

# The **ted** package

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## 1 Introduction

Just like **sed** is a stream editor, **ted** is a token list editor. Actually, it is not as powerfull as **sed**, but its main feature is that it really works with tokens, not only characters. At the moment, it can do only two things with token lists: display it with full information on each token, and perform substitutions (that is, replacing every occurence of a sublist with another token list).

The **ted** package can perform substitutions inside groups, and don't forbid any token in the lists. Actually, **ted** is designed to work well even if strange tokens (that is, unusual (`charcode`, `\catcode`) pairs or tokens with a confusing `\meaning`) occur in the list.

## 2 Usage

The **ted** package provides two user macros: `\Substitute` and `\ShowTokens`. The first one is the primary goal of the package, but to be able to do the second was the more difficult and interesting part while writing the package. I made it into a user macro since I believe it can be useful for debugging things, or for learning  $\text{\TeX}$ .

`\Substitute`      The syntax of `\Substitute` is as follows.

`\Substitute<*>[<output>]{<input>}{<from>}{<to>}`

Let's begin with the basics. Without star or optional argument, the `\Substitute` macro will replace each occurence of the `<from>` token list with `{<to>}` in the `<input>`, and put the result in the `\toks` register `\ted@toks`. This macro has a `@` in its name, but since I think the `\Substitute` macro will be essentially be used by class or package writers, this should be ok.

Anyway, if you don't like this name, you can specify another one as  $\langle output \rangle$  using the optional argument. Your  $\langle output \rangle$  should be the name of a `\toks` register. If you want the output to be put in a macro, use `\def\macro` (or `\long\def\macro` or...) as the optional argument. Anyway,  $\langle output \rangle\{\langle stuff \rangle\}$  must be a legal syntax for an assignment: using `\macro` as optional argument will not work (and may actually result in chaos). Of course, if you want your output to be placed in a macro, it should not contain improperly placed hash signs (that is, macro parameter tokens).

The one-starred form of `\Substitute` is meant to help you when your  $\langle input \rangle$  is not an explicit token list, but the contents of either a macro or a `\toks` register, by expanding once its first mandatory argument before proceeding. It spares you the pain of using `\expandafte`s, especially in case you want to use the optional argument too. This time, things are reversed compared to the optional argument : using a macro instead of a `\toks` register is easier. Actually, with the starred form, the first argument can be `\macro` or `\the\toksreg`, or anything whose one-time expansion is the token list you want `\Substitute` to act upon.

The two-starred form is also meant to avoid you trouble with development. It expands its three mandatory arguments once before executing. The remark about macros and `\toks` register still holds. I hope this three cases (from zero to two stars) will suffice for most purpose. For a better handling of arguments expansion, wait for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3!

The action of `\Substitute` is pretty obvious most of the time. Maybe a particular case needs some precision: when  $\langle from \rangle$  is empty, then the  $\langle to \rangle$  list gets inserted between each two tokens of the  $\langle input \rangle$ , but not before the first one. For example, `\Substitute{abc}{-}{1}` puts `a1b1c` in `\ted@toks`.

`\ShowTokens`      The syntax of `\ShowTokens` is as follows.

`\ShowTokens\langle*\rangle\{\langle list \rangle\}`

In its simple form, `\ShowTokens` just shows the list, one token per line. For characters tokens, it prints the character, and its category code in human-friendly form (such as “blank space”, “letter”, etc.). For control sequences and active characters, it also prints (the beginning of) their current `\meaning` as a bonus.

`\ShowTokensLogonly`      The default is to show this list both in the terminal and in the log file. If  
`\ShowTokensOnline`      you don't want it to be printed on the terminal, just say `\ShowTokensLogonly`.  
If you change your mind latter, you can restore the default behaviour with `\ShowTokensOnline`.

The starred form of `\ShowTokens` works the same as for `\Substitute`: it expands its argument once before analysing and displaying it. The same remarks hold: use `\macro` or `\the\toksreg` in the argument.

I would like to conclude with the following remark: I have really tried to make sure `ted`'s macros will work fine even with the wierdest token list. In particular, you can freely use begin-group and end-group characters, hash signs, spaces, `\bgroup` and `\egroup`, `\par`, `\ifs`, as well as exotic `charcode-\catcode` pairs in every argument of the macros. As far as I am aware, the only restriction is you should not use some<sup>1</sup> of the very private macros of `ted` (those beginning with `\ted@@`) in your token lists.

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<sup>1</sup>Precisely, none of the control sequence in the token lists should be `\let`-equal to `\ted@@end`, `\ted@@special`, `\ted@@active` as defined below.

### 3 Implementation

A important problem, when trying to substitute things in token lists, is to handle begin-group and end-group tokens, since prevent us from to reading the tokens one by one, and tend to be difficult to handle individually. Two more kinds of tokens are special: the space tokens, since they<sup>2</sup> cannot be grabbed as the undelimited argument of a macro, and the parameter tokens (hash signs), since they cannot be part of the delimiters in the parameter text of a macro. From now on, “special tokens” thus denotes tokens with `\catcode 1, 2, 6 or 10`.

To get rid of these problems, the `\Substitute` command procedes in three steps. First, encode the input, replacing all special tokens with nice control sequences representing them, then do the actual substitution, and finally decode the output, replacing the special control sequences with the initial special tokens.

Encoding is the hard part. The idea is to try reading the tokens one by one; for this we have two means: using a macro with one undelimited argument, or something like `\let`. The former doesn’t work well with `\catcode 1, 2 or 10` tokens, and the later do not see the name of the token (its character code, or its name for a CS). So we need to use both `\futurelet`, a “grabbing” macro with argument, and `\string` in order to scan the tokens. Actually, the encoding procedes in two passes: in the first, we try and detect the special tokens, storing their character codes for later use, then do the the actual encoding in the last pass.

Decoding also processes the tokens one by one, and is simpler, since special cases are allready detected. There is, however, a trick with groups since, when we encounter a begin-group character, we have to wait for the corresponding end-group before adding the whole thing to the output. There is also a simpler version of decoding, for `\ShowTokens`, for screen/log output, with no need to use this trick, since it only outputs `\catcode-12` charachters. Finally, the substitution part uses a macro with delimited argument, defined on the fly, using an idea of Jean-Côme Charpentier.

The code is divided as follows.

1. Encoding – (a) pre-scan (b) encode
2. Decoding
3. Substitution
4. Screen display for `\ShowTokens`
5. Definition of the user commands

```
\ted@toks Before we begin, just allocate (or give a nice name to) a few registers.
\ted@list 1 \ifdefinable\ted@toks{\newtoks\ted@toks}
\ted@code 2 \ifdefinable\ted@list{\let\ted@list\toks@}
          3 \ifdefinable\ted@code{\let\ted@code\count@}
```

#### 3.1 Encoding

```
\ted@encloop The two passes use the same loop for reading the input allmost token by token.
\ted@encloop@ This loop grabs the next token through a \futurelet...
```

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<sup>2</sup>Actually, only tokens with charcode 32 and `\catcode 10` (i.e. 32<sub>10</sub> tokens) are concerned. However, we will process all `\catcode-10` tokens the same way.

```

4 \newcommand\ted@encloop{%
5   \futurelet\@let@token
6   \ted@encloop@}

```

...then looks at it with some `\ifx` and `\ifcat` (non nested, since the token could be an `\if` itself), in order to distinguish between three cases: normal token, end reached, or special token. In the later case, remember wich kind of special token it is, using a numeric code.

```

7 \newcommand\ted@encloop@{%
8   \let\next\ted@do@normal
9   \ifx\@let@token\ted@end
10    \let\next\ted@gobble@end
11   \fi
12   \ifcat\noexpand\@let@token##%
13     \ted@code0
14     \let\next\ted@do@special
15   \fi
16   \ifcat\noexpand\@let@token\@sptoken
17     \ted@code1
18     \let\next\ted@do@special
19   \fi
20   \ifcat\noexpand\@let@token\bgroup
21     \ted@code2
22     \let\next\ted@do@special
23   \fi
24   \ifcat\noexpand\@let@token\egroup
25     \ted@code3
26     \let\next\ted@do@special
27   \fi
28   \next}

```

```

\ted@@end Here we used the following to detect the end, then gobble it when reached.
\ted@gobble@end 29 \newcommand\ted@@end{\ted@@end@}
30 \@ifdefinable\ted@gobble@end{%
31   \def\ted@gobble@end\ted@@end{}}

```

`\ted@sanitize` Now, this detection method, with `\futurelet` and `\ifcat`, is unable to distinguish the following three cases for potential special tokens: (i) a “true” (explicit) special token, (ii) a CS `\let`-equal to a special token, (iii) an active character `\let`-equal to a special token. While this is pre-scanning’s job to detect the (ii) case, the (iii) can be easily got rid of by redefining locally all active characters.

```

32 \count@\catcode\z@ \catcode\z@\active
33 \newcommand\ted@sanitize{%
34   \count@\z@ \@whilenum\count@<\@cclvi \do{%
35     \uccode\z@\count@
36     \uppercase{\let^^00\ted@@active}%
37     \advance\count@\@ne}}
38 \catcode\z@\count@
39 \newcommand\ted@@active{\ted@@active@}

```

This sanitizing macro also mark active characters by `\let`-ing them equal to `\ted@@active` in ordrer to detect them easily later, for exemple while displaying on-screen token analysis. All operations (scanning, replacing, display and decoding) are going to happen inside a group where `\ted@sanitize` has been executed, so that active characters are no longer an issue.

`\ted@encode` The `\ted@encode` macro is the master macro for encoding. It only initialise a few things and launches the two loops. We select one of the tree stpes by `\let`-ing `\ted@do@normal` `\ted@do@normal` and `\ted@do@special` to the appropriate action.

```
40 \newcommand\ted@encode[1]{%
41   \ted@list{}%
42   \let\ted@do@normal\ted@gobble@encloop
43   \let\ted@do@special\ted@scan@special
44   \ted@encloop#1\ted@end
45   \ted@toks{}%
46   \let\ted@do@normal\ted@addtoks@encloop
47   \let\ted@do@special\ted@special@out
48   \ted@encloop#1\ted@end
49   \ted@assert@listempty}
```

`\ted@assert@listempty` After the last loop, `\ted@list` should be empty. If it's not, it means something very weird happened during the encoding procedure. I hope the code below will never be executed :)

```
50 \newcommand\ted@assert@listempty{%
51   \edef\next{\the\ted@list}%
52   \ifx\next\@empty \else
53     \PackageError{ted}{%
54       Assertion ‘\string\ted@list\space is empty’ failed}{%
55       This should not happen. Please report this bug to the author.
56       \MessageBreak By the way, you’re in trouble there... I’m sorry.}%
57   \fi}
```

## a Pre-scanning

`\ted@gobble@encloop` For normal tokens, things are pretty easy: just gobble them!

```
58 \newcommand\ted@gobble@encloop{%
59   \afterassignment\ted@encloop
60   \let\@let@token= }
```

`\ted@scan@special` For special tokens, it's harder. We must distinguish explicit character tokens from control sequences `\let`-equal to special tokens. For this, we use `\string`, then grab the next character to see wether its code is `\escapechar` or not. Actually, things are not this easy, for two reasons. First, we have to make sure the next character's code is not allready `\escapechar` before the `\string`, by accident. For this purpose, we set `\escapechar` to 0 except if next character's code is also 0, in which case we prefer 1.

```
61 \count@\catcode\z@ \catcode\z@ 12
62 \newcommand\ted@scan@special{%
63   \begingroup
64   \escapechar\if\@let@token^^00 \@ne \else \z@ \fi
65   \expandafter\ted@check@space\string}
66 \catcode\z@\count@
```

`\ted@check@space` Second, we have to handle carefully the case of the next token being the 32<sub>10</sub> token, since we cannot grab this one with a macro. We are in this case if and only if the token we just `\string`ed was a character token with code 32, and it is enough to check if next token's `\catcode` is 10 in order to detect it, since it will be 12 otherwise. In order to check this, we use `\futurelet` again for pre-scanning.

```
67 \newcommand\ted@check@space{%
```

```

68 \futurelet\@let@token
69 \ted@check@space@}
70 \newcommand\ted@check@space@{%
71 \ifcat\@let@token\@sptoken
72 \endgroup
73 \ted@addlist{32}%
74 \expandafter\ted@gobble@encloop
75 \else
76 \expandafter\ted@list@special
77 \fi}

```

\ted@list@special Now that we got rid of this nasty space problem, we know for sure that the next token has \catcode 12, so we can easily grab it as an argument, find its charcode, and decide whether the original token was a control sequence or not. Note the \expandafter over \endgroup trick, since we need to add the charcode to the list outside the group (opened for the modified \escapechar) though it was set inside.

```

78 \newcommand*\ted@list@special[1]{%
79 \ted@code'#1\relax
80 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
81 \endgroup
82 \ifnum\ted@code=\escapechar
83 \ted@addlist{\m@ne}%
84 \else
85 \expandafter\ted@addlist\expandafter{\the\ted@code}%
86 \fi
87 \ted@encloop}

```

\ted@addlist Here we used the following macro to add an element to the list, which is space-separated.

```

88 \newcommand*\ted@addlist[1]{%
89 \ted@list\expandafter{\the\ted@list#1 }}

```

## b Actually encoding

Remember that, before this last encoding pass, \ted@encode did the following:

```

\let\ted@do@normal\ted@addtoks@encloop
\let\ted@do@special\ted@special@out

```

\ted@addtoks@encloop The first one is very easy : normal tokens are just grabbed as arguments and appended to the output, then the loop continues.

```

90 \newcommand\ted@addtoks@encloop[1]{%
91 \ted@toks\expandafter{\the\ted@toks#1}%
92 \ted@encloop}

```

\ted@special@out Special tokens need to be encoded, but before, just check if they are really special: they aren't if the corresponding code is -1.

```

93 \newcommand\ted@special@out{%
94 \ifnum\ted@list@read=\m@ne
95 \ted@list@advance
96 \expandafter\ted@cs@clean
97 \else
98 \expandafter\ted@special@encode
99 \fi}

```

`\ted@cs@clean` Even if the potentially special token was not a real one, we have work to do. Indeed, in the first pass we did break it using a `\string`, and thus we introduced some foreign tokens in the stream. Most of them are not important since they have `\catcode 12`. Anyway, some of them may be space tokens : in this case we have extra 32's in our list. So, we need to check this before going any further.

```

100 \newcommand\ted@cs@clean[1]{%
101   \expandafter\ted@add@toks{#1}%
102   \expandafter\ted@csc@loop\string#1 \@nil}

```

`\ted@csc@loop` We first add the CS to the output, then break it with a `\string` in order to look at its name with the following loop. It first grabs everything to the first space...

```

103 \@ifdefinable\ted@csc@loop{%
104   \def\ted@csc@loop#1 {%
105     \futurelet\@let@token
106     \ted@csc@loop@}

```

`\ted@csc@loop@` ...and carefully look at the next token in order to know if we are finished or not.

```

107 \newcommand\ted@csc@loop@{%
108   \ifx\@let@token\@nil
109     \expandafter\ted@gobble@encloop
110   \else
111     \ted@list@advance
112     \expandafter\ted@csc@loop
113   \fi}

```

`\ted@special@encode` Now, let's come back to the special tokens. As we don't need the token to encode it (we already know its `\catcode` from `\ted@code`, and its charcode is stored in the list), we first gobble it in order to prepare for next iteration.

```

114 \newcommand\ted@special@encode{%
115   \afterassignment\ted@special@encode@
116   \let\@let@token= }

```

`\ted@special@encode@` Then we encode it in two steps : first, create a control sequence with name `\ted@@<code><charcode>`, where code is a digit denoting<sup>3</sup> the `\catcode` of the special token, ...

```

117 \newcommand\ted@special@encode@{%
118   \expandafter\ted@special@encode@@\expandafter{%
119     \csname ted@@\the\ted@code\ted@list@read\endcsname}}

```

`\ted@special@encode@@` ...then, mark this CS as a special token encoding, in order to make it easier to detect later, add it to the output and loop again.

```

120 \newcommand*\ted@special@encode@@[1]{%
121   \ted@list@advance
122   \let#1\ted@@special
123   \ted@addtoks@encloop{#1}}
124 \newcommand\ted@@special{\ted@@special@}

```

`\ted@list@read` Here we used the following macros in order to manage our charcode list. The reading one is fully expandable.

```

125 \newcommand\ted@list@read{%
126   \expandafter\ted@list@read@\the\ted@list\@nil}

```

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<sup>3</sup>I don't store the `\catcode` for two reasons : first, having a single digit is easier; second, having the true catcode would be useless (though it could maybe make the code more readable).

```

127 \ifdefinable\ted@list@read{%
128   \def\ted@list@read@#1 #2\@nil{%
129     #1}}

```

`\ted@list@advance` Since it's expandable, it cannot change the list, so we need a separate macro to  
`\ted@list@advance@` remove the first element from the list, once read.

```

130 \newcommand\ted@list@advance{%
131   \expandafter\ted@list@advance@\the\ted@list\@nil}

132 \ifdefinable\ted@list@advance@{
133   \def\ted@list@advance@#1 #2\@nil{%
134     \ted@list{#2}}}

```

## 3.2 Decoding

`\ted@add@toks` Main decoding macro is `\ted@decode`. It is again a loop, processing the token list one by one. For normal tokens, things are easy as allways: just add them to the output, via

```

135 \newcommand\ted@add@toks[1]{%
136   \ted@toks\expandafter{\the\ted@toks#1}}

```

`\ted@decode` Encoded special tokens are easily recognized, since they were `\let` equal to `\ted@@special`. In order to decode it, we use the name of the CS. The following macro uses L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-style `\if` in order to avoid potential nesting problems when `\ifs` are present in the token list being processed.

```

137 \newcommand\ted@decode[1]{%
138   \ifx#1\ted@end \expandafter\@gobble\else\expandafter\@firstofone\fi{%
139     \ifx#1\ted@@special
140       \expandafter\@firstoftwo
141     \else
142       \expandafter\@secondoftwo
143     \fi{%
144       \begingroup \escapechar\m@ne \expandafter\endgroup
145       \expandafter\ted@decode@special\string#1\@nil
146     }{%
147       \ted@add@toks{#1}}}%
148   \ted@decode}}

```

`\ted@decode@special` The next macro should then gobble the `ted@@` part of the CS name, and use the last part as two numeric codes (here we use the fact that the first one is only a digit).

```

149 \ifdefinable\ted@decode@special{%
150   \begingroup\escapechar\m@ne \expandafter\endgroup\expandafter
151   \def\expandafter\ted@decode@special\string\ted@@#1#2\@nil{%

```

It then prodeces according to the first code, building back the original token and adding it to the output. The first two kinds of tokens (macro parameter characters and blank spaces) are easily dealt with.

```

152   \ifcase#1
153     \begingroup \uccode'##=#2 \uppercase{\endgroup
154       \ted@add@toks{##}}}%
155   \or
156     \begingroup \uccode32=#2 \uppercase{\endgroup
157       \ted@add@toks{ }}}%
158   \or

```



For begin-group and end-group characters, we have a problem, since they are impossible to handle individually: we can only add a *⟨balanced text⟩* to the output. So, when we find a begin-group character, we just open a group (a real one), and start decoding again inside the group, until we find the correponding end-group character. Then, we enclose the local decoded list of tokens into the correct begin-group/end-group pair, and then add it to the output one group level below, using the `\expandafter-over-\endgroup` trick (essential here).

```

159     \begingroup \ted@toks{}%
160     \uccode'={#2
161     \or
162     \uccode'=#2
163     \uppercase{\ted@toks\expandafter{\expandafter{\the\ted@toks}}}
164     \expandafter\endgroup
165     \expandafter\ted@add@toks\expandafter{\the\ted@toks}%
166     \fi}}

```

### 3.3 Substitution

For this part, the idea<sup>4</sup> is to use a macro whose first argument is delimited with the *⟨from⟩* string, wich outputs the first argument followed by the *⟨to⟩* string, and loops. Obviously this macro has to be defined on the fly. All tokens lists need to be encoded first, and the output decoded at end. Since all this needs to happens inside a group (for `\ted@sanitize` and the marking up of special-charaters control sequences), remember to “export” `\ted@toks` when done.

`\ted@Substitute` The main substitution macro is as follows. Arguments are *⟨input⟩*, *⟨from⟩*, *⟨to⟩*. `\ted@output` will be discussed later.

```

167 \newcommand\ted@Substitute[3]{%
168   \begingroup \ted@sanitize
169   \ted@encode{#3}%
170   \expandafter\ted@def@subsmac\expandafter{\the\ted@toks}{#2}%
171   \ted@encode{#1}%
172   \ted@subsmac
173   \ted@toks\expandafter{\expandafter}%
174   \expandafter\ted@decode\the\ted@toks\ted@@end
175   \expandafter\endgroup
176   \expandafter\ted@output\expandafter{\the\ted@toks}}

```

`\ted@def@subsmac` The actual iterative substitution macro is defined by the folowing macro, whose arguments are the *⟨to⟩* string, encoded, and the plain *⟨from⟩* string.

```

177 \newcommand\ted@def@subsmac[2]{%
178   \ted@encode{#2}%
179   \long\expandafter\def\expandafter\ted@subsmac@loop
180   \expandafter##\expandafter1\the\ted@toks##2{%
181     \ted@add@toks{##1}%
182     \ifx##2\ted@@end
183       \expandafter\@gobble
184     \else
185       \expandafter\@firstofone
186     \fi}%
187   \ted@add@toks{#1}\ted@subsmac@loop##2}}%

```

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<sup>4</sup>for which I am grateful to Jean-Côme Charpentier, who first taught me the clever use delimited arguments (and lots of other wonderful things) in `fr.comp.text.tex`

```

188 \expandafter\ted@def@subsmac@\expandafter{\the\ted@toks}}
\ted@def@subsmac@ While we have the encoded <from> string at hand, define the start-loop macro.
189 \newcommand\ted@def@subsmac@[1]{%
190 \def\ted@subsmac{%
191 \ted@toks\expandafter{\expandafter}%
192 \expandafter\ted@subsmac@loop\the\ted@toks#1\ted@@end}}

```

### 3.4 Display

```

\ted@ShowTokens In order to display the tokens one by one, we first encode the string
193 \newcommand\ted@ShowTokens[1]{%
194 \begingroup \ted@sanitize
195 \ted@toks{#1}%
196 \ted@typeout{--- Begin token decomposition of:}%
197 \ted@typeout{\@spaces \the\ted@toks}%
198 \ted@encode{#1}%
199 \expandafter\ted@show@toks\the\ted@toks\ted@@end
200 \endgroup
201 \ted@typeout{--- End token decomposition.}}

\ted@show@toks Then we proceed, almost like decoding, iteratively, processing the encoded tokens
one by one. We detect control sequences the same way as in pre-scanning.
202 \count@\catcode\z@ \catcode\z@ 12
203 \newcommand\ted@show@toks[1]{%
204 \ifx#1\ted@@end \expandafter\@gobble\else\expandafter\@firstofone\fi{%
205 \ted@toks{#1}%
206 \begingroup
207 \escapechar\if\noexpand#1^^00 \one \else \z@ \fi
208 \expandafter\ted@show@toks@\string#1\@nil
209 \ted@show@toks}}
210 \catcode\z@\count@

\ted@show@toks@ We stored the current token so that it can be used in the next macro, though
previously broken by the \string, and moreover we can nest the \ifs freely since
it is hidden in a register (in case it would be a \if itself). The four cases are : CS
representing a special token, normal CS, active character (since we cannot show
its category with \meaning), and finally normal character token.
211 \@ifdefinable\ted@show@toks@{%
212 \long\def\ted@show@toks@#1#2\@nil{%
213 \expandafter\endgroup
214 \ifnum'#1=\escapechar
215 \expandafter\ifx\the\ted@toks\ted@@special
216 \ted@show@special#2\@nil
217 \else
It's time to think about the following: we are inside a group where all active
characters were redefined, but we nonetheless want to display their meaning. In
order to do this, the display need to actually happen after the current group is
finished. For this we use \aftergroup (with specialized macro for displaying each
kind of token).
218 \aftergroup\ted@type@cs
219 \expandafter\aftergroup\the\ted@toks
220 \fi

```

```

221 \else \expandafter
222 \ifx\the\ted@toks\ted@@active
223 \aftergroup\ted@type@active
224 \expandafter\aftergroup\the\ted@toks
225 \else
226 \aftergroup\ted@type@normal
227 \expandafter\aftergroup\the\ted@toks
228 \fi
229 \fi}}

\ted@show@special Let's begin our tour of specialized display macro with the most important one:
\ted@show@special. Displaying the special token goes mostly the same way as
decoding them, but is far easier, since we don't need to care about groups: display
is done with \catcode 12 characters.
230 \ifdefinable\ted@show@special{%
231 \begingroup\escapechar\m@ne \expandafter\endgroup
232 \expandafter\def\expandafter\ted@show@special\string\ted@@#1#2\@nil{%
233 \ifcase#1
234 \aftergroup\ted@type@hash
235 \or
236 \aftergroup\ted@type@blank
237 \or
238 \aftergroup\ted@type@bgroup
239 \or
240 \aftergroup\ted@type@egroup
241 \fi
242 \begingroup \uccode'1#2
243 \uppercase{\endgroup\aftergroup1}}

\ted@type@hash The four macros for special tokens are obvious. So is the macro for normal tokens.
\ted@type@blank By the way, \ted@typeout will be discussed in the next section.
\ted@type@bgroup 244 \newcommand\ted@type@hash[1]{%
\ted@type@egroup 245 \ted@typeout{#1 (macro parameter character #1)}}
\ted@type@normal 246 \newcommand\ted@type@blank[1]{%
247 \ted@typeout{#1 (blank space #1)}}

248 \newcommand\ted@type@bgroup[1]{%
249 \ted@typeout{#1 (begin-group character #1)}}

250 \newcommand\ted@type@egroup[1]{%
251 \ted@typeout{#1 (end-group character #1)}}

252 \newcommand\ted@type@normal[1]{%
253 \ted@typeout{#1 (\meaning#1)}}

\ted@type@cs For control sequences and active characters, we use more sophisticated macros.
\ted@type@active Indeed, their \meaning can be quite long, and since it is not so important (ted's
work is lexical analysis, displaying the \meaning is just an add-on), we cut it
so that lines are shorter than 80 colons, in order to save our one-token-a-line
presentation.

254 \newcommand\ted@type@cs[1]{%
255 \ted@type@long{\string#1 (control sequence=\meaning#1)}%

256 \newcommand\ted@type@active[1]{%
257 \ted@type@long{\string#1 (active character=\meaning#1)}%

```

`\ted@type@long` Lines are cut and displayed by `\ted@type@long`. This macro uses a loop, counting down how many columns remain on the current line. The input need to be fully expanded first, and the output is stored in `\ted@toks`.

```

258 \newcommand\ted@type@long[1]{%
259   \ted@toks{}%
260   \ted@code72
261   \edef\next{#1}%
262   \expandafter\ted@tl@loop\next\@nil}

```

`\ted@tl@loop` The only difficult thing in this loop is to take care of space tokens. For this we use again our `\futurelet` trick:

```

263 \newcommand\ted@tl@loop{%
264   \futurelet\@let@token
265   \ted@tl@loop@}

```

`\ted@tl@loop@` ...then check what to do.

```

266 \newcommand\ted@tl@loop@{%
267   \ifx\@let@token\@nil
268     \let\next\ted@tl@finish
269   \else
270     \advance\ted@code\m@ne
271     \ifnum\ted@code<\z@
272       \let\next\ted@tl@finish
273     \else
274       \ifx\@let@token\@sptoken
275         \let\next\ted@tl@space
276       \else
277         \let\next\ted@tl@add
278       \fi
279     \fi
280   \fi
281   \next}

```

`\ted@tl@add` Normal characters are just grabbed and added without care, and spaces are gobbled with a special macro which also add a space to the output.

`\ted@tl@space`

```

282 \newcommand*\ted@tl@add[1]{%
283   \ted@toks\expandafter{\the\ted@toks #1}%
284   \ted@tl@loop}

```

```

285 \ifdefinable\ted@tl@space{%
286   \expandafter\def\expandafter\ted@tl@space\space{%
287     \ted@tl@add{ }}}

```

`\ted@tl@finish` When the end has been reached (either because a `\@nil` was encountered or because the line is almost full), it's time to actually display the result. We add `\ETC.` at the end when the full `\meaning` isn't displayed.

```

288 \ifdefinable\ted@tl@finish{%
289   \def\ted@tl@finish#1\@nil{%
290     \ifnum\ted@code<\z@
291       \ted@typeout{\the\ted@toks\string\ETC..)}
292     \else
293       \ted@typeout{\the\ted@toks)}
294     \fi}}

```

### 3.5 User macros

`\ted@typeout` Since we just discussed display, let's see the related user commands. Output is done with

```

295 \newcommand\ted@typeout{%
296   \immediate\write\ted@outfile}

```

`\ShowTokensOnline` allowing the user to choose between online display, or log output. Default is online.

`\ShowTokensLogonly`

```

297 \newcommand\ShowTokensOnline{%
298   \let\ted@outfile\@unused}

299 \newcommand\ShowTokensLogonly{%
300   \let\ted@outfile\m@ne}

301 \ShowTokensOnline

```

`\ShowTokens` The user macro for showing tokens is a simple call to the internal macro, just expanding its argument once in its starred form.

`\ted@ShowTokens@exp`

```

302 \newcommand\ShowTokens{%
303   \@ifstar{\ted@ShowTokens@exp}{\ted@ShowTokens}}

304 \newcommand\ted@ShowTokens@exp[1]{%
305   \expandafter\ted@ShowTokens\expandafter{#1}}

```

`\Substitute` Now, the user macro for substitution. First, check how many stars there are, if any, and set `\ted@subs@cmd` accordingly.

`\ted@Subs@star`

```

306 \newcommand\Substitute{%
307   \@ifstar
308   {\ted@Subs@star}
309   {\let\ted@Subs@cmd\ted@Substitute \ted@Subs}}

310 \newcommand\ted@Subs@star{%
311   \@ifstar
312   {\let\ted@Subs@cmd\ted@Subs@exp@iii \ted@Subs}
313   {\let\ted@Subs@cmd\ted@Subs@exp@i \ted@Subs}}

```

`\ted@Subs@exp@i` Here are the intermediate macros that expand either the first or all three arguments before calling `\ted@Substitute`.

`\ted@Subs@exp@iii`

```

314 \newcommand\ted@Subs@exp@i{%
315   \expandafter\ted@Substitute\expandafter}

316 \newcommand\ted@Subs@exp@iii[3]{%
317   \begingroup
318   \toks0{\ted@Substitute}%
319   \toks2\expandafter{#1}%
320   \toks4\expandafter{#2}%
321   \toks6\expandafter{#3}%
322   \xdef\ted@Subs@cmd{\the\toks0{\the\toks2}{\the\toks4}{\the\toks6}}%
323   \endgroup
324   \ted@Subs@cmd}

```

`\ted@Subs` Now, the last macro checks and process the optional argument. Here we set `\ted@output`, which will be used at the end of `\ted@Substitute`.

```

325 \newcommand\ted@Subs[1][\ted@toks]{%
326   \def\ted@output{#1}%
327   \ted@Subs@cmd}

```

```
\ted@output Finally set a default \ted@output for advanced users who may want to use  
            \ted@Substitute directly.  
328 \let\ted@output\ted@toks
```

That's all folks!  
Happy T<sub>E</sub>Xing!