

`\raggedright`  
`\ttraggedright`

These commands cause T<sub>E</sub>X to typeset your document “ragged right”. Interword spaces all have their natural size, i.e., they all have the same width and don’t stretch or shrink. Consequently the right margin is generally not even. The alternative, which is T<sub>E</sub>X’s default, is to typeset your document justified, i.e., with uniform left and right margins. In justified text, interword spaces are stretched in order to make the right margin even. Some typographers prefer ragged right because it avoids distracting “rivers” of white space on the printed page.

You should use the `\ttraggedright` command when typesetting text in a monospaced font and the `\raggedright` command when typesetting text in any other font.

Most of the time you’ll want to apply these commands to an entire document, but you can limit their effects by enclosing them in a group.

*Example:*

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*produces:*

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