TUG 2003 \TeX{} Heritage Panel

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Discussion topics

- The original reason for \TeX{}
- \TeX{}78 to \TeX{}82: the migration from SAIL to Pascal
- Early macro packages – the user front end
- \LaTeX{} 2.09 to 2e: no more need for hacking
- \TeX{} 3.0: not just for English any more
- \TeX{}’s friends – Metafont and Computer Modern
- Early output devices
- The effect of PostScript
- The rise of \TeX{} user groups
- Why is \TeX{} still around after 25 years?