# The MFT processor

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1.\* Introduction. This program converts a METAFONT or METAPOST source file to a TEX file. It was written by D. E. Knuth in June, 1985; a somewhat similar SAIL program had been developed in January, 1980. Changes for METAPOST by W. Bzyl in July, 2001.

The general idea is to input a file called, say, foo.mf and to produce an output file called, say, foo.tex. The latter file, when processed by TeX, will yield a "prettyprinted" representation of the input file.

Line breaks in the input are carried over into the output; moreover, blank spaces at the beginning of a line are converted to quads of indentation in the output. Thus, the user has full control over the indentation and line breaks. Each line of input is translated independently of the others.

A slight change to METAFONT's comment convention allows further control. Namely, '%%' indicates that the remainder of an input line should be copied verbatim to the output; this interrupts the translation and forces MFT to produce a certain result.

Furthermore, '%%%  $\langle \text{token}_1 \rangle \dots \langle \text{token}_n \rangle$ ' introduces a change in MFT's formatting rules; all tokens after the first will henceforth be translated according to the current conventions for  $\langle \text{token}_1 \rangle$ . The tokens must be symbolic (i.e., not numeric or string tokens). For example, the input line

#### %%% addto fill draw filldraw

says that the 'fill', 'draw', and 'filldraw' operations of plain METAFONT should be formatted as the primitive token 'addto', i.e., in boldface type. (Without such reformatting commands, MFT would treat 'fill' like an ordinary tag or variable name. In fact, you need a reformatting command even to get parentheses to act like delimiters!)

METAFONT comments, which follow a single % sign, should be valid TEX input. But METAFONT material can be included in | ... | within a comment; this will be translated by MFT as if it were not in a comment. For example, a phrase like 'make |x2r| zero' will be translated into 'make \$x\_{2r}\$ zero'.

The rules just stated apply to lines that contain one, two, or three % signs in a row. Comments to MFT can follow '%%%%'. Five or more % signs should not be used.

Beside the normal input file, MFT also looks for a change file (e.g., 'foo.ch'), which allows substitutions to be made in the translation. The change file follows the conventions of WEB, and it should be null if there are no changes. (Changes usually contain verbatim instructions to compensate for the fact that MFT cannot format everything in an optimum way.)

There's also a third input file (e.g., 'plain.mft'), which is input before the other two. This file normally contains the '%%%' formatting commands that are necessary to tune MFT to a particular style of METAFONT code, so it is called the style file.

The output of MFT should be accompanied by the macros in a small package called mftmac.tex.

Caveat: This program is not as "bulletproof" as the other routines produced by Stanford's TEX project. It takes care of a great deal of tedious formatting, but it can produce strange output, because METAFONT is an extremely general language. Users should proofread their output carefully.

- 2.\* MFT uses a few features of the local Pascal compiler that may need to be changed in other installations:
  - 1) Case statements have a default.
  - Input-output routines may need to be adapted for use with a particular character set and/or for printing messages on the user's terminal.

These features are also present in the Pascal version of TEX, where they are used in a similar (but more complex) way. System-dependent portions of MFT can be identified by looking at the entries for 'system dependencies' in the index below.

The "banner line" defined here should be changed whenever MFT is modified.

```
define my\_name \equiv `mft'

define banner \equiv `This_{\sqcup}is_{\sqcup}MFT,_{\sqcup}Version_{\sqcup}2.1`
```

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3.\* The program begins with a fairly normal header, made up of pieces that will mostly be filled in later. The MF input comes from files mf\_file, change\_file, and style\_file; the T<sub>F</sub>X output goes to file tex\_file.

If it is necessary to abort the job because of a fatal error, the program calls the 'jump\_out' procedure.

```
define class \equiv class\_var
(Compiler directives 4)
program MFT (mf_file, change_file, style_file, tex_file);
  const \langle \text{Constants in the outer block } 8^* \rangle
  type \langle \text{Types in the outer block } 12 \rangle
  var (Globals in the outer block 9)
     (Error handling procedures 29)
     ⟨ Define parse_arguments 115*⟩
  procedure initialize;
     var \ \langle Local \ variables \ for \ initialization \ 14 \rangle
     begin kpse\_set\_program\_name(argv[0], my\_name); parse\_arguments; <math>\langle Set initial \ values \ 10 \rangle;
     end;
     The following parameters are set big enough to handle the Computer Modern fonts, so they should be
```

sufficient for most applications of MFT.

```
\langle \text{ Constants in the outer block } 8^* \rangle \equiv
  max\_bytes = 60000; { the number of bytes in tokens; must be less than 65536 }
  max\_names = 6000;  { number of tokens }
                      { should be prime }
  hash\_size = 353;
  buf\_size = 3000;
                      { maximum length of input line }
  line_length = 79; { lines of T<sub>F</sub>X output have at most this many characters, should be less than 256 }
This code is used in section 3*.
```

13.\* The original Pascal compiler was designed in the late 60s, when six-bit character sets were common, so it did not make provision for lowercase letters. Nowadays, of course, we need to deal with both capital and small letters in a convenient way, especially in a program for font design; so the present specification of MFT has been written under the assumption that the Pascal compiler and run-time system permit the use of text files with more than 64 distinguishable characters. More precisely, we assume that the character set contains at least the letters and symbols associated with ASCII codes '40 through '176. If additional characters are present, MFT can be configured to work with them too.

Since we are dealing with more characters than were present in the first Pascal compilers, we have to decide what to call the associated data type. Some Pascals use the original name *char* for the characters in text files, even though there now are more than 64 such characters, while other Pascals consider *char* to be a 64-element subrange of a larger data type that has some other name.

In order to accommodate this difference, we shall use the name  $text\_char$  to stand for the data type of the characters that are converted to and from  $ASCII\_code$  when they are input and output. We shall also assume that  $text\_char$  consists of the elements  $chr(first\_text\_char)$  through  $chr(last\_text\_char)$ , inclusive. The following definitions should be adjusted if necessary.

```
define text\_char \equiv ASCII\_code { the data type of characters in text files } define first\_text\_char = 0 { ordinal number of the smallest element of text\_char } define last\_text\_char = 255 { ordinal number of the largest element of text\_char } \langle \text{Types in the outer block } 12 \rangle + \equiv text\_file = packed file of <math>text\_char;
```

17.\* The ASCII code is "standard" only to a certain extent, since many computer installations have found it advantageous to have ready access to more than 94 printing characters. If MFT is being used on a garden-variety Pascal for which only standard ASCII codes will appear in the input and output files, it doesn't really matter what codes are specified in xchr[0...'37], but the safest policy is to blank everything out by using the code shown below.

However, other settings of *xchr* will make MFT more friendly on computers that have an extended character set, so that users can type things like '\neq' instead of '<>', and so that MFT can echo the page breaks found in its input. People with extended character sets can assign codes arbitrarily, giving an *xchr* equivalent to whatever characters the users of MFT are allowed to have in their input files. Appropriate changes to MFT's *char\_class* table should then be made. (Unlike TEX, each installation of METAFONT has a fixed assignment of category codes, called the *char\_class*.) Such changes make portability of programs more difficult, so they should be introduced cautiously if at all.

```
\langle Set initial values 10\rangle +\equiv for i \leftarrow 1 to '37 do xchr[i] \leftarrow chr(i); for i \leftarrow '177 to '377 do xchr[i] \leftarrow chr(i);
```

**20**\* Terminal output is done by writing on file  $term\_out$ , which is assumed to consist of characters of type  $text\_char$ :

```
define term_out \equiv stdout

define print(\#) \equiv write(term_out, \#) { 'print' means write on the terminal }

define print_oldouble = write_oldouble = write_ol
```

21.\* Different systems have different ways of specifying that the output on a certain file will appear on the user's terminal.

```
\langle Set initial values 10\rangle +\equiv { nothing need be done }
```

22.\* The *update\_terminal* procedure is called when we want to make sure that everything we have output to the terminal so far has actually left the computer's internal buffers and been sent.

```
define update\_terminal \equiv fflush(term\_out) { empty the terminal output buffer }
```

24.\* The following code opens the input files.

```
procedure open\_input; { prepare to read inputs }
begin if metapost then mf\_file \leftarrow kpse\_open\_file(cmdline(optind), kpse\_mp\_format))
else mf\_file \leftarrow kpse\_open\_file(cmdline(optind), kpse\_mf\_format);
if change\_name then
begin if metapost then change\_file \leftarrow kpse\_open\_file(change\_name, kpse\_mp\_format)
else change\_file \leftarrow kpse\_open\_file(change\_name, kpse\_mf\_format);
end;
style\_file \leftarrow kpse\_open\_file(style\_name[0], kpse\_mft\_format); i\_style\_name \leftarrow 1;
end;
```

**26\*** The following code opens *tex\_file*. Since this file was listed in the program header, we assume that the Pascal runtime system has checked that a suitable external file name has been given.

```
\langle \text{ Set initial values } 10 \rangle + \equiv rewrite(tex\_file, tex\_name);
```

28\* The  $input_ln$  procedure brings the next line of input from the specified file into the buffer array and returns the value true, unless the file has already been entirely read, in which case it returns false. The conventions of TeX are followed; i.e.,  $ASCII\_code$  numbers representing the next line of the file are input into buffer[0], buffer[1], ..., buffer[limit-1]; trailing blanks are ignored; and the global variable limit is set to the length of the line. The value of limit must be strictly less than  $buf\_size$ .

```
function input\_ln(\mathbf{var}\ f: text\_file): boolean; { inputs a line or returns false }
  var final_limit: 0 .. buf_size; { limit without trailing blanks }
  begin limit \leftarrow 0; final\_limit \leftarrow 0;
  if eof(f) then input\_ln \leftarrow false
  else begin while \neg eoln(f) do
        begin buffer[limit] \leftarrow xord[getc(f)]; incr(limit);
        if buffer[limit-1] \neq " "then final\_limit \leftarrow limit;
        if limit = buf\_size then
          begin while \neg eoln(f) do vgetc(f);
           decr(limit); { keep buffer[buf_size] empty }
          if final\_limit > limit then final\_limit \leftarrow limit;
           print_{-}nl("!_{\square}Input_{\square}line_{\square}too_{\square}long"); loc \leftarrow 0; error;
          end;
        end;
     read\_ln(f); limit \leftarrow final\_limit; input\_ln \leftarrow true;
     end;
  end;
```

**31.\*** The  $jump\_out$  procedure cleans up, prints appropriate messages, and exits back to the operating system.

```
define fatal\_error(\#) \equiv begin new\_line; print(\#); error; mark\_fatal; jump\_out; end \langle Error handling procedures 29 \rangle + \equiv procedure jump\_out; begin { here files should be closed if the operating system requires it } \langle Print the job history 113 \rangle; new\_line; if (history \neq spotless) \wedge (history \neq harmless\_message) then uexit(1) else uexit(0); end;
```

```
47.* \langle Read from style\_file and maybe turn off styling 47^* \rangle \equiv begin incr(line); if \neg input\_ln(style\_file) then begin if i\_style\_name \neq n\_style\_name then begin xfclose(style\_file, style\_name[i\_style\_name - 1]); style\_file \leftarrow kpse\_open\_file(style\_name[i\_style\_name], kpse\_mft\_format); i\_style\_name \leftarrow i\_style\_name + 1; end else begin styling \leftarrow false; end; line \leftarrow 0; end; end; end
```

This code is used in section 45.

**63.\* Initializing the primitive tokens.** Each token read by MFT is recognized as belonging to one of the following "types":

```
define indentation = 0 { internal code for space at beginning of a line }
  define end\_of\_line = 1 { internal code for hypothetical token at end of a line }
  define end_{-}of_{-}file = 2 { internal code for hypothetical token at end of the input }
  define verbatim = 3 { internal code for the token '%%' }
  define set\_format = 4 { internal code for the token '%%%' }
  define mft\_comment = 5 {internal code for the token '%%%'}
 define min\_action\_type = 6 { smallest code for tokens that produce "real" output }
 define numeric\_token = 6 { internal code for tokens like '3.14159'}
  define string\_token = 7 { internal code for tokens like "pie" }
  define min\_symbolic\_token = 8 { smallest internal code for a symbolic token }
  define op = 8 {internal code for tokens like 'sqrt'}
  define command = 9 { internal code for tokens like 'addto'}
  define endit = 10 { internal code for tokens like 'fi'}
  define binary = 11 { internal code for tokens like 'and'}
  define abinary = 12 { internal code for tokens like '+'}
  define bbinary = 13 { internal code for tokens like 'step' }
  define ampersand = 14 { internal code for the token '&' }
  define pyth\_sub = 15 { internal code for the token '+-+'}
  define as_i = 16 {internal code for tokens like ']'}
  define bold = 17 { internal code for tokens like 'nullpen'}
  define type_name = 18 { internal code for tokens like 'numeric' }
  define path\_join = 19 { internal code for the token '...'}
  define colon = 20 { internal code for the token ':'}
 define semicolon = 21 { internal code for the token ';'}
  define backslash = 22 { internal code for the token '\' }
  define double\_back = 23 { internal code for the token '\\'}
  define less\_or\_equal = 24 { internal code for the token '<='}
 define greater\_or\_equal = 25 { internal code for the token '>='}
  define not\_equal = 26 { internal code for the token '<>'}
  define sharp = 27 { internal code for the token '#'}
  define comment = 28 { internal code for the token '%'}
  define recomment = 29 {internal code used to resume a comment after '| . . . | '}
 define min\_suffix = 30 { smallest code for symbolic tokens in suffixes }
  define internal = 30 { internal code for tokens like 'pausing' }
  define input_command = 31 { internal code for tokens like 'input' }
  define btex\_code = 32 { begin T<sub>E</sub>X material (btex) }
  define verbatim_code = 33 { begin T<sub>F</sub>X material (verbatimtex) }
 define etex\_marker = 34  { end TEX material (etex) }
  define special_t tag = 35 { internal code for tags that take at most one subscript }
  define tag = 36 { internal code for nonprimitive tokens }
\langle \text{ Assign the default value to } ilk[p] | 63* \rangle \equiv
  ilk[p] \leftarrow tag
```

This code is used in section 62.

#### **65\*** We begin with primitives common to METAFONT and METAPOST.

The intended use of the macros above might not be immediately obvious, but the riddle is answered by the following:

```
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle \equiv
  id\_loc \leftarrow 18;
  pr2(".")(".")(path\_join);
  pr1("["](as_is);
  pr1("]")(as_is);
  pr1(")"(as_is);
  pr1("{\{"\}}(as_is);
  pr1(":")(colon);
  pr2(":")(":")(colon);
  pr3("|")("|")(":")(colon);
  pr2(":")("=")(as_is);
  pr1(",")(as_is);
  pr1(";")(semicolon);
  pr1 ("\")(backslash);
  pr2("\")("\")(double\_back);
  pr5("a")("d")("d")("t")("o")(command);
  pr2("a")("t")(bbinary);
  pr7("a")("t")("l")("e")("a")("s")("t")(\mathit{op});\\
  pr10("b")("e")("g")("i")("n")("g")("r")("o")("u")("p")(command);
  pr8("c")("o")("n")("t")("r")("o")("1")("s")(op);
  pr4 ("c")("u")("1")("1")(command);
  pr4 ("c")("u")("r")("1")(op);
  pr10("d")("e")("l")("i")("m")("i")("t")("e")("r")("s")(command);
  pr8("e")("n")("d")("g")("r")("o")("u")("p")(endit);
  pr8("e")("v")("e")("r")("y")("j")("o")("b")(command);
  pr6("e")("x")("i")("t")("i")("f")(command);
  pr11("e")("x")("p")("a")("n")("d")("a")("f")("t")("e")("r")(command);
  pr4("f")("r")("o")("m")(bbinary);
  pr7("i")("n")("t")("e")("r")("i")("m")(command);
  pr3("1")("e")("t")(command);
  pr11("n")("e")("w")("i")("n")("t")("e")("r")("n")("a")("l")(command);
  pr2("o")("f")(command);
  pr10("r")("a")("n")("d")("o")("m")("s")("e")("e")("d")(command);
  pr4("s")("a")("v")("e")(command);
  pr10("s")("c")("a")("n")("t")("o")("k")("e")("n")("s")(command);
  pr7("s")("h")("i")("p")("o")("u")("t")(command);
  pr4("s")("t")("e")("p")(bbinary);
  pr3("s")("t")("r")(command);
  pr7("t")("e")("n")("s")("i")("o")("n")(op);
  pr2("t")("o")(bbinary);
  pr5("u")("n")("t")("i")("l")(bbinary);
  pr3("d")("e")("f")(command);
  pr6("v")("a")("r")("d")("e")("f")(command);
See also sections 66*, 67*, 68*, 69*, 70*, 71*, 123*, and 124*.
This code is used in section 112*.
```

**66**\* (There are so many primitives, it's necessary to break this long initialization code up into pieces so as not to overflow WEAVE's capacity.)

```
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
  pr10("p")("r")("i")("m")("a")("r")("y")("d")("e")("f")(command);
 pr12("s")("e")("c")("o")("n")("d")("a")("r")("y")("d")("e")("f")(command);
  pr11("t")("e")("r")("t")("i")("a")("r")("y")("d")("e")("f")(command);
  pr6("e")("n")("d")("d")("e")("f")(endit);
  pr3("f")("o")("r")(command);
 pr11 \ ("f") ("o") ("r") ("s") ("u") ("f") ("f") ("i") ("x") ("e") ("s") (command);
  pr7("f")("o")("r")("e")("v")("e")("r")(command);
  pr6("e")("n")("d")("f")("o")("r")(endit);
  pr5("q")("u")("o")("t")("e")(command);
  pr₄("e")("x")("p")("r")(command);
  pr6("s")("u")("f")("f")("i")("x")(command);
  pr4("t")("e")("x")("t")(command);
 pr7("p")("r")("i")("m")("a")("r")("y")(command);
  pr9("s")("e")("c")("o")("n")("d")("a")("r")("y")(command);
 pr8\,("t")("e")("r")("t")("i")("a")("r")("y")(command);
  pr5("i")("n")("p")("u")("t")(input_command);
 pr8("e")("n")("d")("i")("n")("p")("u")("t")(bold);
 pr2("i")("f")(command);
 pr2("f")("i")(endit);
  pr₄("e")("1")("s")("e")(command);
  pr6("e")("l")("s")("e")("i")("f")(command);
  pr4("t")("r")("u")("e")(bold);
  pr5("f")("a")("l")("s")("e")(bold);
  pr11("n")("u")("l")("l")("p")("i")("c")("t")("u")("r")("e")(bold);
  pr7("n")("u")("l")("l")("p")("e")("n")(bold);
  pr7("j")("o")("b")("n")("a")("m")("e")(bold);
  pr10("r")("e")("a")("d")("s")("t")("r")("i")("n")("g")(bold);
 pr9\,("p")("e")("n")("c")("i")("r")("c")("l")("e")(bold);
  pr2("=")(":")(as_is);
  pr3("=")(":")("|")(as_is);
  pr_{4}("=")(":")("|")(">")(as_is);
  pr3("|")("=")(":")(as_is);
  pr_{4}("|")("=")(":")(">")(as_{is});
  pr_{4}("|")("=")(":")("|")(as_{is});
 pr5 ("|")("=")(":")("|")(">")(as_is);
  pr6("|")("=")(":")("|")(">")(">")(as_is);
  pr4("k")("e")("r")("n")(binary); pr6("s")("k")("i")("p")("t")("o")(command);
```

```
(Does anybody out there remember the commercials that went LS-MFT?)
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
  pr13("n")("o")("r")("m")("a")("l")("d")("e")("v")("i")("a")("t")("e")(op);
  pr3("o")("d")("d")(op);
  pr5("k")("n")("o")("w")("n")(op);
  pr7("u")("n")("k")("n")("o")("w")("n")(op);
  pr3("n")("o")("t")(op);
  pr7("d")("e")("c")("i")("m")("a")("l")(op);
  pr7("r")("e")("v")("e")("r")("s")("e")(op);
  pr8("m")("a")("k")("e")("p")("a")("t")("h")(op);
  pr7("m")("a")("k")("e")("p")("e")("n")(op);
  pr3("o")("c")("t")(op);
  pr3("h")("e")("x")(op);
  pr5("A")("S")("C")("I")("I")(op);
  pr4("c")("h")("a")("r")(op);
  pr6("1")("e")("n")("g")("t")("h")(op);
  pr13("t")("u")("r")("n")("i")("n")("g")("n")("u")("m")("b")("e")("r")(op);
  pr5("x")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr5("y")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr6("x")("x")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr6("x")("y")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr6("y")("x")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr6("y")("y")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr4("s")("q")("r")("t")(op);
  pr4("m")("e")("x")("p")(op);
  pr4("m")("l")("o")("g")(op);
  pr4("s")("i")("n")("d")(op);
  pr4("c")("o")("s")("d")(op);
  pr5\,("\mathtt{f"})("\mathtt{l"})("\mathtt{o"})("\mathtt{o"})("\mathtt{r"})(op);
  pr14("u")("n")("i")("f")("o")("r")("m")("d")("e")("v")("i")("a")("t")("e")(op);
  pr10("c")("h")("a")("r")("e")("x")("i")("s")("t")("s")(op);
  pr5("a")("n")("g")("l")("e")(op);
  pr5("c")("y")("c")("l")("e")(op);
68* (If you think this WEB code is ugly, you should see the Pascal code it produces.)
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
  pr13("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("t")("i")("t")("l")("e")("s")(internal);
  pr16 \ ("t") ("r") ("a") ("c") ("i") ("n") ("g") ("e") ("q") ("u") ("a") ("t") ("i") ("o") ("n") ("s") (internal);
  pr15("t")("t")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("c")("a")("p")("s")("u")("l")("e")("s")(internal);
  pr14 ("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("c")("h")("o")("i")("c")("e")("s")(internal);
  pr12("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("s")("p")("e")("c")("s")(internal);
  pr11("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("p")("e")("n")("s")(internal);
  pr15 ("t") ("r") ("a") ("c") ("i") ("n") ("g") ("c") ("o") ("m") ("m") ("a") ("n") ("d") ("s") (internal);
  pr13("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("m")("a")("c")("r")("o")("s")(internal);
  pr13("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("o")("u")("t")("p")("u")("t")(internal);
  pr12("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("s")("t")("a")("t")("s")(internal);
  pr13("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("o")("n")("l")("i")("i")("e")(internal);
  pr15("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("r")("e")("s")("t")("o")("r")("e")("s")(internal);
```

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```
69*
      \langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
  pr4 ("y")("e")("a")("r")(internal);
  pr5("m")("o")("n")("t")("h")(internal);
  pr3("d")("a")("y")(internal);
  pr4 ("t")("i")("m")("e")(internal);
  pr8("c")("h")("a")("r")("c")("o")("d")("e")(internal);
  pr7("c")("h")("a")("r")("e")("x")("t")(internal);
  pr6("c")("h")("a")("r")("w")("d")(internal);
  pr6("c")("h")("a")("r")("h")("t")(internal);
  pr6("c")("h")("a")("r")("d")("p")(internal);
  pr6("c")("h")("a")("r")("i")("c")(internal);
  pr6("c")("h")("a")("r")("d")("x")(internal);
  pr6("c")("h")("a")("r")("d")("y")(internal);
  pr10("d")("e")("s")("i")("g")("n")("s")("i")("z")("e")(internal);
  pr7("x")("o")("f")("f")("s")("e")("t")(internal);
  pr7("y")("o")("f")("f")("s")("e")("t")(internal);
  pr7("p")("a")("u")("s")("i")("n")("g")(internal);
  pr12("s")("h")("o")("w")("s")("t")("o")("p")("p")("i")("n")("g")(internal);
  pr10("f")("o")("n")("t")("m")("a")("k")("i")("n")("g")(internal);
```

*pr8*("p")("r")("o")("o")("f")("i")("n")("g")(internal);

## 70\* Still more.

```
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
  pr1("+")(abinary);
 pr1("-")(abinary);
 pr1("*")(abinary);
  pr1("/")(as_is);
  pr2("+")("+")(binary);
  pr3("+")("-")("+")(pyth\_sub);
  pr3("a")("n")("d")(binary);
  pr2("o")("r")(binary);
  pr1("<")(as\_is);
  pr2("<")("=")(less\_or\_equal);
  pr1(">")(as_is);
  pr2(">")("=")(greater\_or\_equal);
  pr1("=")(as_is);
 pr2("<")(">")(not\_equal);
 pr9\,("s")("u")("b")("s")("t")("r")("i")("n")("g")(command);
 pr7("s")("u")("b")("p")("a")("t")("h")(command);
 pr13("d")("i")("r")("e")("c")("t")("i")("o")("n")("t")("i")("m")("e")(command);
 pr5("p")("o")("i")("n")("t")(command);
 pr10\,("p")("r")("e")("c")("o")("n")("t")("r")("o")("l")(command);
 pr11("p")("o")("s")("t")("c")("o")("n")("t")("r")("o")("l")(command);
  pr9("p")("e")("n")("o")("f")("f")("s")("e")("t")(command);
 pr1 ("&")(ampersand);
 pr7("r")("o")("t")("a")("t")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr7("s")("l")("a")("n")("t")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr6("s")("c")("a")("l")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr7("s")("h")("i")("f")("t")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr11("t")("r")("a")("n")("s")("f")("o")("r")("m")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr7("x")("s")("c")("a")("l")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr7("y")("s")("c")("a")("l")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr7("z")("s")("c")("a")("l")("e")("d")(binary);
  pr17("i")("n")("t")("e")("r")("s")("e")("c")("t")("i")("o")("n")("t")("i")("e")("s")(binary);
 pr7("n")("u")("m")("e")("r")("i")("c")(type\_name);
  pr6("s")("t")("r")("i")("n")("g")(type\_name);
 pr7("b")("o")("o")("l")("e")("a")("n")(type\_name);
  pr4("p")("a")("t")("h")(type\_name);
  pr3("p")("e")("n")(type\_name);
  pr7("p")("i")("c")("t")("u")("r")("e")(type\_name);
  pr9("t")("r")("a")("n")("s")("f")("o")("r")("m")(type\_name);
  pr_{4}("p")("a")("i")("r")(type\_name);
```

71.\* At last we are done with the tedious initialization of primitives.

```
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
  pr3("e")("n")("d")(endit);
 pr4("d")("u")("m")("p")(endit);
 pr9("b")("a")("t")("c")("h")("m")("o")("d")("e")(bold);
  pr11("n")("o")("n")("s")("t")("o")("p")("m")("o")("d")("e")(bold);
  pr10("s")("c")("r")("o")("l")("l")("m")("o")("d")("e")(bold);
  pr13("e")("r")("r")("o")("r")("s")("t")("o")("p")("m")("o")("d")("e")(bold);
  pr5("i")("n")("n")("e")("r")(command);
  pr5("o")("u")("t")("e")("r")(command);
  pr9("s")("h")("o")("w")("t")("o")("k")("e")("n")(command);
  pr9("s")("h")("o")("w")("s")("t")("a")("t")("s")(bold);
  pr4("s")("h")("o")("w")(command);
  pr12("s")("h")("o")("w")("v")("a")("r")("i")("a")("b")("l")("e")(command);
  pr16 \ ("s") ("h") ("o") ("w") ("d") ("e") ("p") ("e") ("n") ("d") ("e") ("n") ("c") ("i") ("e") ("s") (bold);
 pr7("c")("o")("n")("t")("o")("u")("r")(command);
  pr10("d")("o")("u")("b")("l")("e")("p")("a")("t")("h")(command);
 pr4 ("a")("1")("s")("o")(command);
  pr7("w")("i")("t")("h")("p")("e")("n")(command);
 pr7("m")("e")("s")("s")("a")("g")("e")(command);
  pr10("e")("r")("r")("m")("e")("s")("s")("a")("g")("e")(command);
 pr7("e")("r")("r")("h")("e")("l")("p")(command);
  pr8("c")("h")("a")("r")("l")("i")("s")("t")(command);
  pr8("l")("i")("g")("t")("a")("b")("l")("e")(command);
  pr10("e")("x")("t")("e")("n")("s")("i")("b")("l")("e")(command);
  pr10("h")("e")("a")("d")("e")("r")("b")("y")("t")("e")(command);
  pr9("f")("o")("n")("t")("d")("i")("m")("e")("n")(command);
  pr7("s")("p")("e")("c")("i")("a")("l")(command);
  pr1("%")(comment);
  pr2("%")("%")(verbatim);
  pr3("%")("%")("%")(set\_format);
  pr4("\%")("\%")("\%")(mft\_comment);
  pr1("#")(sharp);
  pr4("g")("o")("o")("d")(special\_tag);
```

75.\* Inputting the next token. MFT's lexical scanning routine is called *get\_next*. This procedure inputs the next token of METAFONT input and puts its encoded meaning into two global variables, *cur\_type* and *cur\_tok*.

The **btex...etex** and **verbatimtex...etex** features need to be implemented at a low level in the scanning process. This is implemented by changing the behavior of the scanner via *scanner\_status* global variable.

79.\* If changes are made to accommodate non-ASCII character sets, they should be essentially the same in MFT as in METAFONT. However, MFT has an additional class number, the *end\_line\_class*, which is used only for the special character *carriage\_return* that is placed at the end of the input buffer.

```
define carriage\_return = '15 { special code placed in buffer[limit] }
\langle \text{ Set initial values } 10 \rangle + \equiv
  for i \leftarrow "0" to "9" do char\_class[i] \leftarrow digit\_class;
   char\_class["."] \leftarrow period\_class; \ char\_class["u"] \leftarrow space\_class; \ char\_class["%"] \leftarrow percent\_class;
   char\_class["""] \leftarrow string\_class;
   char\_class[","] \leftarrow 5; \ char\_class[";"] \leftarrow 6; \ char\_class["("] \leftarrow 7; \ char\_class[")"] \leftarrow right\_paren\_class;
   for i \leftarrow "A" to "Z" do char\_class[i] \leftarrow letter\_class;
   for i \leftarrow "a" to "z" do char\_class[i] \leftarrow letter\_class;
   char\_class["\_"] \leftarrow letter\_class;
   char\_class["<"] \leftarrow 10; \ char\_class["="] \leftarrow 10; \ char\_class[">"] \leftarrow 10; \ char\_class[":"] \leftarrow 10;
   char\_class["|"] \leftarrow 10;
   char\_class[""] \leftarrow 11; \ char\_class["""] \leftarrow 11;
   char\_class["+"] \leftarrow 12; \ char\_class["-"] \leftarrow 12;
   char\_class["/"] \leftarrow 13; \ char\_class["*"] \leftarrow 13; \ char\_class["\"] \leftarrow 13;
   char\_class["!"] \leftarrow 14; \ char\_class["?"] \leftarrow 14;
   char\_class["#"] \leftarrow 15; char\_class["\&"] \leftarrow 15; char\_class["@"] \leftarrow 15; char\_class["\&"] \leftarrow 15;
   char\_class["^"] \leftarrow 16; \ char\_class["^"] \leftarrow 16;
   char\_class[""] \leftarrow left\_bracket\_class; \ char\_class["]"] \leftarrow right\_bracket\_class;
   char\_class["{"} \leftarrow 19; char\_class["}"] \leftarrow 19;
   for i \leftarrow 0 to "_{\perp}" -1 do char_{-}class[i] \leftarrow letter_{-}class;
   for i \leftarrow 127 to 255 do char\_class[i] \leftarrow letter\_class;
   char\_class[carriage\_return] \leftarrow end\_line\_class; char\_class['11] \leftarrow space\_class; \{ tab \}
   char\_class['14] \leftarrow space\_class; \{ form feed \}
```

This code is used in section 80.

```
define emit(\#) \equiv begin \ cur\_type \leftarrow \#; \ cur\_tok \leftarrow id\_first; \ return; \ end
Branch on the class, scan the token; return directly if the token is special, or goto found if it needs to
       be looked up 81^* \rangle \equiv
  case class of
  digit_class: goto pass_digits;
  period\_class: begin class \leftarrow char\_class[buffer[loc]];
    if class > period_class then goto switch { ignore isolated '.'}
    else if class < period_class then goto pass_fraction; { class = digit_class }
    end:
  space\_class: if start\_of\_line \lor scanner\_status > normal then emit(indentation)
    else goto switch;
  end_line_class: emit(end_of_line);
  string_class: \langle Get a string token and return 82 \rangle;
  isolated_classes: goto found;
  invalid_class: \(\rightarrow\) Decry the invalid character and goto switch 84\);
  othercases do_nothing { letters, etc. }
  endcases;
  while char\_class[buffer[loc]] = class do incr(loc);
  goto found;
pass\_digits: while char\_class[buffer[loc]] = digit\_class do incr(loc);
  if buffer[loc] \neq "." then goto done;
  if char\_class[buffer[loc + 1]] \neq digit\_class then goto done;
  incr(loc);
pass\_fraction: repeat incr(loc);
  until char\_class[buffer[loc]] \neq digit\_class;
done: emit(numeric\_token)
```

88\* MFT calls  $flush\_buffer(out\_ptr, false)$  before it has input anything. We initialize the output variables so that the first line of the output file will be '\input mftmac' or '\input mptmac' if a METAPOST file is converted.

```
⟨ Set initial values 10⟩ +≡
out_ptr ← 1; out_buf[1] ← "□"; out_line ← 1;
if metapost then
   begin write(tex_file, `\input\mptmac`);
   end
else write(tex_file, `\input\mftmac`);
```

**97**\* **Translation.** The main work of MFT is accomplished by a routine that translates the tokens, one by one, with a limited amount of lookahead/lookbehind. Automata theorists might loosely call this a "finite state transducer," because the flow of control is comparatively simple.

```
procedure do_the_translation;
  label restart, reswitch, done, exit;
  var k: 0 ... buf\_size; \{looks ahead in the buffer\}
    t: integer; { type that spreads to new tokens }
  begin restart: if out\_ptr > 0 then flush\_buffer(out\_ptr, false);
  empty\_buffer \leftarrow true;
  loop begin get_next;
    if start\_of\_line then \(\rightarrow\) Do special actions at the start of a line 98\);
  reswitch: case cur_type of
    numeric_token: (Translate a numeric token or a fraction 105);
    string_token: \( \text{Translate a string token 99} \);
    verbatim_code, btex_code: \langle Copy TeX material 125*\rangle;
    indentation: out\_str(tr\_quad);
     end\_of\_line, mft\_comment: \langle Wind up a line of translation and goto restart, or finish a | ... | segment
            and goto reswitch 110;
     end_of_file: return;
    (Cases that translate primitive tokens 100)
     comment, recomment: (Translate a comment and goto restart, unless there's a | ... | segment 108);
    verbatim: (Copy the rest of the current input line to the output, then goto restart 109);
    set_format: (Change the translation format of tokens, and goto restart or reswitch 111);
    internal, special_tag, tag: \( \text{Translate a tag and possible subscript 106} \);
    end; { all cases have been listed }
    end;
exit: \mathbf{end};
```

112.\* The main program. Let's put it all together now: MFT starts and ends here.

```
begin initialize; { beginning of the main program } print(banner); { print a "banner line" } print_ln(version\_string); \langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle; \langle Store all the translations 73\rangle; \langle Initialize the input system 44\rangle; do\_the\_translation; \langle Check that all changes have been read 49\rangle; \langle Print the job history 113\rangle; new\_line; if (history \neq spotless) \wedge (history \neq harmless\_message) then uexit(1) else uexit(0); end.
```

114\* System-dependent changes. The user calls MFT with arguments on the command line. These are either filenames or flags (beginning with '-'). The following globals are for communicating the user's desires to the rest of the program. The various *name* variables contain strings with the full names of those files, as UNIX knows them.

```
\label{eq:define_max_style_name} \begin{tabular}{ll} $\operatorname{define_max_style\_name} = 32 \\ &\langle \operatorname{Globals} \ \operatorname{in the outer block} \ 9 \ \rangle + \equiv \\ & \operatorname{change\_name}, \operatorname{tex\_name} \colon \operatorname{const\_c\_string}; \\ & \operatorname{style\_name} \colon \operatorname{array} \left[ 0 \ldots \max_s \operatorname{style\_name} - 1 \right] \ \text{of} \ \operatorname{const\_c\_string}; \\ & \operatorname{n\_style\_name} \colon \operatorname{c\_int\_type}; \quad \left\{ \operatorname{Number of values in style\_name array.} \right\} \\ & \operatorname{n\_style\_name} \colon \operatorname{c\_int\_type}; \quad \left\{ \operatorname{The next style\_name.} \right\} \\ & \operatorname{metapost} \colon \operatorname{c\_int\_type}; \quad \left\{ \operatorname{true for METAPOST}, \operatorname{false for METAFONT} \right\} \\ \end{tabular}
```

115.\* Look at the command line arguments and set the *name* variables accordingly.

At least one file name must be present as the first argument: the mf file. It may have an extension, or it may omit it to get '.mf' added. If there is only one file name, the output file name is formed by replacing the mf file name extension by '.tex'. Thus, the command line mf foo implies the use of the METAFONT input file foo.mf and the output file foo.tex. If this style of command line, with only one argument, is used, the default style file, plain.mft, will be used to provide basic formatting.

```
define argument\_is(\#) \equiv (strcmp(long\_options[option\_index].name, \#) = 0)
\langle \text{ Define } parse\_arguments \ 115^* \rangle \equiv
procedure parse_arguments;
  const n\_options = 5; { Pascal won't count array lengths for us. }
  var long_options: array [0 .. n_options] of getopt_struct;
    qetopt_return_val: integer; option_index: c_int_type; current_option: 0 .. n_options;
    suffix: const\_c\_string;
  begin \langle Initialize the option variables 121^*\rangle;
  \langle \text{ Define the option table } 116* \rangle;
  n\_style\_name \leftarrow 0;
  \mathbf{repeat}\ getopt\_return\_val \leftarrow getopt\_long\_only(argc, argv, ``, long\_options, address\_of(option\_index));
    if getopt\_return\_val = -1 then
       begin do_nothing; { End of arguments; we exit the loop below. }
       end
    else if getopt\_return\_val = "?" then
         begin usage(my\_name);
         end
       else if argument_is('help') then
            begin usage\_help(MFT\_HELP, nil);
            end
         else if argument_is('version') then
              begin print_version_and_exit(banner, nil, `D.E. ⊔Knuth⊔⊔ (MP⊔changes⊔by⊔W.⊔Bzyl) `, nil);
              end
            else if argument_is(`change`) then
                 begin change_name ← extend_filename(optarg, `ch`);
                 end
              else if argument_is(`style`) then
                   begin if (n\_style\_name = max\_style\_name) then
                      begin fatal_error('Too⊔manyustyleufilesuspecified.'); usage(my_name);
                   style\_name[n\_style\_name] \leftarrow extend\_filename(optarg, `mft');
                   n\_style\_name \leftarrow n\_style\_name + 1;
                   end; { Else it was a flag; getopt has already done the assignment. }
  until getopt\_return\_val = -1; {Now optind is the index of first non-option on the command line. We
         must have exactly one remaining argument.
  if (optind + 1 \neq argc) then
    begin write\_ln(stderr, my\_name, `: \_Need\_exactly\_one_\_file\_argument. `); <math>usage(my\_name);
  suffix \leftarrow find\_suffix(cmdline(optind));
  if suffix \wedge (strcmp(suffix, `mp') = 0) then
    begin metapost \leftarrow true; tex\_name \leftarrow basename\_change\_suffix(cmdline(optind), `.mp', `.tex');
    end
  else begin tex\_name \leftarrow basename\_change\_suffix(cmdline(optind), `.mf', `.tex');
    end:
  if (n_style_name = 0) then
    begin if metapost then style\_name[0] \leftarrow \text{`mplain.mft'}
```

```
else style\_name[0] \leftarrow \text{`plain.mft'};
     n\_style\_name \leftarrow 1;
     end;
  end:
This code is used in section 3*.
116.* Here are the options we allow. The first is one of the standard GNU options.
\langle Define the option table 116*\rangle \equiv
  current\_option \leftarrow 0; long\_options[current\_option].name \leftarrow `help';
  long\_options[current\_option].has\_arg \leftarrow 0; long\_options[current\_option].flag \leftarrow 0;
  long\_options[current\_option].val \leftarrow 0; incr(current\_option);
See also sections 117*, 118*, 119*, 120*, and 122*.
This code is used in section 115*.
        Another of the standard options.
\langle Define the option table 116*\rangle + \equiv
  long\_options[current\_option].name \leftarrow `version`; long\_options[current\_option].has\_arg \leftarrow 0;
  long\_options[current\_option].flag \leftarrow 0; long\_options[current\_option].val \leftarrow 0; incr(current\_option);
118* Here is the option to set a change file.
\langle Define the option table 116*\rangle + \equiv
  long\_options[current\_option].name \leftarrow `change'; long\_options[current\_option].has\_arg \leftarrow 1;
  long\_options[current\_option].flag \leftarrow 0; long\_options[current\_option].val \leftarrow 0; incr(current\_option);
119* Here is the option to set the style file.
\langle Define the option table 116*\rangle + \equiv
  long\_options[current\_option].name \leftarrow `style`; long\_options[current\_option].has\_arg \leftarrow 1;
  long\_options[current\_option].flag \leftarrow 0; long\_options[current\_option].val \leftarrow 0; incr(current\_option);
120* The option to set a METAPOST file processing.
\langle \text{ Define the option table } 116^* \rangle + \equiv
  long\_options[current\_option].name \leftarrow \texttt{`metapost'}; long\_options[current\_option].has\_arq \leftarrow 0;
  long\_options[current\_option].flaq \leftarrow address\_of(metapost); long\_options[current\_option].val \leftarrow 1;
  incr(current\_option);
121* metapost defaults to false; will become true for METAPOST.
\langle Initialize the option variables 121*\rangle \equiv
   metapost \leftarrow false;
This code is used in section 115*.
        An element with all zeros always ends the list of options.
\langle \text{ Define the option table } 116^* \rangle + \equiv
  long\_options[current\_option].name \leftarrow 0; long\_options[current\_option].has\_arg \leftarrow 0;
  long\_options[current\_option].flag \leftarrow 0; \ long\_options[current\_option].val \leftarrow 0;
```

**123\*** Store primitives specific for METAFONT.

```
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
```

```
if \neg metapost then
```

```
begin pr12("a")("u")("t")("o")("r")("o")("u")("n")("d")("i")("n")("g")(internal);
pr7("c")("h")("a")("r")("f")("a")("m")(internal);
pr8("d")("r")("o")("p")("p")("i")("n")("g")(command);
pr7("d")("i")("s")("p")("l")("a")("y")(command);
pr6("f")("i")("l")("l")("i")("n")(internal);
pr11("g")("r")("a")("n")("u")("l")("a")("r")("i")("t")("y")(internal);
pr8("i")("n")("w")("i")("n")("d")("o")("w")(bbinary);
pr4 ("h")("p")("p")("p")(internal);
pr7("k")("e")("e")("p")("i")("n")("g")(command);
pr10("n")("u")("m")("s")("p")("e")("c")("i")("a")("l")(command);
pr10("o")("p")("e")("n")("w")("i")("n")("d")("o")("w")(command);
pr9("s")("m")("o")("o")("t")("h")("i")("n")("g")(internal);
pr4("v")("p")("p")("p")(internal);
pr11("t")("o")("t")("a")("l")("w")("e")("i")("g")("h")("t")(op);
pr12("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("e")("d")("g")("e")("s")(internal);
pr10("w")("i")("t")("h")("w")("e")("i")("g")("h")("t")(command);
end;
```

## **124\*** Store primitives specific for METAPOST.

```
\langle Store all the primitives 65^*\rangle + \equiv
```

```
if metapost then
  begin pr9("a")("r")("c")("l")("e")("n")("g")("t")("h")(op);
  pr7("a")("r")("c")("t")("i")("m")("e")(command);
  pr8("b")("l")("u")("e")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr7("b")("o")("u")("n")("d")("e")("d")(op);
  pr4("b")("t")("e")("x")(btex\_code);
  pr4 ("c")("1")("i")("p")(command);
  pr7("c")("l")("i")("p")("p")("e")("d")(op);
  pr9("c")("l")("o")("s")("e")("f")("r")("o")("m")(input\_command);
  pr5("c")("o")("1")("o")("r")(type\_name);
  pr6("d")("a")("s")("h")("e")("d")(command);
  pr8("d")("a")("s")("h")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr4("e")("t")("e")("x")(etex\_marker);
  pr6("f")("i")("l")("l")("e")("d")(op);
  pr8("f")("o")("n")("t")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr8("f")("o")("n")("t")("s")("i")("z")("e")(op);
  pr9("g")("r")("e")("e")("n")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr6("i")("n")("f")("o")("n")("t")(binary);
  pr8("1")("i")("n")("e")("j")("o")("i")("n")(internal);
  pr7("1")("i")("n")("e")("c")("a")("p")(internal);
  pr8("1")("1")("c")("o")("r")("n")("e")("r")(op);
  pr8("1")("r")("c")("o")("r")("n")("e")("r")(op);
  pr10("m")("i")("t")("e")("r")("l")("i")("m")("i")("t")(internal);
  pr8("m")("p")("x")("b")("r")("e")("a")("k")(bold);
  pr8("p")("a")("t")("h")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr7("p")("e")("n")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr9("p")("r")("o")("l")("o")("g")("u")("e")("s")(internal);
  pr7("r")("e")("d")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr8("r")("e")("a")("d")("f")("r")("o")("m")(input\_command);
  pr9("s")("e")("t")("b")("o")("u")("n")("d")("s")(command);
  pr7("s")("t")("r")("o")("k")("e")("d")(op);
  pr8("t")("e")("x")("t")("p")("a")("r")("t")(op);
  pr7("t")("e")("x")("t")("u")("a")("l")(op);
  pr16("t")("r")("a")("c")("i")("n")("g")("l")("o")("s")("t")("c")("h")("a")("r")("s")(internal);
  pr11("t")("r")("u")("e")("c")("o")("r")("n")("e")("r")("s")(internal);
  pr8("u")("l")("c")("o")("r")("n")("e")("r")(op);
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  pr11("v")("e")("r")("b")("a")("t")("i")("m")("t")("e")("x")(verbatim_code);
  pr6("w")("i")("t")("h")("i")("n")(bbinary);
  pr9("w")("i")("t")("h")("c")("o")("l")("o")("r")(command);
  pr5("w")("r")("i")("t")("e")(command);
  end;
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125.* Here an extra section is added. 'btex' token is translated to '\mftbeginB' and 'verbatimtex' to
'\mftbeginV'. 'etex' is translated to '\mftend'. These TFX macros are defined in mptmac.tex.
\langle \text{Copy T}_{FX} \text{ material } 125^* \rangle \equiv
  begin out4("\")("m")("f")("t"); out5("b")("e")("g")("i")("n");
  if cur\_type = verbatim\_code then
    begin out("V"); scanner\_status \leftarrow verbatimtex\_flushing;
    end
  else if cur\_type = btex\_code then
       begin out("B"); scanner\_status \leftarrow btex\_flushing;
       end:
  out("\{"\}; out\_name(cur\_tok); out("\}"); get\_next;
  while cur\_type \neq etex\_marker do
    begin if cur\_type = indentation then
       begin out("_{\sqcup}");
       end
    else if cur\_type = end\_of\_line then
         begin flush\_buffer(out\_ptr, false); empty\_buffer \leftarrow true;
         end
       else copy(id\_first);
    get\_next;
    end;
  out_4("\")("m")("f")("t"); out_3("e")("n")("d"); out("{"}; out_name(cur\_tok); out("}");
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This code is used in section 97\*.

end

 $scanner\_status \leftarrow normal;$ 

**if** scanner\_status = verbatimtex\_flushing **then** out("\$");

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