 \definecolor{hyrunbordercolor}{rgb}{\@runbordercolor}%
189 \hypersetup{runcolor=hyrunbordercolor}%
190 \definecolor{hyurlbordercolor}{rgb}{\@urlbordercolor}%
191 \hypersetup{urlcolor=hyurlbordercolor}%
192 \hypersetup{pdfborder=0 0 0}%
193 \hrefhidetrue%
194 \PackageInfo{hrefhide}{OCG-link coloring ON\MessageBreak}%
195 \fi%
196 }
197

```

If link coloring is already ON, nothing is done. Otherwise `\hycon` looks for the color of the border of a link type and sets the color of the text of that link type to that color.

`\hycoff` This package on the one hand uses the `ocgcolor` option of the `hyperref` package, but on the other hand does not really want colored links (see 3). Thus we simulate to turn it off:

```

198 \DeclareRobustCommand{\hycoff}{%
199 \ifhrefhide%
200 \@ifundefined{@anchorbordercolor}{%
201 \xdef\hrefhide@anchorbordercolor{\@anchorcolor}%
202 }{\hypersetup{anchorbordercolor=\@anchorcolor}%
203 }%

```

because there is no `anchorborder(color)` in `hyperref`.

```

204 \hypersetup{anchorcolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
205 \hypersetup{citebordercolor=\@citecolor}%
206 \hypersetup{citecolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
207 \hypersetup{filebordercolor=\@filecolor}%
208 \hypersetup{filecolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
209 \hypersetup{linkbordercolor=\@linkcolor}%
210 \hypersetup{linkcolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
211 \hypersetup{menubordercolor=\@menucolor}%
212 \hypersetup{menucolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
213 \hypersetup{runbordercolor=\@runcolor}%
214 \hypersetup{runcolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
215 \hypersetup{urlbordercolor=\@urlcolor}%
216 \hypersetup{urlcolor=\hrefhide@linktextcolour}%
217 \hypersetup{pdfborder=\hrefhide@pdfborder}%
218 \hrefhidefalse%

```

If link coloring is already OFF, nothing is done. Otherwise the color of the respective border is set to the color of the text of the link type, setting the color of the text of the link type to `\hrefhide@linktextcolour` (default: black) and the link border again to `\hrefhide@pdfborder` (default: rectangle with 1pt line thickness).

While link coloring is really ON, we thus emulate the behaviour of link coloring OFF, therefore we give this message:

```

219 \PackageInfo{hrefhide}{OCG-link coloring OFF (sort of; hrefhide package)%
220 \MessageBreak}%
221 \else%

```

```

222 \PackageWarning{hrefhide}{\string\hycoff\space called when OCG-link %
223 coloring was not ON\MessageBreak%
224 - nothing done}%
225 \fi%
226 }
227

```

Nevertheless, all restrictions of `ocgcolorlinks`, e. g. no links breaking over lines, still prevail!

`\hrefdisplayonly` The command `\hrefdisplayonly` is defined:

```

228 \DeclareRobustCommand{\hrefdisplayonly}[2]{%
229 {\color{\hrefhide@backgroundcolour}\href{#1}{#2}}}
230

```

which just sets the color of the link to `\hrefhide@backgroundcolour` for printing, thereby turning it “invisible”.

`\AddToHook{begindocument}`

```

231 \AddToHook{begindocument}{%

```

Here it is checked whether the `hyperref` package was loaded with option `ocgcolorlinks`. (`hrefhide` calls it with option `ocgcolorlinks` (i. e. `=true`), but in the preamble it would be possible to really turn it off again by `\hypersetup{ocgcolorlinks=false}`. This `hrefhide` package needs the `hyperref` package with option `ocgcolorlinks`. If package and/or option are/is missing, the appropriate error message is given.

```

232 \IfPackageLoadedWithOptionsTF{hyperref}{ocgcolorlinks}{\hrefhidetrue}{%
233 \hrefhidefalse%
234 \PackageError{hrefhide}{hyperref package missing option ocgcolorlinks}{%
235 The package hrefhide needs the hyperref package\MessageBreak%
236 with option ocgcolorlinks.\MessageBreak%
237 That option is missing!\MessageBreak%
238 Now the link(s) will be ''hidden'' in pdf view also.\MessageBreak%
239 }%
240 }%

```

We check whether `\Hy@driver` is `hpdftex`, i. e. a `.pdf`-file is in production.

```

241 \def\hrefhide@driver{hpdftex}%
242 \ifx\Hy@driver\hrefhide@driver\relax%
243 \else%

```

If this is not the case (for example for a `.dvi`-file), the error message is given.

```

244 \PackageError{hrefhide}{Producing not a pdf file}{%
245 The package hrefhide only works for a pdf file,\MessageBreak%
246 but driver \Hy@driver\space instead of \hrefhide@driver\space%
247 was found.\MessageBreak%
248 Use pdfLaTeX to compile your document.\MessageBreak%
249 (Probably no large harm was done, but the respective\MessageBreak%
250 link text will neither be hidden when printing.)\MessageBreak%
251 }%
252 \fi%

```

Because we need link coloring, we use option `ocgcolorlinks`, but because we do not want colored links, we emulate the behaviour of link coloring OFF, therefore `\hycoff` is used at the beginning:

```

253 \hycoff%
254 }
255
256 </package>

```


6 Installation

6.1 Downloads

Everything is available at <https://www.ctan.org>, but may need additional packages themselves.

`hrefhide.dtx` For unpacking the `hrefhide.dtx` file and constructing the documentation it is required:

- T_EX Format L^AT_EX 2_ε 2022-11-01 or newer: <https://www.CTAN.org>
- document class `ltxdoc`, 2022/06/22, v2.1i, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/ltxdoc>
- package `holtxdoc`, 2019/12/09, v0.30, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/holtxdoc>

`hrefhide.sty` The `hrefhide.sty` for L^AT_EX 2_ε (i.e. each document using the `hrefhide` package) requires:

- T_EX Format L^AT_EX 2_ε 2022-11-01 or newer, <https://www.CTAN.org>
- package `xcolor`, 2022/06/12, v2.14, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/xcolor>
- package `hyperref`, 2023-02-07, v7.00v, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/hyperref>
- package `kvoptions`, 2022-06-15, v3.15, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/kvoptions>
- package `hrefhide`, 2023-02-26, v1.1a, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/hrefhide>
(Because you are reading the documentation for the `hrefhide` package, it can be assumed that you already have some version of it – is it the current one?)

`hrefhide-example.tex` The `hrefhide-example.tex` requires the same files as all documents using the `hrefhide` package (see preceding paragraph `hrefhide.sty`) and additionally:

- class `article`, 2022/07/02, v1.4n, from classes: <https://ctan.org/pkg/classes>
- package `lipsum`, 2021-09-20, v2.7, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/lipsum>
This package is only needed for some blind text.

Alternatives As possible alternatives in section 3, Alternatives, there are listed (newer versions might be available):

- package `hyperref`, 2023-02-07, v7.00v, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/hyperref>
with option `ocgcolorlinks` and `{\color{white}\href{...}{...}}`.
- package `pdfcomment`, 2018/11/01, v2.4a, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/pdfcomment>
for text **outside** of links
- package `ocgx2`, 2022/12/16, v0.56, <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/ocgx2>

Oberdiek All packages of the ‘oberdiek’ bundle (especially `holtxdoc` and `kvoptions`) are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive:

`kvoptions` <https://mirror.ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip>.

It is probably best to download and use this, because the packages in there are quite probably both recent and compatible among themselves.

hyperref `hyperref` is not included in that bundle and needs to be downloaded separately, <https://mirror.ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/hyperref.tds.zip>.

Münch A hyperlinked list of my (other) packages can be found at <https://www.ctan.org/author/muench-hm>.

6.2 Package, unpacking TDS

Package. This package is available on <https://www.CTAN.org>.

<https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/hrefhide/hrefhide.dtx>
The source file.

<https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/hrefhide/hrefhide.pdf>
The documentation.

<https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/hrefhide/hrefhide-example.pdf>
The compiled example file, as it should look like.

<https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/hrefhide/README>
The README file.

There is also a `hrefhide.tds.zip` available:

<https://mirror.ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/hrefhide.tds.zip>
Everything in TDS compliant, compiled format.

which additionally contains

<code>hrefhide.ins</code>	The installation file.
<code>hrefhide.drv</code>	The driver to generate the documentation.
<code>hrefhide.sty</code>	The <code>.sty</code> file.
<code>hrefhide-example.tex</code>	The example file.

For required other packages, please see the preceding subsection.

Unpacking. The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$:

```
tex hrefhide.dtx
```

About generating the documentation see paragraph 6.4 below.

TDS. Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

<code>hrefhide.sty</code>	\rightarrow <code>tex/latex/hrefhide.sty</code>
<code>hrefhide.pdf</code>	\rightarrow <code>doc/latex/hrefhide.pdf</code>
<code>hrefhide-example.tex</code>	\rightarrow <code>doc/latex/hrefhide-example.tex</code>
<code>hrefhide-example.pdf</code>	\rightarrow <code>doc/latex/hrefhide-example.pdf</code>
<code>hrefhide.dtx</code>	\rightarrow <code>source/latex/hrefhide.dtx</code>

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

6.3 Refresh file name databases

If your $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ distribution ($\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ Live, $\text{MiK}_{\text{T}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ Live users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

6.4 Some details for the interested

Unpacking with $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$. The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$: Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

$\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using \LaTeX for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need \LaTeX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{hrefhide.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by a configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put the following line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with `pdf \LaTeX` :

```
pdfflatex hrefhide.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist hrefhide.idx
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6.5 Compiling the example

The example file, `hrefhide-example.tex`, can be compiled via

```
pdfflatex hrefhide-example.tex
```

(but **not** `latex hrefhide-example.tex!`)

and will need at least two compiler runs to get all references right.

7 Acknowledgements

I would like to thank HEIKO OBERDIEK for providing a lot of useful packages (from which I also got everything I know about creating a file in `.dtx` format, ok, say it: copying), and the `news:comp.text.tex` and `news:de.comp.text.tex` newsgroups for their help in all things \TeX .

8 History

[2010/02/18 v0.1]

- First idea about this as a reply of mine to a question on `news:comp.text.tex` (Subject: "Hiding" interactive parts of pdf when printing), see e. g. https://groups.google.com/g/comp.text.tex/c/JGXs0n2UUhw/m/o9c3KL_u2YAJ.

[2010/06/01 v1.0(a)]

- First version of the `hrefhide` package.

[2010/06/03 v1.0b]

- Example adapted to other examples of mine.
- Updated references to other packages.
- TDS locations updated.
- Several changes in the documentation and the Readme file.

[2010/06/24 v1.0c]

- pdfcomment package listed as alternative for text **outside** of hyperlinks.
- holtxdoc warning in drv updated.
- Corrected the location of the package at CTAN.
(In that version TDS was still missing due to packaging error.)
- Updated reference to other package: hyperref.
- Added a list of my other packages.

[2010/07/29 v1.0d]

- Corrected given url of hrefhide.tds.zip and other urls.
- Included a url for the newsgroup post (in History).
- Included a \Checksum.
- Minor details.

[2011/02/01 v1.0e]

- Changed the \unit definition (got rid of an old \rm).
[Removed in version 1.1a.]
- Moved the package from .../latex/muench/hrefhide/... to
.../latex/hrefhide/....
- Replaced the list of my packages with a link to a web page list of those,
which has the advantage of showing the recent versions of all those
packages.
- Minor details.

[2011/04/29 v1.0f]

- The holtxdoc package was fixed (then: 2011/02/04, v0.21), therefore the
warning in drv could be removed. – Adapted the style of this
documentation to new OBERDIEK dtx style.
- Removed the ltxdoc.cfg file for the documentation.
- Bug fix: The previous versions only hide links of type “link”. Now the
types citation, page reference, URL, local file reference, and “other
links”-type are “hidden”.
- With \hycon and \hycoff it is now possible to *simulate* the switching
on/off of ocolorlinks in the document.
- Instead of color now the xcolor package is used.
- A lot of details.
- This version has been archived at
<https://web.archive.org/web/20190417081010/https://mirror.ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/hrefhide.tds.zip>

[2023-02-26 v1.1a]

- Made the `\newcommands` robust.
- Removed `\unit`.
- Converted to UTF-8.
- Updated to L^AT_EX format 2022-11-01.
- Extensive updates of the Documentation and README.

When you find a mistake or have a suggestion for an improvement of this package, please send an e-mail to the maintainer, thanks! (Please see BUG REPORTS in the README.)

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