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Documentation for the imta package



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Chapter 1

Core features: imta_core



1.1 Introduction

The imta_core package provides a LaTeX template that satisfies the IMT Atlantique corporate identity rules. ¹ For slightly more advanced or specific features, you might want to refer to the imta_extra package.

Since it is a package, it can be used for a variety of classes and geometry. It has been primarily designed to be used in article and report documents, either with oneside/twoside or onecolumn/twocolumn geometries. If you are not sure how to start, we invite you to have a look at the skeleton file provided with this template.

1.2 Set up

In order to use this template, you simply need to have a TEX distribution installed, copy this file in your working directory and add the \usepackage {imta_core} command in the preamble of your top document. The babel package should be loaded first when used in combination with imta_core.

If you would prefer to properly install the package once it for all instead of having multiple copies, you can do so by manually installing it. Since this can be a little bit tedious for a new LaTeX user, we introduced a custom Python script. Simply run the imta_install.py script and everything should be alright. This script supports Python 2 and 3, and both MikTeX and TeXLive environments.

Note that this template is compatible with at least TEXLive and MiKTEXdistributions, although we have noticed some issues might happen when trying to resolve dependencies with the latter. If so, then try to update your distribution using your MikTEXmanager. ²

1.3 Sectioning

1.3.1 imtaQuestion and imtaQuestionReset

The \imtaQuestion command outputs and formats a question counter. It's meant to be used in reports for assignment with questions. The counter should be reset with the \imtaQuestionReset. This couple of commands is meant to be used for sectioning when the assignment does not use a more explicit titling.

1.3.2 subsubsubsection

The imta_core package offers a one-level-deeper section than the usual deepest \subsubsection. This provides an alternative to the usual \paragraph.

1.3.3 chapter

The \chapter command has been redefined to print the word "chapter" in front of the figure. This command is compatible with several languages³ but requires the babel package to be loaded first. The default language is english.

This command also prints a small design on the bottom right corner of the page and updates the upper section title. In case the document is in twoside mode, it ensures the chapter page is on the right by inserting a blank page if necessary. In case the document is in twocolumn mode, it also temporarily restores a onecolumn geometry to print the chapter page.

¹See *Charte Graphique* on the IMT Atlantique's intranet for more details.

²See General Guide to Installing Packages with MikTeX Package Manager on TEXStack Exchange for more details.

³This functionality currently supports english, french, german, portuguese and spanish.

1.4 Document styling

1.4.1 IMT Atlantique styling

1.4.1.1 Colors

The core package defines four colors, including the three colors of the IMT Atlantique, and a uniform and arbitrary gray. These are defined as follows:

```
1 \definecolor{imtaGreen}{RGB}{164, 210, 51}
2 \definecolor{imtaLightBlue}{RGB}{0, 184, 222}
3 \definecolor{imtaDarkBlue}{RGB}{12, 35, 64}
4 \definecolor{imtaGray}{RGB}{87, 87, 87}
```

Here are samples of these colors, with text in both black and white for previsualising the contrast.



Figure 1.1: Samples of the IMT Atlantique colors

1.4.1.2 imtaSetIMTStyle

The official IMT Atlantique styling is not really Lage-ish, and takes the decision to use a sans-serif font for body text. Therefore, the default style uses the default Lage-ish, and takes the decision to use a sans-serif font for body text. Therefore, the default style uses the default Lage-ish, and takes the decision to use a sans-serif font for body text. Therefore, the default style uses the default Lage-ish, and takes the decision to use a sans-serif font for body text. Therefore, the default style uses the default Lage-ish, and takes the decision to use a sans-serif font for body text. Therefore, the default style uses the default Lage-ish, and takes the decision to use a sans-serif font for body text. Therefore, the default style uses the default Lage-ish uses the default Lage-ish

The main aspects of the official style are:

- Use of the Helvetica font for the body;
- Section titles in green (\imtaGreen) and other heading titles in gray (\imtaGray);
- Section title in the header;
- > Page number at the right corner of the footer.

For comparison, the default style of the template is:

Use of the default Computer Modern font for the body;

- Default style for headings: all in black;
- Document title at the left corner and author's name at the right corner of the header;
- Page number at the center of the footer.

1.4.1.3 The IMT Atlantique logo with imtaLogo and imtaLogoTikz

The IMT Atlantique logo can be output at the desired width with the \imtaLogo command. The latter includes an external pdf document, imta_logo.pdf, that contains the official logo. On the other hand, the \imtaLogoTikz draws an approximation of the logo with the tikz package. The following is a comparison of both commands (with an added frame). Note that the current version of this template uses \imtaLogoTikz for both the front and back cover.



Figure 1.2: Comparison between imtaLogo (left) and imtaLogoTikz (right)

1.4.1.4 Front cover

The imtaMaketitlepage command outputs a title page with the names of the authors, the date of writing, and the title of the document, along with the subtitle. For this latter purpose, the \subtitle command helps define a subtitle as a part of the document's metadata, and is used inside of the \imtaMaketitlepage command.

Since the \author command consists of only one field, we recommend to simply add linebreaks when declaring the authors if several people co-author a document. However, should you not use the IMT Atlantique style and would like to print the authors' name on one line in the default header, we introduced the \imtaAuthorShort command which sets the \imtaTheAuthorShort macro. By default, it is equal to the \text{theauthor} command, but can be redefined to be on one line only.

The version of the document can be user-specified ausing the \imtaVersion command.

Moreover, you can also add one or several partner's logo on the front cover, next to the one of IMT Atlantique. In order to achieve this, you can simply use the \imtaAddPartnerLogo command in the preamble of your document. The logo will be resized so that its maximum dimension is equal to the corresponding dimension of the IMT Atlantique's logo, unless instructed otherwise.

1.4.1.5 Back cover

The imtaMakeCover command outputs a cover as the last page of the document. This page will always be a left page in a two-side document.

1.4.2 Blockquote typesetting

In order to add beautiful quotes to your document, it is possible to use the \imtaQuote environment.

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1.5 External dependancies

This package depends upon a number of external packages. The use of these is explained hereafter, and the parameters each is used with are specified as well. Furthermore, a code snippet is presented, that shows the import line and the settings of the corresponding package.

1.5.1 geometry

The geometry package provides ways to act on the document's format. This package defines a A4 format, with two-centimeter margins, and a top margin of an extra centimeter for the header.

```
1 \RequirePackage[a4paper, margin=2cm, top=3cm]{geometry}
```

1.5.2 graphicx

The graphicx package lets input graphics and pictures into the document.

```
1 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
```

1.5.3 fontenc

The fontenc package declares an encoding for the output font. The imta_core package uses a latin font whose encoding is T1.

```
1 \RequirePackage[T1]{fontenc}
```

1.5.4 hyperref

The hyperref package helps typeset hypertext links. The hidelinks option hides the links, but keeps them clickable. To output a hypertext link, use the hyperref command.

```
1 \RequirePackage[hidelinks] {hyperref}
```

1.5.5 inputenc

The inputenc package manages the input format. For uniformization purpose, the imta package is written for a use with Unicode. Therefore, it is used with the utf8 option.

```
1 \RequirePackage[utf8]{inputenc}
```

1.5.6 fancyhdr

The fancyhdr package is used for customizing the header and the footer. In the default style, the body pages have the fancy style, that is defined as follows:

```
1 \pagestyle{fancy}
2 \fancyhead{}
3 \fancyfoot{}
4 \fancyhead[L]{\thetitle}
5 \fancyhead[R]{\imtaTheAuthorShort}
6 \fancyfoot[C]{\thepage}
```

A blank style, imtaFirstpage, is defined to remove the header and the footer on the first page.

```
1 \fancypagestyle{imtaFirstpage}{
2   \fancyhf{}
3   \renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0pt}
4 }
```

```
1 \RequirePackage{fancyhdr}
```

1.5.7 tikz

The tikz package is used to create the decorative figures on the front cover and on the new chapter pages. It is also used to recreate the IMT Atlantique logo, which can be used thanks to the \imtaLogoTikz {<width>} command.

```
1 \RequirePackage{tikz}
```

1.5.8 titlesec

The titlesec package allows to easily redefine a section title style, using various commands such as \titleformat and \titlespacing.

```
1 \RequirePackage{titlesec}
```

1.5.9 titling

The titling package creates automated front cover or title pages. In this package, we provide a simple wrapper with respect to the IMT Atlantique colour code and additionnal capabilities.

```
1 \RequirePackage{titling}
```

1.5.10 secsty

The anyfontsize package provides various tools to modify the formatting of sections and chapters, using the \chapterfont and \sectionfont commands for instance.

```
1 \RequirePackage{secsty}
```

1.5.11 enumitem

The enumitem package allows to modify various properties of lists, notably its bullets. This was used with the pifont package to produce the IMT Atlantique list rendering.

1 \RequirePackage{enumitem}

1.5.12 pifont

Similarly to fontawesome, the pifont package offers multiple special characters and symbols. It is used along enumitem to customize the lists rendering by redefining the bullets. It is also used to display the large quote symbols in the \imtaQuote environment.

1 \RequirePackage{pifont}

1.5.13 mdframed

The mdframed package creates various frames and boxes with a lot of customization options. It is used for the imtaQuote environment.

1 \RequirePackage{mdframed}

1.6 List of Environments

\imtaQuote displays a quote in a beautiful frame as shown in section 1.4.2.

1.7 List of Commands

- \subtitle {<subtitle>} defines a subtitle for the document, which is displayed on the front cover when using \imtaMaketitlepage.
- \imtaSuperviser {<name>} defines a new field for the supervisers. It works in a similar fashion to the
 \author command and is displayed on the front cover when using \imtaMaketitlepage.
- \imtaVersion {<version>} defines the version of the document which is displayed on the front cover.
- \imtaAddPartnerLogo [<options>] {<filepath>} adds a partner's logo next to the one of IMT Atlantique on the front cover when using \imtaMaketitlepage. By default, its largest dimension is set to the corresponding dimension of the IMT Atlantique's logo, but it can be overrided thanks to the <options> field, which is used as options for \includegraphics. It supports the insertion of multiple logos, adding a linebreak whenever necessary.
- \imtaMaketitlepage displays the IMT Atlantique styled front cover on the current page.
- ➤ \imtaAuthorShort {<shortened names>} defines shortened author names for the header in case the IMT Atlantique style is not enabled throughout the whole document. It works in a similar fashion to the \author command.
- \imtaLogo {<width>} inserts the IMT Atlantique's logo with the desired dimension by importing the imta_logo.pdf document.

- ➤ \imtaLogoTikz {<width} inserts the TikZ version of the IMT Atlantique's logo with the desired dimension. This removes the dependency to the imta_logo.pdf file.
- ➤ \imtaSetIMTStyle enables the IMT Atlantique document styling throughout the whole document.
- > \subsubsubsection {<title>} defines another level of sectioning, which can be useful for appendices.
- \imtaQuestionCounter creates a new subsection with an independant question counter (useful for a practical report).
- \imtaQuestionReset resets the question counter.
- \imtaMakeCover displays the IMT Atlantique styled back cover on the current page. If the document is in twoside mode, this command will insert a blank page if necessary, to ensure the last page is on the left side.

Chapter 2

Additional features: imta_extra



2.1 Introduction

While the imta_core package provides a LaTeX template that satisfies the IMT Atlantique corporate identity rules the imta_extra package provides the user some slightly more advanced or specific features.

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Since imta_extra uses the minted package for code colouring, two extra steps are necessary to fully resolve dependencies. First, you need to have Pygmentize installed. If this is not the case, you can do it using Python utilitary pip by executing pip install Pygments. Finally, you also need to build your document with the correct options. If you are using pdfLTEX as your compiler, you need to add the --shell-escape option.

Note that this template is compatible with at least TEXLive and MiKTEXdistributions, although we have noticed some issues might happen when trying to resolve dependencies with the latter. If so, then try to update your distribution using your MikTEXmanager. ²

2.3 Document Styling

2.3.1 Code Colouring

When writing a technical report, it can be useful to write some code with syntax highlighting, which moreover matches the template colour code. With this idea in mind, we introduced two custom environments, based on the minted package: \imtaCode {<language>} and \imtaConsole. This means they are both \verbatim-based environments (ie: the text is not interpreted by LaTeX in any way).

```
1 \begin{imtaCode}{python}
2 def mac(a, b, c = 0):
3  # multiply-accumulate function
4  return a*b + c
5 \end{imtaCode}
```

```
def mac(a, b, c = 0):
    # multiply-accumulate function
    return a*b + c
```

Figure 2.1: Example of the imtaCode environment (left) and its rendering (right)

```
1 \begin{imtaConsole}
2    pwd
3    grep -R "lorem" *
4 \end{imtaConsole}
```

```
pwd
grep -R "lorem" *
```

Figure 2.2: Example of the imtaConsole environment (left) and its rendering (right)

To further ease this process and allow the user to import code from external documents (just as figures), two commands have been introduced: \imtaCodeFromFile {<file>} {<language>} and \imtaConsoleFromFile {<file>}.

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²See General Guide to Installing Packages with MikTeX Package Manager on TEXStack Exchange for more details.

2.3.2 Structuring List of Figures and Tables

In long documents, in can be useful to structure the list of figures or tables by printing the highest section (chapter or section) containing the items. In order to achieve this, the figure and table environments have been redefined, as well as the chapter and section commands. The default behavior is thus to print the upper level section in the list of figures or tables. If you would like to disable this functionalities, you can do it by using the nouppersectioninlof or nouppersectioninlot option when loading the package. Simply type \usepackage [<options>]{imta_extra} in the preamble.

2.3.3 Page numbering

In order to ease the page numbering and differentiate the preamble of your document (front cover, table of contents, list of figures, abstract, etc) from the corpus of your document, we introduced the \frontmatter and \mainmatter. They respectively set the page numbering style to roman or arabic.

2.4 External dependancies

2.4.1 mdframed

The mdframed package creates various frames and boxes with a lot of customization options. It is used for the custom code listings.

1 \RequirePackage{mdframed}

2.4.2 minted

The minted package provides powerful code listings tools. This package however requires the installation of the Python pakage Pygments as well as the compilation option --shell-escape. It is used for the custom code listings.

1 \RequirePackage{minted}

2.5 List of Environments

- \imtaCode {<language>} displays its content as syntax highlighted code according to the provided language and with line numbers on the side.
- \imtaConsole displays its content in a custom verbatim environment.

2.6 List of Commands

- \imtaInlinecode {<language>}{<code>} displays its content on the current line as syntax highlighted code according to the provided language.
- \imtaCodeFromFile {<language>}{<path>} displays the content of the given file as syntax highlighted code according to the provided language and with line numbers on the side.
- \imtaConsoleFromFile {<path>} displays the content of a given file in a custom verbatim environment.
- ➤ \imtaFrontMatter resets the page counter and changes its style to roman numerals.
- ➤ \imtaMainMatter resets the page counter and changes its style to arabic numerals.

2.7 List of Import Options

- > nouppersectioninlof disables the printing of the upper section in the list of figures
- > nouppersectioninlot disables the printing of the upper section in the list of tables



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