

# LaTeX & Data Management Plans

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# $\text{\LaTeX}$ for Typesetting

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The intention of this lesson is mainly to give you an introduction to  $\text{\LaTeX}$  so that you understand the benefits of using a typesetting system for creating documents.

We also wanted to give you this introduction so that you could view Data Management Plans that we have written.

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- it is not for everyone :(

# How do Researchers Use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## Some Examples

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is useful for many types of documents including journal articles, grant proposals, and presentations (like these slides!). Let's look at a few of these.

- a scientific manuscript
- a CV
- a presentation

## Thesis Template

Iowa State has a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X **template for writing your graduate thesis.**

## Download L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

<https://www.latex-project.org/get>

## L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Interactive Development Environments

T<sub>E</sub>X distributions often come with free L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X IDEs that allow you to compose and compile documents. There are also many nice 3rd party products (though many are not free).

- LyX (offers a WYSIWYMean environment)
- TeXMaker
- TeXPad (Mac OS X)

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## Web-based $\text{\LaTeX}$ editors

In the last several years, collaborating online with  $\text{\LaTeX}$  has gotten easier and easier with web-tools.

- Overleaf (<https://www.overleaf.com>)
- ShareLaTeX (<https://www.sharelatex.com>)

Let's start a journal article!

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In addition to data, biology research also yields other products that are necessary for reproducibility and are tools that can advance the field (e.g., software, scripts, databases, tutorials).

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## Write it down

A **Data Management Plan** is a written plan for dealing with scientific data and all of the products of a research project. This plan accounts for how data (and software, tools, etc.) will be handled during a research project and *after* the project is completed.

# Proposing Reproducible Research

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## DMPs are required for funding

NSF, NIH, USDA, NASA, DOE, HHS, CDC, FDA, NIST, NOAA, USAID, AHRQ etc.

These and many other funding agencies require data management plans for all proposed research projects and/or awards.

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# Examples of Data Management Plans

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## NSF DEB-1556615/DEB-1556701

The DMP for a collaborative award entitled: *Advancing Bayesian Phylogenetic Methods for Synthesizing Paleontological and Neontological Data*

- ShareLaTeX URL: <http://bit.ly/2nbk5TN>

## NSF IOS-1546719

The DMP for a collaborative award entitled: *The Genetics of Highland Adaptation in Maize*

- Overleaf URL (entire proposal): <http://bit.ly/2o6NR0K>

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What are important data management issues for your research?

Think about your own work and the data you collect, how would you craft a DMP for your project?

- data type, data format, data storage & preservation, data sharing, publishing & dissemination, roles & responsibilities