# **GNU Texinfo Reference Card**

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# Texinfo document skeleton

Texinfo source files are plain text; standard extensions are '.texinfo', '.texi', and '.txi'. A Texinfo file must begin with lines like this:

\input texinfo
@settitle name-of-manual

 $\dots$  the contents of the Texinfo document, ending with:  ${\tt @bye}$ 

# Texinfo @-commands Beginning a Texinfo document

The commands in this section are given approximately in the order in which they conventionally appear.

 ${\tt @setfilename}\ info\mbox{-} \emph{file-name}\ {\tt Provide}\ a\ name\ to\ be\ used\ for\ the\ output\ files.$ 

Osettitle title Specify document title.

**@copying** Specify copyright and licensing text. Pair with **@end** copying.

@insertcopying Insert text defined by @copying.

#### Internationalization

**@documentencoding** *enc* Declare the input encoding to be *enc*; use right after <code>@setfilename</code>. Default is UTF-8; other possibilities: US-ASCII, ISO-8859-1, koi8-r, ...

<code>©documentlanguage</code>  $LL[\_CC]$  Declare the current language as the two-character ISO-639 abbreviation LL, optionally followed by an underscore and a two-letter ISO 3166 two-letter country code (CC). Default is en\_US.

Ofrenchspacing on off Control spacing after punctuation.

Info directory specifications

**@dircategory** category name Specify an Info directory section for this file's entries. Can be repeated. We try to follow the categories in the Free Software Directory.

 ${\tt Qdirentry}\,\,{\rm Begin}\,\,{\rm the}\,\,{\rm Info}\,\,{\rm directory}\,\,{\rm menu}\,\,{\rm entries}\,\,{\rm for}\,\,{\rm this}\,\,{\rm file}.$  Pair with  ${\tt Qend}\,\,{\rm direntry}\,.$ 

#### HTML document description

 ${\tt Qdocumentdescription}$  Set the document description text for HTML; default is just the title of the document. Pair with  ${\tt Qend}$  documentdescription.

#### Title pages

**©shorttitlepage** *title* Generate a minimal title page, generally for the first page of output in a long printed manual.

Ocenter line-of-text Center line-of-text, usually for titles.

 $\mathtt{@titlefont}\{text\}$  In a printed manual, print text in a larger than normal font. Ignored in Info.

**@titlepage** Begin the title page. Write the command on a line of its own, paired with <code>@end titlepage</code>. Ignored in Info.

@title title Within @titlepage, display title appropriately.
@subtitle subtitle Within @titlepage, display subtitle.

Qauthor author Within Qtitlepage, display author.

# Tables of contents

**@shortcontents** Print a short table of contents (chapter-level entries only). Not relevant to Info.

@summarycontents Synonym for @shortcontents.

**@contents** Print a complete table of contents. Has no effect in Info. which uses menus instead.

#### Nodes

Onode name Begin a new node.

Otop title Mark the topmost Onode in the file, which must be defined on the line immediately preceding Otop. The title is formatted as a chapter-level heading. The entire top node, including the Onode and Otop lines, are normally enclosed with Oifnottex... Oend ifnottex.

 ${\tt Qanchor}\,\{name\}$  Define name as the current location, for use as a cross-reference target.

**@novalidate** Suppress validation of node references and omit creation of auxiliary files with TpX. Use before @setfilename.

# Chapter structuring

**@lowersections** Change subsequent chapters to sections, sections to subsections, and so on.

**@raisesections** Change subsequent sections to chapters, subsections to sections, and so on.

**©part** title Print part page, beginning a group of chapters; included in contents.

Numbered, included in contents

 ${\tt @chapter}\ title$  Begin a numbered chapter; title appears in the table of contents.

Context-dependent, included in contents

**©section** title Begin a section within a chapter. Within **@chapter** and **@appendix**, the section is numbered; within **@unnumbered**, it is unnumbered.

**©**subsection *title* Begin a subsection within a section. Same context-dependent numbering as **©**section.

**©**subsubsection *title* Begin a numbered subsubsection within a subsection. Same context-dependent numbering as **@**section.

Unnumbered, included in contents

Cunnumbered title Begin an unnumbered chapter.

Cunnumberedsec title Begin an unnumbered section.

Cunnumbered subsection an unnumbered subsection.

Cunnumbered subsubsection.

Lettered and numbered, included in contents

Cappendix title Begin an appendix.

Cappendixsec title Begin an appendix section within an appendix; Cappendixsection is a synonym.

Cappendixsubsec title Begin an appendix subsection:

Cappendixsubsection is a synonym.

Cappendixsubsubsec title Begin an appendix subsubsection; Cappendixsubsubsection is a synonym.

Unnumbered, not in contents, no new page

**@chapheading** title Print an unnumbered chapter-like heading. **@majorheading** title Like **@chapheading**, but generate additional vertical whitespace before the heading.

**Cheading** title Print an unnumbered section-like heading. **Csubheading** title Print an unnumbered subsection-like heading. **Csubsubheading** title Print an unnumbered subsubsection-like heading.

#### Menus

**C**menu Mark the beginning of a menu of nodes in Info. No effect in a printed manual. Pair with **C**end menu.

**@detailmenu** Mark the (optional) detailed node listing in a master menu.

#### Cross references

#### Within the Info system

**©xref** {node, [entry], [node-title], [info-file], [manual] } Makes a reference that starts with 'See' in a printed manual. Follow command with punctuation. Only the first argument is mandatory.

 ${\tt @pxref} \{ node, \, [entry] \, , \, [node-title] \, , \, [info-file] \, , \, [manual] \, \} \,$  Like  ${\tt @xref}, \,$  but starts with 'see' instead of 'See', and must be used inside parentheses.

<code>@ref {node, [entry], [node-title], [info-file], [manual] } Like @xref, but produces only the bare reference without 'See' or 'see'; must be followed by a punctuation mark.</code>

**©xrefautomaticsectiontitle on off** By default, use the section title instead of the node name in cross references.

### Outside of Info

Gurl {url, [displayed-text], [replacement]} Make a hyperlink
reference to a uniform resource locator. Guref is a synonym.
Gcite {title} Indicate the name of a book or other reference that
has no Info file; no hyperlink.

# Marking text

Markup for regular text

 ${\tt Qabbr}$  { abbreviation} Indicate a general abbreviation, such as 'Comput.'

<code>@acronym {acronym}</code> Indicate an acronym written in all capital letters, such as 'NASA'.

 $\tt @dfn \{term\}$  Indicate the introductory or defining use of a technical term.

 $\mathfrak{G}_{mph}$  {text} Emphasize text, by using italics where possible, and enclosing in asterisks in Info.

 $\tt Qstrong\{text\}$  Emphasize text even more strongly, by using bold where possible; still enclosed in asterisks in Info.

 $\mathbb{Q}\sup\{text\}\ \mathrm{Set}\ text\ \mathrm{as\ a\ superscript}.$ 

**@var** {metasyntactic-variable} Indicate a meta variable (a name that stands for another piece of text).

## Markup for literal text

**@code** {sample-code} Indicate an expression, a syntactically complete token, or a program name. Unquoted in Info output.

 ${\tt @command}$  ( command -name) Indicate a system command name, such as  ${\tt ls}.$ 

@email {address, [displayed-text] } Indicate an email address.
@env {environment-variable} Indicate an environment variable
name, such as PATH.

**@file** {filename} Indicate the name of a file, buffer, node, directory, etc.

**@indicateurl** {url} Indicate a uniform resource locator, but without creating any hyperlink.

 $\$  keyboard-characters} Indicate characters of input to be typed by users.

Qkey {key-name} Indicate the name of a key on a keyboard.
Qoption {option-name} Indicate a command-line option, such as
-v and --help.

 $\mbox{\tt @samp} \{ text \}$  Indicate a sequence of literal characters, in general. Quoted in Info output.

@verb {delimchar literal-text delimchar} Output literal-text,
delimited by the single character delimchar, exactly as is,
including any whitespace or Texinfo special characters. Example:
@verb{|@ @}|}.

# $GUI\ sequences$

**Qarrow** {} Insert a right arrow glyph,  $\rightarrow$ .

**@clicksequence** {action **@click**{} action ...} Represent a sequence of GUI actions or clicks.

Oclick {} Represent a single 'click' in a Oclicksequence.

@clickstyle@cmd Execute @cmd for each @click; default is @arrow. Empty braces usually following @cmd are omitted here.

#### Math

**@math** {math} Format the given math (inline); \ becomes an escape character, and all plain TEX math is available.

 ${\tt Qdisplaymath}$  Create a display math environment. Pair with  ${\tt Qend}$  displaymath.

Ominus {} Insert a minus sign, '-'.

**②**\ Inside **②**math, insert a math backslash, \.

 $Qeq{}$  Insert a greater-than-or-equal sign,  $\geq$ .

 $Qleq {}$  Insert a less-than-or-equal sign,  $\leq$ .

### Explicit font selection

Qb {text} Set text in a bold font.

@i{text} Set text in an italic font.

Or {text} Set text in the regular roman font.

Osansserif {text} Set text in a sans serif font if possible.

@sc {text} Set text in a small caps font in printed output, and
uppercase in Info. No other font command has any effect in Info.
@slanted {text} Set text in a slanted (oblique) font if possible.
@t {text} Set text in a fixed-width, typewriter-like font.

## **Block environments**

'Environments' in Texinfo begin with @envname on a line of its own and continue through the following lines of input until the corresponding @end envname is seen.

**@cartouche** Highlight a block of text by drawing a box with rounded corners around it. Pair with <code>@end cartouche</code>. No effect in Info.

**@exdent** line-of-text Output line-of-text without any indentation. **@indent** Insert normal paragraph indentation.

**Cnoindent** Omit the normal indentation when starting a new paragraph; often used after environments.

Normally-filled displays using regular text fonts

In these environments, the input is automatically rebroken into lines of output as usual.

Oquotation Fill text, indent on both left and right, retain normal text font. Often used for quoting text. Pair with Oend quotation.

Osmallquotation Like Oquotation, but select a smaller (text) font where possible. Pair with Oend quotation.

@indentedblock Fill text, indent on left (but not right), retain normal text font. Pair with @end indentedblock.

Osmallindentedblock Like Oindentedblock, but select a smaller (text) font where possible. Pair with Oend smallindentedblock. Oraggedright Leave right end ragged, but otherwise fill text; retain normal text font. Pair with Oend raggedright.

Line-for-line displays using regular text fonts

In these environments, each line of input is a line of output.

**@display** Begin displayed text: do not fill, but indent text on left; retain normal text font. Pair with <code>@end display</code>.

Osmalldisplay Like Odisplay, but select a smaller (text) font where possible. Pair with Oend smalldisplay.

**@format** Begin formatted text: do not fill, retain normal margins and normal text font. Pair with **@end format**.

Osmallformat Like Oformat, but select a smaller (text) font where possible. Pair with Oend smallformat.

Offlushleft Left justify lines, leaving the right end ragged: do not fill text, retain normal margins and normal text font. Pair with Oend flushleft.

Offlushright Right justify lines, leaving the left end ragged: do not fill text, retain normal margins and normal text font. Pair with Oend flushright.

# Displays using fixed-width fonts

In these environments also, each line of input is a line of output.

**@example** Begin an example. Indent text, do not fill, and select fixed-width font. Pair with **@end example**.

Osmallexample Like Oexample, but where possible, print text in a smaller font. Pair with Oend smallexample.

**@lisp** Like **@example**, but specifically for an example of Lisp code. Pair with **@end lisp**.

Osmallisp Begin an example specifically of Lisp code; same effects as Osmallexample. Pair with Oend smalllisp.

**Cverbatim** Output the text of the environment exactly as is, without indentation. Pair with **Cend verbatim**.

## Lists and tables

<code>@itemize</code> mark-command Begin an unordered list, using <code>@item</code> for each entry, which consist of indented paragraphs, with a mark such as <code>@bullet</code> inside the left margin at the beginning of each item. Pair with <code>@end</code> itemize.

**@enumerate** [number-or-letter] Begin a numbered list, using **@item** for each entry. Optionally, start list with number-or-letter and count from there; by default, number consecutively from '1'. Pair with **@end enumerate**.

**@table** formatting-command Begin a two-column table (description list), using **@item** for each entry. Write each first column entry on the same line as **@item**. formatting-command is applied to each first column entry. Pair with **@end table**.

 ${\tt Qftable}\ formatting-command\ Like\ {\tt Qtable},$  but automatically enter each first column entry in the function index.

**@vtable** formatting-command Like **@table**, but automatically enter each first column entry in the variable index.

@multitable column-width-spec Begin multi-column table; start rows with @item or @headitem. Pair with @end multitable.

Otab Separate columns in a row of a multitable.

Oitem Begin an item for the list and table commands.

Qitemx Used only with Qtable. Like Qitem but do not generate extra preceding vertical space. When several items have the same description, use Qitem for the first and Qitemx for the rest.

 ${\tt Qheaditem}$  Used only for multitables. Like  ${\tt Qitem},$  but indicates a heading row.

**Cheaditemfont** {text} Set text in the heading row font.

**@asis** text Prints text as-is; used as formatting-command for tables when no highlighting is desired.

# Floating displays

Offloat Environment enclosing material which can float. Pair with Oend float.

**@listoffloats** Generate a list of floats for a given float type. **@caption** Define the full caption for a **@float** anywhere in the float environment.

**@shortcaption** Define the short caption for a **@float**, used in the list of floats.

@image {filename, [width], [height], [alt], [ext]} Include graphics image in external filename scaled to the given width and/or height, using alt text and looking for 'filename.ext' first. Can occur inline or by itself on the page.

#### Footnotes

**@footnote** {text-of-footnote} Insert a footnote: text-of-footnote is printed at the bottom of the page by TEX, while Info and others may format at either (by default) the end of the current node, or in a separate node.

Of cotnotestyle style Specify footnote style: 'end' or 'separate'.

#### Indices

Ocindex entry Add entry to the index of concepts.

Ofindex entry Add entry to the index of functions.

Okindex entry Add entry to the index of keys.

Opindex entry Add entry to the index of programs.

Otindex entry Add entry to the index of data types.

Ovindex entry Add entry to the index of variables.

Osubentry entry Separate parts of a multilevel index entry.

 ${\tt @defindex}\ newidx$  Define a new index and its indexing command. Format entries as regular text.

**@defcodeindex** newidx Define a new index and its indexing command (namely, @newidxindex). Format entries in this index with @code.

Osyncodeindex from-index to-index Merge the contents of from-index into to-index, formatting the entries in from-index with Ocode.

**@synindex** from-index to-index Merge the contents of from-index into to-index; no special formatting.

**©printindex** index-name Generate an alphabetized index (using two columns in a printed manual).

**@sortas** {key} Specify a string by which to sort an index entry. **@seealso** {entry} Refer to another relevant index entry.

Oseeentry {entry} Redirect to another index entry.

# Insertions within a paragraph

Characters special to Texinfo

00, Catchar{} Insert an at sign, '@'.

O{, Olbracechar{} Insert a left brace, '{'.

0}, Orbracechar{} Insert a right brace, '}'.

@backslashchar {} Insert a typewriter backslash. \.

0&, Campchar{} Insert an ampersand, '&'.

 $\tt @comma$  {} Insert a comma character; needed only when a literal comma would be an argument separator, as in <code>@xref</code>.

**Chashchar {}** Insert a hash character, #; needed only when a literal hash would introduce a #line directive.

@whitespace An @ followed by a space, tab, or newline produces a normal, stretchable, interword space.

## Spacing refinements

- **©:** Tell TEX to refrain from inserting extra whitespace after an immediately preceding period, question mark, exclamation mark, or colon, as TEX normally would.
- ${\tt @.}$  Insert a period that ends a sentence; typically needed after an end-of-sentence capital letter.
- 0? Insert a question mark that ends a sentence.
- Q! Insert an exclamation point that ends a sentence.
- Odmn {dimension} Format a unit of measure, as in '12 pt'. Causes TFX to insert a thin space before dimension. No effect in Info.

#### Accents

Braces are optional for the arguments to the accent commands, with the exception of @tieaccent.

- ${\tt @"}\,c$  Generate an umlaut, ö.
- Q, C Generate an acute accent, O.
- $\mathfrak{G}$ , c Generate a cedilla accent,  $\mathfrak{c}$ .
- @=c Generate a macron accent,  $\bar{o}$ .
- ${\tt Q}\widehat{\ }$  c Generate a circumflex (hat) accent,  $\widehat{\rm o}.$
- ${\tt Q}$  ' c Generate a grave accent,  $\acute{\rm o}$ .
- $\mathfrak{Q}^{\sim} c$  Generate a tilde accent,  $\tilde{\mathbf{o}}$ .

Odotaccent c Generate a dot (over) accent, o.

QH c Generate a long Hungarian umlaut accent, ő.

@ogonek c Generate an ogonek diacritic, a.

Oringaccent c Generate a ring accent, o.

@tieaccent {cc} Generate a tie-after accent,  $\hat{oo};$  argument must be given in braces.

Ou c Generate a breve accent, ŏ.

Qubaraccent c Generate an underbar accent, o.

Oudotaccent c Generate an underdot accent, o.

@v c Generate a check (hacek) accent, ŏ.

# Non-English characters

QAA {}, Qaa {} Generate uppercase Å and lowercase å.

QAE {}, Qae {} Generate uppercase  $\mathcal{E}$  and lowercase  $\mathcal{E}$ .

QDH {}, Qdh {} Generate uppercase D and lowercase d.

QL {}, Q1 {} Generate uppercase L and lowercase l.

QO {}, Qo {} Generate uppercase Ø and lowercase Ø.

QOE {}, Qoe {} Generate uppercase Œ and lowercase œ.

QTH {}, Qth {} Generate uppercase P and lowercase b.

Odotless {i|j} Generate dotless 1 and 1.

@exclamdown {} Generate an upside-down exclamation point, i.

 $Qordf \{\}$ ,  $Qordm \{\}$  Generate  $\frac{a}{}$  and lowercase  $\frac{o}{}$ .

Questiondown {} Generate an upside-down question mark,  $\dot{\epsilon}$ .

Qss {} Generate the German sharp-S (es-zet) letter, ß.

#### Other text characters and logos

 $\mathtt{QLaTeX}$  {} Insert the LATeX logo.

QTeX {} Insert the TFX logo.

@bullet {} Insert a large round dot, ● ('\*' in Info).

Ocopyright {} Insert the copyright symbol, (c).

@dots {} Insert an ellipsis, '...'.

 ${\tt Genddots}$  {} Insert an end-of-sentence ellipsis, '...' (more following space in  $T_FX.)$ 

@euro {} Insert the Euro currency sign, €.

@guillemetleft{} @guillemetright{} @guillemotleft{}
@guillemotright @guilsinglleft{} @guilsinglright{}
@quotedblbase{} @quotedblleft @quotedblright{}
@quoteleft{} @quoteright{} @quotesinglbase{} Insert various
quotation marks: « » « » ‹ › , "" ' ' ,.

Opounds {} Insert the pounds sterling currency sign,  $\mathcal{L}$ .

 $\label{eq:constraints} \mbox{\tt Cregistered symbol, } \mbox{\tt R}.$ 

**@textdegree** {} Insert the degree symbol, ○.

Quoday {} Insert the current date, in '1 Jan 2000' style. Qu{x} Insert Unicode character U+x (hex).

# Glyphs for code examples

 $\texttt{Qequiv} \ \{\} \ \ \text{Indicate equivalence of two forms,} \ \equiv .$ 

@error {} Indicate an error message, error

**@expansion {}** Indicate the result of a macro expansion,  $\mapsto$ .

Opoint {} Indicate the position of point in a buffer, \*.

Oprint {} Indicate printed output, ∃.

**@result {}** Indicate the result of an expression,  $\Rightarrow$ .

# Making and preventing breaks

- **@\*** Force a line break.
- **%** Generates no output, but allows a line break.
- **Q-** Insert a discretionary hyphenation point.

 $\begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabu$ 

**@tie {}** Generate a normal interword space at which a line break is not allowed.

Ow {text} Disallow line breaks within text.

## Vertical space

 ${\tt @group \dots @end}$  group In  $T\!E\!X$  output, disallow page breaks in enclosed text; ignored otherwise.

**@need** mils Start a new page in a printed manual if fewer than mils thousandths of an inch remain on the current page. Ignored in other formats.

**@page** Start a new page in a printed manual. Ignored in other formats.

 $\mathfrak{Qsp}\,n$  Skip n blank lines.

**@vskip** amount In a printed manual, insert whitespace amount. Ignored in other formats.

## **Definition commands**

The ...x variant of each command is analogous to @itemx, leaving no extra space above. All definition commands must be written entirely on one line. Multiword arguments must be enclosed in braces. Descriptive text follows, ended by '@end defcmdname'.

#### Function-like definitions, untyped

<code>@deffn[x]</code> category name arguments Format a description for a function, interactive command, or similar entity that may take arguments. Its arguments are the category of entity being described, the name of this particular entity, and the entity's arguments. if any.

 ${\tt Odefun[x]}$  name arguments Format a description for a function; equivalent to ' ${\tt Odeffn}$  Function ...'.

@defmac[x] name arguments Format a description for a macro;
equivalent to '@deffn Macro ...'.

@defspec[x] name arguments Format a description for a special
form; equivalent to '@deffn {Special Form} ...'.

## Function-like definitions, typed

 ${\tt @deftypefn[x]}$  category data-type name arguments Like  ${\tt @deffn}$ , but for typed entities.

@deftypefun[x] data-type name arguments Like @defun, but for typed entities; equivalent to '@deftypefn Function ...'.

## Variable-like definitions, untyped

 ${\tt @defvr[x]}$  category name Format a description for any kind of variable. Its arguments are the category of the entity and the name of this particular entity.

 ${\tt Qdefvar[x]}$  name Format a description for a variable; equivalent to 'Qdefvr Variable ...'.

 ${\tt Odefopt[x]}$  name Format a description for a user option; equivalent to ' ${\tt Odefvar}$  {User  ${\tt Option}$ } ...'.

# Variable-like definitions, typed

 ${\tt Qdeftypevr[x]}$   $category\ data-type\ name\ {\tt Like}\ {\tt Qdefvr},$  but for typed entities.

@deftypevar[x] data-type name Like @defvar, but for typed entities; equivalent to '@deftypevr Variable ...'.

## Type definitions

<code>@deftp[x]</code> category name attributes Format a description for a data type. Its arguments are the category, the name of the type (e.g., 'int'), and then the attributes of objects of that type.

# Object-oriented entities, untyped

 $\mathtt{Odefcv}[x]$  category class name Format a description for a variable associated with a class in object-oriented programming.

@defivar[x] class name Format a description for an instance variable name in object-oriented programming; equivalent to '@defcv {Instance Variable of}...'.

<code>@defmethod[x]</code> class name arguments Format a description for method name; equivalent to '@defop {Method on} ...'.

**@defop**[x] category class name arguments Format a description for an operation in object-oriented programming. Its arguments are the category of the variable, the class to which it belongs, its name, and any arguments.

### Object-oriented entities, typed

@deftypecv[x] category class datatype name Like @defcv, but for typed class variables.

 ${\tt Qdeftypeivar}[{\tt x}]$  class data-type name Like  ${\tt Qdefivar},$  but for typed instance variables.

**@deftypemethod**[x] class data-type name arguments Format a description for a typed method in object-oriented programming; equivalent to '@deftypeop {Method on} ...'.

 ${\tt @deftypeop[x]}\ category\ class\ data-type\ name\ arguments\ Format\ a\ description\ for\ a\ typed\ operation\ in\ object-oriented\ programming.$ 

# Conditionally (in)visible text

**@comment** Begin a comment in Texinfo. The rest of the line is not visible in any output.

Occomment Synonym for Occomment. DEL also starts a comment.

Qignore...Qend ignore Text that will not appear in any output.

# $Output\ formats$

<code>@ifdocbook...@end ifdocbook</code> Texinfo text to appear only in Docbook output.

@ifhtml...@end ifhtml Text to appear only in HTML output.
@ifinfo...@end ifinfo Text to appear in both Info and (for historical compatibility) plain text output.

 ${\tt @ifplaintext} \dots {\tt @end}$  ifplaintext  ${\tt Text}$  to appear only in plain text output.

Ciftex...Cend iftex Text to appear only in the TFX output. @iflatex...@end iflatex Text to appear only in the LaTeX output.

@ifxml...@end ifxml Text to appear only in XML output. @ifnotdocbook @ifnothtml @ifnotplaintext @ifnottex @ifnotlatex @ifnotxml...@end ifnotformat Begin text to be ignored in one output format but no others: @ifnothtml text is omitted from HTML output, etc.

@ifnotinfo...@end ifnotinfo Like the other @ifnot... commands, but omit from plain text output as well as Info. @inlinefmt {format, text} Include Texinfo text only in format output.

@inlinefmtifelse {format, then-text, else-text} Include either then-text or else-text according to whether format is output.

## Raw formatter text

Olatex...Oend latex Enter LaTeX completely. @docbook ... @end docbook Enter Docbook completely. Ohtml...Oend html Enter HTML completely.

Otex...Oend tex Enter TFX completely (e.g., \ becomes an escape character).

Oxml...Oend xml Enter XML completely.

Cinlineray { format, text} Include raw text only in format output.

#### Document variables

Oset name [string] Define the Texinfo variable name, optionally to the value string.

Oclear name Undefine name.

Ovalue {name} Insert the value of name.

@ifset name ... @end ifset If name is set, format enclosed text. @ifclear name ... @end ifclear If name is not set, format enclosed text.

Oinlineifset {name, text} If name is set, format text. @inlineifclear {name, text} If name is not set, format text.

#### Testing for commands

 ${\tt @ifcommanddefined}\ cmd \dots {\tt @end}\ ifcommanddefined$ Text to appear only if @cmd is defined . . .

 $@ifcommandnotdefined\ cmd\ \dots @end\ ifcommandnotdefined$ ... or not defined.

txicommandconditionals Texinfo variable predefined to true.

# Defining new Texinfo commands

Qalias new=existing Make the command Qnew a synonym for the existing command @existing.

Omacro macroname {params} ... Oend macro Define a new Texinfo command Qmacroname.

Cunmacro macroname Undefine Comacroname if it is defined.

## File inclusion

@include filename Read the contents of Texinfo source file filename.

Overbatiminclude filename Incorporate the contents of filename in the output, exactly as is (in the fixed-width font).

# Formatting and headers/footers for T<sub>E</sub>X

Callowcodebreaks true | false Control breaks at - and \_ in TeX; default true.

Ofinalout Omit large black rectangles at overfull lines in TFX

Ofonttextsize 10 | 11 Change size of main body font in TFX.

Omicrotype on off Turn microtypography on or off in TeX.

### Paper sizes

The default paper size is US letter-size, 8x11in.

Osmallbook Format for a 7x9.25in trim size.

Cafourpaper, Cafivepaper, Chaixpaper Format for A4, A5 and Cerrormsg {msg} Report msg as an error. B6 paper sizes.

Cafourlatex Variant for A4 with more whitespace.

Cafourwide Format for A4 in landscape.

Opagesizes [width][, height] Format for the explicitly given page dimensions, width by height.

#### Page headers and footers

@oddfooting[left] @| [center] @| [right]

@oddheading [left] @| [center] @| [right] Specify page footings resp. headings for odd-numbered (right-hand) pages.

@evenfooting [left] @| [center] @| [right]

@evenheading [left] @| [center] @| [right] Specify page footings resp. headings for even-numbered (left-hand) pages.

@everyfooting[left] @| [center] @| [right]

@everyheading [left] @| [center] @| [right] Specify page footings resp. headings for every page.

Othischapter, Othischaptername, Othischapternum, Othissection. Othissectionname. Othissectionnum. Othisfile, Othispage, Othistitle These commands are only allowed in a heading or footing. They stand for, respectively, the number and name of the current chapter (in the format 'Chapter 1: Title'), the current chapter name only, the current chapter number only, the number and name of the current section, t the current section name only, the current section number only the d filename, the current page number, and the title of the document.

# Document preferences

It is usually best to omit any of these (merely preferential) settings from the Texinfo document, so users can easily override the defaults when processing the document.

Ocodequoteundirected on off Use undirected single quote for '; default off.

Ocodequotebacktick on off Use backtick (standalone grave accent) for '; default off.

Odeftypefnnewline on off Put return type on a line by itself; default off.

@exampleindent indent Indent example-like environments by indent number of spaces (perhaps 0).

Offirstparagraphindent insert | none Indent first paragraphs after section headings, or not.

Cheadings on off | single | double Turn page headings on or off, specify single-sided or double-sided page headings for printing. @kbdinputstyle code|distinct|example Specify font for @kbd: normal @code font, a distinct (slanted) typewriter font, or a distinct font only within @example and similar.

Oparagraphindent indent Indent paragraphs by indent number of spaces (perhaps 0); preserve source file indentation if indent is the string asis.

Osetchapternewpage on off odd Specify whether chapters start on new pages, and if so, whether on odd-numbered (right-hand) new pages; also set page headings accordingly.

Curefbreakstyle after|before|none Specify how Curef should break at special characters; default after.

# Ending a Texinfo document

Obye End reading the Texinfo source. Any following text in the file is ignored.

Finally, this meta-command doesn't fit anywhere else:

# Reading Info files

There are two main Info readers: M-x info (C-h i) in GNU Emacs, and the standalone info program. These basic keystrokes work in both.

Quit Info altogether. q

Invoke the Info tutorial. h

ďυ Move up one line.

Down Move down one line.

DEI. Scroll backward one screenful. Scroll forward one screenful. SPC

Go to the beginning of this node. Home,b

Go to the end of this node.

TAB Skip to the next hypertext link. RET Follow the hypertext link under the cursor.

1 Go back to the last node seen in this window.

Go to the previous node in the document.

Go to the next node in the document.

Go to the previous node on this level. Go to the next node on this level.

Go up one level.

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Go to the top node of this document.

Go to the main 'directory' node.

Pick the first...ninth item in this node's menu.

Pick the last item in this node's menu.

Pick a menu item specified by name.

Follow a cross reference specified by name.

Go to a node specified by name.

Search forward for a specified string.

Search for previous occurrence. Search for next occurrence.

Search for a specified string in the index, and select the node referenced by the first entry found.

Ι Synthesize menu of matching index entries.

C-g Cancel the current operation.

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