
IBM techexplorer Hypermedia Browser User's Guide

IBM's **techexplorer** is a Web browser for readers and publishers of scientific articles, books, and journals on the Internet. A Netscape Navigator plug-in, it dynamically formats and displays documents containing expressions coded with the popular TeX and LaTeX markup languages.

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What is techexplorer?

The IBM **techexplorer** Hypermedia Browser is a Web browser plug-in for people who read or publish scientific articles, books, and journals on the Internet. If you fit that description and use Netscape Navigator 2.0 for Windows 95 or Windows NT as your browser, then you probably need this accessory!

IBM **techexplorer** dynamically formats and displays documents containing scientific and mathematical expressions that are coded with the popular TeX and LaTeX markup languages. It supports a large subset of TeX and LaTeX markup.

Wondering why only a subset? We've chosen the tags that you need for **electronic** publishing of your documents, the tags that will enhance your Web presence, and extend your commercial reach to readers who perhaps don't have access to or don't subscribe to the hardcopy equivalent of your articles, books, and journals.

What are the benefits of techexplorer?

- **techexplorer is easy to download and install.** When the **techexplorer** plug-in installs itself, it is auto-registered with Netscape Navigator to handle Web documents with the file extension "tex" or "tcx," or MIME type "application/x-tex" or "application/x-techexplorer."
- **techexplorer optimizes the readability of online documentation.** You can choose among several options to customize **techexplorer** to your preferences as a reader and author of scientific and mathematical documents. For example, because **techexplorer** uses the fonts available on *your machine*, you can use the fonts you prefer, such as TrueType fonts, rather than Computer Modern fonts.
- **techexplorer supports hypertext, multimedia, pop-up menus, and other document extensions.** All of these can help you produce engaging and highly functional documents for distribution on the Internet.
- **techexplorer source documents process quickly.** Because they are small (often a quarter the size of portable document formats), **techexplorer** documents format and display rapidly. **techexplorer** is ideal for working with a series of hyperlinked documents that move quickly to your desktop and into view. And **techexplorer** can link to other Web documents even if they are not **techexplorer** documents.

How do I install techexplorer?

1. Make sure you have installed:

- Windows 95 or Windows NT
- An official product release of Netscape Navigator 2.0 or later

2. Create a temp directory

Using Microsoft Explorer or File Manager, create a temporary directory. You will download the self-extracting zip file into this directory.

3. Download the file

Return to the **techexplorer** page (<http://www.ics.raleigh.ibm.com/ics/techexp.htm>) and click **download techexplorer now**.

After you accept the license agreement, then download the self-extracting installation file.

4. Extract the installation files

Using Microsoft Explorer or File Manager, change to the directory where you downloaded the file, and double-click the file.

5. Exit Netscape Navigator

6. Install techexplorer

Run **setup.exe** in the directory where you extracted the installation file.

7. Restart Netscape Navigator

What's next?

Now that you have **techexplorer** installed, you can access navigational aids and extensive customization options by clicking the right mouse button within a **techexplorer** window.

Note: While viewing a document, you might see some formatting instructions, such as \hookrightarrow, in red within the document. This is **techexplorer**'s way of letting you know it could not find the corresponding symbol from the fonts on your machine. **techexplorer** is honest about what it cannot do or what is unavailable!

For details on how to use **techexplorer** to its fullest, see:

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Chapter 2. Viewing techexplorer documents

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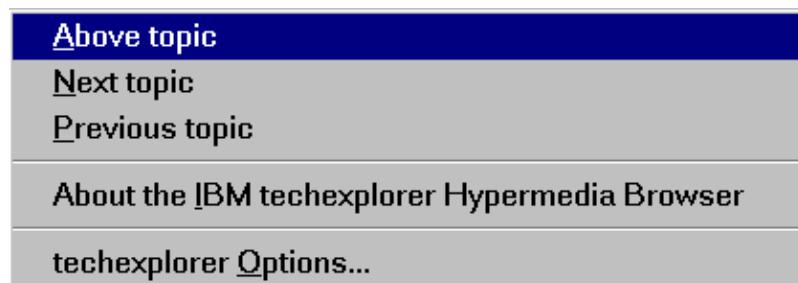
Overview

To view a document that has been enhanced by **techexplorer**, just open the document using Netscape Navigator. To do this, start Navigator and choose the "File | Open" menu selection. (If you are using Navigator Gold, the selection may be "File | Open File In Browser".)

This is a convenient way to view **techexplorer** files that you have downloaded from the Web or created yourself.

Note: While viewing a document, you might see some formatting instructions in red within the document, such as \hookrightarrow. This is **techexplorer**'s way of letting you know it tried but couldn't find the corresponding symbol from among the fonts on your machine. If you have fonts that you would like to see **techexplorer** support, please send e-mail to techexpl@watson.ibm.com.

You have several options when viewing documents and expressions formatted by **techexplorer**. To choose your options, click the right mouse button within the plug-in window, and then select **techexplorer Options** from the pop-up menu.



Navigating in and between documents

techexplorer documents displayed in full-screen mode support the Netscape Navigator backward/forward document navigational chain.

A **techexplorer** document may contain information that places the document within a hierarchy of network documents. For example, the displayed document might be a section within a chapter within a series of textbooks. In this case, the *above topic* would be the containing chapter, the *previous topic* would be the pre-

vious section in the chapter (if any), and the *next topic* would be the next section (if any).

To link to any of these topics, click your right mouse button on an empty area of the plug-in window, and then choose **Above topic**, **Previous topic**, or **Next topic** from the pop-up menu. See “Hierarchical document support” on page 17 to learn how to add these features to your documents.

Choosing fonts

Click the right mouse button within the plug-in window, and then select **techexplorer Options** from the pop-up menu. If you do not see a pop-up menu, you may need to right-click elsewhere within the plug-in window, since authors can customize the pop-up menus in their **techexplorer** documents.

Text fonts

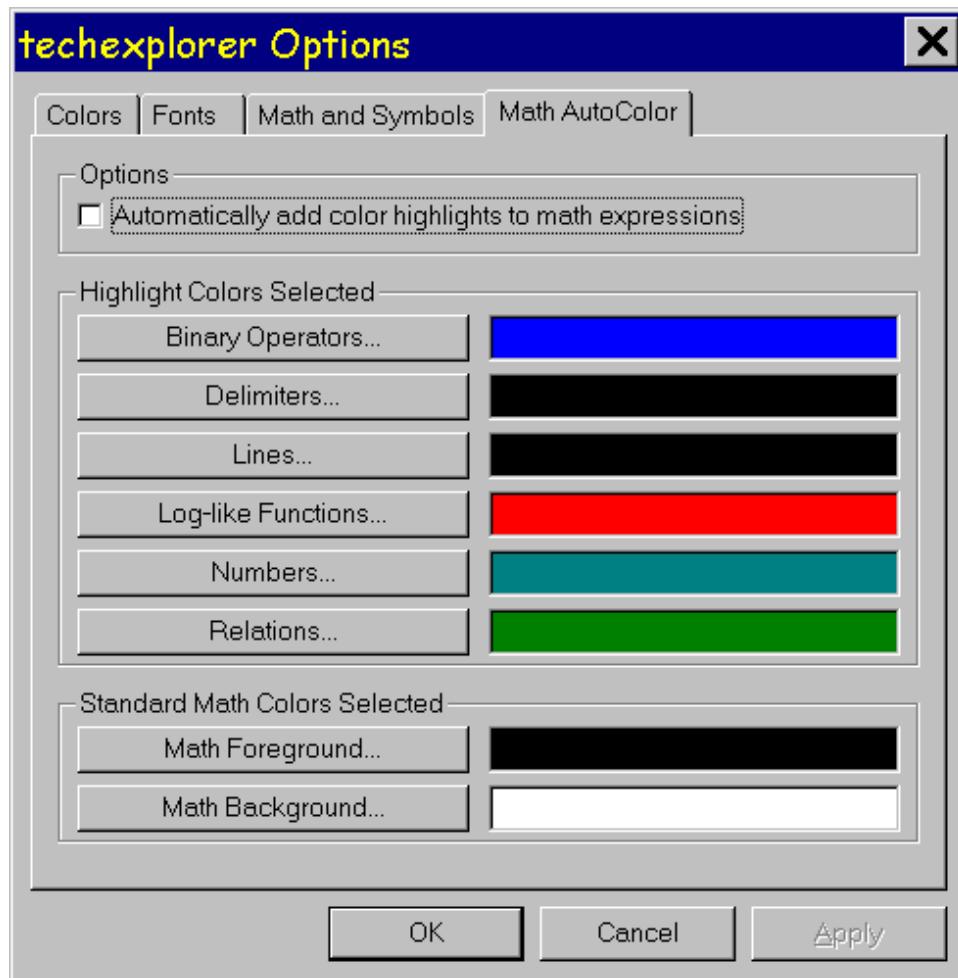
You can select four font typefaces and point sizes for text display. The following size modifiers are all computed proportionally to the sizes you select:

- \tiny
- \footnotesize
- \small
- \normalsize
- \large
- \Large
- \LARGE
- \huge

Use \TrueTypeTextFont to locally change the current font.

The four font typefaces are:

- The **Roman Font** is the default standard font and the font that is explicitly selected by \rm. This font is also used in its bold form for the \bf selection, and in its italic form for the \it and \sl selections.
- The **Sans Serif Font** is selected via \sf. Most sans serif fonts at a given point size appear to be actually 5 to 10% larger than the "same size" serif fonts, so the default Sans Serif Font size is slightly smaller than the Roman Font size.
- The **Monospace Font** is used within verbatim text (gotten by the \verb control sequence or the verbatim L^AT_EX environment). It can also be selected via \tt. This font is also used in input edit boxes.
- The **Math Font** is used in italic for text within math expressions. One usually chooses a font that is the same as the Roman Font or within the same family as the symbol font set (for example, the Lucida Bright font family).



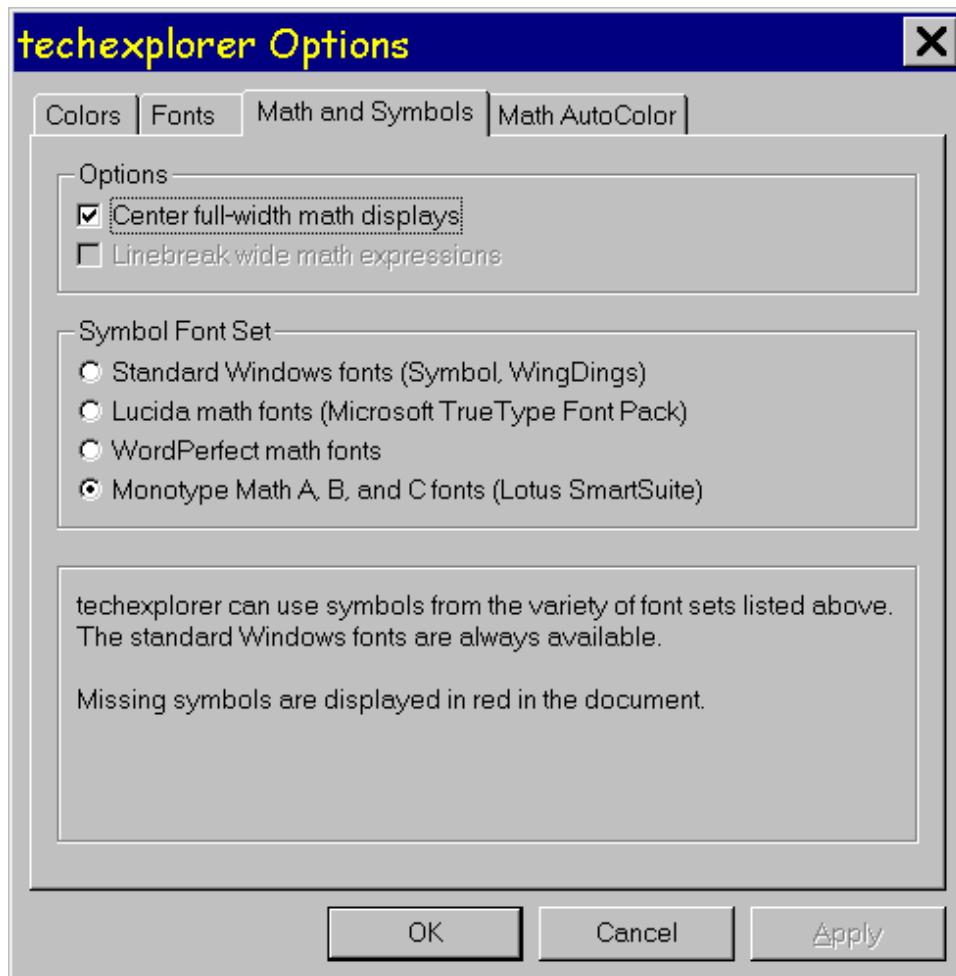
The Fonts Options page provides convenient buttons to quickly increase or decrease the sizes of all fonts by one point. The minimum font size is 8 points.

Your selections are automatically remembered. Click **OK** to update all **techexplorer** windows. If you wish to experiment, click **Apply** to see the effect of your selections. Click **Cancel** to undo your **Apply**.

Symbol font sets

In addition to the fonts it uses for regular, italic, sans serif, and monospace text, **techexplorer** supports four different sets of fonts from which it gets its mathematical symbols, Greek letters, and so on. These sets, in decreasing order of completeness, are:

1. The Monotype Math fonts shipped with *Lotus WordPro* and *Lotus SmartSuite*. This set is 100% complete.
2. The Lucida Bright Math fonts that are part of the Microsoft TrueType Font Pack. This set is 90% complete.
3. The WordPerfect Math and IconicSymbols fonts. This set is 90% complete.
4. The standard Microsoft Windows Symbol and WingDings fonts. This set is 70% complete.



The **techexplorer** plug-in initially looks at what is available on your computer and tries to use the most complete set of fonts, based on the order in the list above. You can choose the font set you wish to use from the **Math and Symbols** tab of the **techexplorer Options**. If a font set is not available on your computer, you will not be able to select it. Your selection is automatically remembered. Click **OK** to update all **techexplorer** windows. If you wish to experiment, click **Apply** to see the effect of your selection. Click **Cancel** to undo your **Apply**.

A symbol that is not available is displayed in red in the document, as in \hookrightarrow. **techexplorer** provides fixed-size, fixed-color bitmaps for several of the most commonly used symbols that are missing from the standard Microsoft Windows Symbol and WingDings fonts.

If you have **techexplorer** installed, you can look at a sample document containing the available symbols.

If you know of other TrueType math symbol fonts that we should support, please send e-mail to techexpl@watson.ibm.com.

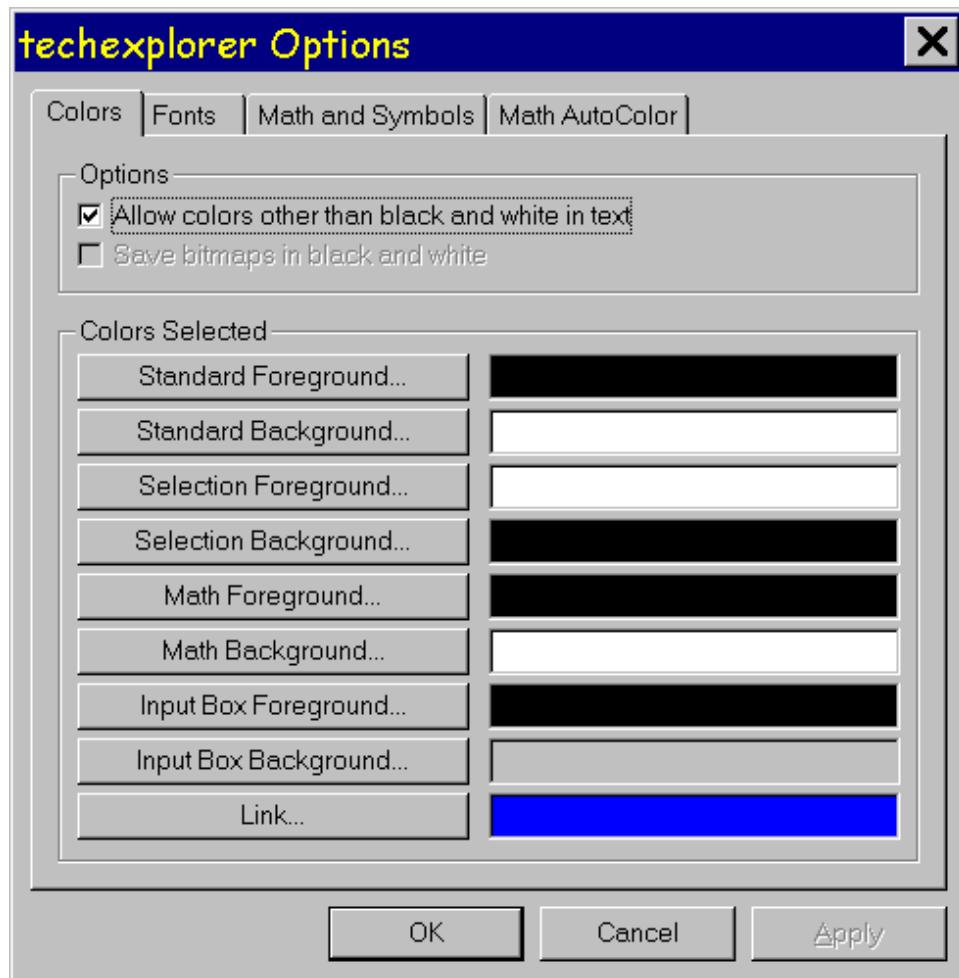
Choosing colors

You can choose the foreground and background colors for many elements of the **techexplorer** display, as well as selectively set the colors for elements within math expressions.

Foreground and background colors

The *foreground color* is the color of the characters in the text. The *background color* is the color of the screen behind the characters. The colors you can set are:

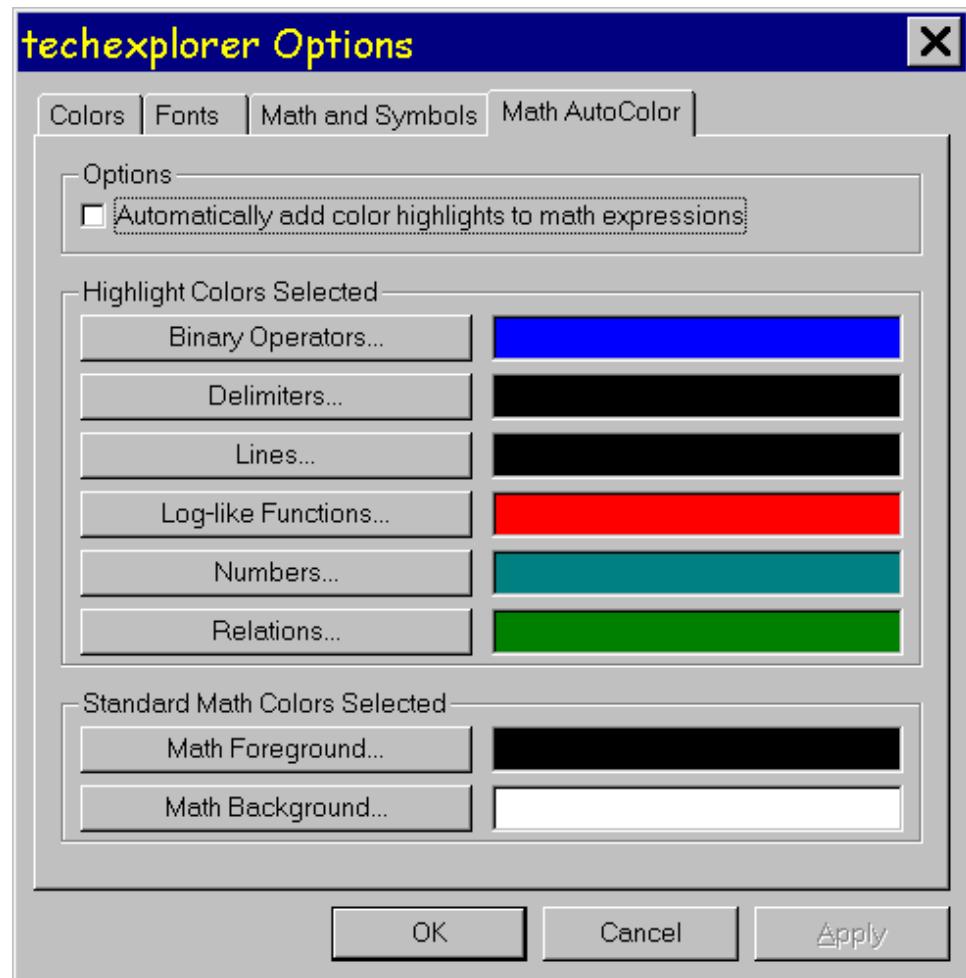
- **Standard:** The color of the non-math text in headings and the body of the document. The `\pagecolor` control sequence overrides the default standard background color. Use the `\color` and `\textcolor` control sequences to locally override the standard foreground color.
- **Selection:** The color of any selected text or expression. Select an expression by clicking the left mouse button and dragging out a rectangle. The left-most expression fully contained in the box becomes selected.
- **Math:** The color of non-selected math expressions. **techexplorer** also allows you to selectively set the colors of elements within math expressions. See “Math AutoColor” on page 10 for details. Use the `\color` and `\textcolor` control sequences to locally override the math foreground color.
- **Input Box:** The color of input edit boxes.
- **Link:** The foreground color of text contained within a link.



If you wish to use only black and white in text, uncheck the box labelled “Allow colors other than black and white in text.” Your selections are automatically remembered. Click **OK** to update all **techexplorer** windows. If you wish to experiment, click **Apply** to see the effect of your selections. Click **Cancel** to undo your **Apply**.

Math AutoColor

By default, mathematical expressions within **techexplorer** are displayed using the Math Foreground color as described in the previous section. It may be easier to comprehend an expression if a range of colors is used in its display. You can choose different colors for the standard elements within the expressions from the **Math AutoColor** tab of the **techexplorer Options**.



Be sure to check the “Automatically add color highlights to math expressions.” box to have your color scheme used. Your selections are automatically remembered. Click **OK** to update all **techexplorer** windows. If you wish to experiment, click **Apply** to see the effect of your selections. Click **Cancel** to undo your **Apply**.

Chapter 3. Creating a **techexplorer** document

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Overview

techexplorer supports a large subset of TeX and LaTeX. It adds features for hypertext, multimedia, pop-up menus, and other extensions so that you can produce sophisticated electronic scientific and technical documents for Internet distribution.

Once you have installed the **techexplorer** plug-in, you will be able to view a number of examples directly.

We will not review the definitions of common TeX and LaTeX features; refer to your TeX and LaTeX documentation for details.

Guidelines for effective **techexplorer** documents

When you create a **techexplorer** document, you should use an editor that can save your file in plain text. That is, if you use a word processor, make sure that you choose to save the file in ASCII format.

In this release of **techexplorer**, very long documents may not format correctly and, even if they do, may process very slowly. You should break a long document into smaller ones and then add hypertext links, hierarchical document support, and cross references between the smaller documents. In fact, this is a good general practice for Internet document distribution, since users of your documents can quickly receive and view document sections on demand. See 16 through 18 for tips on adding hypertext links, hierarchical document supports, and cross references.

You should build flexibility into your **techexplorer** documents so that they can display on a variety of users' screens. Avoid thinking in terms of a fixed page width. Also, one document is one page, so control sequences that do page ejects, set running titles, and do similar page-oriented things are usually accepted by **techexplorer** but have no effect.

And finally, as you create **techexplorer** documents, be sure that all contained document names mentioned are absolute (for example: `http://...)` or relative to the current document (for example: `\includegraphics{mylogo.bmp}`). **techexplorer** and Navigator will work together to find the files when your viewers request them.

Setting window mode or full-screen mode

techexplorer can display a mathematical or scientific expression within a window in the display of a document. (This is usually an HTML document, but it could also be a document displayed by another plug-in that can itself embed plug-ins.) Or it can display the entire document in the Netscape Navigator display area.

When the **techexplorer** plug-in installs itself, it becomes auto-registered with Netscape Navigator to handle Web documents with file extension "tex" or "tcx," or MIME type "application/x-tex" or "application/x-techexplorer."

To set a fixed window size for the display of a document containing mathematical or scientific expressions, use the EMBED HTML tag to define the size of the window and the source file containing the **techexplorer** expression or document to be displayed. The SRC attribute gives the relative or absolute URL (location) of the file to be displayed. The WIDTH and HEIGHT attributes assert the desired size of the plug-in window, in pixels. For example:

```
<EMBED SRC="math.tex" WIDTH=500 HEIGHT=200>
```

For full-screen mode, Netscape Navigator uses the **techexplorer** plug-in when it is asked to link to a file with extension "tex" or "tcx," or MIME type "application/x-tex" or "application/x-techexplorer." The **techexplorer** plug-in itself can link to other documents on the network in this way, even if they are not **techexplorer** documents.

Including TeX and LaTeX symbols

These symbols are obtained from the symbol font set you are using. See "Symbol font sets" on page 7 for details. A symbol that is not available is displayed in red in the document. **techexplorer** provides fixed-size, fixed-color bitmaps for several of the most commonly used symbols that are missing from the standard Microsoft Windows Symbol and WingDings fonts.

Greek lowercase

```
\alpha \beta \gamma \delta \epsilon \varepsilon \zeta
\eta \theta \vartheta \iota \kappa \lambda \mu \nu \xi
\pi \varpi \rho \varrho \sigma \varsigma \tau \upsilon
\phi \varphi \chi \psi \omega
```

Greek uppercase

```
\Gamma \Delta \Theta \Lambda \Xi \Pi \Sigma \Upsilon
\Phi \Psi \Omega
```

Arrow symbols

```
\leftarrow \Leftarrow \rightarrow \Rightarrow
\rightleftarrows \Leftrightarrow \mapsto \hookleftarrow
\leftrightsquigarrow \leftrightsquigarrow \rightsquigarrow \rightleftharpoons
\longleftarrow \Longleftarrow \longrightarrow \longrightarrow
\Longrightarrow \longleftrightarrow \Longleftrightarrow
\longmapsto \hookrightarrow \rightharpoonup
\rightharpoondown \leadsto \uparrow \Uparrow \downarrow \Downarrow
\downarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow \nearrow \searrow
\swarrow \nwarrow
```

Binary operation symbols

```
\pm \mp \times \div \ast \star \circ \bullet \cdot \cap
\cup \uplus \sqcap \sqcup \vee \wedge \setminus \wr
\diamond \bigtriangleup \bigtriangledown \triangleleft
\triangleleft \triangleleft \triangleleft \triangleleft \triangleleft \oplus \ominus
\otimes \oslash \odot \bigcirc \dagger \ddagger \amalg
```

Relation symbols

```
\leq \prec \preceq \ll \subset \subseteq \sqsubset
\sqsubseteq \in \vdash \geq \succ \succeq \gg \supset
\supseteq \sqsupset \sqsupseteq \ni \dashv \equiv \sim
\simeq \asymp \approx \cong \neq \doteq \models
\perp \mid \parallel \bowtie \Join \smile \frown
```

Miscellaneous symbols

```
\aleph \hbar \imath \jmath \ell \wp \Re \Im \mho \prime
\emptyset \nabla \surd \top \bot \angle \forall \exists
\neg \flat \natural \sharp \backslash \partial \infty
\Box \Diamond \triangle \clubsuit \diamondsuit
\heartsuit \spadesuit \aa \AA \ae \AE \copyright \dag
\ddag \ldots \P \pounds \o \O \oe \OE \S \ss \A
\E \I \O \U \a \e \i
\o \u \cents \registered \trademark \lfloor
\rfloor \lceil \rceil \langle \rangle \varnothing \vert
\Vert
```

Variable-sized symbols

```
\sum \prod \coprod \int \oint \bigcap \bigcup \bigcup \bigcup
\bigvee \bigwedge \bigodot \bigotimes \bigoplus \bigplus
```

Including hypertext links and multimedia

A *link* causes something to happen when the link is executed. When the cursor passes over a link, it turns into the familiar "pointing hand" cursor, indicating a hot spot. In **techexplorer**, a visible link is executed when you click the left mouse button or press the Ctrl-Enter key when the mouse cursor is over the link. Links are not underlined in **techexplorer**, because any expression can be contained in the hot spot, even a complicated mathematical one. By default, links are displayed in blue, but you can change this in the Color options page. See "Choosing colors" on page 9 for details.

Links are also used with pop-up menus and can be executed in response to user actions in dialog boxes created by \inputboxLink and \yesNoLink. See "Including pop-up menus" on page 20 and "Other link types" on page 19 for details.

Hypertext links

Use \docLink to jump to another network document and \labelLink to jump to another location within the same document.

\docLink

```
\docLink{documentFileName}[label]{textToDisplay}
```

This is a (possibly) non-local hypertext link. The documentFileName URL can be a TeX file or an arbitrary URL; Netscape Navigator might display the document itself or invoke **techexplorer** or another plug-in.

This link displays textToDisplay in the document. When executed, the document with the given documentFileName is loaded, and is scrolled so that the heading with the given optional label is visible. If the label is omitted or not present in the document, the beginning of the document is displayed.

Known problem: The display may overwrite itself while it scrolls to the correct location given by label.

See \labelLink for information about hypertext links within the same document. If necessary, use \verb with documentFileName if it contains backslashes or other special characters.

\labelLink

```
\labelLink{label}{textToDisplay}
```

This is a local hypertext link. This link displays textToDisplay in the document. When executed, the document is scrolled so that the heading with the given label is visible. The label must be present in the current document. Use \docLink to jump to a label in another document.

```
\label{label}
```

Use the \label control sequence to set a label target for a hypertext link. For example:

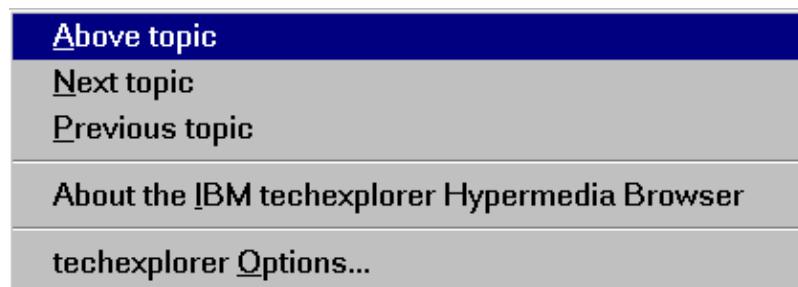
```
\section{4.2 Elementary Functions}\label{elemfuns}
```

It could be used in this way with \labelLink:

For more information, see \label{elemfun}{\S 4.2}.

Hierarchical document support

A **techexplorer** document itself may contain information that places itself within a hierarchy of network documents. For example, the displayed document might be a section within a chapter within a series of textbooks. In this example, the *above topic* would be the containing chapter, the *previous topic* would be the previous section in the chapter (if any), and the *next topic* would be the next section (if any). You link to one of these topics by right-clicking on an empty area of the plug-in window and then choosing **Above topic**, **Previous topic**, or **Next topic** from the pop-up menu.



\aboveTopic

```
\aboveTopic{topicName}
```

This defines **topicName** to be the "above topic" for the current document. **topicName** can be an arbitrary URL (document location) on the network. Netscape Navigator is used to get the document, so **topicName** need not be a **techexplorer** document. When this topic is defined, the **Above topic** menu choice is enabled in the **techexplorer** pop-up menu.

\nextTopic

```
\nextTopic{topicName}
```

This defines **topicName** to be the "next topic" for the current document. **topicName** can be an arbitrary URL (document location) on the network. Netscape Navigator is used to get the document, so **topicName** need not be a **techexplorer** document. When this topic is defined, the **Next topic** menu choice is enabled in the **techexplorer** pop-up menu.

\previousTopic

```
\previousTopic{topicName}
```

This defines **topicName** to be the "previous topic" for the current document. **topicName** can be an arbitrary URL (document location) on the network. Netscape Navigator is used to get the document, so **topicName** need not be a **techexplorer** document. When this topic is defined, the **Previous topic** menu choice is enabled in the **techexplorer** pop-up menu.

Cross references

Rather than working with a single large document, **techexplorer** is optimized to work with a series of hyperlinked documents that move quickly to your desktop and onto your screen. When a reference is given to an object in another document, **techexplorer** needs to know the document location. Use \docLink to jump to another document and \labelLink to jump to another location within the same document, as described in "Hypertext links" on page 16.

Current restriction: In this release, **techexplorer** does not handle automatic numbering of sections, figures, and so on. The \ref and \pageref control sequences always display ???.

We suggest that you now manually label these items and create macros for expressions containing labels and referencing labels. These macros can be changed later if numbering support is enabled. For example,

```
\def\Section#1#2#3{\section{#1}\quad#2}\label{#3}

\def\SectionRef#1#2#3{\docLink{#2}{#3}{\S #1}}
```

The \Section macro accepts a section number (#1), a section title (#2), and a label (#3). It creates a standard heading with a label. The \SectionRef macro accepts a section number (#1), the name of the document containing the section (#2), and the label of the section within the document (#3).

Here are some additional similar macros that you may find useful in converting larger files to smaller, cross referenced ones:

```
\def\refGeneral#1#2#3#4{\docLink{#3.tex}{#1}{#4 #2}}%ref label, number, file

\def\refCorollary#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{Corollary}}

\def\refDefinition#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{Definition}}

\def\refLemma#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{Lemma}}

\def\refProposition#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{Proposition}}

\def\refRemark#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{Remark}}

\def\refSection#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{\S}{}}

\def\refTheorem#1#2#3{\refGeneral{#1}{#2}{#3}{Theorem}}</font>
```

You may find it helpful to create versions of these macros that work with local references (within the same file) and \labelLink, as described in "Hypertext links" on page 16.

Multimedia

\audioLink

```
\audioLink{audioFileName}{textToDisplay}
```

This link displays textToDisplay in the document. When executed, the audio file given by the URL audioFileName is played if your hardware supports sound. **techexplorer** currently supports only WAV sound files. The audio file is played asynchronously; control returns to **techexplorer** as soon as the sound begins.

If necessary, use \verb with audioFileName if it contains backslashes or other special characters.

\videoLink

```
\videoLink{videoFileName}{textToDisplay}
```

This link displays textToDisplay in the document. When executed, the video file videoFileName is played in a pop-up window. **techexplorer** uses the Windows MCI facilities to display the video, so the display success will depend on your hardware and on the video drivers installed. Once started, the video plays until its conclusion.

If necessary, use \verb with videoFileName if it contains backslashes or other special characters.

\includeGraphics

```
\includegraphics [lowerLeft] [upperRight]{imageFileName}
```

This control sequence displays the image contained in the document imageFileName. If the image is being received from the Internet, there may be a delay in rendering; the image may arrive after the document does.

Current restrictions

- The lowerLeft and upperRight optional parameters are ignored.
- In this version, only Windows Device Independent bitmaps (.dib or .bmp) files are supported.
- The \includegraphics* version is supported only to the extent that is treated identically to \includegraphics.

Other link types

\altLink

```
\altLink{secondDisplay}{firstDisplay}
```

An *alternating link* is used to show one of two possible displays. When you click the link, the display alternates between the two possibilities.

\appLink

```
\appLink{commandLine}{textToDisplay}
```

This link displays textToDisplay in the document. When executed, the given commandLine is passed to the operating system for execution. In the case of Windows, control returns to **techexplorer** once the command line is executed. The command line can be created by evaluating control sequences, particularly those assigned to input areas. For example:

Enter the name of the file:
\fbox{\inputbox[2in]{\TheFileName}{\verb+c:\autoexec.bat+}}\newline Click \appLink{NOTEPAD \TheFileName}{\buttonbox{here}} to edit the file.

Current restriction: For security reasons, this link type is disabled in this release of **techexplorer**.

\inputboxLink

```
\inputboxLink[responseLink]{controlSequence}{inputboxText}  
{dialogBoxDescription}{dialogBoxCaption}{textToDisplay}
```

This link creates a dialog box containing the text in dialogBoxDescription and an input edit box initially containing the text inputboxText. See “Input boxes” on page 25 for details. The dialog box has the titlebar caption given by dialogBoxCaption. If dialogBoxCaption is empty, then the application title is used. This link displays textToDisplay in the document.

If the user clicks **OK**, then the control sequence controlSequence is given the value entered in the edit box by the user. If present, the responseLink link is executed after **OK** has been chosen. The text within responseLink may refer to controlSequence.

If the user clicks **Cancel** instead, the control sequence is given the value **!-Cancel-!**.

\popupLink

```
\popupLink{popupText}{popupCaption}{textToDisplay}
```

This link creates a pop-up window containing the question in popupText. The pop-up window has the titlebar caption given by popupCaption. If popupCaption is empty, then the application title is used. This link displays textToDisplay in the document.

Current restriction The text is displayed with no formatting.

\yesNoLink

```
\yesNoLink[responseLink]  
{controlSequence}{dialogBoxQuestion}  
{dialogBoxCaption}{textToDisplay}
```

This link creates a dialog box containing the question in dialogBoxQuestion. The dialog box has the titlebar caption given by dialogBoxCaption. If dialogBoxCaption is empty, then the application title is used. This link displays textToDisplay in the document.

The dialog box contains two buttons, labelled **Yes** and **No**. After the user clicks one of them, the controlSequence is given the value YESor NO. If present, the responseLink link is executed after a yes/no choice has been made. The text within responseLink may refer to controlSequence.

Including pop-up menus

techexplorer allows you to define and use nested pop-up menus (sometimes called *context menus*). A pop-up menu appears when you click the alternate mouse button. For most users, this will be the right mouse button. For this reason, we'll refer to clicking the alternate mouse button as “right-clicking.” Every **techexplorer** document has a default pop-up menu, as shown in “Overview” on page 13. This menu is fixed and you cannot modify it.

Other menus may appear if you right-click over elements of the text. We'll now show you how to define and use custom pop-up menus that you can attach to any element of the text. You also might want to return to the **techexplorer** page (<http://www.ics.raleigh.ibm.com/ics/techexp.htm>) to look at an example of user-defined pop-up menus.

\newmenu

```
\newmenu{menuName}{menuDefinition} }
```

Assigns a menu definition to `menuName` for later use with `\usemenu`. A menu definition is a sequence of links, rules, and `\usemenu` submenu entries for previously defined menus. Anything else in the definition is discarded. `menuName` is visible throughout all documents, so choose a unique name for each menu definition unless you specifically want to overwrite a previous one. This is especially important if your menu definitions are generated by an application.

Separators: Any kind of rule is treated as an item separator. This appears as a horizontal line separating text items in the menu. You can use `\rule`, `\hrule`, or `\vrule` to create a separator.

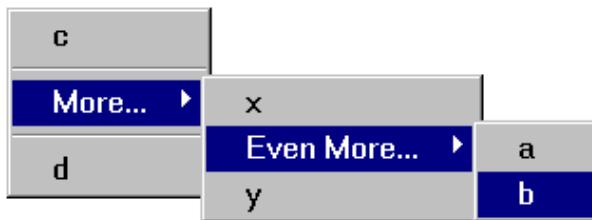
Menu text: Links create executable text items in menus. The display text associated with the link is simplified (for example, control sequences are removed) and the link is executed when the menu item is clicked.

Note that if the "data" argument of a link is empty, then the menu item will be disabled and will be displayed in gray. Thus `\docLink{}{Examples}` will be present in the menu but will be gray and inactive.

If the display text contains a '&', the letter immediately following the ampersand will be underlined. If you press that letter when the context menu is displayed, the corresponding link will be executed. That is, the letter is a "hot key" for the link when the menu is visible.

Submenus: A menu within a menu is a *submenu*. First use `\newmenu` for each submenu definition and then use `\usemenu` entries to put them in the larger menu.

Here is a definition of a submenu within a submenu within a menu. It produces a nested context menu that looks like this when fully open:



Define the innermost submenu: `\newmenu{SubSubMenu}{ \docLink{a}{a} \docLink{b}{b} }`

Define a submenu containing the above: `\newmenu{SubMenu}{\docLink{x}{x} \usemenu{SubSubMenu}{Even More...} \docLink{y}{y} }`

```
Define the main context menu: \newmenu{TheMenu}{ \docLink{c}{c} \hrule  
\usemenu{SubMenu}{More...} \hrule \docLink{d}{d}}
```

Definitions: Menu definitions can occur in macro definitions. The menu name can be manufactured from the macro arguments.

Current restriction: You are limited to a total of 64 menu link entries. This does not include separators or entries for submenus.

\usemenu

```
\usemenu{menuName}{menuScope} }
```

Assigns a menu to a section of text. The menuName refers to a menu definition previously created by \newmenu.

Nested Menus: These expressions can be nested; menuScope can contain other \usemenu instances. When you right-click on an area of the screen, the innermost context menu that applies to that area is used.

Document Menus: If you wish to include an entire document within the scope of a menu, you must use a \vbox within the menuScope argument:

```
\usemenu{DocMenu}{\vbox{ ... }}
```

The remaining content of the document should be within the \vbox, except perhaps for a preceding \newmenu definition. To activate the menu, you should right-click on a visible item within the document. That is, click over the text, not the whitespace. If you wish to access the **techexplorer** default document pop-up menu, you will need to right-click somewhere out of the area included by the \vbox. This will most likely be near the left or right margin or at the very top or very bottom of the document.

Including colors

techexplorer provides the following control sequences for adding color to a document: \color, \colorbox, \colorbuttonbox, \pagecolor, \rgb, and \textcolor. All except \rgb and \colorbuttonbox are defined by LaTeX 2e.

The following color names can be used when needed within these control sequences: black, blue, cyan, darkgray, gray, green, lightgray, magenta, red, white, yellow, maroon, olive, navy, purple, teal, silver, lime, fuchsia, and aqua. Some of these colors are not available in LaTeX 2e. Use the Color options page (see “Choosing colors” on page 9) to change the default colors of document elements.

If you have already installed **techexplorer**, return to the **techexplorer** page (<http://www.ics.raleigh.ibm.com/ics/techexp.htm>) to see examples of these color commands.

Current restriction: The LaTeX 2e features \definecolor and \fcolorbox are not supported.

\color

```
\color{colorName}
```

Changes the color of text. Normal scoping rules apply, so include this control sequence in a group if you intend to localize the color choice. Also, you usually do not want to include whitespace between this specification and the text whose color is to be set to colorName. You can use \rgb to create custom color mixes. Colors can also be used in math mode.

\colorbox

```
\colorbox{colorName}{text}
```

Places text in a box with the given background color colorName.

\colorbuttonBox

```
\colorbuttonbox[invert]{colorName}{text}
```

Produces a box around text that looks like a button with color colorName. If invert is present, the button appears to be pressed.

\pagecolor

```
\pagecolor{colorName}
```

Changes the background color for a whole document. colorName must be a color specification (as in \color; also see \rgb). It is local to the document in which it appears.

\rgb

```
\rgb{red}{green}{blue}
```

Custom mix your own colors using the integer RGB color scheme. This control sequence takes three arguments, each of which must be a whole number between 0 and 255, inclusive. The first is the red value, the second is the green value, and the third is the blue value. Of course, the number of colors supported by your hardware will greatly affect the colors you see.

When all three values are the same, you get a shade of gray. The color black is \rgb{0}{0}{0} and the color white is \rgb{255}{255}{255}.

\textcolor

```
\textcolor{colorName}{text}
```

Acts as a macro for {\color{colorName}text}.

Using macros

An important difference between TeX and **techexplorer** currently is that in **techexplorer**, all macros are globally available. This allows macros defined in one document to be used without redefinition in another document. Together with \inputonce (see “Document contents” on page 26), this allows greater document transmission and processing efficiency.

techexplorer implements a subset of the TeX \def macro facilities and the LaTeX \newcommand, \renewcommand, and \providecommand facilities. \newcommand, \renewcommand, and \providecommand are all treated like \newcommand with no check for previous definition.

Current restrictions

- Macros defined within group scope actually have global scope.
- Macros defined with \def can have only simple parameters, not delimited ones. For example, \def\Thx#1#2#3{ ... } is fine, but \def\Thx #1,#2.#3{ ... } is not.

Including other elements

Directory lists

```
\begin{dirlist}[format]... \end{dirlist}
```

The dirlist or "directory list" environment is a multicolumn list environment that automatically sizes itself and adjusts the number and widths of columns based on the current window width. The list elements are separated by ampersands (&). The dirlist environment has an optional argument of format that determines the formatting of the columns and the way the elements are flowed in the list.

| Format | Result |
|--------|---|
| lv | Elements are left-justified in columns, and flowed vertically (that is, down the first column, then down the second, and so on). |
| cv | Elements are centered, and flowed vertically (that is, down the first column, then down the second, and so on). |
| rv | Elements are right-justified, and flowed vertically (that is, down the first column, then down the second, and so on). |
| lh | Elements are left-justified in columns, and flowed horizontally (that is, across the first row, then across the second, and so on). |
| ch | Elements are centered, and flowed horizontally (that is, across the first row, then across the second, and so on). |
| rh | Elements are right-justified, and flowed horizontally (that is, across the first row, then across the second, and so on). |

Example:

```
\begin{dirlist}[lv]
nd-dlist.cpp & nd-dlist.bak & globstr.h &
nd-tabul.cpp & ... format.rc & format.bak &
fmtres.h & texparse.cpp & ... ...
\end{dirlist}
```

Bibliographies

```
\bibfile{bibliographyFileName}
```

Defines **bibliographyFileName** to be the "bibliographyfile" for the current document. **bibliographyFileName** can be an arbitrary URL (document location) on the network. The Netscape Navigator client is used to get the document, so **bibliographyFileName** need not be a **techexplorer** document. This document is used within the implementation of automatic hypertext links between \cite commands and \bibitem entries.

Button boxes

```
\buttonbox[invert]{text}
```

Produces a box around text that looks like a gray button. If **invert** is present, the button appears to be pressed. Also see \colorbuttonbox under "Including colors" on page 22.

Footnotes

```
\footnote{footnoteText}
```

Automatically numbers footnotes within a given document. A footnote appears in pop-up window similar to \popupLink, rather than at the bottom of the document.

Current restriction: The text is displayed in a simple way with no formatting.

Input boxes

```
\inputbox[width]{controlSequence}{initialContents}
```

Collects text that will be used elsewhere within **techexplorer** or as input to another application via, for example, \appLink. For example, you could use an input box to get a URL that a \docLink uses for a hyperlink.

The default width of an input box is one inch. Use a width of \hsize to get a box the full width of the screen.

An input box is a multiline edit control. Initially the box contains one line; press the **Enter** key to add more lines and the **Backspace** key to remove lines.

When the box is first displayed, it contains the text in **initialContents**. When the window focus leaves the input box (usually by your clicking elsewhere in the window), the contents of the box is assigned the **controlSequence**. For example, \inputbox[5\hsize]{\Country}{Sweden} is initially displayed with a width of one-half the screen size and contains the text "Sweden". If you change it to "France" and click elsewhere in the window, \Country is assigned France. This control sequence may then be used elsewhere in the document or, in fact, in any other document.

By default, an input box does not contain a border. Use \fbox to put a plain box around the input box.

You can set the colors used for the text and background via the Color options page, as described in “Choosing colors” on page 9. The monospace font is used within input boxes.

Document contents

\inputonce{documentName}

Causes the contents of the document with URL documentName to be inserted into the current document location at the current location *if* the file has not already been read by **techexplorer**. Because macros have global scope (see “Using macros” on page 23), this allows you the efficiency of not transmitting documentName multiple times across the Internet but still guaranteeing that the file has been read at least once, if needed. Of course, an intermediate redefinition of a macro contained in documentName may cause unexpected results.

The actual document name checked for avoiding the rereading of documentName is its fully expanded absolute URL. That is, if \inputonce{mymacs.tex} is seen in the document with URL <http://www.mycompany.com/techexplorer-docs/doc1.tex>, then the fully expanded absolute URL saved and checked is <http://www.mycompany.com/techexplorer-docs/mymacs.tex>.

You can use \input to unconditionally include the contents of the other document in the current one.

TrueType font

\TrueTypeTextFont{fontName}

Changes the current font to that given by fontName. If fontName cannot be located or is not a TrueType font, the current font is unchanged. Use \verb if the fontName contains blanks or special characters. For example, \TrueTypeTextFont{\verb+LucidaSans+ Typewriter+}. This declaration obeys grouping scope, so you will usually want to enclose the expression with the font change within braces.

Chapter 4. Testing your techexplorer document

To test your document before placing it on a Web site, load it into Netscape Navigator from disk. To do this, start Navigator and choose the "File | Open" menu selection. (If you are using Navigator Gold, the selection may be "File | Open File In Browser".)

Now use the file and directory listing in the dialog to navigate over to the file you wish to view. After you click **Open**, your document will appear in the Navigator Window.

Now that you can see your document, you may want to make changes. Press Alt+Tab to move back to your editor, make your changes, press Alt+Tab to return to Navigator, and click **Reload** or choose "View | Reload" from the menu. Repeat this cycle as many times as necessary to make your document perfect.

Two common problems you may encounter when testing your document are:

- Your document loads but does not display.

The most common reason for this is that you defined a macro via \def or \newcommand and forgot the closing brace ()). The rest of your file was included in the macro!

- The text displays but writes over itself.

This version of **techexplorer** has a limitation on the length of the file it can process. A future version will remove this limitation and improve scrolling performance. In the meantime, take this as a hint that you should probably break up your document into smaller pieces connected with hyperlinks. Use \docLink to jump around to other documents, and use \aboveTopic, \previousTopic, and \nextTopic to build a hierarchical structure of related documents. See "Hypertext links" on page 16 and "Hierarchical document support" on page 17 for details.

Before you publish your document on the Web, be sure that all contained document names mentioned are absolute (for example: <http://...>) or relative to the current document (for example: \includegraphics{mylogo.bmp}). **techexplorer** and Navigator will work together to find the files when your viewers request them.

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Supported features

Units of measure

bp cc cm dd em ex \hsize in mm pc pt sp fil fill filll

Environments

abstract description displaymath document enumerate itemize
math quotation quote verbatim

Fonts and styles

\Huge \Large \Large \bf \displaystyle \em \footnotesize
\huge \it \large \mit \normalsize \rm \scriptsize
\scriptsize \scriptstyle \scriptsize \scriptstyle \sf \sl
\small \textstyle \tiny \tt \textit \textbf \textrm
\textsf \texttt \textit \textbf \textrm

Miscellaneous

\$ \\$\\$ _ -- --- \(\) \(\) \{ \} \\$ \& _ _ \! \\ : ; \> \V \LaTeX \Pr \TeX \arccos \arcsin
\\arctan \arg \atop \begin{group} \bgroup \bigskip
\\bmatrix \bmod \break \cdots \centerline \chapter
\\choose \cos \cosh \cot \coth \csc \csch \ddots \deg
\\det \dim \egroup \endgroup \eqno \erf \exp \fbox \frac
\\gcd \hbox \hfil \hfill \hfill \hline \hom \phantom
\\hspace \hspace* \inf \ker \lbrace \lcm \ldots \left
\\leftline \leqno \lg \lim \liminf \limsup \ln \log
\\lower \lowercase \mathbf \mathit \mathop \mathsf
\\mathstrut \mathbf \matrix \max \mbox \medskip \min
\\newline \not \notin \null \over \overline
\\overrightarrow \par \paragraph \parbox \part \phantom
\\pmatrix \pmod \prime \qqquad \quad \raise \rbrace
\\relax \right \rightline \root \rule \sb \sec \sech
\\section \sin \sinh \smallskip \smash \sp \sqrt
\\stackrel \strut \subparagraph \subsection
\\subsubsection \sup \tan \tanh \underline \uppercase
\\vbox \vdots \verb \vmatrix \Vmatrix \vphantom \vtop
\\zag

Environment extensions

If a single p column argument to an array or tabular environment is a given a 0 width (such as 0in, 0pt, and so on), that column is given the remaining width on the screen after the widths of all other columns and vertical rules are computed.

This flexibility lets you create tables and arrays that use the full width of the window. It is common to use this in one of the final columns in the array or table. For example, \begin{tabular}{|l|c|p{0in}|}

Partially supported features

- **Environments:** array [no @{}], no \multicolumn], equation, figure, tabular, eqnarray
- In the center, flushleft, and flushright environments, each line is currently an independent group and the lines are not wrapped if they are too wide.
- \maketitle, along with \author, \title, \date, \thanks that are implemented by hotspots with the title page are not active.
- \thebibliography, \cite, \bibitem.
- \cal if calligraphic characters are available in your chosen symbol font set (see “Symbol font sets” on page 7).
- \hrule, \vrule: you must leave whitespace between the width, depth, and height specifiers and the units of measure.
- \\: optional argument is not supported.
- \Bbb is translated into an expression involving \bf.
- \cases: right-most column has incorrect spacing.

Commands accepted but ignored

```
\addtocounter \allowbreak \begin{titlepage}
\bibliographystyle \boldmath \brokenpenalty \bye
\caption \clearpage \cline \clubpenalty
\displaywidowpenalty \documentstyle \eject \end
\end{titlepage} \floatingpenalty \frenchspacing \fussy
\goodbreak \hyphenation \indent \index
\interlinepenalty \let \limits \linebreak \long
\looseness \markboth \multicolumn \newcounter \newpage
\nobreak \nocite \nofrenchspacing \noindent \nolimits
\nolinebreak \nopagebreak \nopagebreak \nopagenumbers
\pagebreak \pagenumbering \pagestyle \postdisplaypenalty
\predisplaypenalty \protect \raggedbottom \relax
\setcounter \setlength \singlespace \sloppy \special
\thispagestyle \typeout \unboldmath \unboldmath
\widowpenalty
```

Unsupported features

- Automatic numbering and counters
- Page dimension settings
- Full right justification (lines are always ragged right)
- LaTeX style files
- Some accents (including \v)
- The picture, list, minipage, tabbing, table environments
- Hyphenation
- \centering, \caption, \sc
- Primitive TeX box commands other than \hbox,, \vbox, and \vtop

Appendix B. Change history and known problems

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Change history

Version 1.0 (July 2, 1996)

- We improved composition of italic text.
- We added the quote environment and now allow the use of \eqno and \leqno in the displaymath and equation environments.
- We added \textit, \textbf, \textrm, \textsf, \texttt, \textsl, \emph, and \varnothing.

Version 1.0 Beta 2 (May 24, 1996)

- We now display the link description when the mouse passes over a link. For example, the URL of the target document is displayed when the cursor moves over a \doclink.
- We fixed parsing of file names for \input and \inputonce.
- We fixed the "jumpy cursor" problem observed when moving the mouse over a link.
- We fixed problem with \maketitle where following text sometimes appeared to the right of the title text.

Known problems

- "Page flashing" may occur when you click a hyperlink in a **techexplorer** document while using some beta versions of Netscape Navigator 3.0. The workaround is to click the Netscape **Stop** button, and then click the Netscape **Reload** button. We expect this and other display problems to be fixed in future versions of Navigator and techexplorer.

Appendix C. User feedback and mailing list

We'd like to hear from you! For example:

- Do you have input for the next release of **techexplorer**?
- Can you suggest fonts or symbol fonts sets for **techexplorer** to support, such as good sets of TrueType symbol fonts?
- Would you like to list your **techexplorer**-enhanced Web document as a sample here for other users to view?

Please use the feedback form at

http://www-i.almaden.ibm.com/cgi-bin/mail_post or send e-mail directly to **techexpl@watson.ibm.com**.

To subscribe to a non-IBM sponsored **techexplorer** mailing list and join in public discussion of the product, send e-mail to **LISTSERV@LISTSERV.NODAK.EDU**. Include **SUB techexplorer YourFirstName YourLastName** in the body of the note.

For example, if your name is Pat Jones, send e-mail to **LISTSERV@LISTSERV.NODAK.EDU** with the text of the note being **SUB techexplorer Pat Jones**.

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