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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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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

Unpack the gmiflink-tds.zip (this is an archive conforming the TDS standard, see CTAN/tds/tds.pdf) in a texmf directory or put the gmiflink.sty somewhere in the texmf/tex/latex branch on your own. (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<sub>E</sub>X 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 three files and a TDS-compliant archive.

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gmiflink.sty
README
gmiflink.pdf
gmiflink.tds.zip
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## 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X on the gmiflink.sty file (x<sub>e</sub>l<sub>a</sub>t<sub>e</sub>x gmiflink.sty in the directory you wish the documentation to be in, you don't have copy the .sty file there, T<sub>E</sub>X will find it). 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, xcolor.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<sub>E</sub>X 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^^Jgmiflink_package:
5   There's no use of me without hyperref package, I end my
   input.^^J}\endinput}
6 \providecommand\empty{}
   A new counter, just in case
GMhlabel 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. It's pattern is the \label macro, see L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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}}}
\gm@hypertarget 11 \def\gm@hypertarget[#1]#2{% If argument #1 = \empty, then we'll use #2, i.e.,
   the same as name of hypertarget.
12   \refstepcounter{GMhlabel}% we \label{\gmht@firstpar}
13   \hypertarget{#1}{#2}%
14   \protected@write\@auxout{}{%
15     \string\newlabel{#1}{#2}{\thepage}{\relax}{GMhlabel.%
       \arabic{GMhlabel}}{}}}%
16 }% 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}}
\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

\gm@iflink 23 \DeclareRobustCommand*\gm@iflink{\@ifnextchar{[]{\gm@iflink}{%
24     \@dblarg{\gm@iflink}}}}

\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 `\gm@iflink` 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*\gm@iflink[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%
}}

```