

`\parindent` [ *<dimen>* parameter ]

This parameter specifies the amount by which the first line of each paragraph is to be indented. As the example below shows, it's a bad idea to set both `\parindent` and `\parskip` to zero since then the paragraph breaks are no longer apparent.

*Example:*

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\parindent = 2em This paragraph is indented by 2 ems.  
\par \parindent=0pt This paragraph is not indented at all.  
\par Since we haven't reset the paragraph indentation,  
this paragraph isn't indented either.
```

*produces:*

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