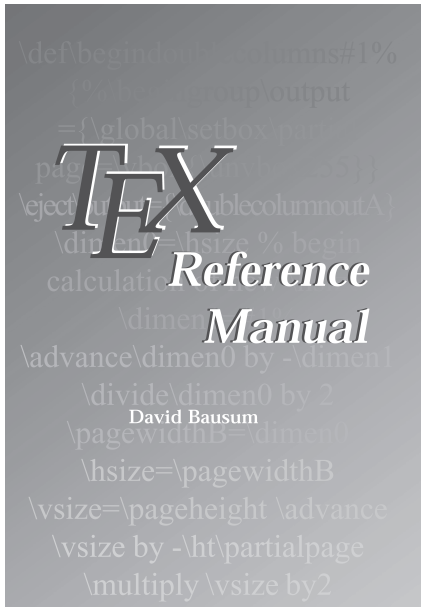


# TEX Reference Manual

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The *TeX Reference Manual* is the first comprehensive reference manual written by a programmer for programmers. It contains reference pages for each of TeX's 325 primitive control sequences. Over 80% of its reference pages contain examples that range from simple to challenging. Each example is typeset verbatim in a style which is easy to read and experiment with. *TeX Reference Manual* also just typesets the example, so you can see what it makes, and explains how the example works. The description on each primitive's reference page is an annotated discussion of *The TeXbook's* treatment of the primitive. That means a TeX user will find it natural to move back and forth between the two books. One of *TeX Reference Manual's* innovative features is families. They simplify the search for the primitive which performs a particular task.



Primitive Control Sequences			
Family Name		Type	Description
Box (29)	Logic (20)	C	Command (163)
Character (16)	Macro (20)	D	Derived Command (17)
Debugging (25)	Marks (4)	IQ	Internal Quantity (42)
File I/O (13)	Math (69)	PI	Parameter (integer) (55)
Fonts (5)	Page (13)	PD	Parameter (dimen) (21)
Glue (12)	Paragraph (30)	PG	Parameter (glue) (15)
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