

L^AT_EX Exposition

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1 Commands

1.1 newcommand

`\newcommand` can have `\par` while `\newcommand*` cannot
`newcommand{\name}[num][default]{definition}` with `default` being the default value for the first argument. For example

```
\newcommand{\wbalTwo}[2][Wikimedia]{
  This is the Wikibook about LaTeX
  supported by {#1} and {#2}!}
% in the document body:
\begin{itemize}
\item \wbalTwo{John Doe}
\item \wbalTwo[lots of users]{John Doe}
\end{itemize}
```

Reads

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1.2 xequal

`\mathbin` modifies the spacing around something so that it adheres to that of a binary operator, like `+`. `\mathrel` modifies the spacing to denote that of a binary relation, like `=`. For example

Binary relations

L ^A T _E X	Typeset	width
$\$x=x\$$	$x = x$	24.76376pt
$\$x\backslash\mathrm{mathbin}{=}\$x\$$	$x = x$	23.65268pt
$\$x\backslash\mathrm{mathrel}{=}\$x\$$	$x = x$	24.76376pt

Binary operators

L ^A T _E X	Typeset	width
$\$x+x\$$	$x + x$	23.65268pt
$\$x\backslash\mathrm{mathbin}{+}\$x\$$	$x + x$	23.65268pt
$\$x\backslash\mathrm{mathrel}{+}\$x\$$	$x + x$	24.76376pt

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$\$x=x\$$	$x = x$	24.76376pt
$\$x\backslash\mathrm{stackbin}[c]{a}{=}\$x\$$	$x \stackrel{a}{=} x$	23.65268pt
$\$x\backslash\mathrm{stackrel}[c]{a}{=}\$x\$$	$x \stackrel{\frac{a}{c}}{=} x$	24.76376pt

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`mkern` gives horizontal space which must be measured by `mu`. For example

L ^A T _E X	Typeset
$\$ab\$$	ab
$\$a\backslash\mathrm{mkern}10\mathrm{mu} \ b\$$	$a \ b$