

`\chardef`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle = \langle charcode \rangle$

This command defines  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  to be  $\langle charcode \rangle$ . Although `\chardef` is most often used to define characters, you can also use it to give a name to a number in the range 0–255 even when you aren’t using that number as a character code.

*Example:*

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\chardef\percent = ‘\% 21\percent, {\it 19\percent}
% Get the percent character in roman and in italic
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*produces:*

21%, 19%