

**NAME**

eplain – expanded plain TeX

**SYNOPSIS**

**eplain** [ first-line ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**eplain** is an extension of plain TeX originally described in the book *TeX for troff for the Impatient*. It adds these features (among others) to plain TeX:

- left-justified displays
- double-column output
- tables of contents
- `\hrule` and `\vrule` with a different default than 0.4pt
- time of day
- verbatim file listing
- generalized footnotes
- blank and black boxes
- citations using BIBTeX

**FILES**

*eplain/doc/eplain.texi*

TeXable documentation of **etex** macros in **texinfo** format.

*eplain.info*\*

Online GNU Emacs **info**(1) files produced from *eplain.texi*.

**SEE ALSO**

<https://tug.org/eplain/>

<https://ctan.org/pkg/graphics-pln>

<https://ctan.org/pkg/optex>

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Karl Berry, *eplain*, TUGboat 11(4), 571--572, 1990,

<https://tug.org/TUGboat/tb11-4/tb30resources.pdf>

Paul W. Abrahams with Karl Berry and Kathryn A. Hargreaves, *TeX for troff for the Impatient*,

<https://ctan.org/pkg/impatient>