

justified text

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justified text. *Justified text* is text that has been typeset so that both margins are even. Unjustified text, on the other hand, has been typeset with “ragged” margins on one or both sides. Documents typed on old-fashioned typewriters almost always have ragged right margins. Although documents produced by T_EX are justified by default, you can if you wish produce documents (or sequences of lines) that have ragged right—or ragged left—margins. You can also get T_EX to center a sequence of lines, thus making both margins ragged. You can use the `\leftskip`, `\rightskip`, and `\raggedright` commands (pp. ‘`\leftskip`’, ‘`\raggedright`’)■ for these purposes.

When T_EX is producing justified text, it usually needs to stretch or shrink the glue within each line to make the margins come out even. When T_EX is producing unjustified text, on the other hand, it usually leaves the glue within each line at its natural width. Many typographers prefer unjustified text because its interword spacing is more uniform.