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Current font global assignment

Font setup is normally bounded to groups. The code

```
\font\A=ec-lmr10 \A \message{\the\font}
{\font\B=ec-lmtt10 \B \message{\the\font}}
\message{\the\font}
```

gives **\A \B \A**, as one would expect. Why then

```
\font\A=ec-lmr10 \A \message{\the\font}
{\font\B=ec-lmr10 \B \message{\the\font}}
\message{\the\font}
```

yields **\A \B \B**?

When the font used inside a group is the same as the current font in the outer grouping level, the local font assignment becomes global. Actually font `\A` is internally mapped to `\B`. Even if we call `\A` explicitly, `TEX` reports `\B` as the current.

```
\A \message{\the\font}
```

Things are intentionally different in Lua`TEX`...