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\tracingcommands   [⟨*number*⟩ parameter]

If this parameter is 1 or greater, TEX will record in the log file most commands that it executes. If \tracingonline is greater than zero, this information will also appear at your terminal. Typesetting the first character of a word counts as a command, but (for the purposes of the trace only) the actions of typesetting the subsequent characters and any punctuation following them do not count as commands. If \tracingcommands is 2 or greater, TEX will also record commands that are expanded rather than executed, e.g., conditional tests and their outcomes.

Example:
```
\tracingcommands = 1 If $x+y>0$ we quit.\par
On the other hand, \tracingcommands = 0
```
produces in the log:
```
{vertical mode: the letter I}
{horizontal mode: the letter I}
{blank space  }
{math shift character $}
{math mode: the letter x}
{the character +}
{the letter y}
{the character >}
{the character 0}
{math shift character $}
{horizontal mode: blank space  }
{the letter w}
{blank space  }
{the letter q}
{blank space  }
{\par}
{vertical mode: the letter O}
{horizontal mode: the letter O}
{blank space  }
{the letter t}
{blank space  }
{the letter o}
{blank space  }
{the letter h}
{blank space  }
{\tracingcommands}
```