

`\hoffset` [ *<dimen>* parameter ]  
`\voffset` [ *<dimen>* parameter ]

T<sub>E</sub>X normally takes the “origin” of a page, that is, the point where it starts printing, as being one inch down from the top of the page and one inch to the right of the left end of the page.<sup>1</sup> The values of `\hoffset` and `\voffset` give the horizontal and vertical offset of the actual origin from this point. Thus if `\hoffset` and `\voffset` are both zero, T<sub>E</sub>X uses its normal origin.

*Example:*

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\hoffset = -.3in
% Start printing .7 inches from left edge of paper.
\voffset = 1in
% Start printing 2 inches from top edge of paper.
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<sup>1</sup> T<sub>E</sub>X itself is indifferent to where the origin of the page is, but this information has to be built into the device drivers that convert .dvi files into printable form so that different devices will yield the same results.