

<b>Letters</b>
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**PUB and pre- $\TeX$  history**

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I recently learned of an excellent web resource that strongly deserves to be better known: Some years ago, Larry Tesler put up

[http://www.nomodes.com/pub\\_manual.html](http://www.nomodes.com/pub_manual.html)

which tells the story of PUB— which was my own introduction to computer typesetting. I did the first several errata collections for TAOCP with PUB, some time before I had learned that good typography was *also* possible, if pixels got small enough.

On that page he shows the original PUB manual on the left and gives extended annotations on the right ... at least at the beginning. He tells me that he would be glad to annotate further if encouraged by readers to do so.

Please tell *TUGboat* readers of this work at your earliest opportunity!

Cordially,

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