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 $\accent \langle charcode \rangle$

This command puts an accent over the character following this command. The accent is the character at position $\langle charcode \rangle$ in the current font. TeX assumes that the accent has been designed to fit over a character 1 ex high in the same font as the accent. If the character to be accented is taller or shorter, TeX adjusts the position accordingly. You can change fonts between the accent and the next character, thus drawing the accent character and the character to be accented from different fonts. If the accent character isn't really intended to be an accent, TeX won't complain; it will just typeset something ridiculous.

Example:

- l'H\accent94 otel des Invalides
- % Position 94 of font cmr10 has a circumflex accent.

produces:

l'Hôtel des Invalides

See also: Math accents (p. 'mathaccent').