

Forever Journal

2026 – 2035

Start Year: 2026
Num Years: 10
Lines/Day: 5
Sundays Red: True
Paper: A4
Test Mode: True
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Source Code: forever_journal.py

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"""
Forever Journal Generator
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Generates a 10-year journal layout in LaTeX format.
Designed for A4 paper with specific margin requirements for hole punching.

Usage:
    python forever_journal.py [--test] [--spread 4up] [--align mirrored]
"""

import datetime
import calendar
import argparse
import os
import shutil
import subprocess

# --- CONFIGURATION: JOURNAL SETTINGS ---
START_YEAR = 2026
NUM_YEARS = 10
NUM_WRITING_LINES = 5
SUNDAYS_RED = True
OUTPUT_DIR = "output"

# --- CONFIGURATION: PAPER & MARGINS ---
# Paper Sizes (mm)
PAPER_SIZES = {
    "US LETTER": {"w": 215.9, "h": 279.4},
    "A4": {"w": 210.0, "h": 297.0}
}

CURRENT_PAPER_KEY = "A4"
PAPER = PAPER_SIZES[CURRENT_PAPER_KEY]

# Physical Margins (mm)
# Bottom margin set to 10mm to prevent printer cutoff
TARGET_MARGIN_INNER = 13
TARGET_MARGIN_OUTER = 5
TARGET_MARGIN_TOP = 5
TARGET_MARGIN_BOTTOM = 10

PAGE_W = PAPER["w"]
PAGE_H = PAPER["h"]

# --- CONFIGURATION: LAYOUT DIMENSIONS ---
# Text Width = Page Width - Inner - Outer
CALC_TEXT_WIDTH = PAGE_W - TARGET_MARGIN_INNER - TARGET_MARGIN_OUTER

# Header height reserved for Day/Month display
HEADER_H = 6

# Width reserved for the Year/Day label column
YEAR_LABEL_WIDTH = 10

# Vertical spacing adjustment for labels to avoid touching the line above
LABEL_Y_SHIFT = -0.8

# Calculate Block Height
# We estimate usable height based on margins to keep layout consistent
ESTIMATED_TEXT_HEIGHT = PAGE_H - TARGET_MARGIN_TOP - TARGET_MARGIN_BOTTOM
USABLE_H = ESTIMATED_TEXT_HEIGHT - HEADER_H - 2
BLOCK_H = USABLE_H / NUM_YEARS

def get_day_of_week(year, month, day):
    """Returns the abbreviated day of the week (e.g., 'Mon') for a given date."""
    try:
        dt = datetime.date(year, month, day)
        return dt.strftime("%a")
    except ValueError:
        return ""

def generate_tex(test_mode=False, spread_mode="2up", align_mode="mirrored",
                 no_compile=False, include_source=False):
    """
    Generates the LaTeX source file for the journal.

    Args:
        test_mode (bool): If True, generates a small subset of pages for testing.
        spread_mode (str): "2up" (1 day/page) or "4up" (2 days/page).
        align_mode (str): "mirrored" (outer alignment) or "left" (standard alignment).
        no_compile (bool): If True, skips automatic PDF compilation.
        include_source (bool): If True, appends the script source code to the PDF.
    """
    end_year = START_YEAR + NUM_YEARS - 1
    output_base = f"forever_journal_{START_YEAR}_{end_year}"
    if test_mode:
        output_base = f"test_{output_base}"

    # Ensure output directory exists
    os.makedirs(OUTPUT_DIR, exist_ok=True)
    output_tex = os.path.join(OUTPUT_DIR, f"{output_base}.tex")

    # Test Page Ranges (Inclusive)
    # 1-4: Title, Jan 1-3
    # 31-34: Feb/Mar transition
    # 193-196: Dec/Continuation transition
    TEST_PAGE_RANGES = [(1, 4), (31, 34), (193, 196)]

    def should_write_page(p):
        if not test_mode:
            return True
        for start, end in TEST_PAGE_RANGES:
            if start <= p <= end:
                return True
        return False

    # Determine Days Per Page
    DAYS_PER_PAGE = 2 if spread_mode == "4up" else 1

    # Column Layout
    COLUMN_GUTTER = 5 # mm
    if DAYS_PER_PAGE == 2:
        COL_WIDTH = (CALC_TEXT_WIDTH - COLUMN_GUTTER) / 2
    else:
        COL_WIDTH = CALC_TEXT_WIDTH

    with open(output_tex, "w") as f:
        # --- PREAMBLE ---
        f.write(r"""
\documentclass[10pt,twoside]{article}
""")
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# footskip=1mm pulls footer up; with bottom=10mm, footer sits safely from
# edge.
f.write(rf"\usepackage[paperwidth={PAGE_W}mm, paperheight={PAGE_H}mm, inner
={TARGET_MARGIN_INNER}mm, outer={TARGET_MARGIN_OUTER}mm, top={TARGET_MARGIN_TOP}mm, bottom={TARGET_MARGIN_BOTTOM}mm, footskip=1mm
]{geometry}" + "\n")

f.write(r"""
\usepackage{helvet}
\renewcommand{\familydefault}{\sfdefault}
\usepackage{xcolor}
\usepackage{tikz}
\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\usepackage{listings} % For source code listing

\pagestyle{fancy}
\fancyhf{} % clear all headers and footers
\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0pt}
\fancyfoot[C]{\itshape \small \thepage} % Italic page number in center footer

\setlength{\parindent}{0pt}
\setlength{\parskip}{0pt}
\raggedbottom % Prevent underfull vbox warnings and forced vertical stretching

% Color Definitions
\definecolor{guidegray}{gray}{0.6} % Darker guide lines
\definecolor{bordergray}{gray}{0.3} % Darker border lines
\definecolor{textgray}{gray}{0.4} % Date labels
\definecolor{sundayred}{rgb}{0.8, 0.3, 0.3} % Light red for Sundays

\begin{document}
"""

# --- COVER PAGE ---
if should_write_page(1):
    f.write(r"\begin{titlepage}" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\centering" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\vspace*{5cm}" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\Huge \textbf{(Forever Journal)} \par" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\vspace*{2cm}" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\large \texttt{{\small (START\_YEAR} -- {START\_YEAR + NUM\_YEARS - 1} \texttt{)}}" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\vfill" + "\n")

# Info Box at Bottom Left
now_str = datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
f.write(r"\begin{tikzpicture}[remember picture, overlay]" + "\n")
f.write(r"\node[anchors=south west, xshift=1cm, yshift=1cm] at (" + current.page.south west) { + "\n")
f.write(r" \begin{minipage}{10cm}" + "\n")
f.write(r" \small \ttfamily" + "\n")
f.write(r" Start Year: {START\_YEAR} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" Num Years: {NUM\_YEARS} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" Lines/Day: {NUM\_WRITING\_LINES} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" Sundays Red: {SUNDAYS\_RED} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" Paper: {\texttt{\small CURRENT\_PAPER\_KEY.replace(' ', '_')}} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" \n")
f.write(r" Test Mode: {\texttt{\small test\_mode}} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" Spread: {\texttt{\small spread\_mode}} ({DAYS\_PER\_PAGE} day/page) \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" \n")
f.write(r" Align: {\texttt{\small align\_mode}} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" Generated: {\texttt{\small now\_str}} \\" + "\n")
f.write(r" \end{minipage}" + "\n")
f.write(r" \}; \\" + "\n")
f.write(r"\end{tikzpicture}" + "\n")

f.write(r"\end{titlepage}" + "\n")

# We need a reference leap year to ensure we iterate through Feb 29.
ref_year = START_YEAR
while not calendar.isleap(ref_year):
    ref_year += 1

page_num = 2 # Start on page 2 (Left) after title page

# Iterate through months to ensure proper pagination (Start Month on Left Page)
for month in range(1, 13):
    # Collect days for this month
    month_days = []
    days_in_month = calendar.monthrange(ref_year, month)[1]
    for day in range(1, days_in_month + 1):
        month_days.append((month, day))

    if not month_days:
        continue

    # Ensure we start on an Even (Left) page for the new month
    if page_num % 2 != 0:
        if should_write_page(page_num):
            f.write(rf"\setcounter{page}{{\{page_num\}}}" + "\n")
            f.write(r"\mbox{} \newpage" + "\n")
        page_num += 1

    # Iterate through days in chunks
    for i in range(0, len(month_days), DAYS_PER_PAGE):
        if not should_write_page(page_num):
            page_num += 1
            continue

        f.write(rf"\setcounter{page}{{\{page_num\}}}" + "\n")
        chunk = month_days[i:i + DAYS_PER_PAGE]

        for col_idx, (month, day) in enumerate(chunk):
            month_name = calendar.month_name[month].upper()

            # Separator between columns
            if col_idx > 0:
                f.write(r"\hfill" + "\n")

            # Start Column Minipage
            f.write(rf"\begin{minipage}[t]{{COL\_WIDTH}mm}" + "\n")

            # Determine Alignment for this column
            align_right = False

            # Determine if this is an Inner or Outer column
            # Even Page (Left): Col 0 = Outer, Col 1 = Inner
            # Odd Page (Right): Col 0 = Inner, Col 1 = Outer
            is_inner_col = False
            if page_num % 2 == 0: # Even
                if col_idx == 1:
                    is_inner_col = True
            else: # Odd
                if col_idx == 0:
                    is_inner_col = True

            if align_mode == "mirrored":
                if page_num % 2 != 0: # Odd/Right Page
                    align_right = True
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else: # Even/Left Page
    align_right = False
elif align_mode == "left":
    align_right = False

# --- HEADER LOGIC ---
f.write(rf"\begin{{minipage}}[t]{{{HEADER_H}mm}}{{\textwidth}}")

# Determine content parts
day_str = rf"\huge \textbf{{{{day}}}}"
month_str = rf"\huge \textbf{{{{month\_name}}}}"

# Determine if we show month
show_month = True
if DAYS_PER_PAGE == 2 and is_inner_col:
    # Generally hide month on inner columns to reduce clutter
    show_month = False
    # EXCEPTION: Always show month on the last day of the month
    if day == days_in_month:
        show_month = True

# Build the header line
if align_right:
    # Labels on Right (Right Page)
    f.write(r"\hfill")
    if show_month:
        f.write(rf"\{month_str} \quad ")
    f.write(r"\makebox[{{YEAR\_LABEL\_WIDTH}mm}][r]{{{day_str}}}")
else:
    # Labels on Left (Left Page)
    f.write(r"\makebox[{{YEAR\_LABEL\_WIDTH}mm}][l]{{{day_str}}}")
    if show_month:
        f.write(rf"\quad {month_str}")
    f.write(r"\hfill")

f.write(r"\end{{minipage}}")
f.write(r"\par \nointerlineskip")

# --- 10 YEAR BLOCKS ---
for y_idx in range(NUM_YEARS):
    curr_year = START_YEAR + y_idx
    weekday = get_day_of_week(curr_year, month, day)

    is_leap_year = calendar.isleap(curr_year)
    is_feb_29 = (month == 2 and day == 29)
    skip_content = is_feb_29 and not is_leap_year

    if not skip_content:
        label_year = f"{{{curr_year}}}"
        label_day = f"{{{weekday}}}"
        if SUNDAYS_RED and weekday == "Sun":
            day_color = "sundayred"
        else:
            day_color = "textgray"

# --- DRAW THE BLOCK ---
f.write(rf"\begin{{tikzpicture}}[x=1mm, y=1mm, trim left=0mm, trim right={COL_WIDTH}mm]" + "\n")

w = COL_WIDTH
h = BLOCK_H

f.write(rf"\path[use as bounding box] (0,0) rectangle ({w}, {h});" + "\n")

line_spacing = h / NUM_WRITING_LINES

if not skip_content:
    # Align labels to match header alignment
    if align_right:
        f.write(rf"\node[anchor=north east, text width={YEAR_LABEL_WIDTH}mm, align=right, inner sep=0pt, yshift={LABEL_Y_SHIFT}mm] at ({w},{h}) {{{textbf{{{{label_year}}}}}}\\ \small \color{{{day_color}}} {{label_day}}};;" + "\n")
    else:
        f.write(rf"\node[anchor=north west, text width={YEAR_LABEL_WIDTH}mm, align=left, inner sep=0pt, yshift={LABEL_Y_SHIFT}mm] at (0,{h}) {{{textbf{{{{label_year}}}}}}\\ \small \color{{{day_color}}} {{label_day}}};;" + "\n")

# Top Border (First block only)
if y_idx == 0:
    f.write(rf"\draw[bordergray] (0, {h}) -- ({w}, {h});" + "\n")

# Guide Lines
if not skip_content:
    guide_gap = YEAR_LABEL_WIDTH + 1

    # Circles for first two lines (Inside end)
    circle_radius = line_spacing * 0.25
    for s in range(2): # First two spaces
        y_circle = h - (s + 0.5) * line_spacing
        if align_right: # Inner is Left
            cx = circle_radius + 1
        else: # Inner is Right
            cx = w - circle_radius - 1
        f.write(rf"\draw[guidegray] ({cx}, {y_circle}) circle ({circle_radius});;" + "\n")

    # Continuation 'p' prompt
    f.write(rf"\node[anchor=base east, inner sep=0, text=gray] at ({w}-6, 2.5) {{{\small \$\vec{{p}}\$}}};;" + "\n")

for l in range(1, NUM_WRITING_LINES):
    y_pos = h - l * line_spacing
    if l == 1:
        # Shortened Guide Line
        if align_right:
            f.write(rf"\draw[guidegray, dash pattern=on 0.5pt off 1pt] (0, {y_pos}) -- ({w} - {guide_gap}, {y_pos});;" + "\n")
        else:
            f.write(rf"\draw[guidegray, dash pattern=on 0.5pt off 1pt] ({guide_gap}, {y_pos}) -- ({w}, {y_pos});;" + "\n")
    else:
        f.write(rf"\draw[guidegray, dash pattern=on 0.5pt off 1pt] (0, {y_pos}) -- ({w}, {y_pos});;" + "\n")

# Bottom Divider
f.write(rf"\draw[bordergray] (0, 0) -- ({w}, 0);;" + "\n")
f.write(r"\end{{tikzpicture}}" + "\n")
f.write(r"\par \nointerlineskip" + "\n")

# End Column Minipage
f.write(r"\end{{minipage}}" + "\n")

# End of Page Chunk
f.write(r"\newpage" + "\n")
page_num += 1

# --- CONTINUATION PAGES ---
# 20 pages (10 sheets) of lined notes
NUM_CONTINUATION_PAGES = 20

# Calculate lines for full page
line_spacing = BLOCK_H / NUM_WRITING_LINES

# Usable height for continuation pages
CONT_USABLE_H = ESTIMATED_TEXT_HEIGHT - HEADER_H - 10

num_lines_cont = int(CONT_USABLE_H / line_spacing)

for _ in range(NUM_CONTINUATION_PAGES):
    if should_write_page(page_num):
        f.write(rf"\setcounter{{page}}{{{page_num}}}" + "\n")

        # Header (Empty, just spacing to match main pages)
        f.write(rf"\begin{{minipage}}[t]{{{HEADER_H}mm}}{{\textwidth}}")
        f.write(r"\mbox{}")
        f.write(r"\end{{minipage}}")
        f.write(r"\par \nointerlineskip")

        # Full page lines
        f.write(rf"\begin{{tikzpicture}}[x=1mm, y=1mm]" + "\n")
        w_cont = CALC_TEXT_WIDTH
        h_cont = CONT_USABLE_H

        f.write(rf"\path[use as bounding box] (0,0) rectangle ({w_cont}, {h_cont});;" + "\n")

        for l in range(1, num_lines_cont):
            y_pos = h_cont - l * line_spacing
            f.write(rf"\draw[guidegray, dash pattern=on 0.5pt off 1pt] (0, {y_pos}) -- ({w_cont}, {y_pos});;" + "\n")

        # Bottom Border
        f.write(rf"\draw[bordergray] (0, 0) -- ({w_cont}, 0);;" + "\n")

        f.write(r"\end{{tikzpicture}}")
        f.write(r"\newpage" + "\n")

    page_num += 1

# --- SOURCE CODE APPENDIX ---
# Self-preservation: Print the source code of this script at the end of the journal.
if include_source:
    # Ensure the page number is correct (continuing from the last logical page)
    f.write(rf"\setcounter{{page}}{{{page_num}}}" + "\n")

    # Reset geometry to maximize space for code (this forces a new page)
    f.write(r"\newgeometry{top=10mm, bottom=10mm, left=10mm, right=10mm}" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\twocolumn" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\section*{{Source Code: forever\_journal.py}}" + "\n")

    # Configure listings
    f.write(r"\lstset{" + "\n")
    f.write(r"language=Python," + "\n")
    f.write(r"basicstyle=\tiny\ttfamily," + "\n") # Tiny font to fit ~450 lines
    f.write(r"breaklines=true," + "\n")
    f.write(r"showstringspaces=false," + "\n")
    f.write(r"numbers=none," + "\n")
    f.write(r"frame=single" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\}" + "\n")
    f.write(r"\begin{{lstlisting}}" + "\n")

    # Read and write the source code of this file
    # We must be careful not to print the end-listing tag literally, or it will break the LaTeX.
    try:
        with open(os.path.abspath(_file_), "r") as source_file:
            for line in source_file:
                f.write(line)
    except Exception as e:
        f.write(f"\# Error reading source code: {e}")

    # Safe way to write the end tag without breaking the listing
    f.write(r"\end{{lstlisting}}" + "\n")

    f.write(r"\end{{document}}")

print(f"Generated: {output_tex}")
print(f"Configuration: Paper={{CURRENT_PAPER_KEY}} ((PAGE_W)x(PAGE_H)mm)")
print(f"Margins: Inner={{TARGET_MARGIN_INNER}mm, Outer={{TARGET_MARGIN_OUTER}mm}, Top={{TARGET_MARGIN_TOP}mm}, Bottom={{TARGET_MARGIN_BOTTOM}mm}}")
print(f"Layout: {{spread_mode}} ((DAYS_PER_PAGE} days/page), Align: {{align_mode}}")

# --- AUTO-COMPILATION LOGIC ---
if not no_compile:
    pdflatex_path = shutil.which("pdflatex")
    if pdflatex_path:
        print(f"Found pdflatex at: {pdflatex_path}")
        print("Compiling PDF...")
        try:
            # Run pdflatex with output directory
            # Note: We pass the full path to the tex file.
            # pdflatex will write aux/log/pdf to the directory specified by -output-directory
            cmd = [
                pdflatex_path,
                f"-output-directory={OUTPUT_DIR}",
                "-interaction=nonstopmode", # Don't hang on errors
                output.tex
            ]
            subprocess.run(cmd, check=True)
            print(f"Success! PDF generated at: {os.path.join(OUTPUT_DIR, output_base + '.pdf')}")
        except subprocess.CalledProcessError as e:
            print("Error during PDF compilation.")
            print(e)
    else:
        print("\n[NOTICE] pdflatex not found in PATH.")
        print("To generate the PDF, please install a LaTeX distribution (e.g., TeX Live, MacTeX).")
        print(f"Then run: pdflatex -output-directory {OUTPUT_DIR} {output_tex}")

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print(f"Skipping compilation. To compile manually: pdflatex -output-
directory {OUTPUT_DIR} {output_tex}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Generate Forever Journal LaTeX")
    parser.add_argument("--test", action="store_true", help="Generate a test PDF
        with specific leap year spreads")
    parser.add_argument("--spread", choices=["2up", "4up"], default="2up", help="2
        up = 1 day/page, 4up = 2 days/page")
    parser.add_argument("--mirrored", choices=["mirrored", "left"], default="mirrored"
        , help="mirrored = Outer aligned, left = Left aligned")
    parser.add_argument("--no-compile", action="store_true", help="Skip automatic
        PDF compilation")
    parser.add_argument("--include-source", action="store_true", help="Append
        source code to the PDF")
    args = parser.parse_args()

    generate_tex(test_mode=args.test, spread_mode=args.spread, align_mode=args.
        align, no_compile=args.no_compile, include_source=args.include_source)
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