Using LATEX with Overleaf

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https://github.com/Sim19/vorkurs_informatik_latex







Word processors and plain-tex

A modern graphical word processor



... and its best friend



And the familiar problems...



College Student @CollegeStudent

using microsoft word

moves an image 1 mm to the left all text and images shift. 4 new pages appear. in the distance, sirens.







TEX and LATEX

• TeX

- designed by Donald E. Knuth in 1978
- a typographical system that does typesetting (tex core)
- set up stuff like how to place a graph or insert bibliographies (plain-tex)



Dr. Donald, E. Knuth

PLEX

- written by Leslie Lamport, released in 1983
- a generalised set of macros built on top of T_FX



Dr. Leslie Lamport







The bare minimum

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Things we won't do later on...



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Use Overleaf

Steps: 1) click in the website and register 2) start a new project







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Hello World in Overleaf

```
\documentclass{article}
...
\begin{document}
...
\end{document}
```

```
\ here goes the command % here comes the comment. {} mandatory arguments; tell LATEX this is a group \begin{...} ... \end{...} delimit an environment
```





Hello World(con'd): document environment

%Preamble

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
\pagestyle{empty}
```

\begin{document}

%Top matter

```
\title{Tardis User Manual}
\author{Dr. Who}
\date{October 2019}
\maketitle
```

\end{document}

Tardis User Manual

Dr. Who

April 2019

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Exercise 01

Simple.tex

make the simplest document with title and author info





Structure of an article

In principle, all elements of a document can be controlled with commands. In an article:

- Abstract
- Paragraphs. Maybe hierarchical
- Tables, figures
- Bibliography
- Page layout like headers, footers, margins





Structure of an article (con'd)

Abstract delimited as an environment

```
\begin{abstract}
Insert text here.
\end{abstract}
```

What can be changed:

- title of abstract (default: Abstract)
- text alignment
- margin

Abstract

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1 Introduction

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Structure of an article (con'd)

About text conjuction

- LATEX ignores leading and trailing whitespaces/tabs
- line break is triggered by this command \\, not by pressing ENTER
- new paragraph command \par
- new line \neq new paragraph

Paragraph Sectioning

- \section{Title here} No need to markup the block like it in *Abstract*.
- sections are numbered use \section*{Title here} to un-number.





Structure of an article (con'd)

Section hierarchy

1	section	All these levels are above paragraph.
1.1	subsection	Subparagraph is below paragraph
1.1.1	subsubsection	(visible differences in indention).

Not all sectioning are implemented in a certain document type. e.g., most of the above are not in letters.





Exercise 02

Article.tex

make an article with abstract and sectioning

Dummy text can be generated from package blindtext or lipsum \lipsum[1-3] or \blindtext





Paragraph formatting

Capabilities

- text alignment
- indentation
- spacing between lines
- spacing between paragraphs

- First itemtext
- 2. Second itemtext
- 3. Last itemtext

Specially...

4. First itemtext

First itemtext

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Second itemtext First itemtext

Second itemtest

Last itemtext

Last itemtext

First itemtext

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Paragraph formatting (con'd)

text alignment

- justified, ragged; to the left/right/center.
- Normally paragraphs are flushed on both ends, i.e. left and right justified
- change alignment using an environment or \raggedright{} command

```
\begin{flushleft}
content here.
                          \raggedright{content here.}
\end{flushleft}
```

Centering: \centering{content here.}, or

```
\begin{center}
content here.
\end{center}
```





Paragraph formatting (con'd)

Aiming at a larger scope:

Spacing

- o local changes: \vspace{size}, \smallskip \medskip \bigskip
- put the commands inside an environment. It will take effect where its source code is written, and end with this environment

```
\setlength{\parskip}{6pt} % space between paragraph = 6pt
\renewcommand{\baselinestretch}{2} % space between lines twice
                                   the current size
```

global changes: override default in the preamble





Paragraph formatting (con'd)

Indentation

- LATEX doesn't care how many whitespaces you typed at the beginning of a line.
- Implementation of indention varies among doc types and environments
- Override the default: in the same manner as spacing

```
Add some horizontal space: \hspace{length}
Change settings: \setlength{\parindent}{length}
```





Paragraph formatting (con'd): Listing

1. First itemtext

First itemtest

 First itemtext Second itemtext

2. Second itemtext

Second itemtext Last itemtext

Last itemtext

3. Last itemtext 4. First itemtext

First itemtext

First itemtext

Types: enumerate, description, itemize

```
\begin{enumerate}
\item item_1
\item item_2
\item item_3
\end{enumerate}
```

```
\begin{description}
\item [item_1] about item_1
\item [item_2] about item_2
\item [item_3] about item_3
\end{description}
```

```
\begin{itemize}
\item item_1
\item item_2
\item item_3
\end{itemize}
```





Exercise 03

Paragraph.tex

Format paragraphs. Change indentation, spacing, add some bullet points.

Basic LATEX





LATEX measurement units

Absolute measurements

Abbreviation +	Definition
pt	a point is 1/72.27 inch, that means about 0.0138 inch.
mm	a millimeter
cm	a centimeter
in	inch
ex	roughly the height of an 'x' in the current font
em	roughly the width of an 'M' (uppercase) in the current for

Predefined lengths

\parskip \parindent
\smallskip \bigskip \medskip
\textwidth \linewidth \columnwidth

- More flexible when fitting figures and tables
- relative measurements





Text formatting

Capabilities

font size font styles

> color éñçødîng

pe(c)ial ch α rac+ers

Only the basics are discussed here. Packages are available for more advanced text tuning.







Scope: an example

Tell the difference:

\centering
content here.\par
other stuff here.\par
More and more.

{\centering
content here.\par
other stuff here.\par}
More and more.

{} can be used to delimit a group





Text formatting (con'd): Font Style

Font families

- \textrm{content} Roman
- \textsf{content} Sans Sarif
- \texttt{content} Monospace

Shapes

- \textit{content} Italic
- \textbf{content} Bold
- \textsl{content} Slanted (difference to italic is visible in Roman font)
- \emph{content} Emphasized

Use packages like fontspec for advanced font customization.

Scope: just content





Text formatting (con'd): Font Size

In practice, 2 options for built-in font sizes:

- Absolute sizes in \documentclass[xpt]{article} options: 10pt, 11pt, 12pt for article, report, book
- Built-in font size command

Scope: Till the end of its environment if not delimited

For arbitrary font size, use \fontsize{cur_font_size}{line_spacing_size}.





Text formatting (con'd): color

\usepackage{xcolor}

- preceded by package color, which is less flexible.
- basic command: \color{what_color}{content_to_color} \textcolor{}{}: same except that it does not allow nesting environments

built-in colors black white blue red gray green yellow...

To the end of current environment Scope

Mix your own color

\definecolor{name}{model}{how_to_make_in_cur_model} \definecolor{prettyorange}{HTML}{FF7F00}





Text formatting (con'd): special characters

Capabilities

- Characters to escape% \ {} \$ _ >
- The untypeable
 † £ ™ § ;
- Math $\forall \infty \neq \subset \supset$
- Encoding-related
 å β ü

How-to

- As command in text mode: \% \textbackslash \pounds
- As command in math mode: \$\forall\$ \$\subset\$ \$\neq\$
- Google for commands
- One symbol might have several implementations in basic LATEX and extended packages





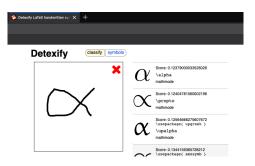


Text formatting (con'd): special characters - life hack

visit https://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html and draw symbol

Basic LATEX









Exercise 04

TextFormat.tex

Format: YOU **are** Being $\underline{W}\alpha t$ (\overline{c})hed





Bibliography

Structure of a citation

1) reference information; 2) position in the main text. Connected by reference number (*key*).

Information needed by LATEX in order to cite

1) reference information; 2) position in the main text Given a reference alias as *key*.

Reference numbering is already implemented.

Capabilities

Bibliographic style





Bibliography(con'd)

Reference information embedded

- thebibliography environment keeps reference information
- bibliographic entry: \bibitem{thekey}; main text: \cite{thekey}
- manually set the format of references

Import from external .bib files

Tool: BibTex

Overleaf simplified the procedure to be:

- Import: \bibliography{file_path_no_need_extension}
- ② Set style: \bibliographystyle{style_name}
- Cite





Bibliography(con'd): .bib file

```
They can be separated: \bibliography{file1,file2,file3}
Or one file containing information of several references
@article{thekey,
 title={Full Title},
  author={Vorname1, Name1 and Vorname2, Name2 and Vorname3, Name3},
  journal={Journal Name},
  volume={number},
 number={number},
  pages={page_number},
 year={2019},
 publisher={Publisher Name}
}
@book{thekey,
   . . .
```

}

Bibliography(con'd): Choose citation style

Styles in *BibTex*: unsrt, plain, abbrv, acm, alpha, apalike

Package natbib

- modified \cite{} to work with both author—year and numerical citations
- basic command \citet{} and \citep{}.
- add * to list all authors in the main text.

```
\citet{jon90}
                                     Jones et al. (1990)
\citet[chap.~2]{jon90}
                                     Jones et al. (1990, chap. 2)
\citep{jon90}
                                     (Jones et al., 1990)
\citep[chap.~2]{jon90}
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\citep[see][]{jon90}
                                 \Rightarrow (see Jones et al., 1990)
\citep[see][chap.~2]{jon90}
                                 \Rightarrow
                                     (see Jones et al., 1990, chap. 2)
\citet*{ion90}
                                     Jones, Baker, and Williams (1990)
\citep*{jon90}
                                    (Jones, Baker, and Williams, 1990)
```





Exercise 05

Bibliography.tex

Import citation via BibTex; customize style with natbib



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Insert images

\usepackage{graphicx}

- Package graphics extended
- inform LATEX where is the image file: \graphicspath{dir} (default: pwd)
- include it in the document: \includegraphics[size_param]{imagefile}





Insert images (con'd): Problems

- Positioning among text
- Positioning at a page break
- Caption, cross-reference...

A casual image:



A scientific figure:



Figure 1: Spongebob Squarepants







Insert images (con'd): Size and positioning

\includegraphics[height=3cm, width=5cm, scale=1.2, angle=45]{pic.png}

- Built-in length measurements are all acceptable
- Positions correspondent to source code
- No captions attached





Insert images (con'd): figure environment

```
\begin{figure}[pos_options]
% position options: h (here), b (bottom), t (top), p (put in a page)
   \centering
   \includegraphics[scale=0.3]{pic.png}
   \caption{Caption this}
   \label{fig:my_label} % a key for in-text referencing
\end{figure}
```

Wrap text around figures: \usepackage{wrapfig}{alignment}{size}





Floats

Definition: anything within a document that cannot be broken over a page. Or roughly, tables and figures.

LATEX's solution

- If running out of space in current page, float the float to the next page
- Fill current page with body text
- \begin{figure}[p] Gather figures to a float-only special page.





Add tables

elements formatting a table

- Float-related properties like figures (positioning, size)
- Interior design: layout
 - number of columns and rows
 - line styles
 - text adjusting





Add tables(con'd): tabular environment

```
\begin{tabular}{ 1 || c | r | }
\hline
Table & Col_1 & Col_2 \\ \hline
Row_1 & 34 & 41 \\ \hline
Row_2 & 0.25 & 0.08 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
```

- Column delimiter: &
- Alignment: 1 c r
- Vertical line: | horizotal line: \hline

```
\begin{tabular*}{\textwidth}{ | 1 | r | }
\hline
col_1 & col_2 \\
\hline
item_1 & item_2 \\
\hline
\end{tabular*}
```

A subtle extension:

- Specifying table width is allowed
- Adjusting column width to fit in the fixed table width is allowed







Add tables(con'd): More customization

table environment Same as figure env. For better placement of the table.

Package array For width adjustment.

Package multirow To merge rows in some columns.

Package *longtable* For tables across pages.





Exercise 05

Floating Elements.tex



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Thanks!



