Counters

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XASSOCCNT

Associated counters stepping simultaneously (and other gadgets)

Documentation

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Typographical conventions

Throughout this documentation following symbols and conventions are used:

- 📂 foo means a the class foo
- 💌 foo names a package foo
- 📂 foo indicates a counter named foo
- 📁 foo will indicate either a file named foo or a file extension foo
- 📁 foo will indicate some files
- 🎨 foo names a special feature or tag foo
- 🎲 foo deals with a command or package option named foo
Part I

Introduction

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Preface

This package is the successor and a complete rewrite of \texttt{assoccnt}. Not all features of that package are implemented yet – if some functionality of your document depends on \texttt{assoccnt}, continue using the older version and shift gradually to \texttt{xassoccnt} please.

Most times class and package authors will benefit of this package, but there might be usual documents that need the features of \texttt{xassoccnt}.

1 Introduction

The aim of this package is to provide some additional support for example for a package like \texttt{totcount}. For example, the total number of pages in a document could be achieved by using

\begin{verbatim}
\% \regtotcounter{page}
\end{verbatim}

... The number of pages in the document is \number\totvalue{page} page(s) -- but in fact it has \total{newtotalpages} pages.

... The number of pages in the document is 67 page(s) -- but in fact it has 0 pages.
This will work, as long there is no reset of the page counter, as it might happen in the case of \setcounter or \pagenumbering being applied in the document. The result is a false page counter total value.

This package provides associate counters, i.e. counters that are increased simultaneously with a driver counter and are not influenced by a a resetting of the driver counter, as long as not being added to the reset list by definition of the counter or explicitly by \@addtoreset.

This package defines some macros to handle associated counters. The only interception to the standard behaviour is within the redefined commands \addtocounter and \stepcounter. The usual commands still work, as there is code added to their definition. In a previous version \refstepcounter was redefined, but since these use \addtocounter effectively, it was decided to use the basic command.

Internally, the associated counters are stored in one list per counter – it is not recommended to operate on those lists directly.

Please note that this package does not provide means for simultaneous stepping of counters defined by plain \TeX \newcount command.

2 Requirements, loading and incompatibilities

2.1 Required packages and \TeX engine

The package does not require features from Xe\TeX or Lua\TeX but can be run with those features as well as with \LT\TeX or pdf\LT\TeX. The compilation documentation requires however pdf\LT\TeX as of version 2.0.

- \xcolor
- \xpars\e
- \l3keys2e

The documentation file requires some more packages such as \tcolorbox, but those packages are widely available on CTAN, MikTeX and TeXLive as well.

2.2 Loading of the package

Loading is done with

```
\usepackage[options]{xassoccnt}
```

For the relevant options see section 2.4
Concerning the packages \texttt{hyperref} and \texttt{cleveref}: The preferred loading order is the usually recommended on:

- other packages
- \texttt{xassoccnt}
- \texttt{hyperref}
- \texttt{cleveref}

For potential problems see section 2.3

2.3 Incompatibilities

- This package cannot be used with plain \TeX and will not provide support for counters (or better counter registers) that have defined with the \TeX primitive \texttt{	extbackslash countdef} directly in a \LaTeX document nor will it hook into plain \TeX \texttt{	extbackslash advance} commands used otherwise than in the usual \TeX wrappers \texttt{	extbackslash addtocounter} etc.

- This package does not work really well with the \texttt{envelope calc} package if that one is loaded after \texttt{envelope xassoccnt}. Load \texttt{envelope calc before envelope xassoccnt}!

Especially the \texttt{envelope tcolorbox} bundle loads \texttt{calc} indirectly, so placing any loading of \texttt{tcolorbox} modules before \texttt{envelope xassoccnt} is mandatory!

As of version 2.0 \texttt{xassoccnt} will abort compilation if \texttt{calc} is loaded after this package, but will issue a warning only if \texttt{calc} is loaded first.

Of course any package other that loads \texttt{calc} must be loaded before xassoccnt, i.e. \texttt{mathtools}.

\texttt{xassoccnt} and \texttt{perpage} are not compatible completely. As of version 2.0 it is not possible to use the command \texttt{AddAbsoluteCounter} from \texttt{perpage} – this feature is provided already by this package.

It is not recommended to use counters under control of \texttt{perpage} with the association method!

2.4 Package options

As of version 2.0 \texttt{xassoccnt} supports the package options
2.4 Package options

autodefinecounters=\langle true,false \rangle  \quad \text{(initially false)}

Setting this package option to true, all counters used with the special package macros will be autodefined, unless disabled locally. See the commands

- \texttt{\DeclareAssociatedCounters}\footnote{P.30}
- \texttt{\AddAssociatedCounters}\footnote{P.32}

nonumberofruns  \quad \text{(initially not set)}

Using this package option the super total counter \texttt{\textbf{numberofruns}} counter will not be defined. See section 13.3 about this feature.

redefinelabel=\langle true,false \rangle  \quad \text{(initially \langle true \rangle)}

This is an experimental feature as of version 2.0. Enables the redefinition of the \texttt{\textbf{\label}}\footnote{P.48} command and takes care of the optional argument of \texttt{\textbf{\label}}\footnote{P.48} if \texttt{\textbf{cleveref}} is used. This will provide \texttt{\textbf{\label}}\footnote{P.48} with a final optional argument that can be used to allow labels for associated counters (either all or only a specified list of counters), for more on this see \texttt{\textbf{\label}}\footnote{P.48} in section Experimental features.

standardcounterformats=\langle \texttt{choice=on/off} \rangle  \quad \text{(initially \langle on \rangle)}

This key enables (\langle on \rangle) or disables (\langle off \rangle) the definition of the standard counter formats to be used in the macro \texttt{\textbf{\CounterFormat}}\footnote{P.25}.
Part II

Tools for counters

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3 Additions and extensions to standard counter related commands

3.1 Extension of \LaTeX 2\epsilon commands

$\texttt{\addtocounter{\langle\textit{counter}\rangle}{\langle\textit{increment value}\rangle}[\langle\textit{options}\rangle]}$

The $\texttt{\addtocounter}$ macro behaves like the usual $\texttt{\addtocounter}$ counter, but takes care to specific counter features such as periodic counters and has an optional argument in order to perform special settings.

As of 2.0, there is only one option used:

$\texttt{\texttt{\text{wrap=\langle\textit{true/false}\rangle}}}$

(initially true)

This key determines whether addition of values to a periodic counter (see Periodic counters) will lead to a modulo part addition.
3.2 \LaTeX\ additions

\NewDocumentCounter[⟨options⟩]{⟨counter1,counter2,…⟩}[⟨resetting counter⟩]

This command is a new interface to \newcounter and behaves effectively the same.

\begin{itemize}
\item \texttt{initial=}⟨integer value⟩ (initially 0)
\end{itemize}

This is used for the start value of the new counter.

This command allows multiple counters (specified as a comma separated list) to be defined at once, but all have the same resetting counter then and initial value is the same for all those counters (if those options are given).

\DeclareDocumentCounter[⟨options⟩]{⟨counter⟩}[⟨resetting counter⟩]

This command is the preamble-only version of \NewDocumentCounter. This command allows multiple counters (specified as a comma separated list) to be defined at once, but all have the same resetting counter then and initial value is the same for all those counters (if those options are given), i.e. the behaviour is like in \NewDocumentCounter.

\SetDocumentCounter[⟨options⟩]{⟨counter⟩}{⟨counter value⟩}

This command behaves like the standard macro \setcounter, but has an additional optional 1st argument.

\begin{tabular}{|l|}
\hline
\textbf{Description of arguments of command \SetDocumentCounter} \\
\hline
\hline
\textbf{#1} [⟨options⟩]: \\
\begin{itemize}
\item \texttt{associatedtoo=}⟨true/false⟩ (initially false)
\end{itemize}

If enabled (⟨true⟩), \SetDocumentCounter will use the counter value for all counters associated to this driver counter as well. Initially, this option is set to ⟨false⟩.

\begin{itemize}
\item \texttt{onlycounters=}⟨comma separated list of counters⟩ (initially empty)
\end{itemize}

If this key is used, only those associated counters are set as well that are given in the comma separated list. Names, that are either not referring to counters at all or to counters that are not associated to the given driver counter will be ignored silently.

\textbf{#2} {⟨counter⟩} Holds the name of the (driver) counter to be set.

\textbf{#3} {⟨counter value⟩} Holds the value to be set
\hline
\end{tabular}

Some notes on \SetDocumentCounter
• The option keys `associatedtoo` and `onlycounters` are mutually exclusive!
• The counter to be set can be either a driver counter or an otherwise associated counter.

\StepDownCounter[(options)]{(counter)}

This macro subtracts the value of 1 from the counter and is the counterpart of `\stepcounter`.

Description of arguments of command `\StepDownCounter`

#1 [(options)]: As of version 2.0, this option is not used
#2 {(counter)} Holds the name of the first counter.

\SubtractFromCounter[(options)]{(counter)}{(delta value)}

This macro subtracts the (positive) delta value from the counter and is the counterpart of `\addtocounter`.

Description of arguments of command `\SubtractFromCounter`

#1 [(options)]: As of version 2.0, this option is not used
#2 {(counter 1)} Holds the name of the first counter.
#3 {(delta value)} Holds the (positive) value to be subtracted from the counter value.

\CopyDocumentCounters[(options)]{(source counter)}{(target counter)}

This document copies the counter value from the source counter in argument 2 to the target counter in argument 3.

Description of arguments of command `\CopyDocumentCounters`

#1 [(options)]: As of version 2.0, this option is not used
#2 {(source counter)} Holds the name of the source counter.
#3 {(target counter)} Holds the name of the target counter.

\SwapDocumentCounters[(options)]{(counter 1)}{(counter 2)}

This macro swaps the values of the counters given in arguments 2 and 3.
### Description of arguments of command `\SwapDocumentCounters`

- **#1** \[⟨options⟩]: As of version 2.0, this option is not used
- **#2** \{⟨counter 1⟩\}: Holds the name of the first counter.
- **#3** \{⟨counter 2⟩\}: Holds the name of the second counter.

### `\SyncCounters[⟨options⟩]{⟨driver counter⟩}`

This document synchronizes the driver counter value to the associated values. It has the same options as `\SetDocumentCounter\[P.12]` If the given counter is no driver counter, nothing is done.

### Description of arguments of command `\SyncCounters`

- **#1** \[⟨options⟩]: see `\SetDocumentCounter\[P.12]`
- **#2** \{⟨source counter⟩\}: Holds the name of the source counter.
\begin{itemize}
\item Displaying counters
\thefoocntr\ and \thefoobarcntr
\item Swapping counters
\SwapDocumentCounters{\foocntr}{\foobarcntr}
\thefoocntr\ and \thefoobarcntr
\item Step down counters
\StepDownCounter{\foocntr}
\StepDownCounter{\foobarcntr}
\thefoocntr\ and \thefoobarcntr
\item Subtracting some value from the counters
\SubtractFromCounter{\foocntr}{5}
\SubtractFromCounter{\foobarcntr}{10}
\thefoocntr\ and \thefoobarcntr
\end{itemize}

\begin{itemize}
\item Displaying counters
17 and 20
\item Swapping counters
20 and 17
\item Step down counters
19 and 16
\item Subtracting some value from the counters
14 and 6
\end{itemize}

3.3 \texttt{\textbackslash IfIsDocumentCounter–Queries} 3 \textit{ADDITIONS TO STANDARD COMMANDS}

\texttt{xassoccnt} provides three commands that are quite similar – all check whether \{\texttt{name}\} is an already defined \LaTeX\ counter \texttt{name}, in good tradition with the \texttt{xparse} - syntax:

\begin{itemize}
\item \texttt{\textbackslash IfIsDocumentCounterTF[\{\}]{\texttt{name}}{\texttt{true branch}}{\texttt{false branch}}}
\end{itemize}

This macro performs the full branching
3.4 Information macros

- \texttt{\textbackslash IfIsDocumentCounterT[]} \langle \textit{name} \rangle \{ \langle \textit{long} \rangle \textit{true branch} \}
  
  This command executes only if the name is a counter.

- \texttt{\textbackslash IfIsDocumentCounterF[]} \langle \textit{name} \rangle \{ \langle \textit{true branch} \rangle \}
  
  This command executes only if the name is not a counter.

The optional argument is not used as of version 2.0 for none of those three commands.

3.4 Information on counters

On occasions it might be important to have some information which counter has been changed last. Since there are four commands manipulating counter values, there are four corresponding routines for this:

\texttt{\LastAddedToCounter}

This command has no arguments and expands to the name of the counter which was used last in \texttt{\addtocounter}. There is no further typesetting done with the countername.

\begin{verbatim}
\newcounter{SomeCounter}
\addtocounter{SomeCounter}{10}
\LastAddedToCounter
\end{verbatim}

The last counter something added to was \LastAddedToCounter.

\begin{verbatim}
The last counter something added to was totalsubsections.
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Please note that} \texttt{\LastAddedToCounter} \textbf{might fail!}

\texttt{\LastSteppedCounter}

This command has no arguments and expands to the name of the counter which was stepped last using \texttt{\stepcounter}. There is no further typesetting done with the countername.

\begin{verbatim}
\stepcounter{SomeCounter}
\LastSteppedCounter
\end{verbatim}

The last counter being stepped was \LastSteppedCounter.

\begin{verbatim}
The last counter being stepped was SomeCounter.
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{\LastRefSteppedCounter}

This macro gives the last counter being used in \texttt{\refstepcounter} and is expandable.
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\begin{equation}
E = mc^2 \label{eq::einstein}
\end{equation}

The last counter being refstepped was $\LastRefSteppedCounter$.

\begin{equation}
E = mc^2
\end{equation} \tag{1}

The last counter being refstepped was equation.

\texttt{\LastSetCounter}

This command has no arguments and expands to the name of the counter which was set last using \setcounter. There is no further typesetting done with the counternme.

\begin{verbatim}
\setcounter{SomeCounter}{21}\%
\end{verbatim}

The last counter being set was $\LastSetCounter$.

The last counter being set was SomeCounter.

\texttt{\LastCounterValue}

This command has no arguments and expands to the value of the very last change of a counter, i.e. using \setcounter etc.

\begin{verbatim}
\setcounter{SomeCounter}{100}\%
\end{verbatim}

The last counter being set was $\LastSetCounter$ and it had the value \LastCounterValue{} then, where as \stepcounter{equation} will yield $\LastSteppedCounter$ and \LastCounterValue!  

The last counter being set was SomeCounter and it had the value 100 then, where as \stepcounter{equation} will yield equation and 2!

The usage of $\LastSetCounter$ is best together with one of the other $\Last...$ macros.

All of the $\Last...$ macros are expandable, i.e. it is possible to store the value to an macro defined with $\edef$
The last counter being set was $\text{\texttt{equation}}$ and it had the value 81 then, but we changed $\text{\texttt{SomeCounter}}$ earlier and it had the value 50 then.

Please note, that all of this commands are only working in the current run of compilation, i.e. after there has been some operation on the counters. They can’t be used for information on the last changed counter in a previous run.

4 Counter reset lists

The package \texttt{chngcntr} offers the possibility of add or remove counters to the reset list of a driver counter with the commands \texttt{\counterwithin} and \texttt{\counterwithout}, whereas the package \texttt{remreset} provides \texttt{@\removefromreset} as a counterpart to the \LaTeX{} core command \texttt{@\addtoreset} macro.

4.1 Addition and Removal of counters from the reset list

\texttt{\RemoveFromReset{\langle counter name1, counter name2,…\rangle}{\langle driver counter name\rangle}}

This macro removes the counters given in the comma separated list in the first argument from the reset list of the driver counter given in the 2nd argument.

If the 2nd argument does not point to a \LaTeX{} counter name an error message is shipped and the compilation fails.

\texttt{\RemoveFromFullReset{\langle counter name1, counter name2,…\rangle}{\langle driver counter name\rangle}}

This macro removes the counters given in the comma separated list in the first argument and all of its own reset list from the reset list of the driver counter given in the 2nd argument.

If the 2nd argument does not point to a \LaTeX{} counter name an error message is shipped and the compilation fails.
4.2 Information macros about the reset list

\ClearCounterResetList{⟨driver counter name⟩}

This macro removes all counters of the given driver counter reset list. The individual counter formatting macros \theX are reset both for the driver counter as well as the counters in the reset list to use the \arabic standard output macro. \X means some arbitrary \TeX counter name. If the resetting shall not be applied, use \ClearCounterResetList* instead.

\ClearCounterResetList*{⟨driver counter name⟩}

This behaves like \ClearCounterResetList but does not reset the relevant \theX macros.

\AddToReset{⟨counter name1, counter name2,...⟩}{⟨driver counter name⟩}

This macro adds the counters given in the comma separated list in the first argument to the reset list of the driver counter given in the 2nd argument.

If the 2nd argument does not point to a \TeX counter name an error message is shipped and the compilation fails.

An accidental specificiation of the driver counter to be added to its own reset list is ignored internally.

4.2 Information macros about the counter reset list

Sometimes it might be necessary or convenient to know how many counters are on a reset list of some other counters, i.e. added by \newcounter{counter}[resetting counter] or \NewDocumentCounter. There are some macros that provide this information:

\countersresetlistcount{⟨counter name⟩}

This macro determines the number of counters being in the reset list of the counter specified as mandatory argument.

Please note: This command isn’t expandable. The number is stored internally to another macro, which can be accessed with \getresetlistcount, which returns a pure integer number.

\getresetlistcount

This macro returns the number of counters being in the reset list of the counter specified as mandatory argument. It needs a previous call of \countersresetlistcount first!

If the counter has no other counters in its reset list, the value of 0 is returned.

\CounterFullResetList{⟨counter name⟩}

This macro determines the full reset list of a counter as well of the counters being on the reset list, i.e. the list is tracked down until there are no counters left in a recursion.

The counter names are stored internally in expl3 - \seq - variable named \xy_fullresetlist_seq – the ⟨xy⟩ is replaced by the counter name, e.g. if the counter is named \foo, the identifier would be \foo_fullresetlist_seq. Unless expl3 features are not applied, the \CounterFullResetList is not really useful on a document or package/class developing level.
However, to loop through the full reset list with some action performed on the members of the sequence, the command \texttt{\textbackslash LoopFullCounterResetList} may be very useful.

- The driver counter \texttt{foo} is not added to the relevant sequence.
- If the name given to \texttt{\textbackslash CounterFullResetList} does not indicate a \LaTeX\ counter an error message is shipped and the compilation fails.

\texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListTF[{}]}\{\langle resetting counter \rangle\}\{\langle reset counter \rangle\}\{\langle true branch \rangle\}\{\langle false branch \rangle\}

This command sequence tests whether the counter \langle reset counter \rangle is in the reset list of \langle resetting counter \rangle and expands the relevant branch then. See the short-circuit commands \texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListT} and \texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListF} as well.

\texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListT[{}]}\{\langle resetting counter \rangle\}\{\langle reset counter \rangle\}\{\langle true branch \rangle\}

This command sequence tests whether the counter \langle reset counter \rangle is in the reset list of \langle resetting counter \rangle and expands to the true branch. See the related commands \texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListTF} and \texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListT} as well.

\texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListF[{}]}\{\langle resetting counter \rangle\}\{\langle reset counter \rangle\}\{\langle false branch \rangle\}

This command sequence tests whether the counter \langle reset counter \rangle is not in the reset list of \langle resetting counter \rangle and expands to the false branch. See the related commands \texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListTF} and \texttt{\textbackslash IfInResetListT} as well.

\texttt{\textbackslash DisplayResetList[\langle separator=, \rangle]}\{\langle resetting counter \rangle\}

This command displays the reset list of a counter as a separated list. If the counter has no resetting list, nothing is shown.

\texttt{\textbackslash ShowResetList\{\langle resetting counter \rangle\}}

This command displays the reset list of a counter on the terminal as the \texttt{\textbackslash show} command would do. This is rather useful for debugging purposes only.

\texttt{\textbackslash GetAllResetLists}

This determines all reset lists and stores the information internally. It should be called right before \texttt{\textbackslash begindocument} or at any time inside the document environment, when new counters are added there (which is not recommended).

The information can be retrieved with \texttt{\textbackslash GetParentCounter}.
5  LOOPS ON MULTIPLE COUNTERS

\GetPositionCounter{\langle counter\rangle}

This macro tries to detect the counter that was responsible for the resetting of the counter named \langle counter\rangle and is expandable. In order to minimize the amount of searching and maintaining expandability, the counter reset data must be stored beforehand, i.e. with \GetAllResetLists.

If a counter has been added to more than one parent counter as their resetting driver counter, only the most recent addition is in action. This may be correct in some occasions but there is no guarantee that the given counter name really caused the last reset of the counter given as argument.

5  Performing the same action for many counters

Sometimes it might be necessary to set the values of many counters at once. This can be done with consecutive \setcounter statements, for example. This poses no problem, but might become tedious if there are more than three counters or if this task occurs more than once. \xassoccnt provides some macros that can do the usual operations like stepping, refstepping, adding to, resetting or setting counter values.

All macros concerning this feature use the first macro argument having a comma-separated list of counters. Whether there’s a second argument depends on the specific nature of the operation that should be performed.

- As of version 2.0 xassoccnt does not check whether the names given in the first argument refer to counters.
- All macros use the extended counter macros, i.e. are aware of associated counters and step them too if their driver counter is given in the argument list. If an associated counter itself is given in the list, this one is stepped or operated on too!

\LoopAddtoCounters{\langle counter1, counter2,\ldots\rangle}{\langle counter increment/decrement\rangle}

The 2nd argument value is added (or subtracted) to the counters given in the list of the 1st argument using the \addtocounter.

#1 \{\langle counter1, counter2,\ldots\rangle\} Holds the comma separated list of counter names
#2 \{\langle counter increment/decrement\rangle\} Specifies the value to be added or subtracted.

No check is performed whether #2 is or expands to an integer value.

\LoopResetCounters{\langle counter1, counter2,\ldots\rangle}

All counters given in the first argument are set to zero using the regular \setcounter. This is a shorthand version of \LoopSetCounters\[P.22\] for this specific case.

#1 \{\langle counter1, counter2,\ldots\rangle\} Holds the comma separated list of counter names

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\texttt{\textbackslash LoopRefstepCounters}\{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}\}

All counters given in the first argument are stepped using the regular \texttt{\refstepcounter} to allow labels – however, only the last counter will have the correct label reference.

\textbf{!} This macro is meant only to complete the number of \texttt{\Loop...Counters} but is not regarded as being really useful.

\texttt{#1 \{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}} Holds the comma separated list of counter names

\texttt{\textbackslash LoopSetCounters}\{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}\{\texttt{new counter value}\}\}

The 2nd argument value is used as new counter value added (or subtracted) to the counters given in the list of the 1st argument using the \texttt{\addtocounter}.

\texttt{#1 \{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}} Holds the comma separated list of counter names
\texttt{#2 \{\texttt{new counter value}\}} Specifies the value to be set.

No check is performed whether \texttt{is} or \texttt{expands} to an integer value.

\texttt{\textbackslash LoopStepCounters}\{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}\}

A more general command for doing "arbitrary" operations with counters (and more setup, for example) is

\texttt{\textbackslash LoopCountersFunction}\{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}\{\texttt{counter operation macro}\}\}

\textbf{Description of arguments of command \texttt{\LoopStepCounters}}

All counters given in the first argument are stepped using the regular \texttt{\stepcounter}.

\texttt{#1 \{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}} Holds the comma separated list of counter names

\textbf{Description of arguments of command \texttt{\LoopAddToCounters}}

The 2nd argument value should hold a macro with any number of arguments, but the last mandatory argument of this macro is reserved for counter name.

\texttt{#1 \{\texttt{counter1, counter2,\ldots}\}} Holds the comma separated list of counter names
\texttt{#2 A macro name that is to be called and that operates on a counter.}
% We assume we have the counters foocntr and foobarcntr
\newcommand{\showcountervalues}[2]{% 
\textcolor{#1}{\csname the#2\endcsname}}% Now, an extra empty line to show the
\textcolor{blue}{\csname the\endcsname} values in rows
%
% Note that the 2nd argument is not given here -- it’s added by the
\LoopCounterResetList{\langle counter name \rangle}{\langle counter operation macro \rangle}
This macro will perform the same action on the reset list of a the counter name given as first argument, the action is a control sequence name specified by the in the second mandatory argument. The loop provides all counters on the reset list of a counter.
As of version 2.0 the counter operation macro must have two mandatory arguments, the second one is meant for the current counter in the loop.
Do not confuse this command with\LoopFullCounterResetList which tracks all counters recursively on the reset list, so \LoopCounterResetList steeples only level down in the reset list hierarchy.

\LoopFullCounterResetList{\langle counter name \rangle}{\langle counter operation macro \rangle}
This macro determines the full reset list of a counter, i.e. it cascades down the reset list and tracks the reset lists of all 'sub'-counters too and performs the counter operation macro on this.

\CounterWithin{\langle counter nameA, counter nameB,\ldots \rangle}{\langle drivercounter \rangle}
This macro sets all counters nameA, nameB, \ldots to the reset list of the \langle drivercounter \rangle and redefines the corresponding macros \thenameA, etc. to be prepended with \thedrivercounter, i.e. \CounterWithin{equation}{section} would mean that \theequation expands to \	hesection.arabic{section}
The default format for the counter output is arabic numbers, i.e. \arabic will be used.
If the macros \thenameA etc. should not be changed, use the starred version of this command: \CounterWithin*
Please note that the redefinition of \thenameA etc. is only local, i.e. it is group safe.

\CounterWithin*{⟨counter nameA, counter nameB, ...⟩}{⟨drivercounter⟩}
This macro sets all counters nameA, nameB, ... to the reset list of the {⟨drivercounter⟩}, but does not change the corresponding macros \thenameA, etc. at all.
The default format for the counter output is arabic numbers, i.e. \arabic will be used.
If the macros \thenameA etc. should be changed, use non-starred version of this command:
\CounterWithin

\CounterWithout{⟨counter nameA, counter nameB, ...⟩}{⟨drivercounter⟩}
This macro removes all counters nameA, nameB, ... from the reset list of the {⟨drivercounter⟩} and redefines the corresponding macros \thenameA, etc. without \thedrivercounter, i.e. \CounterWithout{equation}{section} would mean that \theequation expand to \arabic{section}
The default format for the counter output is arabic numbers, i.e. \arabic will be used.
If the macros \thenameA etc. should not be changed, use the starred version of this command:
\CounterWithout*

Please note that the redefinition of \thenameA etc. is only local, i.e. it is group safe.

\CounterWithout*{⟨counter nameA, counter nameB, ...⟩}{⟨drivercounter⟩}
This macro removes all counters nameA, nameB, ... from the reset list of the {⟨drivercounter⟩}, but does not redefine the corresponding macros \thenameA, etc.
If the macros \thenameA etc. should be changed, use the non-starred version of this command:
\CounterWithout

6 Counter output

Once in a while it might be necessary to provide counter output not only as integer numbers, letters or Roman figures but also using binary, octal or hexadecimal number output. The \fmtcount package has support for this already – here are some alternatives.

6.1 Extra counter output types

None of the commands checks whether the argument refers to counter name.

\BinaryValue{⟨counter name⟩}
This command will print the value of the counter using binary digits.

\hexValue{⟨counter name⟩}
This command will print the value of the counter using lowercase hexadecimal digits.
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\HexValue{⟨counter name⟩}
This command will print the value of the counter using uppercase hexadecimal digits.

\OctalValue{⟨counter name⟩}
This command will print the value of the counter using octal digits.

\xalphalph{⟨counter name⟩}
This is allows to use more than 26 characters for the usual alphabet and prints the counter value with style aa etc. in the same manner as the \alph alph does, but with the \int_to_alph:n macro from the expl3 bundle. For usage with uppercase characters see \xAlphAlph.

\xAlphAlph{⟨counter name⟩}
This is allows to use more than 26 characters for the usual alphabet and prints the counter value with style AA etc. in the same manner as the \alph alph does, but with the \int_to_Alph:n macro from the expl3 bundle. For usage with uppercase characters see \xalphalph.

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\CounterFormat[⟨options⟩]{⟨counter1!formatname1,counter2!formatname2,…⟩}

This macro needs the package option standardcounterformats to be activated with ⟨standardcounterformats=on⟩, which is the default.

#1 [⟨options⟩]
recursive=⟨true/false⟩ (default: false)
If this key is set, the same counter format is used for the relevant counter and its resetting counters, i.e. the macro will pursue the reset counter list chain and recursively adds \the... to the output format of \thennameA etc.

Since the ⟨recursive⟩ option needs information on the parent counters, the macro \GetAllResetLists must have been called before \CounterFormat with this option can be applied. In order to provide the most recent information (which includes recently added counters or changed resetting levels), use \GetAllResetLists just before \CounterFormat.

separator=⟨separator character/string⟩ (default: !)
Specifies the separator that is used to split the counter name from the format, e.g. ⟨chapter!R⟩ where ⟨chapter⟩ is the counter name and ⟨R⟩ will be recognized as a
counter format, meaning \Roman here, see table [1] for a list of predefined counter formats.

The chosen separator must be the same for all counters in the given list of the 2nd argument (see below) and mustn't occur in the counter name itself[2].

#2 {⟨counter1!formatname1,counter2!formatname2,…⟩} A comma separated list of counters with a given format name, each separated with a separator character, default is ⟨!⟩. If the format is omitted, the default format is \arabic, i.e. arabic numbers are used.

Currently following counter formats shorthands and their output macros are stored in \AtBeginDocument if the package option standardcounterformats is set to on, which is the default behaviour of the package.

\begin{verbatim}
a \alph
A \Alph
aa \xalphalph
AA \xAlphAlph
b \BinaryValue
h \hexValue
H \HexValue
n \arabic
o \OctalValue
r \roman
R \Roman
\end{verbatim}

Table 1: List of predefined counter format shorthands – please note that ⟨n⟩ has been used in order to allow ⟨a⟩ to be used for output with lowercase characters.

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\begin{verbatim}
\thefoobar
\CounterFormat{foobar!R}
\thefoobar
\setcounter{foobar}{30}
\CounterFormat{foobar!aa}
\thefoobar
\CounterFormat{foobar!o}
\thefoobar
\CounterFormat{foobar!AA}
\thefoobar
\end{verbatim}

10001
11
11
XVII
ad
36
AD

Showing the \textit{recursive} option of \texttt{CounterFormat}\texttt{!H}.

\begin{verbatim}
% All counters are using \texttt{arabic} by default from \texttt{newcounter} or \texttt{NewDocumentCounter}
\NewDocumentCounter{foolevelzero}
\NewDocumentCounter{foolevelone}[foolevelzero]
\NewDocumentCounter{fooleveltwo}[foolevelone]

% Get the current reset lists! \texttt{(Important)}
\GetAllResetLists

% Now change to \texttt{Hex} format (!H) for all counters in the hierarchy.
\CounterFormat[recursive]{fooleveltwo!H}

\setcounter{foolevelzero}{20}\% Should be 14
\setcounter{foolevelone}{15}\% Should be F
\setcounter{fooleveltwo}{10}\% Should be A

\thefoolevelzero \% -> 14
\thefoolevelone \% 14.F
\thefooleveltwo \% 14.F.A
\end{verbatim}

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\StoreCounterFormats{(options)}{(formatshorthandA!formatmacroA,formatshorthandB!formatmacroB,...)}

Stores the counter formats separated by the separator character as given in the option to the global list. Existing formats will be overwritten if the format shorthand already exists. There is no warning about this! The only handled option is `separator^P.25` and has the same meaning as in \CounterFormat^P.25.

The formatmacro must be a command sequence with exactly one mandatory argument, which may not be specified in the format storage process.

This macro will become a preamble-only command most likely.

\AddCounterFormats{(options)}{(formatshorthandA!formatmacroA,formatshorthandB!formatmacroB,...)}

Adds the counter formats separated by the separator character as given in the option to the global list, similar to \StoreCounterFormats. Existing formats will be overwritten if the format shorthand already exists. There is no warning about this! The only handled option is `separator^P.25` and has the same meaning as in \CounterFormat^P.25.

The formatmacro must be a command sequence with exactly one mandatory argument, which may not be specified in the format storage process.

\RemoveCounterFormats{(options)}{(formatshorthandA,formatshorthandB,...)}

Removes the given counter formats from the global list.

The optional argument is ignored as of version 2.0.
# Part III

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7 Associated counters

The main purpose of this package is co-stepping of counters, but there are some helper commands in addition to macros provided \LaTeX already, see section \textit{Additions to standard commands}.

- Section \textbf{Association macros} describes the most important macros for setting up associated counters
- Section \textbf{Driver macros} informs about the macros for setting up, removing or clearing driver counters
- Section \textbf{Query macros} deals with query command sequences about counters being a driver or an associated counters
- Section \textbf{Information macros} contains routines that show which counters have been changed last

7.1 Associated counters commands

All macros have the general rule, that the driver counter is specified as 1st mandatory argument to the macro, which is in almost all cases the 2nd argument of the macro.

\texttt{\textbackslash DeclareAssociatedCounters\{}\langle options\rangle\}\{\langle driver counter\rangle\}\{\langle associated counters list\rangle\}\}

This command is the main macro of the package. It declares the counter names being specified in comma-separated list (CSV) which should be stepped simultaneously when the driver counter is increased by \texttt{\textbackslash stepcounter}. If only counter is to be associated, omit a trailing ","!

\#1 \{\langle options\rangle\}:
\texttt{autodefine=\langle choice\rangle} \hspace{1cm} \text{(initially none)}

This choice - key can be specified if the specified counters should be defined if they not already available. Possible values are
\begin{itemize}
  \item none – no counter is autodefined
  \item all – all counters will be autodefined
  \item driver – only driver counters will be autodefined
  \item associated – only associated counters will be autodefined
\end{itemize}

Default is none
sloppy

If \texttt{autodefine} key is used, the \texttt{sloppy} key disables the check whether a counter is defined already.

\#2 \{(driver counter)\}

Holds the name of the driver counter to which the list of counters should be associated

\#3 \{(associated counters list)\}

A comma separated list of counter names that should be associated to the driver counter

- This command is a preamble command, i.e. it can be used in the preamble of the document or within other packages or class files only.
- This command should be used as early as possible, i.e. in the preamble of the document, since the driven counters are not increased as long as they are not associated to the driver counter. On the hand, it is possible or may be required to control the starting point of the association at any position in the body of the document, when the association should start later on. Use the command \texttt{\AddAssociatedCounters} if counters should be associated within the document body.

\begin{verbatim}
%%%% The association of anothertotalpages in this example just takes place
\DeclareAssociatedCounters{page}{totalpages,anothertotalpages}

This document has \number\totvalue{newtotalpages} (note: \number\totvalue{anothertotalpages}) pages.
\end{verbatim}

- Current version (2.0) rules:
  - No checking whether the 2nd and 3rd arguments hold counter names is applied.
  - Mutually cross - association of two counters is not supported! The compilation will stop on this!

A driver counter, say, \texttt{foo} of, say \texttt{foobar} can not be an associated counter of \texttt{foobar}, which in turn can be a driver counter of other counters, of course.

A contrary feature are the \texttt{coupled counters} – If some counters should share a common base, i.e. increasing one arbitrary member counter of a group of counters then all should be increased, this called coupling of counters – all group members are on an equal footing. See section \texttt{9} about this feature.

On the other side, \texttt{associated counters} belong to a hierarchy. The driver counter dominates the associated counters.

- A self-association of the driver counter to itself is ignored internally as this would lead to inconsistent counter values.
7.1 Association macros

• The order of the specification of associated counters in the 2nd arguments is of no importance.
• Specifying an associated counter name multiple times has no effect, only the first occurrence of the name will be used.

\AddAssociatedCounters[⟨options⟩]{⟨driver counter⟩}{⟨associated counters list⟩}

The usage of this macro is similar to \DeclareAssociatedCounters \footnote{P.30} if it is called in the document preamble (or in package file), \AddAssociatedCounters falls back to \DeclareAssociatedCounters \footnote{P.30}, having the same optional argument functionality with \autodefine \footnote{P.30} and \sloppy \footnote{P.31} if it is called in the document body, this command adds some counters to the associated counter list for a specific driver counter – if this list does not exist, the \TeX run will issue a warning, but add the driver counter to the driver list and the associated counters analogously.

Using \AddAssociatedCounters in the document body automated generation of counters is disabled.

\RemoveAssociatedCounter{⟨driver counter⟩}{⟨associated counter⟩}

This command removes a counter from the existing list for a driver counter, i.e. the counter will not be increased any longer by \stepcounter. It can be increased however manually, of course.

\PrintDocumentFootnote\RemoveAssociatedCounter{page}{another total pages}
This document has \number\totvalue{new total pages} (beware: )\PrintDocumentFootnote(\number\totvalue{another total pages}) pages.
\PrintDocumentFootnote
This document has 0 (beware: 31) pages.
7.1 Association macros

\RemoveAssociatedCounters\{\langle\text{driver counter}\rangle}\{\langle\text{list of associated counters}\rangle\}

This command removes the comma-separated-value list of counters from the existing list for a driver counter, i.e. the counters will not be increased any longer by \stepcounter. They can be increased however manually, of course.

Take care not to confuse the commands \RemoveAssociatedCounters and \RemoveAssociatedCounter.

\ClearAssociatedCounters\{\langle\text{options}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{driver counter}\rangle\}

This command clears the internal list for all counters associated to the \{\langle\text{driver counter}\rangle\}. The counters will not be increased automatically any longer.

The optional argument is not used as of version 2.0.

Please note that the driver counter is not removed from the list of driver counters – this simplifies reassociating of (other) counters to this one later on with the macro \AddAssociatedCounters and suppress the relevant warning.

If the driver counter and all its associated counters should be removed, use \RemoveDriverCounter instead.

\DeclareTotalAssociatedCounters\{\langle\text{options}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{driver counter}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{associated counters list}\rangle\}

This command combines the features of \texttt{associated counters} and \texttt{total counters}, i.e. the associated counters are defined with \NewTotalDocumentCounter and associated to the driver counter.

See section 12 for more information on \texttt{total counters}.
# 7.2 Driver counter commands

\AddDriverCounter[\langle options\rangle]{\langle driver counter name\rangle}

**Description of arguments of command \AddDriverCounter**

1. **\langle options\rangle**: As of 2.0, the optional argument \langle options\rangle is not used so far, but is reserved for later purposes.
2. **\langle driver counter name\rangle**: Holds the name of the driver counter that should be added to the list of driver counters.

\RemoveDriverCounter[\langle options\rangle]{\langle driver counter\rangle}

This command clears the internal list for all counters associated to the \langle driver counter\rangle. The counters will not be increased automatically any longer. The optional argument is not used as of version 2.0.

If all driver counters should be unregistered, use \ClearDriverCounters instead!

\ClearDriverCounters[\langle options\rangle]

This clears completely the list of driver counters, such that no counters are regarded as being associated – i.e. no driver is hold as being a driver counter.

The optional argument is not used as of version 2.0.

## 7.3 Commands for queries

Sometimes it might be necessary to get information, whether a counter is regarded as a driver or as an associated counter. This section describes some query macros in order to obtain this information.

\IsAssociatedToCounter{\langle driver counter\rangle}{\langle associated counter\rangle}{\langle True branch\rangle}{\langle False branch\rangle}

This macro checks, whether a counter is associated to a particular given driver counter and expands the corresponding branch. If the internal driver counter list does not exist, the false branch will be used, since this also means, that the possibly associated counter is not associated at all.
### Description of arguments of command \*IsAssociatedToCounter*\

**#1** \{⟨driver counter⟩\} \\
Holds the name of the driver counter to which \{⟨associated counter⟩\} the could possibly be associated.

**#2** \{⟨associated counter⟩\} \\
Contains the name of the possibly associated counter.

**#3** \{⟨True branch⟩\} \\
This code is expanded if the counter is associated to the driver, otherwise it is ignored.

**#4** \{⟨True branch⟩\} \\
This code is expanded if the counter is not associated to the driver, otherwise it is ignored.

---

% Remove associated counter first for demonstration purposes
\RemoveAssociatedCounter{page}{anothertotalpages} \\
\IsAssociatedToCounter{page}{newtotalpages}{Yes, totalpages is associated}{No, } \\
{totalpages is not associated} \\
\IsAssociatedToCounter{page}{anothertotalpages}{Yes, anotherpages is associated}{No, anotherpages is not associated}

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See also

- \*IsAssociatedCounter* \[P. 36\] for checking whether a counter is associated
- \*IsDriverCounter* \[P. 36\] in order to check whether a counter is a driver.
- \*GetDriverCounter* returns the driver counter name for a given associated counter name

\GetDriverCounter{⟨counter name⟩}

This commands returns the driver counter to which the counter name of the first argument is connected to. If the counter is not defined, the macro returns nothing.

- No check whether the counter name is defined is performed
- No check whether the counter is associated at all is performed. Usage of this command in conjunction with \*IsAssociatedCounter* \[P. 36\] is strongly encouraged.
7.3 Query macros

\IsAssociatedCounter{⟨counter name⟩}{⟨True branch⟩}{⟨False branch⟩}

This command tests whether a given counter name is an associated counter and expands correspondingly the true or the false branch. The command does not tell to which driver the counter it is associated – this information can be obtained by \GetDriverCounter\textsuperscript{P.35}.

\IsDriverCounter{⟨driver counter name⟩}{⟨True branch⟩}{⟨False branch⟩}

This command tests whether a given counter name is a driver counter and expands correspondingly the true or the false branch.
Description of arguments of command \IfDriverCounter

\#1 {⟨driver counter name⟩}
Contains the name of the possible driver counter

\#2 {⟨True branch⟩}
This code is expanded if the counter is a driver, otherwise it is ignored

\#3 {⟨True branch⟩}
This code is expanded if the counter is not a driver, otherwise it is ignored

\IsDriverCounter{section}{Yes, section is a driver counter}{No, section counter does not have driver properties}

Yes, section is a driver counter

8 Backup and restore of counter values

⚠ This feature is currently disabled!

9 Coupled counters

⚠ The features described here are very experimental and not fully implemented so far.

Occasionally there are requests where the figure or table environment should use the same counter in the sense of using continued counter values, e.g. figure 1 is followed by table 2, the next figure is numbered as 3 etc. This can be achieved with the concept of coupled counters. As usual, those counters belonging to a ‘group’ should be declared first in the preamble. In some sense coupled counters are similar to associated counters.

9.1 Common options for most of the coupled counter macros

\texttt{name=⟨name of a group⟩}
This option has the name of the counter group that should be coupled, say “figuretablegroup” etc.

\texttt{multiple=⟨true,false⟩} \hspace{1cm} (initially false)
This option allows to add a counter multiple times to a counter group. In general, using this style is not recommended.

### 9.2 Macros for declaring, adding and removing coupled counters

\[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash DeclareCoupledCounters}}[⟨\text{options}⟩]{⟨\text{counter name } 1, \text{counter name } 2, \ldots⟩}\]

1. \[⟨\text{options}⟩\]: See section 9.1 for an explanation about available options.
2. \{⟨counter name 1, counter name 2, \ldots⟩\}: The list of counters that should be stepped together for the given counter group.

This macro is a preamble-only command.

\[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash DeclareCoupledCountersGroup}}{⟨\text{counter group name}⟩}\]

This macro defines a name for a counter group and allocates a new group list for the counter names. If the name already exists, nothing is done.

1. \{⟨counter group name⟩\}: The name of the counter group.

This macro is a preamble-only command and does not add counters to the group container. Use \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash DeclareCoupledCounters}}\] or \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash AddCoupledCounters}}\] to add counters to the relevant group.

\[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash RemoveCoupledCounters}}[⟨\text{options}⟩]{⟨\text{counter name } 1, \text{counter name } 2, \ldots⟩}\]

This removes the comma separated counter names from the coupled counter list given in the \[name\] option.

1. \[⟨\text{options}⟩\]: As of version 2.0 the only recognized option is \[name\]
2. \{⟨counter name 1, counter name 2, \ldots⟩\}: The list of counters that should be removed from the given counter group.

- The list name itself is still available
- If the list given by the \[name\] option does not exist, \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash RemoveCoupledCounters}}\] issues a warning on the console and ignores this list then.

If all counters from a group name should be removed, this is equal to clearing – just use \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash ClearCoupledCounters}}\] for simpler usage of this feature.

\[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash AddCoupledCounters}}[⟨\text{options}⟩]{⟨\text{counter name } 1, \text{counter name } 2, \ldots⟩}\]

This adds the listed counter names to coupled counter list. It acts like \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash DeclareCoupledCounters}}\] but does not setup new counter groups. Please use \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash DeclareCoupledCounters}}\] first, then apply \[\text{\texttt{\textbackslash AddCoupledCounters}}\] later on.
9.2 Macros for coupled counters

#1 \[\langle\text{options}\rangle\] : See section 9.1 for an explanation about available options.

#2 \{\langle\text{counter name 1, counter name 2, \ldots}\rangle\} : The list of counters that should should be stepped together for the given counter group.

If the list given by the \texttt{name} option does not exist, \texttt{AddCoupledCounters} issues a warning on the console and ignores this list then. The counters are not added to any list at all.

\texttt{ClearCoupledCounters}\langle\text{options}\rangle

This removes all names from the given name of a group of coupled counters.

#1 \[\langle\text{options}\rangle\] : As of version 2.0 the only recognized option is \texttt{name}.

After clearing a list, the coupling stops for the counters on that list (unless they are part of another list, which is possible, but not recommended). using \texttt{AddCoupledCounters} with the relevant \texttt{name} option adds counters again to the list and the coupling is active again, however, for different counters (eventually).

In order to clear all coupled counter lists, use \texttt{ClearCoupledCounters} instead.

\texttt{ClearAllCoupledCounters}

This removes all coupled counter groups, but not the group names, i.e. the list names can be used later on to add counter names again. In order to clear a specific list, use \texttt{ClearCoupledCounters}.

\texttt{IsCoupledCounterTF}\{\langle\text{counter name}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{true branch}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{false branch}\rangle\}

This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the coupled counter commands and expands to the relevant branch then. There are two short-circuit commands \texttt{IsCoupledCounterT} and \texttt{IsCoupledCounterF}.

\texttt{IsCoupledCounterT}\{\langle\text{counter name}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{true branch}\rangle\}

This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the coupled counter commands and executes the true branch then. There are two related commands \texttt{IsCoupledCounterTF} and \texttt{IsCoupledCounterF}.

\texttt{IsCoupledCounterF}\{\langle\text{counter name}\rangle\}\{\langle\text{false branch}\rangle\}

This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the coupled counter commands and executes the false branch then if this is not the case. There are two related commands \texttt{IsCoupledCounterTF} and \texttt{IsCoupledCounterT}.
10 Periodic counters

It might be very convenient to have counters that are automatically reset not only by a driving counter such as \chapter but also periodically, i.e. after a certain amount of steps – this can be achieved with the concept of periodic counters.

10.1 Commands related to periodic counters setup

\DeclarePeriodicCounter[\(\)]{⟨counter name⟩}{⟨counter treshold value⟩}

This defines the counter given in the first mandatory argument as a periodic counter and is automatically reset if the treshold value is reached.

\AddPeriodicCounter[\(\)]{⟨counter name⟩}{⟨counter treshold value⟩}

This defines the counter given in the first mandatory argument as a periodic counter and is automatically reset if the treshold value is reached.

Please note that in case of \addtocounter applied to a periodic counter the value to be added leads to a modulo division such that the counter might be reset if the addition would increase the counter beyond the treshold value, the module part will be added then. In order to prevent this wrapping, use the \texttt{wrap=false} option to \addtocounter.

\setcounter{foocntr}{3}\%
\AddPeriodicCounter{foocntr}{8}\%

Value of foocntr is: \thefoocntr \texttt{Should be 3}

\addtocounter{foocntr}{20}\% \texttt{Is it 23? No, it is 23 \% 8 = 7}
Value of foocntr is \thefoocntr\ now!

Adding a value of 4 again:
\addtocounter{foocntr}{4}\% \texttt{Is it 11? No, it is 11 \% 8 = 3}
Value of foocntr is \thefoocntr\ now!

Now prevent the wrapping
\addtocounter{foocntr}{10}\%[\texttt{wrap=false}] \texttt{Is it 13? Yes, it is!}
Value of foocntr is \thefoocntr\ now!

\setcounter{foocntr}{3}
Value of foocntr is: 3
Value of foocntr is 7 now!
Adding a value of 4 again: Value of foocntr is 3 now!
Now prevent the wrapping Value of foocntr is 13 now!


\RemovePeriodicCounter\(\langle\text{options}\rangle\)\{\(\text{counter name}\)\}

This removes the counter given in the first mandatory argument as a periodic counter. The counter is reset unless the `reset` is set to `false`.

1. \(\langle\text{options}\rangle\)
   As of version 2.0, there is only one option:
   \(\text{reset}=\langle\text{true/false}\rangle\) (initially true)
   Use `false` to prevent the resetting of the relevant counter after removal!

2. \{\(\text{counter name}\)\} – the name of the counter that should be no periodic counter any longer.

If all periodic counters should be removed, use the macro \RemoveAllPeriodicCounters instead.

\RemoveAllPeriodicCounters\(\langle\text{options}\rangle\)

This command removes all counters given in the first mandatory argument as a periodic counter. All counters are reset unless the `reset` option is set to `false`.

1. \(\langle\text{options}\rangle\) As of version 2.0, there is only one option: `reset`, having the same meaning as in \RemovePeriodicCounter.

2. \{\(\text{counter name}\)\} – the name of the counter that should be no periodic counter any longer.

If only a specific counter shall be removed from the periodic counter property use the command \RemovePeriodicCounter instead.

\ChangePeriodicCounterCondition\(\langle\text{options}\rangle\)\{\(\text{counter name}\)\}\{\(\text{new counter threshold value}\)\}

This changes the counter threshold condition – the counter is reset automatically if not specified otherwise with the `reset` option.

1. \(\langle\text{options}\rangle\)
   As of version 2.0, there is only one option: `reset` which serves the same functionality as in \RemovePeriodicCounter

2. \{\(\text{counter name}\)\} – the name of the counter that should be no periodic counter any longer.

3. \{\(\text{new counter value threshold}\)\} – the new value after which an automatic resetting will occur.

### 10.2 Commands to query for periodic counter feature

\IsPeriodicCounterTF\{\(\text{counter name}\)\}\{\(\text{true branch}\)\}\{\(\text{false branch}\)\}

This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the periodic counter commands and expands to the relevant branch then. There are two short-circuit commands: \IsPeriodicCounterT and \IsPeriodicCounterF.
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```
\IsPeriodicCounterT{⟨counter name⟩}{⟨true branch⟩}
```
This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the periodic counter commands and expands to the ⟨true⟩ branch then. There are two related commands: \IsPeriodicCounterTF and \IsPeriodicCounterF.

```
\IsPeriodicCounterF{⟨counter name⟩}{⟨false branch⟩}
```
This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the periodic counter commands and expands to the ⟨false⟩ branch then if this is not the case. There are two related commands: \IsPeriodicCounterTF and \IsPeriodicCounterT.

11 Suspending and resuming (associated) counters

Rather than removing an associated counter from the list, it is possible to suspend the automatic stepping for a while and then resume it (or completely drop it), for example, if the value of a counter should not be stepped within a specific chapter etc.

⚠️ Suspension and resuming counters can cause wrong hyper links if `hyperref` is used.

11.1 Macros for suspension and resume

```
\SuspendCounters[⟨options⟩]{⟨counters list⟩}
```

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<td>Not used so far, reserved for later usage.</td>
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<td>#2 ⟨⟨counters list⟩⟩</td>
<td>Contains the name of counters to be suspended, separated by commas (CSV - list)</td>
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```
\CascadeSuspendCounters[⟨options⟩]{⟨counters list⟩}
```
This macro is more powerful than \SuspendCounters since it tries to detect whether a counter has a reset list and `mutes' the counters on this list as well and checks whether those counters themselves have reset lists and cascades down to the final state.

⚠️ Stated differently: All counters anyhow connected to a counter named `foo` will be suspended, e.g. for the `book` class and `chapter`, this means in a standard setup, that `section,figure,table,equation,footnote` will be suspended, as well as in consequence `subsection,subsubsection,paragraph,subparagraph`, assuming hereby no other counters have been added to the reset lists.
Description of arguments of command \texttt{CascadeSuspendCounters}

\#1 [\langle options \rangle]
Not used so far, reserved for later usage.

\#2 \{\langle counters list \rangle\}
Contains the name of counters to be suspended, separated by commas (CSV - list)

\texttt{ResumeSuspendedCounters}[\langle options \rangle]{\langle counters list \rangle}
As of version 2.0 the optional argument is not used and reserved for later purposes. This command revokes the suspension of the counters in the \{\langle counters \rangle\} list.

\texttt{ResumeAllSuspendedCounters}[\langle options \rangle]
As of version 2.0 the optional argument is not used and reserved for later purposes. This command revokes all suspended counters.

11.2 Query suspension

\texttt{IsSuspendedCounter}\{\langle counter name \rangle\}{\langle true branch \rangle}{\langle false branch \rangle}
See \texttt{Suspending and Resuming} on this topic.
This command checks, whether a counter is suspended, i.e. not updated at all and expands the corresponding branches.

\#1 \{\langle counter name \rangle\}
Contains the name of counter presumed to be suspended

\#2 \{\langle True branch \rangle\}
This code is expanded if the counter is suspended, otherwise it is ignored

\#3 \{\langle True branch \rangle\}
This code is expanded if the counter is not suspended, otherwise it is ignored

\textbf{If a driver counter is suspended, all counters associated to it are suspended too!}
This example shows 4 equations, but only two of them are counted

\[ E_0 = mc^2 \]  

Now suspend the equations:

\SuspendCounters{equation}

\begin{equation}
E^2 = \left( \frac{pc}{c}\right)^2 + E^{2}_0
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
m(v) = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}
\end{equation}

And resume it: \ResumeSuspendedCounters{equation}

\begin{equation}
E = h \nu
\end{equation}

There are \number\totvalue{totalequations} equations in here!

This example shows 4 equations, but only two of them are counted

\[ E_0 = mc^2 \]  

Now suspend the equations:

\[ E^2 = (pc)^2 + E^{2}_0 \]  

\[ m(v) = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \]  

And resume it:

\[ E = h \nu \]  

There are 2 equations in here!

12 Total counters

Similarly to the package \totcount or the features of \totalcount by Axel Sommerfeldt this package provides the possibility of defining a counter that stores its finally value to the auxiliary file and starts from this value then, if not set otherwise to another value.

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The declaration of a total counter is a preamble - only event and \texttt{\textbackslash DeclareTotalDocumentCounter} is a preamble-only command in order to prevent counter register confusion. If a certain existing counter should be treated with total counter features, use \texttt{\textbackslash RegisterTotalDocumentCounter} instead.

Use \texttt{\textbackslash NewTotalDocumentCounter} only in rare cases, if a total counter must be defined within the document body.

\textbf{12.1 Defining total counters}

\texttt{\textbackslash RegisterTotalDocumentCounter}\[\langle \text{options}\rangle\]{\langle \text{total counter name} \rangle}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{#1} \langle \text{options} \rangle: As of version 2.0, only this option is used
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{supertotal}\langle \text{true,false} \rangle \hspace{1cm} \text{(false)}
    \end{itemize}
    Set this key to switch the super total counter on or off.
  \item \textbf{#2} \langle \text{total counter name} \rangle: The name of the total counter. This must be the same like the name of an already existing counter. Internally another counter is defined which has a prefix to prevent name clashes with counter names defined by the package \texttt{\textbackslash totalcount}. If the counter name does not exist, the compilation exits with an error message.
\end{itemize}

\texttt{\textbackslash TotalCounterInternalName}\{\langle \text{counter name} \rangle\}

This command reports the internal name of a total counter or the usual name if this counter is not a total one.

\begin{verbatim}
\TotalCounterInternalName{chapter}
\TotalCounterInternalName{foototal}
\end{verbatim}

 chapter xassoccnt@total@foototal

\texttt{\textbackslash TotalCounterInternalNameExp}\{\langle \text{counter name} \rangle\}

This command is the expandable version of \texttt{\textbackslash TotalCounterInternalName}

\texttt{\textbackslash TotalValue}\{\langle \text{counter name} \rangle\}
12.2 Queries about total counters

This command prints the value of a total counter or falls back to the value of the counter if this is not a total counter.

```
\TotalValue{section}
```

```
Total value of the foototal total counter: \TotalValue{foototal}
```

12.2 Queries about total counters

\IsTotalCounterTF{⟨counter name⟩}{ ⟨true branch⟩}{ ⟨false branch⟩}

This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the total counter commands and expands to the relevant branch then. There are two short-circuit commands \IsTotalCounterT and \IsTotalCounterF.

\IsTotalCounterT{⟨counter name⟩}{ ⟨true branch⟩}

This macro checks if a counter is under the administration of the total counter commands and expands to the code in the second argument if this is true.

\IsTotalCounterF{⟨counter name⟩}{ ⟨false branch⟩}

This macro checks if a counter is under the administration of the total counter commands and expands to the code in the second argument if this is not the case.

\IsTotalCounterTF{foototal}{Yes, this is a total counter}{No, this is no total & counter}

\IsTotalCounterTF{section}{Yes, this is a total counter}{No, this is no total & counter}

\IsTotalCounterT{foototal}{Yes, this is a total counter}

\IsTotalCounterF{page}{No, page isn’t a total counter}

Yes, this is a total counter
Yes, this is a total counter
Yes, this is a total counter
No, page isn’t a total counter

The features of using other \aux files or a different external file as provided by \totcount is not (yet) support as of version 2.0.
13 Super total counters

In addition to the concept of a total counter, there is also the possibility of using super total counters – those counters survive the reset at the beginning of a compilation, i.e. the value of a super total counter might be stepped in each run and as such the number of compilation runs etc. can be tracked. The values of the last run are persistent as long as the `.aux` file isn’t deleted.

13.1 Defining super total counters

\NewTotalDocumentCounter\[⟨options⟩]\{⟨total counter name1, total counter name2,…⟩\}

This macro defines a new counter (which mustn’t exist before of course) and puts it under control of the total counter features.

#1 ⟨⟨options⟩⟩: As of version 2.0, only this option is used

`supertotal`⁴⁶ – this has the same meaning as in \RegisterTotalDocumentCounter⁴⁵ and defaults to `false`.

#2 ⟨⟨total counter name1, total counter name2,…⟩⟩: The names of the total counter, separated by a comma. This must not be the same like the name of any already existing counter. Internally another counter is defined which has a prefix to prevent name clashes with counter names defined by the package \totcount.

\DeclareTotalDocumentCounter\[⟨options⟩]\{⟨total counter name1, total counter name2,…⟩\}

This is the preamble - only version of \NewTotalDocumentCounter and should be preferred in most cases over that command.

If an already existing counter should be tracked with total counter features, use \RegisterTotalDocumentCounter⁴⁵ instead.

This command allows multiple counters (specified as a comma separated list) to be defined at once.

13.2 Queries about super total counters

\IsSuperTotalCounterTF\{⟨counter name⟩\}\{⟨true branch⟩\}\{⟨false branch⟩\}

This macro tests if a counter is under the administration of the super total counter commands and expands to the relevant branch then. There are two short-circuit commands \IsSuperTotalCounterT and \IsSuperTotalCounterF⁴⁸

\IsSuperTotalCounterT\{⟨counter name⟩\}\{⟨true branch⟩\}

This macro checks if a counter is under the administration of the super total counter commands and expands to the code in the second argument if this is true.
\IsSuperTotalCounterF{(counter name)}{(false branch)}
This macro checks if a counter is under the administration of the super total counter commands and expands to the code in the second argument if this is not the case.

\IsSuperTotalCounterTF{numberofruns}{Yes, this is a super total counter}{No, this is no super total counter}
\IsSuperTotalCounterT{numberofruns}{Yes, this is a super total counter}
\IsSuperTotalCounterTF{chapter}{Yes, this is a total counter}{No, this is no super total counter}

No, this is no super total counter
No, this is no super total counter

13.3 The \textit{numberofruns} counter

This package adds a counter of its own: \textit{numberofruns} which is a super total counter and is stepped each compilation run. It’s added in \texttt{\AtBeginDocument} and can be retrieved with \texttt{\TotalValue}. Use the \texttt{nonumberofruns} package option to prevent the definition of this counter.

14 Experimental features

The content here is only of experimental nature and there is no guarantee that the feature will be maintained in future releases.

14.1 Labels

To enable the redefined \texttt{label} macro, specify the package option \texttt{redefinelabel}.

\label[(cleveref-counter-overrule)]{(label name)}[(options for associated counters)]

\texttt{all}={\texttt{true},\texttt{false}} (initially \texttt{false})
This will enable that all associated counters to a driver counter will cause the generation of a label too. By default this option is \texttt{false}. This option deliberately overrules \texttt{select} and the value of the option \texttt{prefix} is disregarded.
14.2 Hooks

This feature is experimental and only realized for the modified `\label` command until now. See `xassoccnt_getparentcounter_example.tex` as an example of usage.
\RegisterPreLabelHook{⟨command name1, command name2,...⟩}

This macro declares a possible list of hooks (commands) that should be executed before the traditional \label command is applied. If the hook name refers to some unknown macro, nothing is done.

The hook names must be given with the \ as command sequence indicator, i.e. \zlabel, more than one macro name is possible by using comma as separator.

As of version 2.0 the hook macro does not allow more than one argument, which is automatically used from the surrounding \label call and is the usual label name.

\RegisterPostLabelHook{⟨command name1, command name2,...⟩}

This macro declares a possible list of hooks (commands) that should be executed after the traditional \label command is applied. If the hook name refers to some unknown macro, nothing is done.

The hook names must be given with the \ as command sequence indicator, i.e. \zlabel, more than one macro name is possible by using comma as separator.

As of version 2.0 the hook macro does not allow more than one argument, which is automatically used from the surrounding \label call and is the usual label name.
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15 To - Do list

- Merging of counter groups, removing counters from counter groups
- Backup and restoration of individual counters not being member of a counter group
- Switch to the container support for all features – this is a major task and will be done in (tiny) steps.
- Better counter definition/copy counter routines → another package perhaps
- More examples
- Some macro names might be non-intuitive
- Improve documentation
- Hooks for conditionals on \texttt{numberofruns} (see section 13.3)

Some issues that have been addressed partially are:

- Add counter group support for the \texttt{backup} feature, i.e. define a symbolic name for a group of counters that should be controlled by the backup feature. This will allow multiple backup groups, which might be necessary.

If you

- find bugs
- errors in the documentation
- have suggestions
- have feature requests

don’t hesitate and contact me using my mail address: .
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17 Version history

• Version v2.0 2021-11-21
  – Last release due to changes in \texttt{X3-Kernel} and switching to unmaintained state.

• Version v1.8 2019-01-01
  – Maintenance update due to updates to $\mathbb{expl3}$.
    Changed from \texttt{\_c\_one} to \texttt{\_c\_one\_int} and \texttt{\_c\_zero} to \texttt{\_c\_zero\_int}

• Version v1.7 2018-12-28
  – Maintenance update due to updates to $\mathbb{expl3}$.
    Changed from \texttt{\_c\_minus\_one} to an explizit \texttt{-1}

• Version v1.6 2018-01-03
  – Maintenance update due to updates to $\mathbb{expl3}$
  – The Backup/Restore feature is currently broken and needs a thorough inspection

• Version v1.5 2017-07-28
  Added \texttt{\LastRefSteppedCounter}\textsuperscript{P.16} as dummy version which expands to nothing as long as \texttt{\refstepcounter} has not been called.

• Version v1.4 2017-05-10
  – Improved the core macros \texttt{\refstepcounter} and \texttt{\stepcounter} in order to fit the $\mathbb{expl3}$ and $\mathbb{xparse}$ changes of Februar - April 2017.
  – Added following experimental features:
    - \texttt{\CounterFormat}\textsuperscript{P.25} with quick and possible recursive change of the counter output
    - \texttt{\StoreCounterFormats}\textsuperscript{P.26} \texttt{\AddCounterFormats}\textsuperscript{P.28} and \texttt{\RemoveCounterFormats}\textsuperscript{P.28} for defining own short hand counter formats.
    - Provided the macros \texttt{\xalphalph}\textsuperscript{P.25} and \texttt{\xAlphAlph}\textsuperscript{P.25} in order to allow counter output in the same manner as the $\mathbb{alphalph}$ does.
    - Added the macros \texttt{\CounterWithin}\textsuperscript{P.23} \texttt{\CounterWithin*}\textsuperscript{P.24} \texttt{\CounterWithout}\textsuperscript{P.24} and \texttt{\CounterWithout*}\textsuperscript{P.24} which provides a quicker access to add or remove counters from the reset list and changing the corresponding \texttt{\the...} macros.
– Provided the \texttt{\textbackslash LoopCounterResetList}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 23} to perform the same action on all counters being in the reset list of a given counter.

– New macros \texttt{\textbackslash ClearCounterResetList}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 19} and \texttt{\textbackslash ClearCounterResetList*}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 19} to remove all counters on first level of a driver counter.

– Added the explanation (missing in previous versions) to the documentation that the \texttt{\textbackslash AddToReset}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 19} \texttt{\textbackslash RemoveFromReset}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 18} and \texttt{\textbackslash RemoveFromFullReset}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 18} macros actually support a comma separated list of counter names for the first argument.

• Version v1.3 2017-03-04

– Provided the \texttt{\textbackslash LaTeXLabel}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 49} macro to access the non-xassoccnt version of the \texttt{\textbackslash label}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 48} command.

– Added the concept of label hooks, see section\texttt{\small section14} for more information. \texttt{\textcolor{green}{Experimental}}

– The macros \texttt{\textbackslash Last}\ldots\texttt{\small are defined with \textcolor{green}{\texttt{\textbackslash expl3}}} methods.

– Added \texttt{\textbackslash GetAllResetLists}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 20} and \texttt{\textbackslash GetParentCounter}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 21} for information on parent (or driver) counters.

• Version v1.2 2017-03-03

– Corrected some typos in the manual.

– The macros \texttt{\textbackslash NewDocumentCounter}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 12} \texttt{\textbackslash DeclareDocumentCounter}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 12} and \texttt{\textbackslash NewTotalDocumentCounter}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 47} allow multiple counters to be specified and defined.

– Added the macro \texttt{\textbackslash DeclareTotalAssociatedCounters}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 33} in order to combine total counters and the associated feature, i.e. the counters are total ones and associated to a driver counter.

– An extended version of \texttt{\textbackslash label}\texttt{\small P.\textbackslash 48} is provided to allow labels also for associated counters during the stepping process of the driver counter. \texttt{\textcolor{green}{Experimental}}

• Version v1.1 2016-10-29

– Added some missing basic functions needed after the more restrictive \texttt{\textcolor{green}{\texttt{\textbackslash expl3}}} update from 2016/10/19

– Added a statement about the requirement to load \texttt{\textcolor{green}{\texttt{\textbackslash tcolorbox}}} before \texttt{\textcolor{green}{\texttt{\textbackslash xassoccnt}}} in the documentation (i.e. this file!)

• Version v1.0 2016-07-28

– Restructured the \texttt{\textcolor{green}{\texttt{\textbackslash xassoccnt}}} manual file.
– Added some improvements for counter reset lists macros
– Added new backup/restore features, with cascading counters possibility – the old backup/restore macros are still available but renamed with a prefix `\Former...
– Added the `\RemoveAllPeriodicCounters` – it was missing in the periodic counter features – see `Periodic counters` for more information on this.
– Added the expandable version of `\TotalCounterInternalName` named `\TotalCounterInternalNameExp`.

• Version v0.9 2016-06-19
  – `\TotalValue` is an expandable command now.
  – Added the periodic counter features – see Periodic counters for more information on this.

• Version v0.8 2016-06-10
  ✓ Fixed the `\SuspendCounters` and `\ResumeSuspendedCounters` macros – the comma separated list of counters was not used (contrary to the purpose and the documentation description).
  ✓ Additions of commands
    ▶ `\ResumeAllSuspendedCounters`
    ▶ `\CascadeSuspendCounters`
    ▶ `\DisplayResetList`
    ▶ `\ShowResetList`

• Version v0.7 2016-05-10
  ✓ Fixed a small bug in the `\xassoccnt` version of `\stepcounter`
  ✓ Added some macros that support the output of binary, octal or hexadecimal (both lowercase/uppercase) values of counters.
  ✓ Added the `\Loop...Counters` macros that perform an action in loop on all given counter names.

• Version v0.6 2016-03-05
  ✓ The coupled counters allow to specify a counter group to which all relevant counters belong, this allows several coupled counter groups then
✓ Fixed a small bug within backup counter support – the resetting was not done any more
✓ Added the \texttt{nonumberofruns} package option.

• Version v0.5 2016-02-27
  ✓ Added support (very experimental!) for the coupled counters feature, see section 9 about this feature!
  ✓ Added \texttt{RegisterTotalDocumentCounter} and improved \texttt{TotalValue} support

• Version v0.4 2016-01-26
  ✓ Added \texttt{BackupCounterValues} and \texttt{RestoreCounterValues} support
  ✓ Added \texttt{StepDownCounter} and \texttt{SubtractFromCounter} macros

• Version v0.3 2016-01-08
  ✓ Added the \texttt{totalcounter} features similar to the packages \texttt{totcount} or \texttt{totalcount}
  ✓ Added the \texttt{super total counter} features
  ✓ Added the \texttt{numberofruns} counter

• Version v0.2 2016-11-14
  Improved \texttt{stepcounter} to remove some incompatibilities with the \texttt{perpage}. This is only partially managed so far.

• Version v0.1 2016-11-07
  A major bug fixed due to some error in usage together with \texttt{calc} when the driven counters are not stepped any longer. The culprit was in \texttt{assoccnt} that the counter reset list was not really disabled.

  Thanks to this question \url{http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/269731/calc-breaks-assoccnt} this bug was detected.

  This however lead to some internal inconsistencies and it was decided to rewrite \texttt{assoccnt} with \texttt{expl3} and the features of the new \LaTeX{} 3 - Syntax.
Part V

Appendix

Note: The \DeclareAssociatedCounters command has to be used in the preamble of the document. It’s missing here for the sake of a compact example.

A  Example: Total number of sections

In this example, all sections of this document are counted, i.e. the current one as well as all following ones.

This document has \total{totalsections} section(s)

This document has 20 section(s)

B  Example: Total number of subsections with suspension

In this example, the subsections of this document are counted but later on, the associatedcounter is removed from the list, so it is frozen.
B.4 Suspension of a non-associated counter

This example will show the suspension of a non-associated counter.
C Former backup and restore of counter values

C.1 Description of backup and restoring macros for counter values

\FormerBackupCounterValues[(options)]{(counter name1, counter name2,...,)}

This macro adds counter names (separated by a comma) to a list and stores the current values of the counters to another list. The values are used from the current state where this command is used, not a previous or a later state is stored.

- All counters in the list will be reset to zero (after storing the values) for the next usage, unless the \resetbackup key is set to \texttt{false}.
- Multiple specification of the same counter name is possible, but only the first occurrence will be regarded – consecutive occurrences of the same counter name are not taken into account.

\resetbackup=\texttt{true/false} \hspace{1cm} \text{(initially true)}
This key decides whether all counters in the backup list should be reset to zero or should keep the current value. The default value is \( \text{true} \).

Please note: If a name does not belong to a counter register the compilation aborts with an error message!

Some remarks

- If a specific counter name is suffixed with an \( * \) at its end the resetting is disabled for this particular counter, regardless whether \( \text{resetbackup} \) is set to true or not.

- Strangely enough, a counter name like \( \_462 \text{foo}^* \) is possible, but \( \text{thefoo}^* \) would fail. Be careful about choosing counter names for new counters – just restrict yourself to the usual letters (and if really needed, using @)

\[\text{FormerRestoreAllCounterValues}[\langle \text{options} \rangle]\]

This macro restores all stored counter values corresponding to the counter names. As of version 2.0 the optional argument isn’t used and reserved for later purposes. The backup list is cleared after the restoring has been finished.

- The command \( \text{FormerRestoreAllCounterValues} \) was previously called \( \text{FormerRestoreCounterValues} \) – that macro is now reserved for updating only particular counters, not all in a row.

\[\text{FormerRestoreCounterValues}[\langle \text{options} \rangle] \{ \langle \text{counter name}1, \text{counter name}2, \ldots \rangle \}\]

This macro restores only the stored counter values given by the counter names. As of version 2.0 the optional argument isn’t used and reserved for later purposes.
C.1 Macros for backup/restoration

\FormerBackupCounterValues{figure,table*}
\captionof{figure}{A dummy figure}
\captionof{table}{A dummy table}
\FormerBackupCounterValues{figure,table*}
\captionof{figure}{Another dummy figure}
\captionof{table}{Another dummy table}
\FormerBackupCounterValues{figure,table*}
\captionof{figure}{Even another dummy figure}
\captionof{table}{Even another dummy table}

Before restoring: \thefigure\ and \thetable

\FormerAddBackupCounter\[(\text{options})\]\{(\text{counter name1,counter name2,...})\}

This is similar to \FormerBackupCounterValues but adds the counter names to an existing global list and can be applied after \FormerBackupCounterValues.
\FormerRemoveBackupCounters\[\langle \text{options} \rangle \]\{\langle \text{counter name1, counter name2,...} \rangle \}

This macro removes the counters from the list of backup counters and immediately restores the counter value unless the starred version \FormerRemoveBackupCounters* is used. If the package hyperref is used, the macro theH... is restored to the original meaning. As of version 2.0 the optional argument isn’t used and reserved for later purposes.

\FormerRemoveBackupCounters*[\langle \text{options} \rangle \]\{\langle \text{counter name} \rangle \}

This command is basically similar to \FormerRemoveBackupCounters but does not restore the counter value right at the place the macro is used. As of version 2.0 the optional argument isn’t used and reserved for later purposes.
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