con-struc-ti-ble

pro-kary-ot-ic

\show-hy-phens

tetra-butyl-ammo-nium

trans-par-en-cy(ies)

pro-style

pro-virus

Hyphenation Exception Log

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This is the periodic update of the list of words that TEX fails to hyphenate properly. The full list last appeared in *TUGboat* 16:1, starting on page 12, with updates in *TUGboat* 22:1/2, pp. 31–32; 23:3/4, pp. 247–248; 26:1, pp. 5–6; and 29:2, p. 239.

In the list below, the first column gives results from TEX's \showhyphens{...}; entries in the second column are suitable for inclusion in a \hyphenation{...} list.

In most instances, inflected forms are not shown for nouns and verbs; note that all forms must be specified in a \hyphenation{...} list if they occur in your document. The full list of exceptions, as a TEX-readable file, appears at http://mirror.ctan.org/info/digests/tugboat/ushyphex.tex. (It's created by Werner Lemberg's scripts, available in the subdirectory hyphenex.)

Like the full list, this update is in two parts: English words, and names and non-English words (including transliterations from Cyrillic and other non-Latin scripts) that occur in English texts.

Thanks to all who have submitted entries to the list. Here is a short reminder of the relevant idiosyncrasies of TeX's hyphenation. Hyphens will not be inserted before the number of letters specified by \lefthyphenmin, nor after the number of letters specified by \righthyphenmin. For U.S. English, \lefthyphenmin=2 and \righthyphenmin=3; thus no word shorter than five letters will be hyphenated. (For the details, see The TeXbook, page 454.) This particular rule is violated in some of the words listed; however, if a word is hyphenated correctly by TeX except for "missing" hyphens at the beginning or end, it has not been included here.

Some other permissible hyphens have been omitted for reasons of style or clarity. While this is at least partly a matter of personal taste, an author should think of the reader when deciding whether or not to permit just one more break-point in some obscure or confusing word. There really are times when a bit of rewriting is preferable.

One other warning: Some words can be more than one part of speech, depending on context, and have different hyphenations; for example, 'analyses' can be either a verb or a plural noun. If such a word appears in this list, hyphens are shown only for the portions of the word that would be hyphenated in the same way regardless of usage.

The reference used to check these hyphenations is Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged.

Hyphenation for languages other than English

Patterns now exist for many languages other than English, including languages using accented alphabets. CTAN holds an extensive collection of patterns: see http://mirror.ctan.org/language/hyphenation and its subdirectories. A group of volunteers led by Mojca Miklavec and Arthur Reutenauer have created a comprehensive package of hyphenation patterns, called hyph-utf8; see http://tug.org/tex-hyphen.

The List—English words

con-structible

prokary-otic

showhy-phens

tetra-buty-lam-mo-nium

trans-parency(ies)

prostyle

provirus

eps-to-pdf ep-stopdf er-gonomic er-go-nom-ic er-gonom-i-cally er-go-nom-i-cally ethy-lamine eth-yl-am-ine ethy-late eth-yl-ate ethynyl ethy-nyl ethyny-la-tion ethy-nyl-a-tion fron-tend front-end in-pu-tenc input-enc in-ter-vie-wee in-ter-view-ee leuko-cyte leu-ko-cvte meta-form metaform metham-phetamine meth-am-phet-a-mine meth-yl-am-mo-nium methy-lam-mo-nium methy-late meth-vl-ate methy-la-tion meth-yl-a-tion methy-lene meth-yl-ene minesweeper mine-sweeper nodelist node-list nonzero non-zero ono-matopoeia ono-mat-o-poe-ia ono-matopo-etic ono-mat-o-po-et-ic parametriza-tion pa-ram-e-tri-za-tion prokary-ote pro-kary-ote

Names and non-English words used in English text

Dorch-ester Dor-ches-ter Hoek-water Hoek-wa-ter Im-ageMag-ick Image-Magick JavaScript Java-Script Minkowski Min-kow-ski Pythago-ras Py-thag-o-ras Pythagorean Py-thag-o-re-an Schwei-d-nitz Schweid-nitz Shored-itch Shore-ditch Tolch-ester Tol-ches-ter Vidi-assov Vid-ias-sov