

The `lthook` package*

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1 Introduction

1.1 Provided hooks

The code offers a number of hooks into which packages (or the user) can add code to support different use cases. Many hooks are offered as pairs (i.e., the second hook is reversed). Also important to know is that these pairs are properly nested with respect to other pairs of hooks.

There are hooks that are executed for all files of a certain type (if they contain code), e.g., for all “include files” or all “packages”, and there are also hooks that are specific to a single file, e.g., do something after the package `foo.sty` has been loaded.

1.2 General hooks for file reading

There are four hooks that are called for each file that is read using document-level commands such as `\input`, `\include`, `\usepackage`, etc. They are not called for files read using internal low-level methods, such as `\@input` or `\openin`.

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`file/before`
`file/before/...`
`file/after/...`
`file/after`

These are:

file/before, **file/before/⟨file-name⟩** These hooks are executed in that order just before the file is loaded for reading. The code of the first hook is used with every file, while the second is executed only for the file with matching ⟨file-name⟩ allowing you to specify code that only applies to one file.

file/after/⟨file-name⟩, **file/after** These hooks are after the file with name ⟨file-name⟩ has been fully consumed. The order is swapped (the specific one comes first) so that the **before** and **after** hooks nest properly, which is important if any of them involve grouping (e.g., contain environments, for example). Furthermore both hooks are reversed hooks to support correct nesting of different packages add code to both **/before** and **/after** hooks.

So the overall sequence of hook processing for any file read through the user interface commands of L^AT_EX is:

```
\UseHook{⟨file/before⟩}
\UseHook{⟨file/before/⟨file name⟩⟩}
  ⟨file contents⟩
\UseHook{⟨file/after/⟨file name⟩⟩}
\UseHook{⟨file/after⟩}
```

Todo: With a higher-level interface that doesn't matter, but it is a bit weird, if you use `\AddToHook` or `\hook_gput:nmn` directly, so I guess that has to be done differently!

The file hooks only refer to the file by its name and extension, so the ⟨file name⟩ should be the file name as it is on the filesystem with extension (if any) and without paths. Different from `\input` and similar commands, for hooks the `.tex` extension is not assumed, so `.tex` files must also be given with their extension. Files within subfolders should also be addressed by their name and extension only.

Extensionless files also work, and should then be given without extension. Note however that T_EX prioritizes `.tex` files, so if two files `foo` and `foo.tex` exist in the search path, only the latter will be seen.

When a file is input, the ⟨file name⟩ is available in `\CurrentFile`, which is then used when accessing the `file/before/⟨file name⟩` and `file/after/⟨file name⟩`.

`\CurrentFile`

The name of the file about to be read (or just finished) is available to the hooks through `\CurrentFile` (there is no `expl3` name for it for now). The file is always provided with its extension, i.e., how it appears on your hard drive, but without any specified path to it. For example, `\input{sample}` and `\input{app/sample.tex}` would both have `\CurrentFile` being `sample.tex`.

`\CurrentFilePath`

The path to the current file (complement to `\CurrentFile`) is available in `\CurrentFilePath` if needed. The paths returned in `\CurrentFilePath` are only user paths, given through `\input@path` (or `expl3`'s equivalent `\l_file_search_path_seq`) or by directly typing in the path in the `\input` command or equivalent. Files located by `kpsewhich` get the path added internally by the `TEX` implementation, so at the macro level it looks as if the file were in the current folder, so the path in `\CurrentFilePath` is empty in these cases (package and class files, mostly).

1.3 Hooks for package and class files

Commands to load package and class files (e.g., `\usepackage`, `\RequirePackage`, `\LoadPackageWithOptions`, etc.) offer the hooks from section 1.2 when they are used to load a package or class file, e.g., `file/after/array.sty` would be called after the `array` package got loaded. But as packages and classes form as special group of files, there are some additional hooks available that only apply when a package or class is loaded.

`package/before`
`package/after`
`package/before/...`
`package/after/...`
`class/before`
`class/after`
`class/before/...`
`class/after/...`

These are:

`package/before`, `package/after` These hooks are called for each package being loaded.

`package/before/<name>`, `package/after/<name>` These hooks are additionally called if the package name is *<name>* (without extension).

`class/before`, `class/after` These hooks are called for each class being loaded.

`class/before/<name>`, `class/after/<name>` These hooks are additionally called if the class name is *<name>* (without extension).

All `/after` hooks are implemented as reversed hooks.

The overall sequence of execution for `\usepackage` and friends is therefore:

```
\UseHook{<package/before>}
\UseHook{<package/before/<package name>>}
  \UseHook{<file/before>}
  \UseHook{<file/before/<package name>.sty}
    <package contents>
  \UseHook{<file/after/<package name>.sty}
  \UseHook{<file/after>}
  code from \AtEndOfPackage if used inside the package
\UseHook{<package/after/<package name>>}
\UseHook{<package/after>}
```

and similar for class file loading, except that `package/` is replaced by `class/` and `\AtEndOfPackage` by `\AtEndOfClass`.

If a package or class is not loaded (or it was loaded before the hooks were set) none of the hooks are executed!

1.4 Hooks for `\include` files

To manage `\include` files, L^AT_EX issues a `\clearpage` before and after loading such a file. Depending on the use case one may want to execute code before or after these `\clearpages` especially for the one that is issued at the end.

Executing code before the final `\clearpage`, means that the code is processed while the last page of the included material is still under construction. Executing code after it means that all floats from inside the include file are placed (which might have added further pages) and the final page has finished.

Because of these different scenarios we offer hooks in three places.¹ None of the hooks are executed when an `\include` file is bypassed because of an `\includeonly` declaration. They are, however, all executed if L^AT_EX makes an attempt to load the `\include` file (even if it doesn't exist and all that happens is “No file `<filename>.tex`”).

`include/before`
`include/before/...`
`include/end`
`include/end/...`
`include/after`
`include/after/...`

These are:

`include/before`, `include/before/<name>` These hooks are executed one after another after the initial `\clearpage` and after `.aux` file is changed to use `<name>.aux`, but before the `<name>.tex` file is loaded. In other words they are executed at the very beginning of the first page of the `\include` file.

`include/end/<name>`, `include/end` These hooks are executed (in that order) after L^AT_EX has stopped reading from the `\include` file, but before it has issued a `\clearpage` to output any deferred floats.

`include/after/<name>`, `include/after` These hooks are executed (in that order) after L^AT_EX has issued the `\clearpage` but before is has switched back writing to the main `.aux` file. Thus technically we are still inside the `\include` and if the hooks generate any further typeset material including anything that writes to the `.aux` file, then it would be considered part of the included material and bypassed if it is not loaded because of some `\includeonly` statement.²

1.5 High-level interfaces for L^AT_EX

We do not provide any high-level L^AT_EX commands (like `filehook` or `scrfile` do) but think that for package writers the commands from for hook management are sufficient.

1.6 A sample package for structuring the log output

As an application we provide the package `structuredlog` that adds lines to the `.log` when a file is opened and closed for reading keeping track of nesting level es well. For example, for the current document it adds the lines

```
= (LEVEL 1 START) t1lmr.fd
= (LEVEL 1 STOP) t1lmr.fd
= (LEVEL 1 START) supp-pdf.mkii
```

¹If you want to execute code before the first `\clearpage` there is no need to use a hook—you can write it directly in front of the `\include`.

²For that reason another `\clearpage` is executed after these hooks which normally does nothing, but starts a new page if further material got added this way.

```

= (LEVEL 1 STOP) supp-pdf.mkii
= (LEVEL 1 START) nameref.sty
== (LEVEL 2 START) refcount.sty
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) refcount.sty
== (LEVEL 2 START) gettitlestring.sty
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) gettitlestring.sty
= (LEVEL 1 STOP) nameref.sty
= (LEVEL 1 START) ltfilehook-doc.out
= (LEVEL 1 STOP) ltfilehook-doc.out
= (LEVEL 1 START) ltfilehook-doc.out
= (LEVEL 1 STOP) ltfilehook-doc.out
= (LEVEL 1 START) ltfilehook-doc.hd
= (LEVEL 1 STOP) ltfilehook-doc.hd
= (LEVEL 1 START) ltfilehook.dtx
== (LEVEL 2 START) ot1lmr.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) ot1lmr.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) om1lmm.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) om1lmm.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) om1slmsy.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) om1slmsy.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) om1xlmex.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) om1xlmex.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) um1sa.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) um1sa.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) um1sb.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) um1sb.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) ts1lmr.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) ts1lmr.fd
== (LEVEL 2 START) t1lmss.fd
== (LEVEL 2 STOP) t1lmss.fd
= (LEVEL 1 STOP) ltfilehook.dtx

```

Thus if you inspect an issue in the `.log` it is easy to figure out in which file it occurred, simply by searching back for `LEVEL` and if it is a `STOP` then remove 1 from the level value and search further for `LEVEL` with that value which should then be the `START` level of the file you are in.

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