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`plain TEX`.   *Plain TEX* is the form of TEX described in this book and in *The TEXbook*. Plain TEX is part of the standard TEX system, so documents that use only the facilities of plain TEX can usually be transferred from one installation to another without difficulty.

Plain TEX consists of the primitive commands together with a large collection of macros and other definitions. These additional definitions are given in Appendix B of *The TEXbook*. They should also be in the file `plain.tex` somewhere in your computer system.