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The gmiflink Package*

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```
1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
2 \ProvidesPackage{gmiflink}
3 [2006/08/16_v0.97_Conditionally_hyperlinking_package_GM]
```

Introduction, usage

This package protects you against an error when a link is dangling and typesets some plain text instead of a hyperlink then. It is intended for use with the `hyperref` package. Needs *two* L^AT_EX runs.

I used it for typesetting the names of the objects in a documentation of a computer program. If the object had been defined a `\hyperlink` to its definition was made, otherwise a plain object’s name was typeset. I also use this package in automatic making of hyperlinking indexes.

The package provides the macros `\gmiflink`, `\gmifref` and `\gmhypertarget` for conditional making of hyperlinks in your document.

`\gmhypertarget` `\gmhypertarget` [*<name>*] {*<text>*} makes a `\hypertarget`{*<@name>*}{*<text>*} and a `\label`{*<@name>*}.

`\gmiflink` `\gmiflink` [*<name>*] {*<text>*} makes a `\hyperlink`{*<@name>*}{*<text>*} to a proper `\hypertarget` if the corresponding *label* exists, otherwise it typesets *<text>*.

`\gmifref` `\gmifref` [*<name>*] {*<text>*} makes a (hyper-) `\ref`{*<@name>*} to the given label if the label exists, otherwise it typesets *<text>*.

The *<@name>* argument is just *<name>* if the *<name>* is given, otherwise it’s *<text>* in all three macros.

For the example(s) of use, examine the `gmiflink.sty` file, lines 45–58.

Installation

Just put the `gmiflink.sty` somewhere in the `texmf/tex/latex` branch. Creating a `texmf/tex/latex/gm` directory may be advisable if you consider using other packages written by me.

Then you should refresh your T_EX distribution’s files’ database most probably.

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Contents of the gmiflink.zip archive

The distribution of the gmiflink package consists of the following four files.

```
gmiflink.sty
README
gmiflinkDoc.tex
gmiflinkDoc.pdf
```

Compiling the Documentation

The last of the above files (the .pdf, i.e., *this file*) is a documentation compiled from the .sty file by running L^AT_EX on the gmiflinkDoc.tex file. Compiling the documentation requires the packages: gmdoc (gmdoc.sty and gmdocc.cls), gmverb.sty, gmutils.sty, gmiflink.sty and also some standard packages: hyperref.sty, color.sty, geometry.sty, multicol.sty, lmodern.sty, fontenc.sty that should be installed on your computer by default.

If you had not installed the mwcls classes (available on CTAN and present in T_EX Live e.g.), the result of your compilation might differ a bit from the .pdf provided in this .zip archive in formatting: If you had not installed mwcls, the standard article.cls class would be used.

The Code

```
4 \@ifpackageloaded{hyperref}{\message{^^J^^Jgmiflinkpackage:
5     There's no use of me without hyperref package, I end my
6     input.^^J}\endinput}
7
6 \providecommand\empty{}
7
7 \newcounter{GMhlabel}
8 \setcounter{GMhlabel}{0}
```

The macro given below creates both hypertarget and hyperlabel, so that you may reference both ways: via \hyperlink and via \ref. Its pattern is the \label macro, see L^AT_EX Source2e, file x, line 32.

But we don't want to gobble spaces before and after. First argument will be a name of the hypertarget, by default the same as typeset text, i.e., argument #2.

```
\gmhypertarget 9 \DeclareRobustCommand\gmhypertarget{%
10   \@ifnextchar{[]{\gm@hypertarget}{\@dblarg{\gm@hypertarget}}}
11 \def\gm@hypertarget[#1]#2{% If argument #1 = \empty, then we'll use #2, i.e., the
12   same as name of hypertarget.
13   \refstepcounter{GMhlabel}% we \label{\gmht@firstpar}
14   \hypertarget{#1}{#2}%
15   \protected@write\@auxout{}{%
16     \string\newlabel{#1}{#2}{\thepage}{\relax}{GMhlabel.\arabic{
17     GMhlabel}}{}}}%
18 }% end of \gm@hypertarget.
```

We define a macro such that if the target exists, it makes \ref, else it typesets ordinary text.

```
\gmifref 17 \DeclareRobustCommand\gmifref{\@ifnextchar{[]{\gm@ifref}{% ]
18   \@dblarg{\gm@ifref}}}
```

```

19 \def\gm@ifref[#1]#2{%
20   \expandafter\ifx\csname_r@#1\endcsname\relax\relax%
21   #2\else\ref{#1}\fi%
22 }% end of \gm@ifref

```

```

\gmiflink 23 \DeclareRobustCommand*gmiflink{\@ifnextchar{[]{\gm@iflink}{%
24   \@dblarg{\gm@iflink}}}}
25 \def\gm@iflink[#1]#2{%
26   \expandafter\ifx\csname_r@#1\endcsname\relax\relax%
27   #2\else\hyperlink{#1}{#2}\fi%
28 }% end of \gm@iflink

```

It's robust because when just `\newcommand*`ed, use of `\gmiflink` in an indexing macro resulted in errors: `\@ifnextchar` has to be `\noexpanded` in `\edefs`.

```

29 \endinput

```

The old version — all three were this way primarily.

```

\newcommand*gmiflink[2][\empty]{%
  \def\gmht@test{\empty}\def\gmht@firstpar{#1}%
  \ifx\gmht@test\gmht@firstpar\def\gmht@firstpar{#2}\fi%
  \expandafter\ifx\csname_r@\gmht@firstpar\endcsname\relax\relax%
  #2\else\hyperlink{\gmht@firstpar}{#2}\fi%
}}

```