

`\special {<token list>}`

This command tells T<sub>E</sub>X to write *<token list>* directly to the .dvi file when it next ships out a page. A typical use of `\special` would be to tell the device driver to incorporate the contents of a named graphics file into the output page. The `\special` command produces a whatsit that associates *<token list>* with a particular position on the page, namely, the position that a zero-size box would have had if such a box had appeared instead of the `\special` command. Any use you might make of `\special` depends strictly on the device drivers that you have available.

*Example:*

```
\special{graphic expic}  
% Display the graphics file 'expic' here.
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