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\openout ⟨*number*⟩ = ⟨*filename*⟩

This command tells TₑX to open the file named ⟨*filename*⟩ and make it available for writing via the output stream designated by ⟨*number*⟩. ⟨*number*⟩ must be between 0 and 15. Once you've opened a file and connected it to an output stream, you can write to the file using the \write command with the output stream's number.

An \openout generates a whatsit that becomes part of a box. The \openout does not take effect until TₑX ships out that box to the .dvi file, unless you've preceded the \openout with \immediate.

TₑX won't complain if you associate more than one output stream with the same file, but you'll get garbage in the file if you try it!

You should allocate stream numbers for \openout using \newwrite (p. '\@newwrite').

Example:
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\newwrite\auxfile  \openout\auxfile = addenda.aux
% \auxfile now denotes the number of this opening
% of addenda.aux.
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