

# The printlen package\*

Print lengths in a variety of units

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## 1 Usage

`\printlength{<length>}` prints the value of a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X length in the units specified by `\uselengthunit{<unit>}`, where `<unit>` may be any T<sub>E</sub>X length unit except for scaled point. That is, `<unit>` may be any of: `pt`, `pc`, `in`, `mm`, `cm`, `bp`, `dd` or `cc`. When `pt` is set the printed length value will include any stretch or shrink values, otherwise these are not printed. The `<unit>` argument may also be `PT`, in which case length values will be printed in `pt` units but without any stretch or shrink values. An unknown value for `<unit>` is treated as though it had been specified as `pt`.

The unit is separated from the number using the command `\unitspace` which is set to `\`, by default. In math mode the units are printed upright.

`\rndprintlength<length>` prints the rounded value of a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X length. Use `PT` instead of `pt` for rounded points if there are stretch or shrink values.

The initial setting is `\uselengthunit{pt}`

### Example:

- 1 The `\verb|\textwidth|` is `\printlength{\textwidth}` which is also
- 2 `\uselengthunit{in}\printlength{\textwidth}` and
- 3 `\uselengthunit{mm}\printlength{\textwidth}`.

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## 2 Change history

### **Version 1.1a (2009/09/03)**

- New maintainer (Will Robertson)

### **Version 1.1 (2001/12/09)**

- Print rounded values
- Space between value and units

### **Version 1.0 (2001/11/03)**

- First public release