

`\hyphenchar` *font* [*number* parameter]

T_EX doesn't necessarily use the '-' character at hyphenation points. Instead, it uses the `\hyphenchar` of the current font, which is usually '-' but need not be. If a font has a negative `\hyphenchar` value, T_EX won't hyphenate words in that font.

Note that *font* is a control sequence that names a font, not a *font-name* that names font files. Beware: an assignment to `\hyphenchar` is *not* undone at the end of a group. If you want to change `\hyphenchar` locally, you'll need to save and restore its original value explicitly.

Example:

```
\hyphenchar\tenrm = '-'
% Set hyphenation for tenrm font to '-'.
\hyphenchar\tentt = -1
% Don't hyphenate words in font tentt.
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