



# LaTeX4El Template Documentation

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Terms of use

This template may be used only for cheat sheets that are published on the *LaTeX4El* web page.

A lot of effort has been put into this template and therefore all cheat sheets created with this template shall also be available on the *LaTeX4El* project web page.

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### 1.2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to give an overview over all functions of the LaTeX4El template with the goal to help the reader to create beautiful cheat sheets.

## 2. Box Environments

For the structuring of the document, the LaTeX4El template offers different boxes.

### 2.1. Sectionbox

The main structure is defined through the *sectionbox* environment.

```
\begin{sectionbox}
  content of the sectionbox
\end{sectionbox}
```

### 2.2. Tablebox

Tables can be set using the *tablebox* or a *tablebox\** environment. The table entries are embedded within `\begin{tablebox*}{1111}` and `\end{tablebox*}`.

Example for a table with *tablebox*:

vector	$\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$	matrix	$\underline{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
Example	of	the	tablebox

In contrast to that a normal  $\LaTeX$ table:

A	small	table
with	two	lines

### 2.3. Symbolbox

A symbolbox can be used to define symbols for different values.

The equation is embedded within `\begin{symbolbox}` and `\end{symbolbox}`.

Example of a *symbolbox* (to define symbols)

Pressure	$[p]$	$\frac{N}{m^2}$
Seebeck-Ko.	$[S]$	$\frac{mV}{K}$
Wärmeleitf.	$[\lambda]$	$\frac{W}{m\,K}$

### 2.4. Cookbox

a so-called cookbox can be used to set beautiful step-by-step instructions. The items are embedded within `\begin{cookbox}` and `\end{cookbox}`.

How to create a beautiful cheat sheet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Read this manual</li><li>Create a beautiful cheat sheet</li></ul>

### 2.5. Emphbox

really important formulars can be set in a box with a red border.

The equations are embedded within `\begin{emphbox}` and `\end{emphbox}`.

$$x_{1/2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

## 3. Language and Text

### 3.1. Text

The  $\LaTeX$ source code of this template is interpreted as unicode. Therefore special characters like the german umlauts (ä,ö,ü) can be used easily.

Also greek characters can be written as math commands ( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ) or as unicode ( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ).

This is also valid for the math characters:  $\int, \partial, \mathbb{R}$  or  $\int, \partial, \mathbb{R}$ .

### 3.2. Language

The language can be chosen with the options *english* or *german*.

It is also possible to define a different language for a part of a document: `\EngGer{You have chosen the language option english}{Du hast ngerman als Sprachoption gewählt}`

However, you can also switch to english in a german cheat sheet using `\selectlanguage{english}`. This guarantees that words are hyphenated correctly. And back to german with `\selectlanguage{ngerman}` (use *ngerman* not *german*!)

## 4. Images

Images can be included using the `\includegraphics` command.

Do not use figure environment. The width should be set as a fraction of `\columnwidth`.

```
\begin{center}
  \includegraphics[width = 0.5\columnwidth]{Logo}
\end{center}
```

The *includegraphics* command searches for images in `./` and `./img`. The file extension is added automatically.

## 5. Conventions

### Why?

Different formatting is helpful for the understanding of: variables, constants, functions, fixed units, vectors, matrices, sets, complex values, random variables ...

### 5.1. General conventions for cheat sheets

- Always the name and the symbol afterwards!  
Example: "The angular velocity  $\omega$ ", "The angular velocity  $\omega$ "
- Densities are always set in small letters
- Brackets around fractions or bigger equations are set with `\left( ... \right)`

### 5.2. Tables

Line	B/W	Colored
Line above	<code>\trule</code>	<code>\ctrule</code>
Line in the middle	<code>\mrule</code>	<code>\cmrule</code>
Line Below	<code>\brule</code>	<code>\cbrule</code>

### 5.3. Boxes

Different topics are categorized within boxes. The following types of boxes are available:

*sectionbox*: for a topic (grey)  
*tablebox*: for colored tables  
*symbolbox*: for units and symbols (orange)  
*emphbox*: for very important equations (red box)  
*topicbox*: for important overviews about the topic

For further information on how to use the different boxes please refer to section 2.

### 5.4. Vectors and matrices

vector symbol	<code>\vec r</code>
vector	<code>\vect{ x \ y \ z }</code>
transpose	<code>\vec r^{\top}</code>
matrix symbol	<code>\ma M</code>
matrix	<code>\mat{ a &amp; b \ c &amp; d }</code>
tensor	<code>\tensor C</code>

### 5.5. Indices and superscript

- Depending on what the index refers to it should be set differently:
- $E_{\text{kin}}$  (`E_{\text{ir kin}}`) if an index refers to a word (e.g. "kinetic"). The command name `\text{ir}` is an abbreviation for "index roman".
  - $E_x$  (`E_x`) if the index refers to a symbol (e.g. the  $x$  component of the electromagnetic field).

The same difference also applies for the superscript (`^`).

### 5.6. Functions

The trigonometric functions are usually set upright. Therefore the commands `\exp`, `\sin`, `\cos`, `\sinh`, `\cosh` and `\sinc` should be used.

Similar we can set:

Differential operators: `\grad`, `\div`, `\rot` and `\lpo`  
Maximum, minimum and limits operators: `\min`, `\max` and `\lim`  
Stochastic operators: `\E`, `\Var` and `\Cov`

Transformations are usually set in italic letters: `\FT`, `\LT`, `\DFT`, `\ZT` and `\DTFT`

### 5.7. Complex values

Complex variable: `\cx z`  
Complex conjugate: `\cxc z`  
Imaginary: `\i` or `\j` or `\k` (hypercomplex)

## 6. Macros

### 6.1. Own Macros for cheat sheets

Arrows:  $\rightarrow, \Rightarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow$

### 6.2. Own Macros in the scientific package

Vectors and Matrices:  $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$   
Proper delta for differential equations:  $d^3x \, dy \, dz \frac{df(x)}{dx}$

Functions: SI Units:  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2}$   
Sets:  $\mathbb{N} \mathbb{R} \mathbb{C}$   
Random variable:  $X \, Y \, Z$   
Stochastic:  $P(X = 3), E(X), \text{Var}(X)$

Further information about the use of the *scientific* package can be found in *Scientific Package Documentation.pdf*