

`\omit`

This command tells T<sub>E</sub>X to ignore a template in a horizontal or vertical alignment while processing a particular column or row entry respectively. `\omit` must appear as the first item in a column or row entry; in effect, it overrides the template from the preamble with the simple template ‘#’.

*Example:*

```
\tabskip = 2em\halign{%
  \hfil\it#\hfil&\hfil#\hfil&##\hfil\$\#\cr
  United States&Washington&dollar&1.00\cr
  \omit \dotfill France\dotfill&Paris&franc&0.174\cr
  Israel&Jerusalem&shekel&0.507\cr
  Japan&Tokyo&yen&0.0829\cr}
```

*produces:*

<i>United States</i>	Washington	dollar	\$1.00
... France ...	Paris	franc	\$0.174
<i>Israel</i>	Jerusalem	shekel	\$0.507
<i>Japan</i>	Tokyo	yen	\$0.0829

*Example:*

```
{\hsize=1.2in \parindent=0pt
\valign{(\#)\strut&(\#)\strut&(\#)\strut&(\#)\strut\cr
  bernaise&curry&hoisin&hollandaise\cr
  ketchup&\omit\strut{\bf MARINARA!}&mayonnaise&mustard\cr
  rarebit&tartar\cr}}
```

*produces:*

(bernaise)	(ketchup)	(rarebit)
(curry)	<b>MARINARA!</b>	(tartar)
(hoisin)	(mayonnaise)	
(hollandaise)	(mustard)	