

Understanding Default Macros

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The best way to understand default macros is to examine their definition with the Macro Editor. For example, consider the macro titled "Begin/End." Suppose you wish to use an environment like the theorem environment. Type the word "theorem" and select it. Then choose the "Begin/End" macro. The word "theorem" will be replaced with the text

```
\begin{theorem}  
\end{theorem}
```

#source

with the cursor placed on the line between this pair.

Now examine the begin/end macro code:

```
\begin{#SEL#}  
#INS#  
\end{#SEL#}
```

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Text in the macro will be inserted into the source file. Each occurrence of the string #SEL# will be replaced by the text selected when the macro was invoked. If no text was selected, #SEL# will be replaced with an empty string. The cursor will be placed at the end of the inserted text unless the text contains the string #INS#, in which case the cursor will be placed at that location.

Using this knowledge, it is easy to understand and modify the default macros.

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