TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange is a question and answer site for users of TeX, LaTeX, ConTeXt, and related typesetting systems. Join them; it only takes a minute:

Here's how it works:

—

Sign up

Anybody can ask a question

Anybody can answer

The best answers are voted up and rise to the top

Itemize with a dash "-" instead of a bullet

If I use

```
\begin{itemize}
\item asdasd
\item dsfsdf
\end{itemize}
```

the items are with a bullet, but how can I itemize these two with a "-" (a dash / a hyphen / a small line)?

{lists} {itemize}

edited Feb 24 at 15:20   asked Mar 13 '10 at 15:22
CarLaTeX   qwerty
10.1k   3   18   57

migrated from stackoverflow.com Jul 7 '12 at 10:44

This question came from our site for professional and enthusiast programmers.

Welcome to TeX.sx! Your question was migrated here from Stack Overflow. Please register on this site, too, and make sure that both accounts are associated with each other (by using the same OpenID), otherwise you won't be able to comment on or accept answers or edit your question. – Werner Jul 7 '12 at 14:22

3 Answers

One-at-a-time method:

```
\begin{itemize}
\item[--] asdasd
\item[--] dsfsdf
\end{itemize}
```

Set all first-level bullet-point to `--` :

At preamble, in plain-TeX

```
\def\labelitemi{--}
```

or in LaTeX

```
\renewcommand\labelitemi{---}
```

These have the same effect, but if you want all your definitions to look similar you can prefer one over the other.

Set the first-level bullet-point to `--` only in one itemize environment:

```
\begin{itemize}
\renewcommand\labelitemi{--}
```

```
\item asdasd
\item dsfsdf
\end{itemize}
```

Note that there's no reason that it would have to be two dashes instead of one; this would work equally well as `\item[-]`. – Tyler McHenry Mar 13 '10 at 15:35

@Tyler: `-` (hyphen) is shorter than `--` (en-dash). – kennytm Mar 13 '10 at 15:35

11   @Tyler except that it is poorer typographical style, I believe. – Vasily Korolev Mar 13 '10 at 15:41

6   @Vasily I would not say "poorer"; it's a **poor** style (it's a thing you want to do when you want to look like MSWord). – yo' Jul 7 '12 at 11:53

@picco's answer is what's needed here, I'd say. – LondonRob Jul 11 '14 at 17:01

For reference, here's a package-wise approach using the (de-facto) list manipulation package, `enumitem`:

– asdasd

– dsfsdf

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{enumitem}% http://ctan.org/pkg/enumitem
\begin{document}
\begin{itemize}[label={--}]
\item asdasd
\item dsfsdf
\end{itemize}
\end{document}
```

```
% before \begin{document}
\usepackage{enumerate}

% after \begin{document}
\begin{enumerate}[-]
 \item asdasd
 \item dsfdsf
\end{enumerate}
```

Ideally, the `enumerate` package is already in MiKTeX so you need not download it.

1   Welcome to TeX.sx! You can format code using the `{}` button in the edit window or by indenting the code by four blank spaces. – Peter Jansson Feb 28 '13 at 11:14

@picco: `enumerate` is a latex "required" package; a distribution that *doesn't* contain it is non-conforming. so idealism *ought* not to be required... – wasteofspace Feb 28 '13 at 14:55

This totally looks like an up-to-date best practice to me. – mcbetz Feb 28 '13 at 17:31

This is clearly the best answer! – LondonRob Jul 11 '14 at 16:52