A Color Concept for HiTEX

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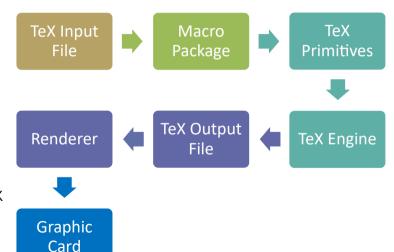
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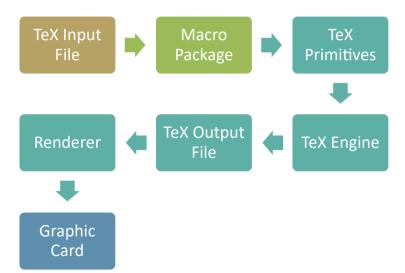
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- ► The author (or package writer) is responsible for keeping \HINTcolor, \HINTstartlink, and \HINTendlink primitives properly nested.

Example: \HINTcolor and \HINTendcolor



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\def\note{\HINTcolor fg{0.3 0.3 0.3}}
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This is an example showing the \redTeX\ logo in red color.

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This is an example showing the TeX logo in red color.

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\def\endnote{\HINTendcolor}
\def\home#1{
\HINTstartlink goto name {HINT.home}
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```

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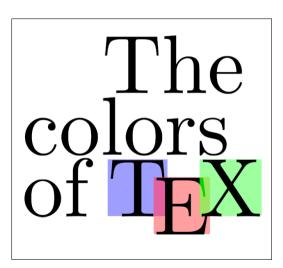
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Example: Background Colors



```
\def\blue{\HINTcolor
  fg {0 0 0} bg{0 0 1 0.4}}
\def\red{\HINTcolor
  fg {0 0 0} bg{1 0 0 0.4}}
\def\green{\HINTcolor
  fg {0 0 0} bg{0 1 0 0.4}}
\def\TeX{%
  \hbox{\blue T}\kern-.1667em
  \lower.5ex\hbox{\red E}%
  \kern-.125em\hbox{\green X}}
```

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