

`\topglue` $\langle glue \rangle$

This command¹ causes the space from the top of the page to the top of the first box on the page to be $\langle glue \rangle$ precisely. The top of the page is considered to be at the baseline of an imaginary line of text just above the top line of the page. More precisely, it's a distance `\topskip` above the origin as given by `\hoffset` and `\voffset`.

This command is useful because T_EX ordinarily adjusts the glue produced by `\topskip` in a complex way. By using `\topglue` you can control the position of the first box on the page without worrying about those adjustments.

¹ `\topglue` was added to T_EX in version 3.0, later than the other enhancements introduced by new T_EX (p. 'newtex'). It is first described in the *eighteenth* edition of *The T_EXbook*.