



# User's Guide

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This document describes  $\epsilon x\text{TeX}$ . It explains how to get  $\epsilon x\text{TeX}$  up and running and which features  $\epsilon x\text{TeX}$  offers to you. Since  $\epsilon x\text{TeX}$  provides a testbed for experimentation the focus has been put on the default configurations. The intended audience for this document are end users of the typesetting engine who want to use  $\epsilon x\text{TeX}$  on the command line or as plug-in replacement of  $\text{TeX}$ .

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# 1. Introduction

$\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  aims at providing a high-quality typesetting system. The development of  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  has been inspired by the experiences with  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ . The focus lies on an open design and a high degree of configurability. Thus  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  should be a good base for further development.

On the other hand we have to take care not to leave the current user base of  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  behind.  $\text{pdfT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  has taught us that a migration path from  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  has a positive value in it. In the mean time the majority of  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  users applies in fact  $\text{pdfT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ .

To provide a backward compatibility of  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  with  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  one special configuration is provided. Thus backward compatibility is just a matter of configuration.

## 1.1. This Document

This document is meant to be a reference document. It should contain all information necessary to know. It is not meant to be a tutorial. Thus do not expect tutorial type material in this document.

## 1.2. Web Site

There is a web site devoted to  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ . This web site can be reached via the URL

<http://www.extex.org>

## 1.3. Mailing Lists

If you are ready to try  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  you might as well want to join a mailing list to get in contact with the community.

<http://www.dante.de/listman/extex>

## 1.4. Reporting Bugs

If you find any bugs in  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  you can submit them either via a HTML form or via email. You can find the HTML form at

<http://www.extex.org/bugs>

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Emails containing the description can be sent to

[extex-bugs@dante.de](mailto:extex-bugs@dante.de)

Please include in your description

- the source of a *minimal* example showing the problem
- the log file resulting from running this example
- a description why you think that something went wrong and what the expected result would be
- a description of the environment you are using (host architecture, operating system, Java version)

## 2. Getting Started

In this chapter we describe the steps you can take to get  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  up and running. We try to use as few as possible premises. Thus it should be not too hard to get started.

### 2.1. Prerequisites

#### 2.1.1. Java

You need to have Java 1.4.2 or later installed on your system. You can get Java for a several systems directly from [java.sun.com](http://java.sun.com). Download and install it according to the installation instructions for your environment.

To check that you have an appropriate Java on your path you can use the command `java` with the argument `-version`. This can be seen in the following listing:

```
# java -version
java version "1.4.2_06"
Java(TM) 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition (build 1.4.2_06-b03)
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 1.4.2_06-b03, mixed mode)
#
```

#### 2.1.2. TEXMF

If you want to use more than the pure  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  engine, fonts and macros can be inherited from a texmf tree.  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  itself does not contain a full texmf tree. It comes just with some rudimentary files necessary for testing. Thus you should have installed a texmf tree, e.g. from a  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ Live installation. This can be found on the [Comprehensive  \$\text{T}\_{\text{E}}\text{X}\$  Archive Network \(CTAN\)](http://www.ctan.org).

There is no need to install the texmf tree in a special place. You have to tell  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  anyhow where it can be found. It is even possible to work with several texmf trees.

One requirement for the texmf trees is that they have a file database (`ls-R`).  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  can be configured to work without it, but then  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  is deadly slow. Thus you do not really want to try this alternative.

## 2.2. Getting $\epsilon\chi$ TeX

### 2.2.1. Getting the Installer

The simplest way to get  $\epsilon\chi$ TeX up and running is to use the  $\epsilon\chi$ TeX installer. This installer is distributed as one file `ExTeX-setup.jar`. You can download it from

<http://www.extex.org/download/>

To be completed.

### 2.2.2. Getting the Sources

The sources of  $\epsilon\chi$ TeX are stored in a CVS repository. To access this repository you need access to the internet and CVS installed in some way.

The coordinates of the repository are:

Connection type:	pserver
User:	anonymous
Host:	cvs.extex.berlios.de
Location:	/cvsroot/extex
Module:	ExTeX

We assume here that you have access to CVS on the command line. This can be either a shell on a Unix-like system or something like cygwin on Windows. We also assume that you have direct connection to the internet.

First we create a directory where the sources are stored:

```
# mkdir ExTeX
```

Next we change the current directory to this base directory:

```
# cd ExTeX
```

Now we log into the CVS repository. This login uses an anonymous account. This enables us to download the sources but not to commit any changes. The committing is restricted to members of the  $\epsilon\chi$ TeX team.

```
# cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.extex.berlios.de/cvsroot/extex login
```

Finally we can check out the sources:

```
# cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.extex.berlios.de/cvsroot/extex co ExTeX
```

This command shows a lot of output. At the end the current directory is filled with a lot of files and directories.



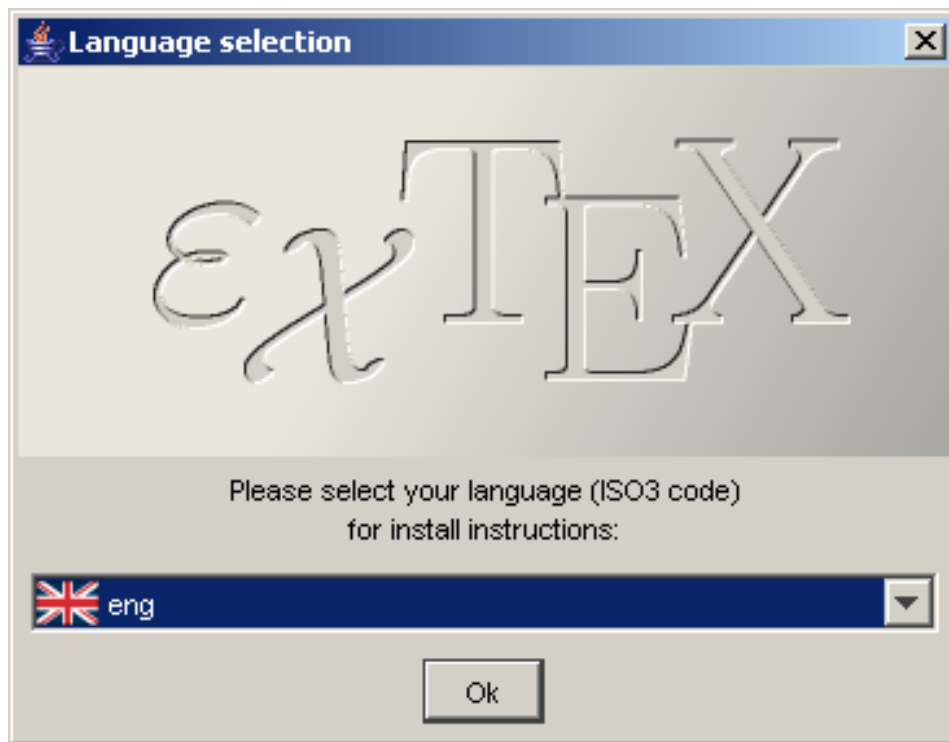


Figure 2.1.: The Language Selection in the Installer

## 2.3. Installing $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$

There are several ways to install  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$ . Some of them are described in this section.

### 2.3.1. Installing $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$ with the Installer

The easiest installation of  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  works with the  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  installer. This installer is named `ExTeX-setup.jar`. You can start the installer with the following command line:

```
# java -jar ExTeX-setup.jar
```

On Windows with a properly installed Java you can also start the installer by double-clicking `ExTeX-setup.jar` in the Explorer.

The installer provides a graphical user interface with a wizard guiding you through the installation process. The first dialog is shown in figure 2.1. As you can see you can select one of several languages for the installation process. Currently the languages English and German are supported. There might be some more at the time you are performing the installation.

Note that the internationalization covers the installer only.  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  can be run under different language environments as well. This is controlled by a setting at run-time. Currently only an English language binding for  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  is provided.

Finally you have to make sure that the executables `extex` or `extex.bat` is on your path for executables.

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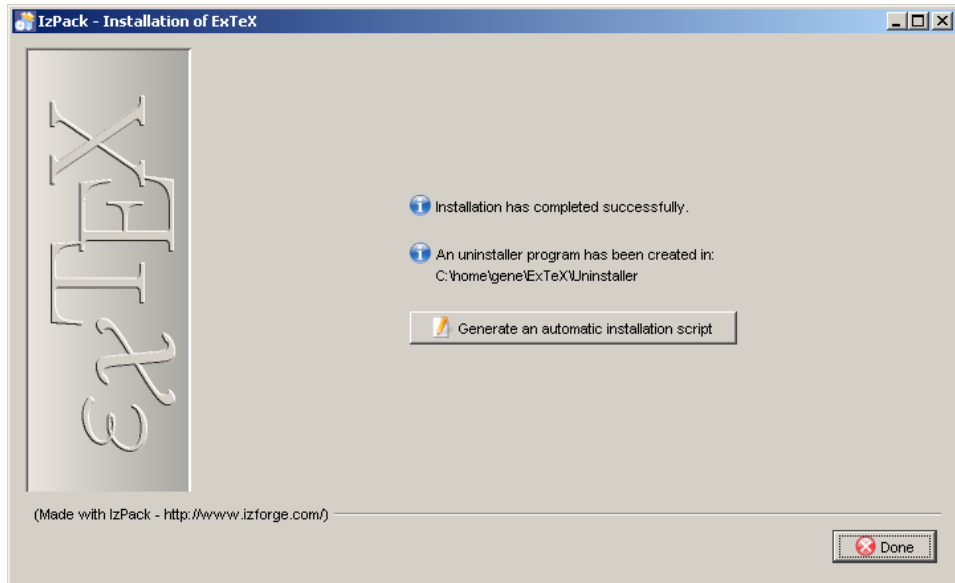


Figure 2.2.: Generating a Auto-Configuration for the Installer

### 2.3.2. Replaying an Installation

Sometimes it is desirable to perform an installation on several similar machines. This means that the answers to the questions in the installer are the same. This process can be automated.

In figure 2.2 you can see the last screen of the installer. Here you have the possibility to select the button “Generate an automatic installation script”. This produces an XML file which can be passed to the installer to avoid the dialogs.

Suppose you have named the file `replay.xml` in the file selector which pops up when the button has been pressed. Then you can replay the installation with the following command invocation:

```
# java -jar ExTeX-setup.jar replay.xml
```

This supposes that the two files `ExTeX-setup.jar` and `replay.xml` are in the current directory.

Finally you have to make sure that the executables `extex` or `extex.bat` is on your path for executables.

### 2.3.3. Creating the $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ Installer

You can create the installer of  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  from the sources. All you need for this step is contained in the source distribution. Suppose you are in the base directory of the distribution. Then the following command creates the installer:

```
# build installer
```

As a result the file `ExTeX-setup.jar` is created in the directory `target`. This file is a self-contained installer. You can immediately start the installer with the following command line:

```
# java -jar target/ExTeX-setup.jar
```

In addition the installer file can be moved to any other place – even other machines – and run the installation there (see also section 2.3.1).

### 2.3.4. Installing $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$ from the Sources on the Command Line

To install you can use the build script provided in the  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  base directory.

```
# build -Dinstall.dir=/usr/local/share/ExTeX install
```

Additionally you have to copy the file `.extex` from the base directory of the  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  to your home directory and adapted to your installation. Most probably the value of the property `extex.texinputs` needs adaptation to point to your texmf trees.

Finally you have to make sure that the executables `extex` or `extex.bat` is on your path for executables.

Now you can forget the source directory. It is not needed any more unless you are debugging or developing  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  extensions.

## 2.4. Configuring $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$

The behaviour of  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  can be influenced via command line arguments and configuration files. Most of the times the start-up files will be enough for the casual user.

### 2.4.1. Start-up Files

Whenever  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  starts it looks for start-up files named `.extex`. This file is sought in the user's home directory in the current directory. The settings in the current directory overwrite the settings from the user's home directory. Those in turn overwrite the built-in settings.

$\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  user properties files contain setting of properties. This is done in a line-based way. Lines containing only white space characters are ignored. If the first character is a hash sign (#) then the line is treated as a comment and ignored.

The first appearance of a equal sign (=) or the colon (:) separates the name of the property from the value. Leading and trailing white space is ignored both for the name and the value of the property.

Some characters have a special meaning. The backslash (\) acts as an escape character. The sequence `\n` is replaced by the newline character. If the last character in a line is a backslash then the line is continued in the next line. To produce a single backslash it has to be doubled.

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You can set any property name you like to a legal value.  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  will not complain about unknown properties but ignore them silently. The following properties are used by  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$ :

### `extex.code`

This parameter contains  $\epsilon\chi\text{TeX}$  code to be executed directly. The execution is performed after any code specified in an input file.

Example:

```
extex.code = \\relax
```

### `extex.config`

This parameter contains the name of the configuration resource to use. This configuration resource is sought on the class path.

Example:

```
extex.config = tex.xml
```

### `extex.encoding`

This parameter contains the name of the property for the standard encoding to use.

Example:

```
extex.encoding = ISO-8859-1
```

### `extex.error.handler`

This parameter contains the logical name of the error handler.

Example:

```
extex.error.handler = TeX
```

### `extex.fonts`

This parameter contains the property indicating where to find font files. The value is a path similar to `extex.texinputs`.

Example:

```
extex.fonts = /usr/local/share/fonts
```

### `extex.halt.on.error`

This boolean parameter contains the property indicating whether the processing should stop after the first error. Allowed values are `true` and `false`.

Example:

```
extex.halt.on.error = false
```

**extex.file**

This parameter contains the file to read from. It has no default. If this property is not set or set to the empty string then no attempt is made to read a file. Maybe the user is asked to provide one.

Example:

```
extex.file = abc.tex
```

**extex.fmt**

This parameter contains the name of the format to read. An empty string denotes that no format should be read. This is the default. In this case  $\epsilon_X\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  acts with no macros or fonts preloaded.

Example:

```
extex.fmt = plain
```

**extex.ini**

If set to `true` then act as `iniTEX`. This command line option is defined for compatibility to `TEX` only. In  $\epsilon_X\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  it has no effect at all. Allowed values are `true` and `false`.

Example:

```
extex.ini = true
```

**extex.interaction**

This parameter contains the interaction mode. Possible values are the numbers 0...3 and the symbolic names `batchmode` (0), `nonstopmode` (1), `scrollmode` (2), and `errorstopmode` (3).

Example:

```
extex.interaction = scrollmode
```

**extex.jobname**

This parameter contains the name of the job. It is overwritten if a file is given to read from. In this case the basename of the input file is used instead. If no file is read in then the default value `texput` is used.

Example:

```
extex.jobname = texput
```

**extex.jobname.master**

This parameter contains the name of the job to be used with high priority.

Example:

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```
extex.jobname.master = texput
```

### `extex.lang`

This parameter contains the name of the locale to be used for the messages. The value is a two letter ISO language code.  $\epsilon\lambda\text{TEX}$  can be internationalized just by providing some files with the translated strings. Currently only the language English (`en`) is supported.

Example:

```
extex.lang = en
```

### `extex.nobanner`

This parameter contains a boolean indicating that the banner should be suppressed. Allowed values are `true` and `false`.

Example:

```
extex.nobanner = false
```

### `extex.output`

This parameter contains the output format. This logical name is resolved via the configuration.

Example:

```
extex.output = pdf
```

### `extex.outputdir`

This parameter contains the directory where output files should be created. The period is interpreted as the current directory. The default is the current directory.

Example:

```
extex.outputdir = .
```

### `extex.outputdir.fallback`

This parameter contains the property for the fallback if the output directory (`extex.outputdir`) fails to be writable. The period is interpreted as the current directory.

The default is the current directory. Thus you can reset `extex.outputdir` and if this directory happens not to be writable then the current directory is used to create the log file and output files in.

Example:

```
extex.outputdir.fallback = .
```

**extex.progname**

This parameter can be used to overrule the name of the program shown in the banner and the version information.

Example:

```
extex.progname = iniExTeX
```

**extex.stacktrace.on.internal.error**

This parameter can be used to force a stack trace on stdout if an internal error is encountered. This is handy for development. Allowed values are **true** and **false**.

Example:

```
extex.stacktrace.on.internal.error = true
```

**extex.texinputs**

This parameter contains the additional directories for searching  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  input files. The directories are separated by the system-dependant separator. This separator is a colon (:) on Unix and the semicolon (;) on Windows.

Example:

```
extex.texinputs = /home/gene/lib/tex
```

**extex.trace.input.files**

This boolean parameter contains the indicator whether or not to trace the search for input files. Allowed values are **true** and **false**.

Example:

```
extex.trace.input.files = false
```

**extex.trace.font.files**

This boolean parameter contains the indicator whether or not to trace the search for font files. Allowed values are **true** and **false**.

Example:

```
extex.trace.font.files = false
```

**extex.trace.macros**

This boolean parameter contains the indicator whether or not to trace the execution of macros. Allowed values are **true** and **false**.

Example:

```
extex.trace.macros = false
```

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### `extex.trace.tokenizer`

This boolean parameter contains the indicator whether or not to trace the work of the tokenizer. Allowed values are `true` and `false`.

Example:

```
extex.trace.tokenizer = false
```

### `extex.typesetter`

This parameter contains the name of the typesetter to use. If it is not set then the default from the configuration file is used.

Example:

```
extex.typesetter = default
```

## 2.4.2. Configuration Files

Configuration files of another kind contain the assembly instructions for  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ . Those files can be used to provide additional features in  $\varepsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ .

To be completed.

## 2.4.3. Predefined Configurations

### The Configuration `extex`

The configuration `extex` identifies itself as “ExTeX default mode”. The configuration contains the primitive sets `tex`, `etex`, and `omega`. The configuration allows extended register names.

### The Configuration `extex-jx`

The configuration `extex-jx` identifies itself as “Java extensions”. The configuration contains the primitive sets `tex`, `etex`, and `jx`. The configuration allows extended register names.

### The Configuration `extex-native`

The configuration `extex-native` identifies itself as “Native extensions”. The configuration contains the primitive sets `tex`, `etex`, and `native`. The configuration allows extended register names.



**The Configuration nextex**

The configuration `nextex` identifies itself as “Namespace extension”. The configuration contains the primitive sets `tex`, `etex`, and `namespace`. The configuration allows extended register names.

**The Configuration omega**

The configuration `omega` identifies itself as “Omega compatibility mode”. The configuration contains the primitive sets `tex`, `etex`, and `omega`.

**The Configuration tex**

The configuration `tex` identifies itself as “TeX compatibility mode”. The configuration contains the primitive set `tex`.

**2.4.4. Primitive Sets****The Primitive Set etex**

The primitive set `etex` defines the following primitives:

```
\beginL \beginR \botmarks \clubpenalties \currentgrouplevel
\currentgrouptype \currentifbranch \currentiflevel \currentifttype
\detokenize \dimenexpr \displaywidowpenalties \endL \endR \eTeXrevision
\eTeXversion \everyeof \firstmarks \fontchardp \fontcharht \fontcharic
\fontcharwd \glueexpr \glueshrink \glueshrinkorder \gluestretch
\gluestretchorder \ifcsname \ifdefined \iffontchar \interactionmode
\interlinepenalties \lastlinefit \lastnodetype \marks \middle \muexpr
\numexpr \pagediscards \parshapedimen \parshapeindent \parshapelength
\predisplaydirection \protected \readline \savingshyphcodes
\savingvdiscards \scantokens \showgroups \showtokens \splitbotmarks
\splitdiscards \splitfirstmarks \TeXXeTstate \topmarks \tracingassigns
\tracingcommands \tracinggroups \tracingifs \tracingnesting
\tracingscantokens \unexpanded \unless \widowpenalties
```

**The Primitive Set jx**

The primitive set `jx` defines the following primitives:

```
\javadef \javaload
```

**The Primitive Set namespace**

The primitive set `namespace` defines the following primitives:

```
\export \import \namespace
```

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### The Primitive Set `native`

The primitive set `native` defines the following primitives:

```
\nativedef \nativeload
```

### The Primitive Set `omega`

The primitive set `omega` defines the following primitives:

```
\addafterocplist \addbeforeocplist \clearocplists \DefaultInputMode  
\DefaultInputTranslation \DefaultOutputMode \DefaultOutputTranslation  
\hfi \InputMode \InputTranslation \localbrokenpenalty  
\localinterlinepenalty \localleftbox \localrightbox \mathdir  
\naturaldir \noDefaultInputMode \noDefaultInputTranslation  
\noDefaultOutputMode \noDefaultOutputTranslation \nullocplist \ocp  
\ocplist \odelimiter \omathaccent \omathchar \omathchardef \omathcode  
\omathdelcode \oradical \OutputMode \OutputTranslation \pagedir  
\pagedirHL \pagedirHR \popocplist \pushocplist \removebeforeocplist  
\texdir \unnaturaldir \vfi
```

### The Primitive Set `tex`

The primitive set `tex` defines the following primitives:

```
\_ \_ \_ \above \abovedisplayshortskip \abovedisplayskip  
\abovewithdelims \accent \adjdemerits \advance \afterassignment  
\aftergroup \atop \atopwithdelims \badness \baselineskip \batchmode  
\begingroup \belowdisplayshortskip \belowdisplayskip \binoppenalty  
\botmark \box \boxmaxdepth \brokenpenalty \catcode \char \chardef  
\cleaders \closein \closeout \clubpenalty \copy \count \countdef \cr  
\crrc \csname \day \deadcycles \def \defaultthyphenchar \defaultskewchar  
\delcode \delimiter \delimiterfactor \delimitershortfall \dimen  
\dimendef \discretionary \displayindent \displaylimits \displaystyle  
\displaywidowpenalty \displaywidth \divide \doublehyphendemerits  
\dp \dump \edef \else \emergencystretch \end \endcsname \endgroup  
\endinput \endlinechar \eqno \errhelp \errmessage \errorcontextlines  
\errorstopmode \escapechar \everycr \everydisplay \everyhbox \everyjob  
\everymath \everypar \everyvbox \exhyphenpenalty \expandafter \fam \fi  
\finalhyphendemerits \firstmark \floatingpenalty \font \fontdimen  
\fontname \futurelet \gdef \global \globaldefs \halign \hangafter  
\hangindent \hbadness \hbox \hfil \hfill \hfilneg \hfuzz \hoffset  
\holdinginserts \hrule \hsize \hskip \hss \ht \hyphenation \hyphenchar  
\hyphenpenalty \if \ifcase \ifcat \ifdim \ifeof \iffalse \ifhbox  
\ifhmode \ifinner \ifmmode \ifnum \ifodd \iftrue \ifvbox \ifvmode  
\ifvoid \ifx \ignorespaces \immediate \indent \input \inputlineno  
\insert \insertpenalties \interlinepenalty \jobname \kern \language  
\lastbox \lastkern \lastpenalty \lastskip \lccode \leaders \left
```

```

\lefthyphenmin \leftskip \leqno \let \limits \linepenalty \lineskip
\lineskiplimit \long \looseness \lower \lowercase \mag \mark
\mathaccent \mathbin \mathchar \mathchardef \mathchoice \mathclose
\mathcode \mathinner \mathop \mathopen \mathord \mathpunct \mathrel
\mathsurround \maxdeadcycles \maxdepth \meaning \medmuskip \message
\mkern \month \moveleft \moveright \mskip \multiply \muskip \muskipdef
\newlinechar \noalign \noboundary \noexpand \noindent \nolimits
\nonscript \nonstopmode \nulldelimiterspace \nullfont \number
\omit \openin \openout \or \outer \output \outputpenalty \over
\overfullrule \overline \overwithdelims \pagedepth \pagefilllstretch
\pagefillstretch \pagefilstretch \pagegoal \pageshrink \pagestretch
\pagetotal \par \parfillskip \parindent \parshape \parskip
\patterns \pausing \penalty \postdisplaypenalty \predisplaypenalty
\predisplaysize \pretolerance \prevdepth \prevgraf \radical
\raise \read \relax \relpenalty \right \righthyphenmin \rightskip
\romannumeral \scriptfont \scriptscriptfont \scriptscriptstyle
\scriptspace \scriptstyle \scrollmode \setbox \setlanguage \sfcode
\shipout \show \showbox \showboxbreadth \showboxdepth \showlists
\showthe \skewchar \skip \skipdef \spacefactor \spaceskip \span
\special \splitbotmark \splitfirstmark \splitmaxdepth \splittopskip
\string \tabskip \textfont \textstyle \the \thickmuskip \thinmuskip
\time \toks \toksdef \tolerance \topmark \topskip \tracingcommands
\tracinglostchars \tracingmacros \tracingonline \tracingoutput
\tracingpages \tracingparagraphs \tracingrestores \tracingstats
\uccode \uchyph \underline \unhbox \unhcopy \unkern \unpenalty \unskip
\unvbox \unvcopy \uppercase \vadjust \valign \vbadness \vbox \vcenter
\vfil \vfill \vfilneg \vfuzz \voffset \vrule \vsize \vskip \vsplit \vss
\vtop \wd \widowpenalty \write \xdef \xleaders \xspaceskip \year

```

## 2.5. Running $\epsilon_X\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$

Currently  $\epsilon_X\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  can be run from the command line. In this respect it is more or less identical to  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and can be used as a plug-in replacement.

The following sample show a simple invocation of  $\epsilon_X\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  without any command line arguments.

```

# extex
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (TeX compatibility mode)
**\relax

*\end

No pages of output.
Transcript written on ./texput.log.

```

In this case  $\epsilon_X\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  enters interaction with the user and asks for an input file. This

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is indicated by the two asterisks. We have entered `\relax` here to indicate that we are not willing to pass in a file name. The  $\epsilon\lambda$ TeX system asks us to enter some command – indicated by the single asterisk. Here we have entered `\end` to indicate that we want to finish the processing. Thus  $\epsilon\lambda$ TeX terminates normally.

To be completed.

```
# extex plain
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (TeX compatibility mode)
(plain Preloading the plain format: codes, registers, parameters, fonts,
more fonts, macros, math definitions, output routines, hyphenation(hyphen))
*\dump
Beginning to dump on file plain.fmt

*\end

No pages of output.
Transcript written on ./plain.log.
```

### 2.5.1. Command Line Parameters

The invocation of the executable `extex` can be controlled by large number of command line arguments. Those command line arguments are described in the following list:

*<code>*

This parameter contains  $\epsilon\lambda$ TeX code to be executed directly. The execution is performed after any code specified in an input file. On the command line the code has to start with a backslash. This restriction does not hold for the property settings.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.code`

*<file>*

This parameter contains the file to read from. A file name may not start with a backslash or an ambercent. It has no default.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.file`.

- *<file>*

This parameter terminates the normal processing of arguments. The next argument – if present – is interpreted as input file. With this construction it is possible to process an input file which starts with one of the special characters `\` or `&`.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.file` if a file argument is present.

**-configuration**  $\langle resource \rangle$ 

This parameter contains the name of the configuration resource to use. This configuration resource is sought on the class path.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.config`.

**-copyright**

This command line option produces a copyright notice on the standard output stream and terminates the program afterwards.

**&** $\langle format \rangle$ **-fmt**  $\langle format \rangle$ 

This parameter contains the name of the format to read. An empty string denotes that no format should be read. This is the default.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.fmt`.

**-debug**  $\langle spec \rangle$ 

This command line parameter can be used to instruct the program to produce debugging output of several kinds. The debug output is written to the log file. The specification  $\langle spec \rangle$  is interpreted left to right. Each character is interpreted according to the following table:

<i>Spec</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>See</i>
F	This specifier contains the indicator whether or not to trace the searching for input files.	<code>extex.trace.input.files</code>
f	This specifier contains the indicator whether or not to trace the searching for font files.	<code>extex.trace.font.files</code>
M	This specifier contains the indicator whether or not to trace the execution of macros.	<code>extex.trace.macros</code>
T	This specifier contains the indicator whether or not to trace the work of the tokenizer.	<code>extex.trace.tokenizer</code>

The following example shows a possible invocation with this parameter:

```
# extex -debug FfMT abc.tex
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (TeX compatibility mode)
...
```

**-halt-on-error**

This parameter contains the indicator whether the processing should halt after the first error which has been encountered.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.halt.on.error`.

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### -help

This command line option produces a short usage description on the standard output stream and terminates the program afterwards.

### -ini

If set to true then act as `iniTeX`. This command line option is defined for compatibility to `TeX` only. In `εXTeX` it has no effect at all.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.ini`.

The following example shows a possible invocation with this parameter:

```
# extex -ini abc.tex
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (TeX compatibility mode)
...
```

### -interaction *<mode>*

This parameter contains the interaction mode. possible values are the numbers 0...3 and the symbolic names `batchmode` (0), `nonstopmode` (1), `scrollmode` (2), and `errorstopmode` (3).

This command line argument sets the property `extex.interaction`.

The following example shows a possible invocation with this parameter:

```
# extex -interaction batchmode abc.tex
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (TeX compatibility mode)
...
```

### -job-name *<name>*

This parameter contains the name of the job. It is overwritten if a file is given to read from. In this case the base name of the input file is used instead.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.jobname`.

### -language *<language>*

This parameter contains the name of the locale to be used for the messages.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.lang`.

### -output *<format>*

This parameter contains the output format. This logical name is resolved via the configuration.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.output`.

The following example shows a possible invocation with this parameter:

```
# extex -output pdf abc.tex
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (TeX compatibility mode)
```

**-progrname** *<name>*

This parameter can be used to overrule the name of the program shown in the banner and the version information. The following example shows a possible invocation and the resulting output:

```
# extex -progrname XeTeX -version
This is XeTeX, Version 0.0 (1.4.2_06)
#
```

This command line argument sets the property `extex.progrname`.

**-texinputs** *<path>*

This parameter contains the additional directories for searching  $\epsilon_{\mathcal{X}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  input files. The directories are separated by the system-dependant separator. This separator is a colon (:) on Unix and the semicolon (;) on Windows.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.texinputs`.

**-texmfoutputs** *<dir>*

This parameter contains the name of the property for the fallback if the output directory fails to be writable.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.outputdir.fallback`.

**-texoutputs** *<dir>*

This parameter contain the directory where output files should be created.

This command line argument sets the property `extex.outputdir`.

**-version**

This command line parameter forces that the version information is written to standard output and the program is terminated. The version of  $\epsilon_{\mathcal{X}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  is shown and the version of the Java engine in parentheses. The following example shows a possible invocation and the resulting output:

```
# extex -version
This is ExTeX, Version 0.0 (1.4.2_06)
#
```

Command line parameters can be abbreviated up to a unique prefix – and sometimes even more. Thus the following invocations are equivalent:

```
extex -v
extex -ve
extex -ver
extex -vers
extex -versi
extex -versio
extex -version
```

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### **2.5.2. Creating Formats**

To be completed.



## 3. Troubleshooting $\epsilon\chi\text{T}\text{E}\text{X}$

This chapter contains some hints in the case of trouble.

### 3.1. Why are my files not found?

$\epsilon\chi\text{T}\text{E}\text{X}$  has a configurable search for external resources. This search is controlled by several parameters.

To be completed.

### 3.2. Why are is the log file different from $\text{T}\text{E}\text{X}$ 's?

$\epsilon\chi\text{T}\text{E}\text{X}$  has the goal to produce a visual result comparable to the one of  $\text{T}\text{E}\text{X}$ . It has been decided explicitly that the contents of the log file is not considered for compatibility.

The log file is meant for a human reader who should not have any trouble with the differences. The log file is not meant to be a means for communicating with another program.

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## 4. The Macro Language of $\epsilon\lambda\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$

### 4.1. Primitives of $\epsilon\lambda\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$

$\epsilon\lambda\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  defines a lot of primitives. Those primitives are described below.

#### The Primitive $\backslash_$

This primitive inserts an explicit space into the current list. This has an effect in horizontal or restricted horizontal modes only. In other modes it has no effect.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle \textit{space primitive} \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash_$

Examples:

```
123\ 456
```

```
123\ \ 456
```

The primitive  $\backslash_$  is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive $\backslash/$

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle \textit{italic correction} \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash/$

Examples:

```
123\!/456
```

The primitive  $\backslash/$  is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle newline \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash$

Examples:

```
\
```

The primitive `\`  
is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\above`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle above \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash above$

Examples:

```
{a \above b}
```

The primitive `\above` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\abovedisplayshortskip`

`\abovedisplayshortskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\abovedisplayshortskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\abovedisplayskip`

`\abovedisplayskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\abovedisplayskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\abovewithdelims`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle abovewithdelims \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash abovewithdelims$

Examples:

```
\abovewithdelims
```

The primitive `\abovewithdelims` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\accent`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{accent} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash accent} \dots$$

Examples:

```
\accent 13 a
```

The primitive `\accent` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\addafterocplist`

`\addafterocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\addafterocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\addbeforeocplist`

`\addbeforeocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\addbeforeocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\adjdemerits`

`\adjdemerits` is a count register. The primitive `\adjdemerits` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\advance`

This primitive implements an assignment. The variable given as next tokens is incremented by the quantity given after the optional `by`.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{advance} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \textit{optional prefix} \rangle \texttt{\backslash advance} \langle \textit{advancable} \rangle$$

$$\langle \textit{optional prefix} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow$$

$$| \quad \texttt{\backslash global} \langle \textit{optional prefix} \rangle$$

$$\langle \textit{advancable} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \textit{integer variable} \rangle \langle \textit{optional by} \rangle \langle \textit{number} \rangle$$

$$| \quad \langle \textit{dimen variable} \rangle \langle \textit{optional by} \rangle \langle \textit{dimen} \rangle$$

$$| \quad \langle \textit{glue variable} \rangle \langle \textit{optional by} \rangle \langle \textit{glue} \rangle$$

$$| \quad \langle \textit{muglue variable} \rangle \langle \textit{optional by} \rangle \langle \textit{muglue} \rangle$$

$$\langle \textit{optional by} \rangle$$

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$\rightarrow$  [by]  
|  $\langle$ optional spaces $\rangle$

Examples:

```
\advance\count12 345
```

```
\advance\count12 by -345
```

The primitive `\advance` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\afterassignment`

The primitive `\afterassignment` registers the token to be inserted after the next assignment. Note that there is at most one token to be inserted after the next assignment. Thus the primitive may overwrite any previously registered token.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle$ afterassignment $\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow$  `\afterassignment`  $\langle$ token $\rangle$

Examples:

```
\afterassignment\abc
```

```
\afterassignment X
```

```
\afterassignment \~
```

The primitive `\afterassignment` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\aftergroup`

This primitive takes the next token and saves it. The saved token will be inserted after the current group has been closed. If several tokens are saved then they will be inserted in the same sequence as they are saved.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle$ aftergroup $\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow$  `\aftergroup`  $\langle$ token $\rangle$

Examples:

```
{\aftergroup\~ xyz}
```

```
{\aftergroup\aftergroup\~ a\aftergroup\~ b xyz}
```

The primitive `\aftergroup` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\atop`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle atop \rangle \rightarrow \backslash atop$$

Examples:

```
\atop
```

The primitive `\atop` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\atopwithdelims`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle atopwithdelims \rangle \rightarrow \backslash atopwithdelims$$

Examples:

```
\atopwithdelims
```

The primitive `\atopwithdelims` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\badness`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle badness \rangle \rightarrow \backslash badness \langle equals \rangle \langle number \rangle$$

Examples

```
\count1=\badness
```

The primitive `\badness` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\baselineskip`

`\baselineskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\baselineskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\batchmode`

This primitive is an assignment. The interaction mode is set to batch mode. In batch mode the processing is terminated if the program needs input from the terminal.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle batchmode \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\batchmode}}$

Examples:

```
\batchmode
```

The primitive `\batchmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\begingroup`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle begingroup \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\begingroup}}$

Examples:

```
\begingroup 123 \endgroup
```

The primitive `\begingroup` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\beginL`

`\beginL` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\beginL` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\beginR`

`\beginR` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\beginR` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\belowdisplayshortskip`

`\belowdisplayshortskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\belowdisplayshortskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\belowdisplayskip`

`\belowdisplayskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\belowdisplayskip` is defined in the set `tex`.



**The Primitive `\binoppenalty`**

`\binoppenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\binoppenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\botmark`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\botmark ...`

Examples:

```
\botmark ...
```

The primitive `\botmark` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\botmarks`**

`\botmarks` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\botmarks` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\box`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle box \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\text{box} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\box42
```

The primitive `\box` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\boxmaxdepth`**

`\boxmaxdepth` is a dimen register. The primitive `\boxmaxdepth` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\brokenpenalty`**

`\brokenpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\brokenpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\catcode`

The assignment is controlled by the modifier `\global` and the count parameter `\globaldefs`. Usually the assignment is acting on the current group only. if the integer parameter `\globaldefs` is not 0 or the modifier `\global` is given then the assignment is applied to all groups.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle catcode \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\catcode}} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle 4\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\catcode ...
```

The primitive `\catcode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\char`

The primitive `\char` provides access to any character in the current font. The argument is the numeric value of the character. This value can be any expanded expression resulting in a number of the proper range.

If no proper argument is found then an error is raised.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle char \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\char}} \langle number \rangle$

Examples:

```
\char42
\char\count1
```

The primitive `\char` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\chardef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle chardef \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\chardef}} \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\chardef\abc=45
```

```
\chardef\abc 33
```

The primitive `\chardef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\cleaders`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle cleaders \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash cleaders \dots$

Examples:

```
\cleaders\hrul\hfill
```

The primitive `\cleaders` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\clearocplists`

`\clearocplists` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\clearocplists` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\closein`

The primitive takes one expanded integer argument. This argument denotes a read register which will be closed if it is currently assigned to a file.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle closein \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash closein \langle number \rangle$

Examples:

```
\closein5
```

```
\closein\count120
```

The primitive `\closein` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\closeout`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle closeout \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash closeout \langle number \rangle$

Examples:

```
\closeout5
```

```
\closeout\count120
```

The primitive `\closeout` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\clubpenalties`

`\clubpenalties` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\clubpenalties` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\clubpenalty`

`\clubpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\clubpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\copy`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle copy \rangle \rightarrow \backslash copy \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\copy42
```

The primitive `\copy` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\count`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle count \rangle \rightarrow \backslash count \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle number \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\count23=-456
```

The primitive `\count` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\countdef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle countdef \rangle \rightarrow \backslash countdef \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\countdef\abc=45
```

```
\countdef\abc 33
```

The primitive `\countdef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\cr`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle cr \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\mathrm{cr}$$

Examples:

```
\cr
```

The primitive `\cr` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\crr`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle crr \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\mathrm{crr}$$

Examples:

```
\crr
```

The primitive `\crr` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\csname`

When  $\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  expands `\csname` it reads to the matching `\endcsname`, expanding tokens as it goes; only character tokens should remain after this expansion has taken place. Then the “expansion” of the entire `\csname...\endcsname` text will be a single control sequence token, defined to be like `\relax` if its meaning is currently undefined.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle csname \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\mathrm{csname} \langle \dots \rangle \backslash\mathrm{endcsname}$$

Examples:

```
\csname abc\endcsname
```

The primitive `\csname` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\currentgrouplevel`

...

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle currentgrouplevel \rangle$   
→ `\currentgrouplevel`

Examples:

```
\the\currentgrouplevel
```

The primitive `\currentgrouplevel` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\currentgrouptype`

`\currentgrouptype` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\currentgrouptype` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\currentifbranch`

`\currentifbranch` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\currentifbranch` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\currentiflevel`

`\currentiflevel` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\currentiflevel` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\currentifttype`

`\currentifttype` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\currentifttype` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\day`

`\day` is a count register. The primitive `\day` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\deadcycles`

`\deadcycles` is a count register. The primitive `\deadcycles` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\def`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle def \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$   $\langle prefix \rangle \backslash def \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle parameter\ text \rangle \{ \langle replacement\ text \rangle \}$ 
 $\langle prefix \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$ 
  |  $\backslash global \langle prefix \rangle$ 
  |  $\backslash long \langle prefix \rangle$ 
  |  $\backslash outer \langle prefix \rangle$ 

```

Examples:

```
\def#1{--#1--}
```

The primitive `\def` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\defaultthyphenchar`

`\defaultthyphenchar` is a count register. The primitive `\defaultthyphenchar` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\DefaultInputMode`

`\DefaultInputMode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\DefaultInputMode` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\DefaultInputTranslation`

`\DefaultInputTranslation` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\DefaultInputTranslation` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\DefaultOutputMode`

`\DefaultOutputMode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\DefaultOutputMode` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\DefaultOutputTranslation`

`\DefaultOutputTranslation` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\DefaultOutputTranslation` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\defaultskewchar`

`\defaultskewchar` is a count register. The primitive `\defaultskewchar` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\delcode`

The  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  encoding interprets the number as 27 bit hex number: "csyylxx. Here the digits have the following meaning:

**c** the math class of this delimiter. It has a range from 0 to 7.

**l** the family for the large character. It has a range from 0 to 15.

**xx** the character code of the large character.

**s** the family for the small character. It has a range from 0 to 15.

**yy** the character code of the small character.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle delcode \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash delcode \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\delcode'x="123456
```

The primitive `\delcode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\delimiter`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle delimiter \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash delimiter$

Examples:

```
\delimiter "426830A
```

The primitive `\delimiter` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\delimiterfactor`

`\delimiterfactor` is a count register. The primitive `\delimiterfactor` is defined in the set `tex`.



**The Primitive `\delimitershortfall`**

`\delimitershortfall` is a dimen register. The primitive `\delimitershortfall` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\detokenize`**

`\detokenize` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\detokenize` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\dimen`**

The primitive `\dimen` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\dimendef`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle \textit{dimendef} \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash dimendef}} \langle \textit{control sequence} \rangle \langle \textit{equals} \rangle \langle \textit{8-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\dimendef\abc=45
```

```
\dimendef\abc 33
```

The primitive `\dimendef` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\dimenexpr`**

`\dimenexpr` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\dimenexpr` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\discretionary`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle \textit{discretionary} \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash discretionary}} \dots$

Examples:

```
\discretionary{f-}{fi}{ffi}  
\discretionary{-}{}{}
```

The primitive `\discretionary` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\displayindent`

`\displayindent` is a dimen register. The primitive `\displayindent` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\displaylimits`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle displaylimits \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\displaylimits}}$

Examples:

```
\displaylimits
```

The primitive `\displaylimits` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\displaystyle`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle displaystyle \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\displaystyle}}$

Examples:

```
\displaystyle
```

The primitive `\displaystyle` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\displaywidowpenalties`

`\displaywidowpenalties` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\displaywidowpenalties` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\displaywidowpenalty`

`\displaywidowpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\displaywidowpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\displaywidth`

`\displaywidth` is a dimen register. The primitive `\displaywidth` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\divide`

This primitive implements an assignment. The variable given as next tokens is divided by the quantity given after the optional `by`.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

<divide>
  → \divide <dividable>
<dividable>
  → <integer variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
  | <dimen variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
  | <glue variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
  | <muglue variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
<optional by>
  → [by]
  | <optional spaces>

```

Examples:

```
\divide\count12 345
```

```
\divide\count12 by -345
```

The primitive `\divide` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\doublehyphendemerits`

`\doublehyphendemerits` is a count register. The primitive `\doublehyphendemerits` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\dp`

The primitive `\dp` refers to the depth of a box register. It can be used in various contexts.

### Execution of the Primitive

If the primitive is used in a context it initiated an assignment to the actual depth of the box register. This has an effect only in the case that the box register is not void.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

<dp>
  → <optional prefix> \dp <8-bit number> <equals> <dimen>
<optional prefix>
  →
  | \global <optional prefix>

```

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Examples:

```
\dp42 = 12mm
```

```
\dp42 = \dimen3
```

#### Expansion of the Primitive

In an expansion context the primitive results in the the currentr depth of the given box register. In case that the box register is empty the result is 0 pt.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\backslash dp$   $\langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\dimen0 = \dp42
```

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The primitive  $\backslash dp$  is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive $\backslash dump$

The primitive writes out the current state of the interpreter to an format file. This format file can be read back in to restore the saved state.

The primitive can be used outside of any group only.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle dump \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash dump$

Examples:

```
\dump
```

The primitive  $\backslash dump$  is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\edef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle edef \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$   $\langle prefix \rangle \backslash edef \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle parameter\ text \rangle \{ \langle replacement\ text \rangle \}$ 
 $\langle prefix \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$ 
  |  $\backslash global \langle prefix \rangle$ 
  |  $\backslash long \langle prefix \rangle$ 
  |  $\backslash outer \langle prefix \rangle$ 

```

Examples:

```
\edef#1{--#1--}
```

The primitive `\edef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\else`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle else \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$   $\backslash else \langle \dots \rangle$ 

```

Examples:

```
\ifnum 1<2\else no\fi
```

The primitive `\else` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\emergencystretch`

`\emergencystretch` is a dimen register. The primitive `\emergencystretch` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\end`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle end \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$   $\backslash end$ 

```

Examples:

```
\end
```

The primitive `\end` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\endcsname`

The macro `\endcsname` is used in combination with the macro `\csname` only. Whenever a `\endcsname` is seen alone it must be an error. Thus this primitive produces an error message in any case.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle endcsname \rangle \\ \rightarrow \quad \texttt{\backslash endcsname}$$

## Examples

The following example shows a complicated way to invoke the macro `abc`. Here `\endcsname` is legal.

```
\csname abc\endcsname
```

The primitive `\endcsname` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\endgroup`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle endgroup \rangle \\ \rightarrow \quad \texttt{\backslash endgroup}$$

Examples:

```
\begingroup 123 \endgroup
```

The primitive `\endgroup` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\endinput`

The primitive `\endinput` closes the topmost file input stream. All tokens collected for this input stream and the ones above are discarded. This means that you can place arbitrary text behind this primitive in a file. This text is ignored immediately.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle endinput \rangle \\ \rightarrow \quad \texttt{\backslash endinput}$$

Examples:

```
\endinput
```

The primitive `\endinput` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\endL`**

`\endL` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\endL` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\endlinechar`**

`\endlinechar` is a count register. The primitive `\endlinechar` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\endR`**

`\endR` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\endR` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\eqno`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle eqno \rangle \rightarrow \backslash eqno$$

Examples:

```
\eqno
```

The primitive `\eqno` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\errhelp`**

`\errhelp` is a toks register. The primitive `\errhelp` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\errmessage`**

The primitive `\errmessage` takes one argument. This argument is an expanded list of tokens. Those tokens are presented as error message

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle eqno \rangle \rightarrow \backslash errmessage \langle tokens \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\errmessage{}
```

The primitive `\errmessage` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\errorcontextlines`

`\errorcontextlines` is a count register. The primitive `\errorcontextlines` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\errorstopmode`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle errorstopmode \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{errorstopmode}}$

Examples:

```
\errorstopmode
```

The primitive `\errorstopmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\escapechar`

`\escapechar` is a count register. The primitive `\escapechar` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\eTeXrevision`

`\eTeXrevision` is a toks register. The primitive `\eTeXrevision` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\eTeXversion`

`\eTeXversion` is a count register. The primitive `\eTeXversion` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\everycr`

`\everycr` is a toks register. The primitive `\everycr` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\everydisplay`

`\everydisplay` is a toks register. The primitive `\everydisplay` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\everyeof`

`\everyeof` is a toks register. The primitive `\everyeof` is defined in the set `etex`.



**The Primitive `\everyhbox`**

`\everyhbox` is a toks register. The primitive `\everyhbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\everyjob`**

`\everyjob` is a toks register. The primitive `\everyjob` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\everymath`**

`\everymath` is a toks register. The primitive `\everymath` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\everypar`**

`\everypar` is a toks register. The primitive `\everypar` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\everyvbox`**

`\everyvbox` is a toks register. The primitive `\everyvbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\exhyphenpenalty`**

`\exhyphenpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\exhyphenpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\expandafter`**

$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  first reads the token that comes immediately after `\expandafter`, without expanding it; let's call this token  $t$ . Then  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  reads the token that comes after  $t$  (and possibly more tokens, if that token has an argument), replacing it by its expansion. Finally  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  puts  $t$  back in front of that expansion.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle \textit{expandafter} \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash expandafter} \langle \textit{control sequence} \rangle \dots$

Examples:

```
\expandafter ...
```

The primitive `\expandafter` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\export`

The primitive `\export` takes a list of tokens and saves them away for an associated `\import`. The tokens in the list are either control sequence tokens or active characters. All other tokens are ignored.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle export \rangle \rightarrow \backslash export \langle replacement\ text \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\export{\a\b}
```

The primitive `\export` is defined in the set `namespace`.

## The Primitive `\fam`

`\fam` is a count register. The primitive `\fam` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\fi`

This primitive indicates the end of an conditional. As such it can not appear alone but only in combination with a preceeding `\if*`.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle fi \rangle \rightarrow \backslash fi$$

Examples:

```
\fi
```

The primitive `\fi` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\finalhyphendemerits`

`\finalhyphendemerits` is a count register. The primitive `\finalhyphendemerits` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\firstmark`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
\firstmark ...
```

Examples:

```
\firstmark ...
```

The primitive `\firstmark` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\firstmarks`

`\firstmarks` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\firstmarks` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\floatingpenalty`

`\floatingpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\floatingpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\font`

The primitive `\font` can be used to load a font with some specified properties and assign it to a control sequence. The primary option is the specification of a size for the font. If no size is given then the font is loaded at its design size.

An exact size can be specified with the `at` keyword. The dimension following this keyword determines the size of the font.

The design size can be multiplied by a scale factor. This scale factor is given as number after the keyword `scaled`. The value given is 1000 times the scale factor to be used.

This primitive is an assignment.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

<font>
  → \font <control sequence> <equals> <font name> <options>
<options>
  → <option>
  | <option> <options>
<option>
  → [scaled] <number>
  | [at] <size...>
  | [noligatures]
  | [nokerning]
  | [letterspaced]
```

## Examples

In the following example the font `cmr12` is loaded at its design size. The macro `\myfont` is bound to this font.

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```
\font\myfont=cmr12
```

In the following example the font `cmr12` is loaded at the size 15pt. The macro `\myfont` is bound to this font.

```
\font\myfont=cmr12 at 15pt
```

In the following example the font `cmr12` is loaded at the double design size. The scale factor 2000 is divided by 1000 to get the effective scaling factor. The macro `\myfont` is bound to this font.

```
\font\magnifiedfiverm=cmr5 scaled 2000
```

In the following example the font `cmr10` is loaded at the size of 12 true pt. The macro `\myfont` is bound to this font.

```
\font\second=cmr10 at 12truept
```

The primitive `\font` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\fontchardp`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle fontchardp \rangle \rightarrow \backslash fontchardp \langle font \rangle \langle number \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\dimen0 = \fontchardp\tenrm 'a
```

The primitive `\fontchardp` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\fontcharht`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\fontcharht`

Examples:

```
\fontcharht\tenrm 'a
```

The primitive `\fontcharht` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\fontcharic`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\fontcharic`

Examples:

```
\fontcharic\tenrm 'a
```

The primitive `\fontcharic` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\fontcharwd`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\fontcharwd`

Examples:

```
\fontcharwd\tenrm 'a
```

The primitive `\fontcharwd` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\fontdimen`

The primitive `\fontdimen` can be used to set a font dimension value. Each font has an arbitrary number of dimen values which are addressed by an numerical index in  $\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$ . In  $\epsilon_X\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  this has been extended to arbitrary strings.

The primitive expands to the value of the font dimension in a right hand context.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\fontdimen` *<8-bit number>* *<font>* *<equals>* *<dimen>*

Examples:

```
\fontdimen13\ff=5pt
```

```
\the\fontdimen13\ff
```

```
\the\fontdimen{em}\ff=8pt
```

The primitive `\fontdimen` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\fontname`

The primitive `\fontname` can be used to retrieve the name of a font. It takes a font specification as argument. It expands to the name of the font. If this font is not loaded at its design size then the actual size is appended after the tokens `at`. All tokens produced this way are *other* tokens except of the spaces. This means that even the letters are of category *other*.

The primitive `\fontname` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\futurelet`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle futurelet \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash futurelet}} \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle token \rangle \dots$

Examples:

```
\futurelet ...
```

The primitive `\futurelet` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\gdef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle gdef \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \langle prefix \rangle \text{\texttt{\textbackslash gdef}} \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle parameter\ text \rangle \{ \langle replacement\ text \rangle \}$   
 $\langle prefix \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow$   
 $\begin{array}{l} | \quad \text{\texttt{\textbackslash global}} \langle prefix \rangle \\ | \quad \text{\texttt{\textbackslash long}} \langle prefix \rangle \\ | \quad \text{\texttt{\textbackslash outer}} \langle prefix \rangle \end{array}$

Examples:

```
\gdef#1{--#1--}
```

The primitive `\gdef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\global`

The primitive `\global` is a prefix macro. It does not do anything by its own but works in combination with a following primitive token only. If the following token constitutes an assignment then the assignment is not restricted to the current group but acts globally in all groups.

If the following command token does not happen to be an operation for which the global modifier is applicable then a warning might be raised.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle global \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash global \langle \dots \rangle$

## Examples

The following example shows that two macros defined in a group. The first macro falls back to its previous binding when the group is closed. The second macro has the same binding in all groups. defined.

```
\begingroup
  \def\{a\}{123}
  \global\def\{b\}{123}
\endgroup
```

The following example shows that two count registers are set in a group. The first count register keeps its value until the group is closed and falls back to the value it had when the group has been entered. The second count register keeps its value even when the group is closed.

```
\begingroup
  \count1=123
  \global\count2=45
\endgroup
```

The primitive `\global` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\globaldefs`

`\globaldefs` is a count register. The primitive `\globaldefs` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\glueexpr`

`\glueexpr` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\glueexpr` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\glueshrink`

`\glueshrink` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\glueshrink` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\glueshrinkorder`

The primitive `\glueshrinkorder` determines the order of the glue shrink component of the following glue specification. A fixed, non-shrinkable glue returns the value 0. Glue with the order `fil` gives 1, `fill` gives 2, and `filll` gives 3.

Note that the glue specification of 1 `fi` returns also 1. This is due to the compatibility with  $\varepsilon\text{\TeX}$  which does not have this unit. This unit has been introduced by Omega.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{glueshrinkorder} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \text{\code{\glueshrinkorder}} \dots$$

## Examples

```
\glueshrinkorder\skip1
```

The primitive `\glueshrinkorder` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\gluestretch`

`\gluestretch` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\gluestretch` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\gluestretchorder`

The primitive `\gluestretchorder` determines the order of the glue stretch component of the following glue specification. A fixed, non-stretchable glue returns the value 0. Glue with the order `fil` gives 1, `fill` gives 2, and `filll` gives 3.

Note that the glue specification of 1 `fi` returns also 1. This is due to the compatibility with  $\varepsilon\text{\TeX}$  which does not have this unit. This unit has been introduced by Omega.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{gluestretchorder} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \text{\code{\gluestretchorder}} \dots$$

## Examples

```
\gluestretchorder\skip1
```

The primitive `\gluestretchorder` is defined in the set `etex`.



## The Primitive `\halign`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

<halign>
  → \halign <box specification> { <preamble> \cr <rows> }
<box specification>
  →
  |   to <rule dimension>
  |   spread <rule dimension>
<rows>
  →
  |   <row> <rows>
<preamble>
  → ...

```

Examples:

```
\halign
```

The primitive `\halign` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hangafter`

`\hangafter` is a count register. The primitive `\hangafter` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hangindent`

`\hangindent` is a dimen register. The primitive `\hangindent` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hbadness`

`\hbadness` is a count register. The primitive `\hbadness` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hbox`

The contents of the toks register `\everyhbox` is inserted at the beginning of the horizontal material of the box.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

<hbox>
  → \hbox <box specification> { <horizontal material> }
<box specification>
  →
  |   to <rule dimension>
  |   spread <rule dimension>

```

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Examples:

```
\hbox{abc}
```

```
\hbox to 120pt{abc}
```

```
\hbox spread 12pt{abc}
```

The tokens parameter is used in `/hbox`. The tokens contained are inserted at the beginning of the horizontal material of the hbox.

The primitive `\hbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\hfi`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle hfi \rangle \rightarrow \text{\hfi}$$

Examples:

```
\hfi
```

The primitive `\hfi` is defined in the set `omega`.

#### The Primitive `\hfil`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle hfil \rangle \rightarrow \text{\hfil}$$

Examples:

```
\hfil
```

The primitive `\hfil` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\hfill`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle hfill \rangle \rightarrow \text{\hfill}$$

Examples:

```
\hfill
```

The primitive `\hfill` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hfilneg`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle hfilneg \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\hfilneg}}$

Examples:

`\hfilneg`

The primitive `\hfilneg` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hfuzz`

`\hfuzz` is a dimen register. The primitive `\hfuzz` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hoffset`

`\hoffset` is a dimen register. The primitive `\hoffset` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\holdinginserts`

`\holdinginserts` is a count register. The primitive `\holdinginserts` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hrule`

This primitive produces a horizontal rule. This is a rectangular area of specified dimensions. If not overwritten the width and depth are 0pt and the height is 0.4 pt (26214 sp).

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle hrule \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\hrule}} \langle rule\ specification \rangle$   
 $\langle rule\ specification \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \langle optional\ spaces \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle rule\ dimension \rangle \langle rule\ specification \rangle$   
 $\langle rule\ dimension \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{width}} \langle dimen \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \text{\code{height}} \langle dimen \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \text{\code{depth}} \langle dimen \rangle$

The color from the typographic context is taken as foreground color for the rule. The default color is black.

Examples:

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```
\hrule
```

```
\hrule width 2pt
```

```
\hrule width 2pt depth 3mm height \dimen4
```

The primitive `\hrule` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\hsize`

`\hsize` is a `dimen` register. The primitive `\hsize` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\hskip`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle hskip \rangle \rightarrow \backslash hskip \langle Glue \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\hskip 1em plus 1pt minus 1pt
```

The primitive `\hskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\hss`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle hss \rangle \rightarrow \backslash hss$$

Examples:

```
\hss
```

The primitive `\hss` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\ht`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle ht \rangle \rightarrow \backslash ht \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle dimen \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\ht42
```

The primitive `\ht` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hyphenation`

The primitive `\hyphenation` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hyphenchar`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\hyphenchar`  $\langle font \rangle$   $\langle equals \rangle$   $\langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\hyphenchar\font=132
```

## Incompatibility

The TeXbook gives no indication on how the primitive should react for negative values – except -1. The implementation of  $\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  allows to store and retrieve arbitrary negative values. This behaviour of  $\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  is not preserved in  $\varepsilon_X\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$ .

The primitive `\hyphenchar` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\hyphenpenalty`

`\hyphenpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\hyphenpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\if`

The primitive expands the tokens following it until two unexpandable tokens are found. The conditional is true iff the character codes of the two tokens agree.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle if \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \quad \text{\code{\if} } \langle token_1 \rangle \langle token_2 \rangle \langle true\ text \rangle \text{\code{\fi}}$   
 $\quad \quad \text{\code{\if} } \langle token_1 \rangle \langle token_2 \rangle \langle true\ text \rangle \text{\code{\else} } \langle false\ text \rangle \text{\code{\fi}}$

Examples:

```
\if\ax ok \fi
```

The primitive `\if` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifcase`

$\langle ifcase \rangle$   
→ `\ifcase ...`

The primitive `\ifcase` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifcat`

$\langle ifcat \rangle$   
→ `\ifcat ...`

The primitive `\ifcat` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifcsname`

`\ifcsname` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\ifcsname` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\ifdefined`

*Copied of the  $e\TeX$  reference.*

similar in effect to `\unless \ifx \undefined`, but does not require `\undefined` to actually be undefined, since no explicit comparison is made with any particular control sequence.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

Examples:

```
\ifdefined\TESTNAME\else not\fi defined
```

The primitive `\ifdefined` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\ifdim`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle ifdim \rangle$   
→ `\ifdim  $\langle dimen \rangle$   $\langle op \rangle$   $\langle dimen \rangle$   $\langle true text \rangle$  \fi`  
| `\ifdim  $\langle dimen \rangle$   $\langle op \rangle$   $\langle dimen \rangle$   $\langle true text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false text \rangle$  \fi`  
 $\langle op \rangle$   
→ `[<]`  
| `[=]`  
| `[>]`

The primitive `\ifdim` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifeof`

This primitive tests for end of file on the given read register. The read register is specified as a (expanded) number.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle\text{ifeof}\rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$  \ifeof  $\langle\text{number}\rangle$   $\langle\text{true text}\rangle$  \fi
  |    \ifeof  $\langle\text{number}\rangle$   $\langle\text{true text}\rangle$  \else  $\langle\text{false text}\rangle$  \fi

```

Examples:

```
\ifeof 3 -E-O-F- \else ready \fi
```

The primitive `\ifeof` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\iffalse`

The primitive does not take any further arguments. The conditional is always false. Thus only the else branch is expanded.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle\text{iffalse}\rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$  \iffalse  $\langle\text{true text}\rangle$  \fi
  |    \iffalse  $\langle\text{true text}\rangle$  \else  $\langle\text{false text}\rangle$  \fi

```

Examples:

```
\iffalse abc \fi
```

The primitive `\iffalse` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\iffontchar`

The primitive `\iffontchar` can be used to check whether a certain glyph exists in a font. For this purpose it takes a font and the code of a character and performs the test. If the character exists the then branch is expanded otherwise the else branch.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle\text{iffontchar}\rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$  \iffontchar ...  $\langle\text{true text}\rangle$  \fi
  |    \iffontchar ...  $\langle\text{true text}\rangle$  \else  $\langle\text{false text}\rangle$  \fi

```

Examples:

```
\iffontchar abc \fi
```

The primitive `\iffontchar` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\ifhbox`

The primitive takes one expanded integer argument. The conditional is true iff the box denoted by the argument is a horizontal box.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle ifhbox \rangle \\ \rightarrow \quad \backslash ifhbox \langle number \rangle \langle true\ text \rangle \backslash fi \\ | \quad \backslash ifhbox \langle number \rangle \langle true\ text \rangle \backslash else \langle false\ text \rangle \backslash fi \end{array}$$

Examples:

```
\ifhbox255 abc \fi
```

```
\ifhbox\count120 abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifhbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifhmode`

The primitive does not take any further arguments. The conditional is true iff the typesetter is in a horizontal mode. This is either the restricted horizontal vertical mode or the horizontal mode.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle ifhmode \rangle \\ \rightarrow \quad \backslash ifhmode \langle true\ text \rangle \backslash fi \\ | \quad \backslash ifhmode \langle true\ text \rangle \backslash else \langle false\ text \rangle \backslash fi \end{array}$$

Examples:

```
\ifhmode abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifhmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifinner`

The primitive does not take any further arguments. The conditional is true iff the typesetter is in an internal mode. This is either the internal vertical mode, the restricted horizontal mode, or the math mode (non-display).

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle ifinner \rangle \\ \rightarrow \quad \backslash ifinner \langle true\ text \rangle \backslash fi \\ | \quad \backslash ifinner \langle true\ text \rangle \backslash else \langle false\ text \rangle \backslash fi \end{array}$$



Examples:

```
\ifinner abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifinner` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifmmode`

The primitive does not take any further arguments. The conditional is true iff the typesetter is in math mode or display math mode.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
 $\langle ifmmode \rangle$ 
  → \ifmmode  $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \fi
  | \ifmmode  $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false\ text \rangle$  \fi
```

Examples:

```
\ifmmode abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifmmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifnum`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
 $\langle ifnum \rangle$ 
  → \ifnum  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle op \rangle$   $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \fi
  | \ifodd  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle op \rangle$   $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false\ text \rangle$  \fi
 $\langle op \rangle$ 
  → [ $<$ ]
  | [=]
  | [ $>$ ]
```

Examples:

```
\ifodd\count0 abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifnum` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifodd`

The primitive takes one expanded integer argument. The conditional is true iff the argument is odd.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

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$\langle ifodd \rangle$   
→ `\ifodd  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true text \rangle$  \fi`  
| `\ifodd  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false text \rangle$  \fi`

Examples:

```
\ifodd\count0 abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifodd` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\iftrue`

The primitive does not take any further arguments. The conditional is always true. Thus only the then branch is expanded.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle iftrue \rangle$   
→ `\iftrue  $\langle true text \rangle$  \fi`  
| `\iftrue  $\langle true text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false text \rangle$  \fi`

Examples:

```
\iftrue abc \fi
```

The primitive `\iftrue` is defined in the set `tex`.

#### The Primitive `\ifvbox`

The primitive takes one expanded integer argument. The conditional is true iff the box denoted by the argument is a vertical box.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle ifvbox \rangle$   
→ `\ifvbox  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true text \rangle$  \fi`  
| `\ifvbox  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false text \rangle$  \fi`

Examples:

```
\ifvbox255 abc \fi
```

```
\ifvbox\count120 abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifvbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifvmode`

The primitive does not take any further arguments. The conditional is true iff the typesetter is in a vertical mode. This is either the internal vertical mode or the vertical mode.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle ifvmode \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$  \ifvmode  $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \fi
  |   \ifvmode  $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false\ text \rangle$  \fi

```

Examples:

```
\ifvmode abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifvmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifvoid`

The primitive takes one expanded integer argument. The conditional is true iff the box denoted by the argument is void.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle ifvoid \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$  \ifvoid  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \fi
  |   \ifvoid  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false\ text \rangle$  \fi

```

Examples:

```
\ifvoid255 abc \fi
```

```
\ifvoid\count120 abc \fi
```

The primitive `\ifvoid` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ifx`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

 $\langle ifx \rangle$ 
   $\rightarrow$  \ifx  $\langle token_1 \rangle$   $\langle token_2 \rangle$ ;  $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \fi
  |   \ifx  $\langle token_1 \rangle$   $\langle token_2 \rangle$   $\langle true\ text \rangle$  \else  $\langle false\ text \rangle$  \fi

```

Examples:

```
\ifx\ax ok \fi
```

The primitive `\ifx` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\ignorespaces`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle\textit{ignorespaces}\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code\ignorespaces}$

Examples:

```
\ignorespaces
```

The primitive `\ignorespaces` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\immediate`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle\textit{immediate}\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code\immediate} \dots$

Examples:

```
\immediate\write1{abc}
```

The primitive `\immediate` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\import`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle\textit{import}\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code\import} \langle\textit{replacement text}\rangle$

Examples:

```
\import{de.dante.dtk}
```

The primitive `\import` is defined in the set `namespace`.

## The Primitive `\indent`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle\textit{indent}\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code\indent}$

Examples:

The primitive `\indent` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\input`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle input \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash input} \langle filename \rangle$$

Examples: The traditional version of the file name parsing allows the following syntax:

```
\input file.name
```

If the parsing is not configured to be strict then the following syntax is allowed as well:

```
\input{file.name}
```

The primitive `\input` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\inputlineno`

Examples:

```
\count1=\inputlineno
```

The primitive `\inputlineno` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\InputMode`

`\InputMode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\InputMode` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\InputTranslation`

`\InputTranslation` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\InputTranslation` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\insert`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle insert \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash insert}$$

Examples:

```
\insert42{abc}
```

The primitive `\insert` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\insertpenalties`

`\insertpenalties` is a count register. The primitive `\insertpenalties` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\interactionmode`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle interactionmode \rangle$   
→ `\interactionmode`

Examples:

```
\interactionmode
```

The primitive `\interactionmode` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\interlinepenalties`

`\interlinepenalties` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\interlinepenalties` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\interlinepenalty`

`\interlinepenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\interlinepenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\javadef`

The primitive `\javadef` attaches a definition to a macro or active character. This is done in a similar way as `\def` works. The difference is that the definition has to be provided in form of a Java class.

The general form of this primitive is

$\langle javadef \rangle$   
→ `\javadef`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   $\langle tokens \rangle$

The  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  is any macro or active character. If this token is missing or of the wrong type then an error is raised.

The  $\langle tokens \rangle$  is any specification of a list of tokens like a constant list enclosed in braces or a toks register. The value of these tokens are taken and interpreted as the name of a Java class. This class is loaded if needed and instantiated. The instance is bound as code to the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$ .

The following example illustrates the use of this primitive:

```
\javadoc\abc{de.dante.extex.interpreter.primitive.Relax}
```

The primitive `\javadoc` is local to the enclosing group as is `\def`. And similar to `\def` the modifier `\global` can be used to make the definition in all groups instead of the current group only. This is shown in the following example:

```
\global\javadoc\abc{de.dante.extex.interpreter.primitive.Relax}
```

Now we come to the Java side of the definition. The class given as  $\langle tokens \rangle$  must implement the interface `Code`. The easiest way to achieve this is by declaring a class derived from `AbstractCode`.

```
package my.package;

import de.dante.extex.interpreter.AbstractCode;
import de.dante.extex.interpreter.context.Context;
import de.dante.extex.interpreter.Flags;
import de.dante.extex.interpreter.TokenSource;
import de.dante.extex.typesetter.Typesetter;
import de.dante.util.GeneralException;

class MyPrimitive extends AbstractCode {

    public MyPrimitive(final String name) {
        super(name);
        // initialization code --if required
    }

    public boolean execute(final Flags prefix,
                          final Context context,
                          final TokenSource source,
                          final Typesetter typesetter
                          ) {
        // implement the execution behaviour here
        return true;
    }
}
```

There is more to say about primitives like how to write expandable primitives or ifs. Those details can be found in section [Primitives](#).

The primitive `\javadoc` is defined in the set `jx`.

## The Primitive `\javaload`

The primitive `\javaload` loads a java class and invokes its `init()` method. With this method it is possible to load larger extensions of  $\epsilon_X\text{T}_E\text{X}$  in one junk. There is no need to declare each single macro with `\javadoc`.

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The general form of this primitive is

$\langle\text{javaload}\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash\text{javaload} \langle\text{tokens}\rangle$

The  $\langle\text{tokens}\rangle$  is any specification of a list of tokens like a constant list enclosed in braces or a toks register. The value of these tokens are taken and interpreted as the name of a Java class. This class is loaded if needed, instantiated, and its method `de.dante.extex.interpreter.context.Context, de.dante.extex.typesetter.Typesetter) init()` is invoked. The instantiation requires the empty constructor to be visible.

The following example illustrates the use of this primitive:

```
\javaload{de.dante.extex.extensions.Basic}
```

For the loading of the Java class it is necessary that this Java class implements the interface `Loadable`.

```
package my.package;

import de.dante.extex.interpreter.context.Context;
import de.dante.extex.interpreter.primitives.dynamic.java.Loadable;
import de.dante.extex.typesetter.Typesetter;
import de.dante.util.GeneralException;

class MyModule implements Loadable {

    public MyModule() {
        super();
        // initialization code --if required
    }

    public void init(final Context context,
                    final Typesetter typesetter
                    ) throws GeneralException {
        // implement the initialization code here
    }
}
```

The primitive `\javaload` is defined in the set `jx`.

### The Primitive `\jobname`

The primitive `\jobname` expands to the name of the job currently processed. The job name is usually the name of the first input file. If this can not be determined – e.g. because the input is not coming from a file – then the fallback `texput` is used as default value.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:



$\langle jobname \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash jobname$

Examples:

`\jobname`

The primitive `\jobname` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\kern`

This primitive produces a horizontal or vertical kerning. This is a (minor) adjustment of the position. The meaning depends on the current mode of the typesetter. In vertical modes it means a vertical adjustment. Otherwise it means a horizontal adjustment.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle kern \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash kern \langle dimen \rangle$

Examples:

`\kern 12pt`

`\kern -3mm`

`\kern -\dimen123`

The primitive `\kern` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\language`

`\language` is a count register. The primitive `\language` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\lastbox`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle lastbox \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash lastbox$

Examples:

`\lastbox`

`\box1=\lastbox`

The primitive `\lastbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\lastkern`

Examples:

```
\dimen1=\lastkern
```

The primitive `\lastkern` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\lastlinefit`

`\lastlinefit` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\lastlinefit` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\lastnodetype`

Examples:

```
Test\the\lastnodetype
```

The primitive `\lastnodetype` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\lastpenalty`

Examples:

```
\count1=\lastpenalty
```

The primitive `\lastpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\lastskip`

`\lastskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\lastskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\lccode`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle lccode \rangle \rightarrow \backslash lccode \langle \dots \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\lccode ...
```

The primitive `\lccode` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\leaders`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{leaders} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash leaders} \dots$$

Examples:

```
\leaders\hrul\hfill
```

The primitive `\leaders` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\left`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{left} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash left}$$

Examples:

```
\left
```

The primitive `\left` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\lefthyphenmin`**

The primitive `\lefthyphenmin` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\leftskip`**

`\leftskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\leftskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\leqno`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{span} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash leqno}$$

Examples:

```
\leqno
```

The primitive `\leqno` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\let`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle let \rangle \rightarrow \backslash let \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle token \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\let\ a=\b
```

The primitive `\let` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\limits`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle limits \rangle \rightarrow \backslash limits$$

Examples:

```
\limits
```

The primitive `\limits` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\linepenalty`

`\linepenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\linepenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\lineskip`

`\lineskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\lineskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\lineskiplimit`

`\lineskiplimit` is a dimen register. The primitive `\lineskiplimit` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\localbrokenpenalty`

`\localbrokenpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\localbrokenpenalty` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\localinterlinepenalty`**

`\localinterlinepenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\localinterlinepenalty` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\localleftbox`**

`\localleftbox` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\localleftbox` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\localrightbox`**

`\localrightbox` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\localrightbox` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\long`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle long \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash long} \dots$

Examples:

```
\long\def#1{--#1--}
```

The primitive `\long` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\looseness`**

`\looseness` is a count register. The primitive `\looseness` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\lower`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle lower \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash lower} \langle dimen \rangle \langle box \rangle$

Examples:

```
\lower 2em \hbox{abc}
```

```
\lower -1pt \hbox to 120pt {abc}
```

```
\lower 2mm \hbox spread 12pt {abc}
```

The primitive `\lower` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\lowercase`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle lowercase \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\lowercase} \langle \dots \rangle$

Examples:

```
\lowercase ...
```

The primitive `\lowercase` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\mag`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle mag \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\mag}$

Examples:

```
\count23=-456
```

The primitive `\mag` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\mark`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\mark ...`

Examples:

```
\mark{abc}
```

The primitive `\mark` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\marks`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\marks ...`

Examples:

```
\marks123{abc}
```

The primitive `\marks` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\mathaccent`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \mathit{mathaccent} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \backslash \mathit{mathaccent}$$

Examples:

```
\mathaccent
```

The primitive `\mathaccent` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mathbin`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \mathit{mathbin} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \backslash \mathit{mathbin}$$

Examples:

```
\mathbin
```

The primitive `\mathbin` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mathchar`

The primitive `\mathchar` inserts a mathematical character consisting of a math class and a character code into the current math list. This is supposed to work in math mode only.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
\mathchar ...
```

Examples:

```
\mathchar"041
```

```
\mathchar{ordinary}0 ‘A
```

The primitive `\mathchar` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mathchardef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\mathchardef ...`

Examples:

```
\mathchardef\alpha ...
```

The primitive `\mathchardef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mathchoice`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle mathchoice \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\mathchoice}}$

Examples:

```
\mathchoice{d}{t}{s}{ss}
```

The primitive `\mathchoice` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mathclose`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle mathclose \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\mathclose}}$

Examples:

```
\mathclose
```

The primitive `\mathclose` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mathcode`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\mathcode ...`

Examples:

```
\mathcode ...
```

The primitive `\mathcode` is defined in the set `tex`.



**The Primitive `\mathdir`**

`\mathdir` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\mathdir` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\mathinner`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \mathinner \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\mathinner \langle \math block \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\mathinner{a^b}
```

The primitive `\mathinner` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\mathop`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \mathop \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\mathop$$

Examples:

```
\mathop
```

The primitive `\mathop` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\mathopen`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \mathopen \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\mathopen$$

Examples:

```
\mathopen
```

The primitive `\mathopen` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\mathord`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle mathord \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\mathord}}$

Examples:

```
\mathord
```

The primitive `\mathord` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\mathpunct`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle mathpunct \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\mathpunct}}$

Examples:

```
\mathpunct
```

The primitive `\mathpunct` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\mathrel`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle mathrel \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\mathrel}}$

Examples:

```
\mathrel
```

The primitive `\mathrel` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\mathsurround`

`\mathsurround` is a dimen register. The primitive `\mathsurround` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\maxdeadcycles`

`\maxdeadcycles` is a count register. The primitive `\maxdeadcycles` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\maxdepth`**

`\maxdepth` is a dimen register. The primitive `\maxdepth` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\meaning`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle meaning \rangle \rightarrow \backslash meaning \langle token \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\meaning a
```

The primitive `\meaning` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\medmuskip`**

The primitive `\medmuskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\message`**

The primitive `\message` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\middle`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle span \rangle \rightarrow \backslash middle$$

Examples:

```
\middle
```

The primitive `\middle` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\mkern`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle mkern \rangle \rightarrow \backslash mkern$$

Examples:

```
\mkern
```

The primitive `\mkern` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\month`

`\month` is a count register. The primitive `\month` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\moveleft`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle moveleft \rangle \rightarrow \backslash moveleft \langle dimen \rangle \langle box \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\moveleft 2em \hbox{abc}
```

```
\moveleft -1pt \hbox to 120pt {abc}
```

```
\moveleft 2mm \hbox spread 12pt {abc}
```

The primitive `\moveleft` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\moveright`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle moveright \rangle \rightarrow \backslash moveright \langle dimen \rangle \langle box \rangle$$

The color from the typographic context is taken as foreground color for the rule. The default color is black.

Examples:

```
\moveright 2em \hbox{abc}
```

```
\moveright -1pt \hbox to 120pt {abc}
```

```
\moveright 2mm \hbox spread 12pt {abc}
```

The primitive `\moveright` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\mskip`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle mskip \rangle \rightarrow \backslash mskip$$

Examples:

```
\mskip 12mu plus 3mu minus 4 mu
```

The primitive `\mskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\muexpr`

`\muexpr` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\muexpr` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\multiply`

This primitive implements an assignment. The variable given as next tokens is multiplied by the quantity given after the optional `by`.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```

<multiply>
  → \multiply <multiplyable>
<multiplyable>
  → <integer variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
  | <dimen variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
  | <glue variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
  | <muglue variable> <optional by> <8-bit number>
<optional by>
  → [by]
  | <optional spaces>

```

Examples:

```
\multiply\count12 345
```

```
\multiply\count12 by -345
```

The primitive `\multiply` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\muskip`

The primitive `\muskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\muskipdef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

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`\muskipdef` *<control sequence>* *<equals>* *<8-bit number>*

Examples:

```
\muskipdef\abc=45
```

```
\muskipdef\abc 33
```

The primitive `\muskipdef` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\namespace`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

*<namespace>*  
→ `\namespace` *<replacement text>*

Examples:

```
\namespace{org.dante.dtk}
```

The primitive `\namespace` is defined in the set `namespace`.

### The Primitive `\nativedef`

The primitive `\nativedef` attaches a definition to a macro or active character. This is done in a similar way as `\def` works. The difference is that the definition has to be provided in form of a Java class which glues in native code.

The general form of this primitive is

*<nativedef>*  
→ `\nativedef` *<control sequence>* *<name>*

The *<control sequence>* is any macro or active character. If this token is missing or of the wrong type then an error is raised.

The *<name>* is any specification of a list of tokens like a constant list enclosed in braces or a toks register. The value of these tokens are taken and resolved via the configuration. This appropriate class is loaded if needed and instantiated. The instance is bound as code to the *<control sequence>*.

The primitive `\javadef` is local to the enclosing group as is `\def`. And similar to `\def` the modifier `\global` can be used to make the definition in all groups instead of the current group only.

The primitive `\nativedef` is defined in the set `native`.

**The Primitive `\nativeload`**

The general form of this primitive is

$$\langle nativeload \rangle \\ \rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash nativeload}} \langle type \rangle \langle tokens \rangle$$

The primitive `\nativeload` is defined in the set `native`.

**The Primitive `\naturaldir`**

`\naturaldir` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\naturaldir` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\newlinechar`**

`\newlinechar` is a count register. The primitive `\newlinechar` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\noalign`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle noalign \rangle \\ \rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash noalign}}$$

Examples:

```
\cr\noalign
```

The primitive `\noalign` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\noboundary`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle noboundary \rangle \\ \rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash \textbackslash}}$$

Examples:

```
\ \
```

The primitive `\noboundary` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\noDefaultInputMode`

`\noDefaultInputMode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\noDefaultInputMode` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\noDefaultInputTranslation`

`\noDefaultInputTranslation` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\noDefaultInputTranslation` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\noDefaultOutputMode`

`\noDefaultOutputMode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\noDefaultOutputMode` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\noDefaultOutputTranslation`

`\noDefaultOutputTranslation` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\noDefaultOutputTranslation` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\noexpand`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle noexpand \rangle \rightarrow \text{\texttt{\noexpand}}$$

Examples:

```
\noexpand
```

The primitive `\noexpand` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\noindent`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle noindent \rangle \rightarrow \text{\texttt{\noindent}}$$

Examples:

```
\noindent
```

The primitive `\noindent` is defined in the set `tex`.



**The Primitive `\nolimits`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{nolimits} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash nlimits}$$

Examples:

```
\nolimits
```

The primitive `\nolimits` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\nonscript`**

The primitive can be used in math modes only. It cancels following glue if the current style is script style or scriptscript style.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{nonscript} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash nonscript}$$

Examples:

```
\nonscript
```

The primitive `\nonscript` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\nonstopmode`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{nonstopmode} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash nonstopmode}$$

Examples:

```
\nonstopmode
```

The primitive `\nonstopmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\nulldelimiterspace`**

`\nulldelimiterspace` is a dimen register. The primitive `\nulldelimiterspace` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\nullfont`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\nullfont`

Examples:

```
\font123=\nullfont
```

The primitive `\nullfont` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\nullocplist`

`\nullocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\nullocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\number`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle number \rangle \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash number} \langle \dots \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\number ...
```

The primitive `\number` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\numexpr`

The primitive `\numexpr` provides a means to use an inline way of writing mathematical expressions to be evaluated. Mathematical expressions can be evaluated in  $\epsilon\chi\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  using `\advance`, `\multiply`, and `\divide`. Nevertheless those primitives result in an assignment. This is not the case for `\numexpr`. Here the intermediate results are not stored in count registers but kept internally. Also the application of `\afterassignment` and `\tracingassigns` is suppressed.

The mathematical expression to be evaluated can be made up of the basic operations addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (\*), and division (/). The unary minus can be used. Parentheses can be used for grouping. Anything which looks like a number can be used as argument. White-space can be used freely without any harm.

The expression is terminated at the first token which can not be part of an expression. For instance a letter may signal the end of the expression. If the expression should terminate without a proper token following it, the token `\relax` can be used to signal the end of the expression. This `\relax` token is silently consumed by `\numexpr`.

The primitive `\numexpr` can be used in any place where a number is required. This includes assignments to count registers and comparisons.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \textit{numexpr} \rangle & \rightarrow \textit{\textbackslash numexpr} \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \textit{\textbackslash relax} \\
 & | \textit{\textbackslash numexpr} \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \\
 \langle \textit{expr} \rangle & \rightarrow \langle \textit{number} \rangle \\
 & | \langle \textit{operand} \rangle \\
 & | \langle \textit{operand} \rangle + \langle \textit{operand} \rangle \\
 & | \langle \textit{operand} \rangle - \langle \textit{operand} \rangle \\
 & | \langle \textit{operand} \rangle * \langle \textit{operand} \rangle \\
 & | \langle \textit{operand} \rangle / \langle \textit{operand} \rangle \\
 \langle \textit{operand} \rangle & \rightarrow \langle \textit{number} \rangle \\
 & | - \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \\
 & | ( \langle \textit{expr} \rangle )
 \end{aligned}$$

## Examples

```
\count1=\numexpr 23 \relax
```

```
\count1=\numexpr 2 * 3 \relax
```

```
\count1=\numexpr 2*\count2
```

```
\count1=\numexpr 2*(1+3)
```

```
\count1=\numexpr 2*-\count0
```

The primitive `\numexpr` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\ocp`

`\ocp` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\ocp` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\ocplist`

`\ocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\ocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\odelmiter`

`\odelmiter` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\odelmiter` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\omathaccent`

`\omathaccent` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\omathaccent` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\omathchar`

`\omathchar` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\omathchar` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\omathchardef`

`\omathchardef` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\omathchardef` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\omathcode`

`\omathcode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\omathcode` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\omathdelcode`

`\omathdelcode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\omathdelcode` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\omit`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle omit \rangle \rightarrow \text{\code\omit}$$

Examples:

```
\omit 1
```

The primitive `\omit` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\openin`

The primitive `\openin` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\openout`**

The primitive `\openout` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\or`**

$\langle or \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \texttt{\backslashifcase ... \or ... \fi}$

The primitive `\or` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\oradical`**

`\oradical` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\oradical` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\outer`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle outer \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \texttt{\backslashouter ...}$

Examples:

```
\outer\def#1{--#1--}
```

The primitive `\outer` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\output`**

`\output` is a toks register. The primitive `\output` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\OutputMode`**

`\OutputMode` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\OutputMode` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\outputpenalty`**

`\outputpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\outputpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\OutputTranslation`

`\OutputTranslation` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\OutputTranslation` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\over`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle over \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\over}}$

Examples:

```
a \over b
```

The primitive `\over` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\overfullrule`

`\overfullrule` is a `dimen` register. The primitive `\overfullrule` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\overline`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle span \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\overline}}$

Examples:

```
\overline
```

The primitive `\overline` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\overwithdelims`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle overwithdelims \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\code{\overwithdelims}}$

Examples:

```
\overwithdelims
```

The primitive `\overwithdelims` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\pagedepth`**

`\pagedepth` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagedepth` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\pagedir`**

`\pagedir` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\pagedir` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\pagedirHL`**

`\pagedirHL` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\pagedirHL` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\pagedirHR`**

`\pagedirHR` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\pagedirHR` is defined in the set `omega`.

**The Primitive `\pagediscarts`**

`\pagediscarts` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\pagediscarts` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\pagefilllstretch`**

`\pagefilllstretch` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagefilllstretch` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\pagefillstretch`**

`\pagefillstretch` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagefillstretch` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\pagefilstretch`**

`\pagefilstretch` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagefilstretch` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\pagegoal`**

`\pagegoal` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagegoal` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\pageshrink`

`\pageshrink` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pageshrink` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\pagestretch`

`\pagestretch` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagestretch` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\pagetotal`

`\pagetotal` is a dimen register. The primitive `\pagetotal` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\par`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle par \rangle \rightarrow \text{\code{\par}}$$

Examples:

The primitive `\par` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\parfillskip`

`\parfillskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\parfillskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\parindent`

`\parindent` is a dimen register. The primitive `\parindent` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\parshape`

The primitive `\parshape` is a declaration of the shape of the paragraph. With its help it is possible to control the left and right margin of the current paragraph.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle parshape \rangle \rightarrow \text{\code{\parshape}} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle \dots$$

Examples:



```
\parshape 3 20pt \linewidth
          20pt \linewidth
          0pt \linewidth
```

```
\parshape 0
```

`\parshape` acts as special register which can be queried. It returns the size of the current parshape specification or 0 if none is present.

The primitive `\parshape` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\parshapedimen`

`\parshapedimen` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\parshapedimen` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\parshapeindent`

`\parshapeindent` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\parshapeindent` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\parshapelength`

`\parshapelength` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\parshapelength` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\parskip`

`\parskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\parskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\patterns`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle patterns \rangle \rightarrow \backslash patterns \langle patterns \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\patterns{.ach4 .ad4der .af1t}
```

The primitive `\patterns` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\pausing`

`\pausing` is a count register. The primitive `\pausing` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\penalty`

This primitive inserts penalty into the current node list. In vertical mode the page builder is also invoked.

A penalty of 10000 or more will inhibit a break at this position. A penalty of -10000 or less will force a break at this position.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle\textit{penalty}\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \texttt{\backslash penalty} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\penalty 123
```

```
\penalty -456
```

```
\penalty -\count254
```

The primitive `\penalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\popocplist`

`\popocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\popocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\postdisplaypenalty`

`\postdisplaypenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\postdisplaypenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\predisplaydirection`

`\predisplaydirection` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\predisplaydirection` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\predisplaypenalty`

`\predisplaypenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\predisplaypenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\predisplaysize`

`\predisplaysize` is a dimen register. The primitive `\predisplaysize` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\pretolerance`**

`\pretolerance` is a count register. The primitive `\pretolerance` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\prevdepth`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle prevdepth \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash prevdepth}} \dots$

Examples:

```
\prevdepth ...
```

The primitive `\prevdepth` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\prevgraf`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle prevgraf \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash prevgraf}}$

Examples:

```
\prevgraf
```

The primitive `\prevgraf` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\protected`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle protected \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash protected}}$

Examples:

```
\protected\def\abc{123}
```

The primitive `\protected` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\pushocplist`**

`\pushocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\pushocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\radical`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle radical \rangle \rightarrow \backslash radical$$

Examples:

```
\radical
```

The primitive `\radical` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\raise`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle raise \rangle \rightarrow \backslash raise \langle dimen \rangle \langle box \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\raise 2em \hbox{abc}
```

```
\raise -1pt \hbox to 120pt {abc}
```

```
\raise 2mm \hbox spread 12pt {abc}
```

The primitive `\raise` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\read`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle read \rangle \rightarrow \backslash read \langle read \rangle \text{ to } \langle control sequence \rangle$$

The primitive `\read` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\readline`

`\readline` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\readline` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\relax`

This primitive simply does nothing. It acts as a no-op for the  $\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  macro language.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle relax \rangle \rightarrow \backslash relax$$

Examples:

```
\relax
```

```
\the\count123\relax456
```

The primitive `\relax` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\relpenalty`

`\relpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\relpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\removebeforeocplist`

`\removebeforeocplist` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\removebeforeocplist` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\right`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle span \rangle \rightarrow \backslash right$$

Examples:

```
\right
```

The primitive `\right` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\righthyphenmin`

The primitive `\righthyphenmin` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\rightskip`

`\rightskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\rightskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\romannumeral`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{romannumeral} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash romannumeral} \langle \textit{number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\romannumeral\count1
```

```
\romannumeral 2004
```

The primitive `\romannumeral` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\savingshyphcodes`

`\savingshyphcodes` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\savingshyphcodes` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\savingsdiscarts`

`\savingsdiscarts` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\savingsdiscarts` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\scantokens`

`\scantokens` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\scantokens` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\scriptfont`

The primitive `\scriptfont` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\scriptscriptfont`

The primitive `\scriptscriptfont` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\scriptscriptstyle`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{scriptscriptstyle} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash scriptscriptstyle}$$

Examples:

```
\scriptscriptstyle
```

The primitive `\scriptscriptstyle` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\scriptspace`

`\scriptspace` is a dimen register. The primitive `\scriptspace` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\scriptstyle`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
<scriptstyle>
  → \scriptstyle
```

Examples:

```
\scriptstyle
```

The primitive `\scriptstyle` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\scrollmode`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
<scrollmode>
  → \scrollmode
```

Examples:

```
\scrollmode
```

The primitive `\scrollmode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\setbox`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
<setbox>
  → \setbox <8-bit number>...
```

Examples:

```
\setbox0\hbox{abc}
```

The primitive `\setbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\setlanguage`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{setlanguage} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash setlanguage} \langle \textit{number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\setlanguage2
```

The primitive `\setlanguage` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\sfcode`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{sfcode} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash sfcode} \dots$$

Examples:

```
\sfcode ...
```

The primitive `\sfcode` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\shipout`

The primitive `\shipout` takes a box and send the contents of the box to the document writer.

In addition the count register `\deadcycles` is reset to 0. This count register is used to break out of infinite loops when no material is shipped out in the output routine.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{shipout} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash shipout} \langle \textit{box} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\shipout\box255
```

The primitive `\shipout` is defined in the set `tex`.



## The Primitive `\show`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle show \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \backslash\mathrm{show} \langle token \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\show\abc
```

The primitive `\show` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\showbox`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle showbox \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \backslash\mathrm{showbox} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\showbox 1
```

The primitive `\showbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\showboxbreadth`

`\showboxbreadth` is a count register. The primitive `\showboxbreadth` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\showboxdepth`

`\showboxdepth` is a count register. The primitive `\showboxdepth` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\showgroups`

`\showgroups` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\showgroups` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\showlists`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle showlists \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \backslash showlists$

Examples:

```
\showlists 1
```

The primitive `\showlists` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\showthe`

The primitive `\showthe` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\showtokens`

`\showtokens` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\showtokens` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\skewchar`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\skewchar`  $\langle font \rangle$   $\langle equals \rangle$   $\langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$

Examples:

```
\skewchar\font=123
```

## Incompatibility

The TeXbook gives no indication how the primitive should react for negative values – except -1. The implementation of  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  allows to store and retrieve arbitrary negative values. This behaviour of  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  is not preserved in  $\epsilon\chi\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$ .

The primitive `\skewchar` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\skip`

The primitive `\skip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\skipdef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\skipdef`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   $\langle equals \rangle$   $\langle 8\text{-bit}\ number \rangle$

Examples:

```
\skipdef\abc=45
```

```
\skipdef\abc 33
```

The primitive `\skipdef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\spacefactor`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle spacefactor \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow$  `\spacefactor` ...

Examples:

```
\spacefactor ...
```

The primitive `\spacefactor` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\spaceskip`

`\spaceskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\spaceskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\span`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle span \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow$  `\span`

Examples:

```
\span 1
```

The primitive `\span` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\special`

This primitive sends a string to the backend driver. The argument is a balanced block of text which is expanded and translated into a string. The string is given in a `SpecialNode` to the typesetter for passing it down.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle special \rangle \rightarrow \backslash special \langle general\ text \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\special{hello world}
```

```
\special{ps: \abc}
```

For several backend drivers for  $\text{T}_E\text{X}$  a quasi-standard has emerged which uses a prefix ended by a colon to indicate the backend driver the special is targeted at.

The primitive `\special` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\splitbotmark`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
\splitbotmark ...
```

Examples:

```
\splitbotmark ...
```

The primitive `\splitbotmark` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\splitbotmarks`

`\splitbotmarks` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\splitbotmarks` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\splitdiscarts`

`\splitdiscarts` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\splitdiscarts` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\splitfirstmark`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
\splitfirstmark ...
```

Examples:

```
\splitfirstmark ...
```

The primitive `\splitfirstmark` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\splitfirstmarks`**

`\splitfirstmarks` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\splitfirstmarks` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\splitmaxdepth`**

`\splitmaxdepth` is a dimen register. The primitive `\splitmaxdepth` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\splittopskip`**

`\splittopskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\splittopskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\string`**

This primitive takes the next unexpanded token. If this token is a control sequence – and no active character – then the value of `escapechar` followed by the characters from the name of the control sequence. Otherwise it is a single character token containing the character code of the token.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle string \rangle \rightarrow \backslash\texttt{string} \langle token \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\string ...
```

The primitive `\string` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\tabskip`**

`\tabskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\tabskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\textdir`

`\textdir` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\textdir` is defined in the set `omega`.

### The Primitive `\textfont`

The primitive `\textfont` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\textstyle`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle textstyle \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\textstyle}$

Examples:

```
\textstyle
```

The primitive `\textstyle` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\TeXeTstate`

`\TeXeTstate` is a count register. The primitive `\TeXeTstate` is defined in the set `etex`.

### The Primitive `\the`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle the \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\the} \langle internal\ quantity \rangle$

Examples:

```
\the\count123
```

The primitive `\the` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\thickmuskip`

The primitive `\thickmuskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\thinmuskip`

The primitive `\thinmuskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\time`**

`\time` is a count register. The primitive `\time` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\toks`**

The primitive `\toks` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\toksdef`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\toksdef` *<control sequence>* *<equals>* *<8-bit number>*

Examples:

```
\toksdef\abc=45
```

```
\toksdef\abc 33
```

The primitive `\toksdef` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\tolerance`**

`\tolerance` is a count register. The primitive `\tolerance` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\topmark`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

`\topmark` ...

Examples:

```
\topmark ...
```

The primitive `\topmark` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\topmarks`**

`\topmarks` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\topmarks` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\topskip`**

`\topskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\topskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingassigns`**

`\tracingassigns` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingassigns` is defined in the set `etex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingcommands`**

`\tracingcommands` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingcommands` is defined in the set `tex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracinggroups`**

`\tracinggroups` is a count register. The primitive `\tracinggroups` is defined in the set `etex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingifs`**

`\tracingifs` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingifs` is defined in the set `etex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracinglostchars`**

`\tracinglostchars` is a count register. The primitive `\tracinglostchars` is defined in the set `tex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingmacros`**

`\tracingmacros` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingmacros` is defined in the set `tex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingnesting`**

`\tracingnesting` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingnesting` is defined in the set `etex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingonline`**

`\tracingonline` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingonline` is defined in the set `tex`.

### **The Primitive `\tracingoutput`**

`\tracingoutput` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingoutput` is defined in the set `tex`.



**The Primitive `\tracingpages`**

`\tracingpages` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingpages` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\tracingparagraphs`**

`\tracingparagraphs` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingparagraphs` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\tracingrestores`**

`\tracingrestores` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingrestores` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\tracingscantokens`**

`\tracingscantokens` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingscantokens` is defined in the set `etex`.

**The Primitive `\tracingstats`**

`\tracingstats` is a count register. The primitive `\tracingstats` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\uccode`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle uccode \rangle \rightarrow \backslash uccode \langle \dots \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\uccode ...
```

The primitive `\uccode` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\uchyph`**

`\uchyph` is a count register. The primitive `\uchyph` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\underline`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle span \rangle \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

Examples:

```
\underline
```

The primitive `\underline` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\unexpanded`

`\unexpanded` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\unexpanded` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\unhbox`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle unhbox \rangle \rightarrow \unhbox \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\unhbox42
```

The primitive `\unhbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\unhcopy`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle unhcopy \rangle \rightarrow \unhcopy \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\unhcopy42
```

The primitive `\unhcopy` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\unkern`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle unkern \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash unkern}}$

Examples:

```
\unkern
```

The primitive `\unkern` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\unless`

*Copied of the  $\epsilon$ - $\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  reference.*

$\mathrm{T}_E\mathrm{X}$  has, by design, a rather sparse set of conditional primitives: `\ifeof`, `\ifodd`, `\ifvoid`, etc., have no complementary counterparts. Whilst this normally poses no problems since each accepts both a `\then` (implicit) and an `\else` (explicit) part, they fall down when used as the final `\if...` of a `\loop ... \if ... \repeat` construct, since no `\else` is allowed after the final `\if...` `\unless` allows the sense of all Boolean conditionals to be inverted, and thus (for example) `\unless \ifeof` yields true iff end-of-file has not yet been reached.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

Examples:

```
\unless\if\x\y not ok \fi
```

The primitive `\unless` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\unnaturaldir`

`\unnaturaldir` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\unnaturaldir` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\unpenalty`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle unpenalty \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \text{\texttt{\textbackslash unpenalty}}$

Examples:

```
\unpenalty
```

The primitive `\unpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\unskip`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{unskip} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash unskip}$$

Examples:

```
\unskip
```

The primitive `\unskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\unvbox`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{unvbox} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash unvbox} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\unvbox42
```

The primitive `\unvbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\unvcopy`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{unvcopy} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash unvcopy} \langle 8\text{-bit number} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\unvcopy42
```

The primitive `\unvcopy` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\uppercase`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{uppercase} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash uppercase} \langle \dots \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\uppercase ...
```

The primitive `\uppercase` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\vadjust`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{vadjust} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash vadjust} \dots$$

Examples:

```
\vadjust{\kern2pt}
```

The primitive `\vadjust` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\valign`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{valign} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash valign}$$

Examples:

```
\valign
```

The primitive `\valign` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\vbadness`

`\vbadness` is a count register. The primitive `\vbadness` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\vbox`

The contents of the toks register `\everyvbox` is inserted at the beginning of the vertical material of the box.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle \textit{vbox} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \texttt{\backslash vbox} \langle \textit{box specification} \rangle \{ \langle \textit{vertical material} \rangle \{ \\ \langle \textit{box specification} \rangle \\ \rightarrow \\ | \quad \texttt{to} \langle \textit{rule dimension} \rangle \\ | \quad \texttt{spread} \langle \textit{rule dimension} \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\vbox{abc}
```

```
\vbox to 120pt{abc}
```

```
\vbox spread 12pt{abc}
```

The tokens parameter is used in `/vbox`. The tokens contained are inserted at the beginning of the vertical material of the vbox.

The primitive `\vbox` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\vcenter`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle vcenter \rangle \rightarrow \text{\code{\vcenter}}$$

Examples:

```
\vcenter
```

The primitive `\vcenter` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\vfi`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle vfi \rangle \rightarrow \text{\code{\vfi}}$$

Examples:

```
\vfi
```

The primitive `\vfi` is defined in the set `omega`.

## The Primitive `\vfil`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle vfil \rangle \rightarrow \text{\code{\vfil}}$$

Examples:

```
\vfil
```

The primitive `\vfil` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\vfill`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle vfill \rangle \rightarrow \backslash vfill$$

Examples:

```
\vfill
```

The primitive `\vfill` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\vfilneg`**

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle vfilneg \rangle \rightarrow \backslash vfilneg$$

Examples:

```
\vfilneg
```

The primitive `\vfilneg` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\vfuzz`**

`\vfuzz` is a dimen register. The primitive `\vfuzz` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\voffset`**

`\voffset` is a dimen register. The primitive `\voffset` is defined in the set `tex`.

**The Primitive `\vrule`**

This primitive produces a vertical rule. This is a rectangular area of specified dimensions. If not overwritten the height and depth are 0pt and the width is 0.4 pt (26214 sp).

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle vrule \rangle &\rightarrow \backslash vrule \langle rule\ specification \rangle \\ \langle rule\ specification \rangle &\rightarrow \langle optional\ spaces \rangle \\ &| \quad \langle rule\ dimension \rangle \langle rule\ specification \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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$\langle rule\ dimension \rangle$   
→ `width`  $\langle dimen \rangle$   
| `height`  $\langle dimen \rangle$   
| `depth`  $\langle dimen \rangle$

The color from the typographic context is taken as foreground color for the rule. The default color is black.

Examples:

```
\vrule
```

```
\vrule height 2pt
```

```
\vrule width 2pt depth 3mm height \dimen4
```

The primitive `\vrule` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\vsize`

`\vsize` is a `dimen` register. The primitive `\vsize` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\vskip`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle vskip \rangle$   
→ `\vskip`  $\langle Glue \rangle$

Examples:

```
\vskip 1em plus 1pt minus 1pt
```

The primitive `\vskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\vsplit`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$\langle vsplit \rangle$   
→ `\vsplit`

Examples:

```
\vsplit ...
```

The primitive `\vsplit` is defined in the set `tex`.



## The Primitive `\vss`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle vss \rangle \rightarrow \backslash vss$$

Examples:

```
\vss
```

The primitive `\vss` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\vtop`

The contents of the toks register `\everyvbox` is inserted at the beginning of the vertical material of the box.

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle vtop \rangle &\rightarrow \backslash vtop \langle box\ specification \rangle \{ \langle vertical\ material \rangle \{ \\ \langle box\ specification \rangle &\rightarrow \\ &| \quad \text{to} \langle rule\ dimension \rangle \\ &| \quad \text{spread} \langle rule\ dimension \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Examples:

```
\vtop{abc}
```

```
\vtop to 120pt{abc}
```

```
\vtop spread 12pt{abc}
```

The primitive `\vtop` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\wd`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

$$\langle wd \rangle \rightarrow \backslash wd \langle 8\text{-bit}\ number \rangle \langle equals \rangle \langle dimen \rangle$$

Examples:

```
\wd42
```

The primitive `\wd` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\widowpenalties`

`\widowpenalties` is not implemented yet.

The primitive `\widowpenalties` is defined in the set `etex`.

## The Primitive `\widowpenalty`

`\widowpenalty` is a count register. The primitive `\widowpenalty` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\write`

The primitive `\write` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\xdef`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
 $\langle xdef \rangle$   
→  $\langle prefix \rangle \backslash xdef \langle control\ sequence \rangle \langle parameter\ text \rangle \{ \langle replacement\ text \rangle \}$   
 $\langle prefix \rangle$   
→  
| \global  $\langle prefix \rangle$   
| \long  $\langle prefix \rangle$   
| \outer  $\langle prefix \rangle$ 
```

Examples:

```
\xdef#1{--#1--}
```

The primitive `\xdef` is defined in the set `tex`.

## The Primitive `\xleaders`

The formal description of this primitive is the following:

```
 $\langle xleaders \rangle$   
→ \xleaders ...
```

Examples:

```
\xleaders\hrul\hfill
```

The primitive `\xleaders` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\xspaceskip`

`\xspaceskip` is a skip register. The primitive `\xspaceskip` is defined in the set `tex`.

### The Primitive `\year`

`\year` is a count register. The primitive `\year` is defined in the set `tex`.

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To be completed.



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