

# The `uniquecounter` package

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## Abstract

This package provides a kind of counter that provides unique number values. Several counter can be created by different names. The numeric values are not limited.

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## 1 Documentation

`\UniqueCounterNew {\langle name \rangle}`

Macro `\UniqueCounterNew` creates a new unique counter `\langle name \rangle`. An error is thrown, if the counter already exists.

```
\UniqueCounterCall {\langle name\rangle} {\langle code\rangle}
```

Macro `\UniqueCounterCall` calls the given `\langle code\rangle` with a new value of counter `\langle name\rangle` as argument.

```
\UniqueCounterIncrement {\langle name\rangle}
```

Macro `\UniqueCounterIncrement` generates a new value for the counter `\langle name\rangle` by incrementing by one (globally).

```
\UniqueCounterGet {\langle name\rangle}
```

Expandable macro `\UniqueCounterGet` returns the current value of counter `\langle name\rangle`

## 1.1 Example

```
1 (*example)
2 \documentclass{minimal}
3 \usepackage{uniquecounter}
4 \UniqueCounterNew{anchor}
5 \makeatletter
6 \newcommand*\{\DefNewAnchorName}[2]{%
7   % #1 is unique counter value
8   % #2 is name of anchor
9   \namedef{anchor@#2}{\#1}%
10 }
11 \newcommand*\{\NewAnchorName}[1]{%
12   \UniqueCounterCall{anchor}\DefNewAnchorName{\#1}%
13 }
14 \newcommand*\{\PrintAnchorName}[1]{%
15   \nameuse{anchor@#1}%
16 }
17 \begin{document}
18   \NewAnchorName{Top}%
19   \NewAnchorName{Left}%
20   \noindent
21   Top: \PrintAnchorName{Top} \\
22   Left: \PrintAnchorName{Left}%
23 \end{document}
24 (/example)
```

## 2 Implementation

```
25 (*package)
```

### 2.1 Reload check and package identification

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```
26 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
27   \catcode13=5 % ^M
28   \endlinechar=13 %
29   \catcode35=6 % #
30   \catcode39=12 % ,
31   \catcode44=12 % ,
32   \catcode45=12 % -
33   \catcode46=12 % .
34   \catcode58=12 % :
35   \catcode64=11 % @
36   \catcode123=1 % {
37   \catcode125=2 % }
```

```

38 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@uniquecounter.sty\endcsname
39 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
40 \else
41   \def\empty{}%
42   \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
43     % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
44   \else
45     \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
46       \def\x#1#2{%
47         \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
48       }%
49   \else
50     \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
51   \fi
52   \x{uniquecounter}{The package is already loaded}%
53   \aftergroup\endinput
54 \fi
55 \fi
56 \endgroup%

```

Package identification:

```

57 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
58   \catcode13=5 % ^M
59   \endlinechar=13 %
60   \catcode35=6 % #
61   \catcode39=12 % ,
62   \catcode40=12 % (
63   \catcode41=12 % )
64   \catcode44=12 % ,
65   \catcode45=12 % -
66   \catcode46=12 % .
67   \catcode47=12 % /
68   \catcode58=12 % :
69   \catcode64=11 % @
70   \catcode91=12 % [
71   \catcode93=12 % ]
72   \catcode123=1 % {
73   \catcode125=2 % }
74 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
75   \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
76     \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
77     \xdef#1[#4]%
78   }%
79 \else
80   \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
81     #2[#3]%
82     \ifx#1\undefined
83       \xdef#1[#3]%
84     \fi
85     \ifx#1\relax
86       \xdef#1[#3]%
87     \fi
88   }%
89 \fi
90 \expandafter\x\csname ver@uniquecounter.sty\endcsname
91 \ProvidesPackage{uniquecounter}%
92 [2011/01/30 v1.2 Provides unlimited unique counter (HO)]%

```

## 2.2 Catcodes

```

93 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
94   \catcode13=5 % ^M
95   \endlinechar=13 %

```

```

96  \catcode123=1 %
97  \catcode125=2 %
98  \catcode64=11 %
99  \def\x{\endgroup
100   \expandafter\edef\csname uqc@AtEnd\endcsname{%
101     \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
102     \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
103     \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
104     \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
105     \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
106     \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
107     \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
108     \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
109   }%
110 }%
111 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
112 \catcode13=5 % ^M
113 \endlinechar=13 %
114 \catcode35=6 % #
115 \catcode64=11 %
116 \catcode123=1 %
117 \catcode125=2 %
118 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
119   \edef\uqc@AtEnd{%
120     \uqc@AtEnd
121     \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
122   }%
123   \catcode#1=#2\relax
124 }
125 \TMP@EnsureCode{33}{12}%
126 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}%
127 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}%
128 \TMP@EnsureCode{43}{12}%
129 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}%
130 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}%
131 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}%
132 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}%
133 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}%
134 \edef\uqc@AtEnd{\uqc@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

135 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
136 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
137   \def\TMP@RequirePackage#1[#2]{%
138     \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
139     \expandafter\ifx\csname ver@#1.sty\endcsname\relax
140       \input #1.sty\relax
141     \fi
142   }%
143   \TMP@RequirePackage{bigintcalc}[2007/11/11]%
144   \TMP@RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]%
145 \else
146   \RequirePackage{bigintcalc}[2007/11/11]%
147   \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]%
148 \fi

\uqc@IncNum

149 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
150 \expandafter\ifx\csname numexpr\endcsname\relax
151   \def\uqc@IncNum#1{%
152     \begingroup
153       \count@\=\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname\relax
154       \advance\count@\@ne
155       \expandafter\xdef\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname{%

```

```

156      \number\count@
157  }%
158  \ifnum\count@=2147483647 %
159      \global\expandafter\let\csname uqc@inc@#1\endcsname
160      \uqc@IncBig
161  \fi
162  \endgroup
163 }%
164 \else
165 \def\uqc@IncNum#1{%
166   \expandafter\xdef\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname{%
167     \number\numexpr\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname+1%
168   }%
169   \ifnum\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname=2147483647 %
170     \global\expandafter\let\csname uqc@inc@#1\endcsname
171     \uqc@IncBig
172   \fi
173 }%
174 \fi

\uqc@IncBig

175 \def\uqc@IncBig#1{%
176   \expandafter\xdef\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname{%
177     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
178     \BigIntCalcInc\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname!%
179   }%
180 }

\uqc@Def

181 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
182 \expandafter\ifx\csname newcommand\endcsname\relax
183   \def\uqc@Def#1{\def#1#1}%
184 \else
185   \def\uqc@Def#1{\newcommand*{#1}[1]}%
186 \fi

\UniqueCounterNew

187 \uqc@Def\UniqueCounterNew{%
188   \expandafter\ifx\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname\relax
189     \expandafter\xdef\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname{0}%
190     \global\expandafter\let\csname uqc@inc@#1\endcsname\uqc@IncNum
191     \@PackageInfo{uniquecounter}{New unique counter '#1'}%
192   \else
193     \@PackageError{uniquecounter}{Unique counter '#1' is already defined}\@ehc
194   \fi
195 }

\UniqueCounterIncrement

196 \uqc@Def\UniqueCounterIncrement{%
197   \expandafter\ifx\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname\relax
198     \@PackageError{uniquecounter}{Unique counter '#1' is undefined}\@ehc
199   \else
200     \csname uqc@inc@#1\endcsname{#1}%
201   \fi
202 }

\UniqueCounterGet

203 \uqc@Def\UniqueCounterGet{%
204   \csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname
205 }

```

```

\UniqueCounterCall
206 \uqc@Def\UniqueCounterCall{%
207   \expandafter\ifx\csname uqc@cnt@#1\endcsname\relax
208     \@PackageError{uniquecounter}{Unique counter '#1' is undefined}\@ehc
209     \expandafter\uqc@Call\expandafter0%
210   \else
211     \UniqueCounterIncrement{#1}%
212     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
213       \csname uqc@cnt@#1\expandafter\endcsname\expandafter
214     }%
215   \fi
217 }

\uqc@Call
218 \long\def\uqc@Call#1#2{#2{#1}}%

219 \uqc@AtEnd%
220 </package>

```

### 3 Test

#### 3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

221 <*test1>
222 \catcode`\#=1 %
223 \catcode`\#=2 %
224 \catcode`\#=6 %
225 \catcode`\#=11 %
226 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
227   \countdef\count@=255 %
228 \fi
229 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
230   \long\def@\gobble#1{}%
231 \fi
232 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
233   \long\def@\firstofone#1{#1}%
234 \fi
235 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
236   \expandafter@\firstofone
237 \else
238   \expandafter@\gobble
239 \fi
240 {%
241   \def\loop#1\repeat{%
242     \def\body{#1}%
243     \iterate
244   }%
245   \def\iterate{%
246     \body
247     \let\next\iterate
248   \else
249     \let\next\relax
250   \fi
251   \next
252 }%
253 \let\repeat=\fi
254 }%
255 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}%
256 \count@=0 %
257 \loop

```

```

258 \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
259   \RestoreCatcodes
260   \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
261 }%
262 \ifnum\count@<255 %
263   \advance\count@ 1 %
264 \repeat
265
266 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
267   \count@=#1\relax
268   \loop
269     \catcode\count@=15 %
270   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
271     \advance\count@ 1 %
272   \repeat
273 }%
274 \def\RangeCatcodeCheck#1#2#3{%
275   \count@=#1\relax
276   \loop
277     \ifnum#3=\catcode\count@
278     \else
279       \errmessage{%
280         Character \the\count@\space
281         with wrong catcode \the\catcode\count@\space
282         instead of \number#3%
283       }%
284     \fi
285   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
286     \advance\count@ 1 %
287   \repeat
288 }%
289 \def\space{ }
290 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
291   \def\LoadCommand{\input uniquecounter.sty\relax}%
292 \fi
293 \def\Test{%
294   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
295   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
296   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
297   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
298   \catcode`\@=12 %
299   \catcode`\\=0 %
300   \catcode`\%=14 %
301   \LoadCommand
302   \RangeCatcodeCheck{0}{36}{15}%
303   \RangeCatcodeCheck{37}{37}{14}%
304   \RangeCatcodeCheck{38}{47}{15}%
305   \RangeCatcodeCheck{48}{57}{12}%
306   \RangeCatcodeCheck{58}{63}{15}%
307   \RangeCatcodeCheck{64}{64}{12}%
308   \RangeCatcodeCheck{65}{90}{11}%
309   \RangeCatcodeCheck{91}{91}{15}%
310   \RangeCatcodeCheck{92}{92}{0}%
311   \RangeCatcodeCheck{93}{96}{15}%
312   \RangeCatcodeCheck{97}{122}{11}%
313   \RangeCatcodeCheck{123}{255}{15}%
314   \RestoreCatcodes
315 }%
316 \Test
317 \csname @@end\endcsname
318 \end
319 </test1>

```

## 3.2 Macro tests

### 3.2.1 Test with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

```
320 {*test2}
321 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
322 \nofiles
323 \documentclass{minimal}
324 \usepackage{uniquecounter}[2011/01/30]
325 \usepackage{qstest}
326 \IncludeTests{*}
327 \LogTests{log}{*}{*}
328
329 \newcommand*\CheckValue[2]{%
330   \Expect*{\#2}{\UniqueCounterGet{\#1}}%
331 }
332 \newcommand*\CheckSpace[1]{%
333   \sbox0{\#1}%
334   \Expect{0.0pt}{\the\wd0}%
335 }
336
337 \begin{qstest}{creation}{creation}
338   \CheckSpace{%
339     \UniqueCounterNew{test}%
340   }%
341   \CheckValue{test}{0}%
342 \end{qstest}
343
344 \begin{qstest}{increment}{increment}
345   \CheckSpace{%
346     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
347   }%
348   \CheckValue{test}{1}%
349   \makeatletter
350   \def\uqc@cnt@test{2147483645}%
351   \CheckValue{test}{2147483645}%
352   \CheckSpace{%
353     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
354   }%
355   \CheckValue{test}{2147483646}%
356   \CheckSpace{%
357     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
358   }%
359   \Expect{true}{\ifx\uqc@inc\uqc@NumInc true\else false\fi}%
360   \CheckValue{test}{2147483647}%
361   \CheckSpace{%
362     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
363   }%
364   \CheckValue{test}{2147483648}%
365   \CheckSpace{%
366     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
367   }%
368   \CheckValue{test}{2147483649}%
369 \end{qstest}
370
371 \begin{qstest}{call}{call}
372   \def\CheckCall#1#2{%
373     \Expect{\#1}{\#2}%
374   }%
375   \CheckSpace{%
376     \UniqueCounterNew{foo}%
377   }%
378   \CheckValue{foo}{0}%

```

```

379 \def\Check#1{%
380   \CheckSpace{%
381     \UniqueCounterCall{foo}{\CheckCall}{#1}%
382   }%
383   \CheckValue{foo}{#1}%
384 }%
385 \Check{1}%
386 \Check{2}%
387 \Check{3}%
388 \Check{4}%
389 \Check{5}%
390 \Check{6}%
391 \Check{7}%
392 \Check{8}%
393 \Check{9}%
394 \Check{10}%
395 \Check{11}%
396 \Check{12}%
397 \end{qstest}
398
399 \csname @@end\endcsname
400 
```

### 3.2.2 Test with plain-**TEX**

```

401 <*test3>
402 \input uniquecounter.sty\relax
403 \catcode`\@=11 %
404 \def\CheckValue#1#2{%
405   \begingroup
406   \edef\A{#2}%
407   \edef\B{\UniqueCounterGet{#1}}%
408   \ifx\A\B
409   \else
410     \@PackageError{TEST}{Failed: \A\space<> \B}\@ehc
411   \fi
412   \endgroup
413 }
414 \def\CheckSpace#1{%
415   \setbox0=\hbox{#1}%
416   \ifdim\wd0=\z@
417   \else
418     \@PackageError{TEST}{Failed: 0.0pt <> \the\wd0}\@ehc
419   \fi
420 }
421
422 \begingroup
423   \CheckSpace{%
424     \UniqueCounterNew{test}%
425   }%
426   \CheckValue{test}{0}%
427 \endgroup
428
429 \begingroup
430   \CheckSpace{%
431     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
432   }%
433   \CheckValue{test}{1}%
434   \def\uqc@cnt@test{2147483645}%
435   \CheckValue{test}{2147483645}%
436   \CheckSpace{%
437     \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
438   }%
439   \CheckValue{test}{2147483646}%

```

```

440  \CheckSpace{%
441      \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
442  }%
443  \ifx\uqc@inc\uqc@NumInc
444  \else
445      \@PackageError{TEST}{Failed: wrong inc function}\@ehc
446  \fi
447  \CheckValue{test}{2147483647}%
448  \CheckSpace{%
449      \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
450  }%
451  \CheckValue{test}{2147483648}%
452  \CheckSpace{%
453      \UniqueCounterIncrement{test}%
454  }%
455  \CheckValue{test}{2147483649}%
456 \endgroup
457 \begingroup
458  \def\CheckCall#1#2{%
459      \begingroup
460          \def\A{#1}%
461          \def\B{#2}%
462          \ifx\A\B
463              \else
464                  \@PackageError{TEST}{Failed: \A\space <> \B}\@ehc
465              \fi
466          \endgroup
467      }%
468  \CheckSpace{%
469      \UniqueCounterNew{foo}%
470  }%
471  \CheckValue{foo}{0}%
472  \CheckSpace{%
473      \UniqueCounterCall{foo}{\CheckCall}{1}%
474  }%
475  \CheckSpace{%
476      \UniqueCounterCall{foo}{\CheckCall}{2}%
477  }%
478  \CheckValue{foo}{2}%
479 \endgroup
480 \csname @@end\endcsname\end
481 
```

## 4 Installation

### 4.1 Download

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

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

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/uniquecounter.pdf](http://CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/uniquecounter.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](http://CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip)

*TDS* refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for T<sub>E</sub>X Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](http://CTAN:tds/tds.pdf)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

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<sup>1</sup>[ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/](http://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/)

## 4.2 Bundle installation

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

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

**Script installation.** Check the directory `TDSScripts/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 uniquecounter.dtx
```

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

<code>uniquecounter.sty</code>	→ <code>tex/generic/oberdiek/uniquecounter.sty</code>
<code>uniquecounter.pdf</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/uniquecounter.pdf</code>
<code>uniquecounter-example.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/uniquecounter-example.tex</code>
<code>test/uniquecounter-test1.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/uniquecounter-test1.tex</code>
<code>test/uniquecounter-test2.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/uniquecounter-test2.tex</code>
<code>test/uniquecounter-test3.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/uniquecounter-test3.tex</code>
<code>uniquecounter.dtx</code>	→ <code>source/latex/oberdiek/uniquecounter.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`.

## 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 uniquecounter.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 T<sub>E</sub>X:** 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{uniquecounter.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 uniquecounter.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist uniquecounter.idx
pdflatex uniquecounter.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist uniquecounter.idx
pdflatex uniquecounter.dtx
```

## 5 History

[2009/09/11 v1.0]

- First public version.

[2009/12/18 v1.1]

- Bug fix in `\UniqueCounterCall` for values > 9 (bug report of Lev Bishop).

[2011/01/30 v1.2]

- Already loaded package files are not input in plain T<sub>E</sub>X.

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