Temporary output patches for tagging and better link support

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1 Introduction

This package contains a few patches of internal \LaTeX needed to support paragraph tagging across page boundaries (in pdf\LaTeX) and improve the behaviour of links across page breaks.

Until this gets properly integrated with the kernel code this has to be taken as a prototype and code, interfaces as well as behaviour may change without notice and certainly without any backwards compatibility!

2 The Implementation

This adds hooks around header and footer. At first initialize the hooks

\begin{verbatim}
\newcommand\@kernel@before@head{}
\newcommand\@kernel@before@foot{}
\newcommand\@kernel@after@head{}
\newcommand\@kernel@after@foot{}
\newcommand\@kernel@before@footins{}
\newcommand\@kernel@before@cclv{}
\newcommand\@mult@ptagging@hook{}
\patchcmd\@outputpage
{\vfil\color@hbox\normalcolor\hb@xt@\textwidth{\@thehead}\color@endbox}
{\vfil\@kernel@before@head\color@hbox\normalcolor\hb@xt@\textwidth{\@thehead}\color@endbox\@kernel@after@head}
{\typeout{Patching header in \string\@outputpage}}{\PATCHerror }
\patchcmd\@outputpage
{\color@hbox\normalcolor\hb@xt@\textwidth{\@thefoot}\color@endbox}
{\@kernel@before@foot\color@hbox\normalcolor\hb@xt@\textwidth{\@thefoot}\color@endbox\@kernel@after@foot}
{\typeout{Patching footer in \string\@outputpage}}{\PATCHerror }
\end{verbatim}

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\makecol We have to patch \makecol in two places:

- update 255 up front to add missing tmb/tme if necessary
- update the \footins stream if that one got split

\patchcmd\makecol
  \{\vskip\skip\footins}\{\vskip\skip\footins@kernel@before@footins}\{\typeout{Patching \string\makecol\space for tagging}}{\PATCHerror }

\% for some reason patching with etoolbox only works in this order ...
\pretocmd\makecol{@kernel@before@cclv}\{\typeout{Patching \string\makecol\space for tagging}}{\PATCHerror }

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

2.2 multicol adjustments

The patches for pkmulticol are fairly minimal:

- At the start of the environment anything already on the page is picked up and stored in \partial@page, we may need to add a TMB to that (it should have a proper TME). This has to happen in the “main” stream context.

\AddToHook{package/multicol/after}
  \% multicol needs later loading
  \patchcmd\page@sofar\{\setbox\z@\hbox{p}\global\dimen\tw@\dp\z@\}%
  \%\setbox\z@\hbox{p}\global\dimen\tw@\dp\z@
  \@mult@ptagging@hook
  \}%\typeout{Patching \string\page@sofar\space for tagging}}{\PATCHerror}%

2.3 Interrupt hooks

This requires the l3pdfannot module! We add the code here an not in hyperref, as it should also work with links created directly with the l3pdfannot commands. The file is only loaded by the pdfmanagement, so no need to test if the commands exist.

\ExplSyntaxOn
\def\@kernel@before@head{\pdfannot_link_off:}
\def\@kernel@before@foot{\pdfannot_link_off:}
\def\@kernel@after@head {\pdfannot_link_on:}
\def\@kernel@after@foot {\pdfannot_link_on:}
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