

File not found error*

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1 Introduction

When LaTeX 2_ε is unable to find a file it will ask for an alternative file name. However, sometimes the problem is only noticed by TeX, and in that case TeX insists on getting a valid file name; any other attempt to leave this error loop will fail.¹ Many users try to respond in the same way as to normal error messages, e.g. by typing *<return>*, or *s* or *x*, but TeX will interpret this as a file name and will ask again.

To provide a graceful exit out of this loop, we define a number of files which emulate the normal behavior of TeX in the error loop as far as possible.

After installing these files the user can respond with *h*, *q*, *r*, *s*, *e*, *x*, and on some systems also with *<return>* to TeX's missing file name question.

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¹On some systems, TeX accepts a special character denoting the end of file to return from this loop, e.g. Control-D on UNIX or Control-Z on DOS.