

`\newlinechar` [ *⟨number⟩* parameter ]

This parameter contains a character that indicates a new line on output. When T<sub>E</sub>X encounters this character while reading the argument of a `\write`, `\message`, or `\errmessage` command, it starts a new line. If `\newlinechar` is not in the range 0–255, there is no character that indicates a new line on output. Plain T<sub>E</sub>X sets `\newlinechar` to `-1`.

*Example:*

```
\newlinechar = '\^^J
\message{This message appears^^Jon two lines.}
```

*produces in the log:*

```
This message appears
on two lines.
```