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\globaldefs   [⟨*number*⟩ parameter]

This parameter controls whether or not TEX takes definitions and other assignments to be global:

- If \globaldefs is zero (as it is by default), a definition is global if and only if it is preceded by \global either explicitly or implicitly. (The \gdef and \xdef commands (p. '\gdef') have an implicit \global prefix).
- If \globaldefs is greater than zero, all assignments and definitions are implicitly prefixed by \global.
- If \globaldefs is less than zero, all \global prefixes are ignored.