

# The `setouterhbox` package

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## Abstract

If math stuff is set in an `\hbox`, then TeX performs some optimization and omits the implicit penalties `\binoppenalty` and `\relpenalty`. This package tries to put stuff into an `\hbox` without getting lost of those penalties.

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# 1 Documentation

## 1.1 Introduction

There is a situation in `hyperref`'s driver for dvips where the user wants to have links that can be broken across lines. However dvips doesn't support the feature. With option `breaklinks` `hyperref` sets the links as usual, put them in a box and write the link data with box dimensions into the appropriate `\specials`. Then, however, it does not set the complete unbreakable box, but it unwraps the material inside to allow line breaks. Of course line breaking and glue setting will falsify the link dimensions, but line breaking was more important for the user.

## 1.2 Acknowledgement

Jonathan Fine, Donald Arsenau and me discussed the problem in the newsgroup `comp.text.tex` where Damian Menscher has started the thread, see [1].

The discussion was productive and generated many ideas and code examples. In order to have a more permanent result I wrote this package and tried to implement most of the ideas, a kind of summary of the discussion. Thus I want and have to thank Jonathan Fine and Donald Arsenau very much.

Two weeks later David Kastrup (posting in `comp.text.tex`, [2]) remembered an old article of Michael Downes ([3]) in TUGboat, where Michael Downes already presented the method we discuss here. Nowadays we have  $\varepsilon$ -`TeX` that extends the tool set of a `TeX` macro programmer. Especially useful  $\varepsilon$ -`TeX` was in this package for detecting and dealing with erroneous situations.

However also nowadays a perfect solution for the problem is still missing at macro level. Probably someone has to go deep in the internals of the `TeX` compiler to implement a switch that let penalties stay where otherwise `TeX` would remove them for optimization reasons.

## 1.3 Usage

**Package loading.** `LATeX`: as usually:

```
\usepackage{setouterhbox}
```

The package can also be included directly, thus plain `TeX` users write:

```
\input setouterhbox.sty
```

**Register allocation.** The material will be put into a box, thus we need to know these box number. If you need to allocate a new box register:

`LATeX`: `\newsavebox{\<name>}`

`plain TeX`: `\newbox\<name>`

Then `\<name>` is a command that held the box number.

**Box wrapping.** `LATeX` users put the material in the box with an environment similar to `lrbox`. The environment `setouterhbox` uses the same syntax and offers the same features, such as verbatim stuff inside:

```
\begin{setouterhbox}{\<box number>}... \end{setouterhbox}
```

Users with plain `TeX` do not have environments, they use instead:

```
\setouterhbox{\<box number>}... \endsetouterhbox
```

In both cases the material is put into an `\hbox` and assigned to the given box, denoted by `\<box number>`. Note the assignment is local, the same way `lrbox` behaves.

**Unwrapping.** The box material is ready for unwrapping:

```
\unhbox<box number>
```

## 1.4 Option `hyperref`

Package `url` uses math mode for typesetting urls. Break points are inserted by `\binoppenalty` and `\relpenalty`. Unhappily these break points are removed, if `hyperref` is used with option `breaklinks` and drivers that depend on `pdfmark`: `dvijs`, `vtexpdfmark`, `textures`, and `dvipsone`. Thus the option `hyperref` enables the method of this package to avoid the removal of `\relpenalty` and `\binoppenalty`. Thus you get more break points. However, the link areas are still wrong for these drivers, because they are not supporting broken links.

Note, you need version 2006/08/16 v6.75c of package `hyperref`, because starting with this version the necessary hook is provided that package `setouterhbox` uses.

```
\usepackage[...]{hyperref}[2006/08/16]
\usepackage[hyperref]{setouterhbox}
```

Package order does not matter.

## 1.5 Example

```
1  (*example)
2 \documentclass[a5paper]{article}
3 \usepackage{url}[2005/06/27]
4 \usepackage{setouterhbox}
5
6 \newsavebox{\testbox}
7
8 \setlength{\parindent}{0pt}
9 \setlength{\parskip}{2em}
10
11 \begin{document}
12 \raggedright
13
14 \url{http://this.is.a.very.long.host.name/followed/%
15 by/a/very_long_long_long_path.html}%
16
17 \sbox{\testbox}%
18   \url{http://this.is.a.very.long.host.name/followed/%
19   by/a/very_long_long_long_path.html}%
20 }%
21 \unhbox{\testbox}
22
23 \begin{setouterhbox}{\testbox}%
24   \url{http://this.is.a.very.long.host.name/followed/%
25   by/a/very_long_long_long_path.html}%
26 \end{setouterhbox}
27 \unhbox{\testbox}
28
29 \end{document}
30 (/example)
```

## 2 Implementation

Internal macros are prefixed by `\setouterhbox`, `@` is not used inside names, thus we do not need to care of its catcode if we are not using it as L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package.

### 2.1 Package start stuff

```
31 (*package)
```

Prevent reloading more than one, necessary for plain TeX: Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```

32 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
33   \catcode13=5 % ^^M
34   \endlinechar=13 %
35   \catcode35=6 % #
36   \catcode39=12 % '
37   \catcode44=12 % ,
38   \catcode45=12 % -
39   \catcode46=12 % .
40   \catcode58=12 % :
41   \catcode64=11 % @
42   \catcode123=1 % {
43   \catcode125=2 % }
44 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@setouterhbox.sty\endcsname
45 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
46 \else
47   \def\empty{}%
48   \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
49     % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
50   \else
51     \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
52       \def\x#1#2{%
53         \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
54       }%
55     \else
56       \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
57     \fi
58     \x{setouterhbox}{The package is already loaded}%
59     \aftergroup\endinput
60   \fi
61 \fi
62 \endgroup%
```

Package identification:

```

63 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
64   \catcode13=5 % ^^M
65   \endlinechar=13 %
66   \catcode35=6 % #
67   \catcode39=12 % '
68   \catcode40=12 % (
69   \catcode41=12 % )
70   \catcode44=12 % ,
71   \catcode45=12 % -
72   \catcode46=12 % .
73   \catcode47=12 % /
74   \catcode58=12 % :
75   \catcode64=11 % @
76   \catcode91=12 % [
77   \catcode93=12 % ]
78   \catcode123=1 % {
79   \catcode125=2 % }
80 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
81   \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
82     \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
83     \xdef#1{#4}%
84   }%
85 \else
86   \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
87     #2[#3]%
88     \ifx#1\undefined
89       \xdef#1{#3}%
90     \fi

```

```

91      \ifx#1\relax
92          \xdef#1{#3}%
93      \fi
94  }%
95 \fi
96 \expandafter\x\csname ver@setouterhbox.sty\endcsname
97 \ProvidesPackage{setouterhbox}%
98 [2007/09/09 v1.7 Set hbox in outer horizontal mode (HO)]%
99 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
100 \catcode13=5 % ^M
101 \endlinechar=13 %
102 \catcode123=1 % {
103 \catcode125=2 % }
104 \catcode64=11 % @
105 \def\x{\endgroup
106 \expandafter\edef\csname setouterhboxAtEnd\endcsname{%
107 \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
108 \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
109 \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
110 \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
111 \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
112 \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
113 \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
114 \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
115 }%
116 }%
117 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
118 \catcode13=5 % ^M
119 \endlinechar=13 %
120 \catcode35=6 % #
121 \catcode64=11 % @
122 \catcode123=1 % {
123 \catcode125=2 % }
124 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
125 \edef\setouterhboxAtEnd{%
126 \setouterhboxAtEnd
127 \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
128 }%
129 \catcode#1=#2\relax
130 }%
131 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}%
132 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}%
133 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}%
134 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}%
135 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}%
136 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}%
137 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}%
138 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}%
139 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}%
140 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}%
141 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}%
142 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}%
143 \edef\setouterhboxAtEnd{\setouterhboxAtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

```

## 2.2 Interface macros

`\setouterhboxBox` The method requires a global box assignment. To be on the safe side, a new box register is allocated for this global box assignment.

```
144 \newbox\setouterhboxBox
```

`\setouterhboxFailure` Error message for both plain TeX and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

```
145 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
```

```

146 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
147   \input infwarerr.sty\relax
148 \else
149   \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]%
150 \fi
151 \edef\setouterhboxFailure#1#2{%
152   \expandafter\noexpand\csname @PackageError\endcsname
153     {setouterhbox}{#1}{#2}%
154 }

```

## 2.3 Main part

eTeX provides much better means for checking error conditions. Thus lines marked by "E" are executed if eTeX is available, otherwise the lines marked by "T" are used.

```

155 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
156 \expandafter\ifx\csname lastnodetype\endcsname\relax
157   \catcode'T=9 % ignore
158   \catcode'E=14 % comment
159 \else
160   \catcode'T=14 % comment
161   \catcode'E=9 % ignore
162 \fi

```

**\setouterhboxRemove** Remove all kern, glue, and penalty nodes; poor man's version, if  $\varepsilon$ -TeX is not available

```

163 \def\setouterhboxRemove{%
164 E \ifnum\lastnodetype<11 %
165 E \else
166 E \ifnum\lastnodetype>13 %
167 E \else
168   \unskip\unkern\unpenalty
169 E   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\setouterhboxRemove
170 E \fi
171 E \fi
172 }%

```

**\setouterhbox** Passing the box contents by macro parameter would prevent catcode changes in the box contents like by `\verb`. Also `\bgroup` and `\egroup` does not work, because stuff has to be added at the begin and end of the box, thus the syntax `\setouterhbox{\langle box number\rangle}... \endsetouterhbox` is used. Also we automatically get an environment `setouterhbox` if L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is used.

```

173 \def\setouterhbox#1{%
174   \begingroup
175     \def\setouterhboxNum{#1}%
176     \setbox0\vbox\bgroup
177 T     \kern.123pt\relax % marker
178 T     \kern0pt\relax % removed by \setouterhboxRemove
179     \begingroup
180       \everypar{}%
181       \noindent
182 }

```

**\endsetouterhbox** Most of the work is done in the end part, thus the heart of the method follows:

```

183 \def\endsetouterhbox{%
184   \endgroup

```

Omit the first pass to get the penalties of the second pass.

```

185   \pretolerance-1 %

```

We don't want a third pass with `\emergencystretch`.

```

186   \tolerance10000 %
187   \hsize\maxdimen

```

Line is not underfull:

```
188      \parfillskip Opt plus 1fill\relax  
189      \leftskip0pt\relax
```

Suppress underful \hbox warnings, is explicit line breaks are used.

```
190      \rightskip0pt plus 1fil\relax  
191      \everypar{}%
```

Ensure that there is a paragraph and prevents \endgraph from eating terminal glue:

```
192      \kern0pt%  
193      \endgraf  
194      \setouterhboxRemove  
195 E   \ifnum\lastnodetype=1 %  
196 E   \global\setbox\setouterhboxBox\lastbox  
197 E   \loop  
198 E     \setouterhboxRemove  
199 E     \ifnum\lastnodetype=1 %  
200 E     \setbox0=\lastbox  
201 E     \global\setbox\setouterhboxBox=\hbox{}%  
202 E     \unhbox0 %
```

Remove \rightskip, a penalty with -10000 is part of the previous line.

```
203 E      \unskip  
204 E      \unhbox\setouterhboxBox  
205 E    }%  
206 E      \repeat  
207 E    \else  
208 E      \setouterhboxFailure{}%  
209 E      Something is wrong%  
210 E    }{  
211 E      Could not find expected line.%  
212 E      \MessageBreak  
213 E      (\string\lastnodetype: \number\lastnodetype, expected: 1)%  
214 E    }%  
215 E    \fi  
216 E    \setouterhboxRemove  
217 T    \global\setbox\setouterhboxBox\lastbox  
218 T    \loop  
219 T      \setouterhboxRemove  
220 T      \setbox0=\lastbox  
221 T    \ifcase\ifvoid0 1\else0\fi  
222 T      \global\setbox\setouterhboxBox=\hbox{}%  
223 T      \unhbox0 %
```

Remove \rightskip, a penalty with -10000 is part of the previous line.

```
224 T      \unskip  
225 T      \unhbox\setouterhboxBox  
226 T    }%  
227 T      \repeat  
228 T    \ifdim.123pt=\lastkern  
229 T    \else  
230 T      \setouterhboxFailure{}%  
231 T      Something is wrong%  
232 T    }{  
233 T      Unexpected stuff was detected before the line.%  
234 T    }%  
235 T    \fi  
236 T    \egroup  
237 T    \ifcase \ifnum\wd0=0 \else 1\fi  
238 T      \ifdim\ht0=.123pt \else 1\fi  
239 T      \ifnum\dp0=0 \else 1\fi  
240 T      0 %  
241 E    \ifnum\lastnodetype=-1 %
```

There was just one line that we have caught.

```
242      \else
243          \setouterhboxFailure{%
244              Something is wrong%
245          }{%
246              After fetching the line there is more unexpected stuff.%}
247 E          \MessageBreak
248 E          (\string\lastnodetype: \number\lastnodetype, expected: -1)%
249          }%
250      \fi
251 E      \egroup
252  \expandafter\endgroup
253  \expandafter\setouterhboxFinish\expandafter{%
254      \number\setouterhboxNum
255  }%
256 }
```

## 2.4 Environment support

Check `\currenvir` for the case that `\setouterhbox` was called as environment. Then the box assignment must be put after the `\endgroup` of `\end{...}`.

```
257 \def\setouterhboxCurr{\setouterhbox}
258 \def\setouterhboxLast#1{%
259     \setbox#1\hbox{%
260         \unhbox\setouterhboxBox
261         \unskip % remove \rightskip glue
262         \unskip % remove \parfillskip glue
263         \unpenalty % remove paragraph ending \penalty 10000
264         \unkern % remove explicit kern inserted above
265     }%
266 }
```

`\setouterhboxFinish` #1 is an explicit number.

```
267 \def\setouterhboxFinish#1{%
268     \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
269     \expandafter\ifx\csname \currenvir\endcsname\setouterhboxCurr
270         \aftergroup\setouterhboxLast
271         \aftergroup{%
272             \setouterhboxAfter #1\NIL
273             \aftergroup}%
274     \else
275         \setouterhboxLast{#1}%
276     \fi
277 }
```

`\setouterhboxAfter` #1 is an explicit number.

```
278 \def\setouterhboxAfter#1\#2\NIL{%
279     \aftergroup#1%
280     \ifx\#2\\%
281     \else
282         \setouterhboxReturnAfterFi{%
283             \setouterhboxAfter#2\NIL
284         }%
285     \fi
286 }
```

`\setouterhboxReturnAfterFi` A utility macro to get tail recursion.

```
287 \long\def\setouterhboxReturnAfterFi#1\fi{\fi#1}
```

Restore catcodes we have need to distinguish between the implementation with and without  $\varepsilon$ - $\text{TEX}$ .

```

288 \catcode69=11\relax % E
289 \catcode84=11\relax % T

2.5 Option hyperref

290 \begingroup
291   \def\x{LaTeX2e}%
292 \expandafter\endgroup
293 \ifx\x\fmtname
294 \else
295   \expandafter\setouterhboxAtEnd
296 \fi%
\Hy@setouterhbox \Hy@setouterhbox is the internal hook that hyperref uses since 2006/02/12 v6.75a.

297 \DeclareOption{hyperref}{%
298   \long\def\Hy@setouterhbox#1#2{%
299     \setouterhbox{\#1}\#2\endsetouterhbox
300   }%
301 }

302 \ProcessOptions\relax
303 \setouterhboxAtEnd%
304 
```

## 3 Test

### 3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

305 {*test1}
306 \catcode`{\=1 %
307 \catcode`}=2 %
308 \catcode`\#=6 %
309 \catcode`\@=11 %
310 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
311   \countdef\count@=255 %
312 \fi
313 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
314   \long\def@\gobble#1{}%
315 \fi
316 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
317   \long\def@\firstofone#1{#1}%
318 \fi
319 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
320   \expandafter@\firstofone
321 \else
322   \expandafter@\gobble
323 \fi
324 }%
325   \def\loop#1\repeat{%
326     \def\body{#1}%
327     \iterate
328   }%
329   \def\iterate{%
330     \body
331     \let\next\iterate
332   \else
333     \let\next\relax
334   \fi
335   \next
336 }%
337 \let\repeat=\fi

```

```

338 }%
339 \def\RestoreCatcodes{%
340 \count@=0 %
341 \loop
342   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
343     \RestoreCatcodes
344     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
345   }%
346 \ifnum\count@<255 %
347   \advance\count@ 1 %
348 \repeat
349
350 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
351   \count@=#1\relax
352   \loop
353     \catcode\count@=15 %
354   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
355     \advance\count@ 1 %
356   \repeat
357 }
358 \def\RangeCatcodeCheck#1#2#3{%
359   \count@=#1\relax
360   \loop
361     \ifnum#3=\catcode\count@
362     \else
363       \errmessage{%
364         Character \the\count@\space
365         with wrong catcode \the\catcode\count@\space
366         instead of \number#3%
367       }%
368     \fi
369   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
370     \advance\count@ 1 %
371   \repeat
372 }
373 \def\space{ }
374 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
375   \def\LoadCommand{\input setouterhbox.sty\relax}%
376 \fi
377 \def\Test{%
378   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
379   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
380   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
381   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
382   \catcode`\@=12 %
383   \catcode`\\=0 %
384   \catcode`\%=14 %
385   \LoadCommand
386   \RangeCatcodeCheck{0}{36}{15}%
387   \RangeCatcodeCheck{37}{37}{14}%
388   \RangeCatcodeCheck{38}{47}{15}%
389   \RangeCatcodeCheck{48}{57}{12}%
390   \RangeCatcodeCheck{58}{63}{15}%
391   \RangeCatcodeCheck{64}{64}{12}%
392   \RangeCatcodeCheck{65}{90}{11}%
393   \RangeCatcodeCheck{91}{91}{15}%
394   \RangeCatcodeCheck{92}{92}{0}%
395   \RangeCatcodeCheck{93}{96}{15}%
396   \RangeCatcodeCheck{97}{122}{11}%
397   \RangeCatcodeCheck{123}{255}{15}%
398   \RestoreCatcodes
399 }

```

```

400 \Test
401 \csname @@end\endcsname
402 \end
403 </test1>
404 {*test2}
405 \nofiles
406 \documentclass[a5paper]{article}
407 \usepackage{url}[2005/06/27]
408 \usepackage{setouterhbox}
409
410 \newsavebox{\testbox}
411
412 \setlength{\parindent}{0pt}
413 \setlength{\parskip}{2em}
414
415 \begin{document}
416 \raggedright
417
418 \url{http://this.is.a.very.long.host.name/followed/%}
419 by/a/very_long_long_path.html}%
420
421 \sbox{\testbox}%
422 \url{http://this.is.a.very.long.host.name/followed/%}
423 by/a/very_long_long_path.html}%
424 }%
425 \unhbox\testbox
426
427 \begin{setouterhbox}{\testbox}%
428 \url{http://this.is.a.very.long.host.name/followed/%}
429 by/a/very_long_long_path.html}%
430 \end{setouterhbox}
431 \unhbox\testbox
432
433 \end{document}
434 </test2>

```

## 4 Installation

### 4.1 Download

**Package.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/setouterhbox.dtx](#) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/setouterhbox.pdf](#) Documentation.

**Bundle.** All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip](#)

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for TeX Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

### 4.2 Bundle installation

**Unpacking.** Unpack the `oberdiek.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

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<sup>1</sup><ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/>

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

**Script installation.** Check the directory `TDS:scripts/oberdiek/` for scripts that need further installation steps. Package `attachfile2` comes with the Perl script `pdfatfi.pl` that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as `pdfatfi`. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

### 4.3 Package installation

**Unpacking.** The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain `TeX`:

```
tex setouterhbox.dtx
```

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

```
setouterhbox.sty          → tex/generic/oberdiek/setouterhbox.sty
setouterhbox.pdf          → doc/latex/oberdiek/setouterhbox.pdf
setouterhbox-example.tex   → doc/latex/oberdiek/setouterhbox-example.tex
test/setouterhbox-test1.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/setouterhbox-test1.tex
test/setouterhbox-test2.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/setouterhbox-test2.tex
setouterhbox.dtx          → source/latex/oberdiek/setouterhbox.dtx
```

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`.

### 4.4 Refresh file name databases

If your `TeX` distribution (`teTeX`, `mikTeX`, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, `teTeX` users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

### 4.5 Some details for the interested

**Attached source.** The PDF documentation on CTAN also includes the `.dtx` source file. It can be extracted by AcrobatReader 6 or higher. Another option is `pdftk`, e.g. unpack the file into the current directory:

```
pdftk setouterhbox.pdf unpack_files output .
```

**Unpacking with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain TeX:** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{setouterhbox.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 the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this 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 pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
pdflatex setouterhbox.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist setouterhbox.idx
pdflatex setouterhbox.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist setouterhbox.idx
pdflatex setouterhbox.dtx
```

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## 6 History

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- Support for explicit line breaks added.

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- DTX format.
- Documentation extended.

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- Date of `hyperref` updated.

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- Use of package `infwarerr`.

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- Standard header part for generic files.

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- Catcode section added.

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