

The HEP-FLOAT package*

Convenience package for float placement

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Abstract

The HEP-FLOAT package redefines some L^AT_EX float placement defaults and defines convenience wrappers for floats.

The HEP-FLOAT package can be loaded with `\usepackage{hep-float}`.

`figure (env.)` Automatic float placement is adjusted to place a single float at the top of pages and to reduce the number of float pages, using the L^AT_EX macros.

`table (env.)`

`\setcounter{bottomnumber}{0}` no floats at the bottom of a page (default 1)
`\setcounter{topnumber}{1}` a single float at the top of a page (default 2)
`\setcounter{dbltopnumber}{1}` same for full widths floats in two-column mode
`\renewcommand{\textfraction}{.1}` large floats are allowed (default 0.2)
`\renewcommand{\topfraction}{.9}` (default 0.7)
`\renewcommand{\dbltopfraction}{.9}` (default 0.7)
`\renewcommand{\floatpagefraction}{.8}` float pages must be full (default 0.5)

`manualplacement` The most useful float placement is usually archived by placing the float *in front* of the paragraph it is referenced in first. Additionally, manual float placement can be deactivated using the `manualplacement` package option.

`\raggedright` The float environments have been adjusted to center their content. The usual behaviour can be reactivated using `\raggedright`.

`panels (env.)` The `panels` environment makes use of the `SUBCAPTION` package [1]. It provides sub-floats and takes as mandatory argument either the number of sub-floats (default 2) or the width of the first sub-float as fraction of the `\linewidth`. Within the `\begin{panels}[vertical alignment]{width}` environment the `\panel` macro initiates a new sub-float. In the case that the width of the first sub-float has been given as an optional argument to the `panels` environment the `\panel{width}` macro takes the width of the next sub-float as mandatory argument. The example code is presented

`\panel`

`\panelhspace` in table 1a. The spacing between the panels can be adjusted by adjusting the `\panelvspace` in terms of a `\linewidth` fraction `\renewcommand{\panelhspace}{fraction}` and the `\panelvspace` in terms of a length `\renewcommand{\panelvspace}{length}`.

`tabular (env.)` The `BOOKTABS` [2] and `MULTIROW` [3] packages are loaded enabling publication quality tabulars such as in table 1b.

`\graphic` The `GRAPHICX` package [4] is loaded and the `\graphic[width]{figure}` macro is defined, which is a wrapper for the `\includegraphics{figure}` macro and takes the figure width as fraction of the `\linewidth` as optional argument (default 1). If the graphics are located in a sub-folder its path can be indicated by `\graphics{subfolder}`.

`\graphics`

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```

\begin{panels}{2}
  code
\panel
  \begin{tabular}...\end{tabular}
\end{panels}

```

(a) Code for this panel environment.

	one	two		
	b	c	d	
a	b	c	d	

(b) The `booktabs` and `multirow` features.

Table 1: Example use of the `panels` environment in Panel (a) and the features from the `BOOKTABS` and `MULTIROW` packages in Panel (b).

A Implementation

<*package>

Load the `KVOPTIONS` package [5] and define a `hepfloat` namespace.

```

1 \RequirePackage{kvoptions}
2 \SetupKeyvalOptions{
3   family=hepfloat,
4   prefix=hepfloat@
5 }

```

`manualplacement` Provide the `manualplacement` option for reactivating the manual placement of floats.

```

6 \DeclareBoolOption[true]{manualplacement}
7 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*

```

Adjust the \LaTeX float placement defaults

```

8 \setcounter{bottomnumber}{0} % 1
9 \setcounter{topnumber}{1} % 2
10 \setcounter{dbltopnumber}{1} % 2
11 \renewcommand{\topfraction}{.9} % .7
12 \renewcommand{\dbltopfraction}{.9} % .7
13 \renewcommand{\textfraction}{.1} % .2
14 \renewcommand{\floatpagefraction}{.8} % .5

```

`figure` (*env.*) Center the content of `figure` and `table` environments. Ignore the manual placement if the `table` (*env.*) `manualplacement` option is set to false.

```

15 \let\hep@figure\figure%
16 \let\end@hep@figure\endfigure%
17 \let\hep@table\table%
18 \let\end@hep@table\endtable%
19 \ifhepfloat@manualplacement%
20   \renewenvironment{figure}[1][tbp]{%
21     \hep@figure[#1]\centering\small%
22   }\end@hep@figure}%
23   \renewenvironment{table}[1][tbp]{%
24     \hep@table[#1]\centering\small%
25   }\end@hep@table}%
26 \else%

```

```

27 \renewenvironment{figure}[1] [] {%
28   \hep@figure\centering\small%
29 }{\end@hep@figure}%
30 \renewenvironment{table}[1] [] {%
31   \hep@table\centering\small%
32 }{\end@hep@table}
33 \fi%

```

A.1 floats

figures (*env.*) Define the figures environment that places figures next to each other.

```

\figure
34 \newcommand{\figurehspace}{0.0333}
35 \newcommand{\figurevspace}{.5\baselineskip}
36 \newenvironment{figures}[2] [b] {%
37   \begin{figure}
38   \let\oldcaption\caption
39   \renewcommand{\caption}[1] {%
40     \renewcommand{\caption}{\oldcaption}%
41     \captionof{figure}{##1}\vspace{\figurevspace}%
42   }
43   \ifdim#2pt>1pt%
44     \newcommand{\hep@figure@space}{\figurehspace\linewidth/#2}%
45     \renewcommand{\figure}[1] [b] {%
46       \end{minipage}\hfill%
47       \begin{minipage}[##1]{\linewidth/#2-\hep@figure@space}%
48     }
49     \begin{minipage}[#1]{\linewidth/#2-\hep@figure@space}
50   \else%
51     \newcommand{\hep@figure@space}[1] {##1\linewidth*\real{\figurehspace}}
52     \renewcommand{\figure}[2] [b] {%
53       \end{minipage}\hfill%
54       \begin{minipage}[##1]{##2\linewidth-\hep@figure@space{##2}}%
55     }
56     \begin{minipage}[#1]{#2\linewidth-\hep@figure@space{#2}}
57   \fi%
58 }{%
59 \end{minipage}\end{figure}%
60 }

```

tables (*env.*) Define the tables environment that places tables next to each other.

```

\table
61 \newcommand{\tablehspace}{0.0333}
62 \newcommand{\tablevspace}{.5\baselineskip}
63 \newenvironment{tables}[2] [b] {%
64   \begin{table}
65   \let\oldcaption\caption
66   \renewcommand{\caption}[1] {%
67     \renewcommand{\caption}{\oldcaption}%
68     \captionof{table}{##1}\vspace{\tablevspace}%
69   }

```

```

70 \ifdim#2pt>1pt%
71   \newcommand{\hep@table@space}{\tablehspace\linewidth/#2}%
72   \renewcommand{\table}[1][b]{%
73     \end{minipage}\hfill%
74     \begin{minipage}[##1]{\linewidth/#2-\hep@table@space}\centering%
75   }
76   \begin{minipage}[#1]{\linewidth/#2-\hep@table@space}\centering
77 \else%
78   \newcommand{\hep@table@space}[1]{##1\linewidth*\real{\tablehspace}}
79   \renewcommand{\table}[2][b]{%
80     \end{minipage}\hfill%
81     \begin{minipage}[##1]{##2\linewidth-\hep@table@space{##2}}%
82     \centering%
83   }
84   \begin{minipage}[#1]{#2\linewidth-\hep@table@space{#2}}%
85   \centering
86   \fi%
87 }{%
88 \end{minipage}\end{table}%
89 }

```

A.2 Sub-floats

Load the SUBCAPTION package [1].

```

90 \PassOptionsToPackage{subrefformat=parens}{subcaption}
91 \RequirePackage{subcaption}
92 \captionsetup{font=small}
93 \captionsetup[sub]{font=small}

```

Provide the macros for older versions of the SUBCAPTION package using the XPARSE [6] package.

```

94 \RequirePackage{xparse}
95 \providecommand*\subcaption@minipage[2]{%
96   \minipage#1{#2}\setcaptionsubtype\relax%
97 }
98 \ProvideDocumentEnvironment{subcaptionblock}{0{b}m}{%
99   \caption@withoptargs\subcaption@minipage[#1]{#2}%
100 }{\endminipage}

```

`panels` (*env.*) Define the `panels` environment and the `\panel` macro using the `CALC` [7] and `ETOOLBOX` [8] `\panel` packages.

```

\panelhspace
\panelvspace
101 \RequirePackage{calc}
102 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
103 \newcommand{\panelhspace}{0.0333}
104 \newcommand{\panelvspace}{.5\baselineskip}
105 \newenvironment{panels}[2][b]{%
106   \addtolength{\belowcaptionskip}{\panelvspace}%

```

Define an internal macro for global behaviour.

```

107 \newcommand{\begin@subcaption@minipage}[2][b]{%
108 %   \caption@withoptargs\subcaption@minipage[##1]{##2}%
109   \subcaptionblock[##1]{##2}%
110   \centering\vskip 0pt%
111 %   \renewcommand{\hep@panel@vspace}{\panelvspace}%
112 }%

```

Define the `\panel` macro for the case that the number of panels is given.

```

113 \ifdim#2pt>1pt%
114   \newcommand{\hep@panel@space}{\panelhspace\linewidth/#2}%
115   \newcommand{\panel}[1][b]{%
116     \endminipage\hfill\begin@subcaption@minipage[#1]{%
117       \linewidth/#2-\hep@panel@space%
118     }%
119   }%
120   \begin@subcaption@minipage[#1]{\linewidth/#2-\hep@panel@space}%

```

Define the `\panel` macro for the case that the width of the panel is given.

```

121 \else%
122   \newcommand{\hep@panel@space}[1]{##1\linewidth*\real{\panelhspace}}%
123   \newcommand{\panel}[2][b]{%
124     \endminipage\hfill\begin@subcaption@minipage[#1]{%
125       ##2\linewidth-\hep@panel@space{##2}%
126     }%
127   }%
128   \begin@subcaption@minipage[#1]{%
129     #2\linewidth-\hep@panel@space{#2}%
130   }%
131   \fi%
132 }{%
133 \endsubcaptionblock%
134 \vspace{-\panelvspace}%
135 }

```

A.3 Tables

`tabular` (*env.*) Enhance tabulars with the `BOOKTABS` and `MULTIROW` packages [2, 3].

```

136 \RequirePackage{booktabs}
137 \RequirePackage{multirow}

```

A.4 Figures

`\graphic` Provide the `\graphic` macro for the inclusion of figures using the `GRAPHICX` package [4].

```

138 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
139 \providecommand{\tikzsetnextfilename}[1]{}
140 \newcommand{\graphic}[2][1]{\tikzsetnextfilename{#2}{%
141   \centering\includegraphics[width=#1\linewidth]{#2}\par%
142 }}

```

`\graphics` Provide the `\graphics` macro for the inclusion of figures located in a subfolder.

```
143 \newcommand{\graphics}[1]{\graphicspath{.{/#1/}}}  
  
</package>
```

B Test

```
<*test>  
  
144 \documentclass{article}  
145  
146 \usepackage[showframe]{geometry}  
147 \usepackage{hep-float}  
148  
149 \begin{document}  
150  
151 \begin{figure}  
152 \graphic[.5]{example-image-4x3}  
153 \caption{test}  
154 \end{figure}  
155  
156 \begin{figures}{.3}  
157 \graphic{example-image-4x3}  
158 \caption{one}  
159 \figure{.4}  
160 \graphic{example-image-16x9}  
161 \caption{two}  
162 \figure{.3}  
163 \graphic{example-image-4x3}  
164 \caption{three}  
165 \figure{.3}  
166 \graphic{example-image-4x3}  
167 \caption{one}  
168 \figure{.4}  
169 \graphic{example-image-16x9}  
170 \caption{two}  
171 \figure{.3}  
172 \graphic{example-image-4x3}  
173 \caption{three}  
174 \end{figures}  
175  
176 \begin{figures}{3}  
177 \graphic{example-image-1x1}  
178 \caption{one}  
179 \figure  
180 \graphic{example-image-1x1}  
181 \caption{two}  
182 \figure  
183 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
```

```

184 \caption{three}
185 \figure
186 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
187 \caption{one}
188 \figure
189 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
190 \caption{two}
191 \figure
192 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
193 \caption{three}
194 \end{figures}
195
196
197 \begin{figure}
198 \begin{panels}{3}
199 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
200 \caption{a}
201 \panel
202 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
203 \caption{b}
204 \panel
205 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
206 \caption{c}
207 \panel
208 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
209 \caption{d}
210 \panel
211 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
212 \caption{e}
213 \panel
214 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
215 \caption{f}
216 \end{panels}
217 \caption{Panels}
218 \end{figure}
219
220 \begin{figure}
221 \begin{panels}{.3}
222 \graphic{example-image-4x3}
223 \caption{a}
224 \panel{.4}
225 \graphic{example-image-16x9}
226 \caption{b}
227 \panel{.3}
228 \graphic{example-image-4x3}
229 \caption{c}
230 \panel{.225}
231 \graphic{example-image-1x1}
232 \caption{d}
233 \panel{.4}

```

```

234 \graphic{example-image-16x9}
235 \caption{e}
236 \panel{.225}
237 \graphic[.8]{example-image-1x1}
238 \caption{f}
239 \end{panels}
240 \caption{Panels 2}
241 \end{figure}
242
243 \begin{tables}{2}
244 \begin{tabular}{cc}\toprule
245 a & b \\
246 \bottomrule\end{tabular}
247 \caption{a}
248 \table
249 \begin{tabular}{cc}\toprule
250 a & b \\
251 \bottomrule\end{tabular}
252 \caption{b}
253 \end{tables}
254
255 \end{document}

```

</test>

C Readme

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```

256 # The 'hep-float' package
257
258 Convenience package for float placement
259
260 ## Introduction
261
262 The 'hep-float' package redefines some 'LaTeX' float placement defaults
263 and defines convenience wrappers for floats. The 'hep-float' package can
264 be loaded with '\usepackage{hep-float}'.
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