

`\llap`  $\langle argument \rangle$

`\rlap`  $\langle argument \rangle$

These commands enable you to produce text that overlaps whatever happens to be to the left or to the right of the current position. `\llap` backspaces by the width of  $\langle argument \rangle$  and then typesets  $\langle argument \rangle$ . `\rlap` is similar, except that it typesets  $\langle argument \rangle$  first and then backspaces. `\llap` and `\rlap` are useful for placing text outside of the current margins. Both `\llap` and `\rlap` do their work by creating a box of zero width.

You can also use `\llap` or `\rlap` to construct special characters by overprinting, but don't try it unless you're sure that the characters you're using have the same width (which is the case for a monospaced font such as `cmtt10`, the Computer Modern 10-point typewriter font).

*Example:*

```
\noindent\llap{off left }\line{\vrule $\Leftarrow$
left margin of examples\hfil right margin of examples
$\Rightarrow$\vrule}\rlap{ off right}
```

*produces:*

off left  $\Leftarrow$  left margin of examples

right margin of examples  $\Rightarrow$  off right