

LaTeX and Git

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Once upon a time

- Donald E. Knuth (born 1938) is a computer scientist and Professor Emeritus of the Art of Computer Programming at Stanford University.
- In 1969 he wrote the book 'The Art Of Computer Programming'. He is the Godfather of a huge amount of computer related stuff.
- The book was typeset with metal letters; the good old style.
- In 1976 he wants to typeset the 2nd edition, but the typesetting changed to a digital way. His favorite font was not available and the digital print was awful.

Lamport TeX

- So he decided to make it by himself and he created $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$, with the goals
 - ▶ allow anybody to produce high-quality books using a reasonable amount of effort
 - ▶ provide a system that would give the exact same results on all computers, now and in the future
- based on $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ Leslie Lamport creates a dialect which includes popular Macros, so that it is easier to use than the original TeX.

basic

- Control-sequences are commands to format:
`\command[optional parameter]{parameter}`
- e.g. the documentclass definition with 11pt font as book:
`\documentclass[11pt]{book}`

basic

- To create a document we have to create a minimal header
- **Document-setting**
will define the global environment of the document
 - ▶ `\documentclass[options]{<class>}`
- **Packages**
are used to provide addition functionality within the document (syntax-highlighting, url-links, etc.)
 - ▶ `\usepackage{<name>}`
- **Title**
To have some variables defined which could be used within the layout at least this should be set
 - ▶ `\author{<name>}`
 - ▶ `\title{<title>}`
 - ▶ `\institute{<date>}`
 - ▶ `\date{<date>}`