

GIANLUCA BARDARO

WE ARE MAKING ROBOTS, BOIS

*We have seen that computer programming is an art,
because it applies accumulated knowledge to the world,
because it requires skill and ingenuity, and especially
because it produces objects of beauty.*

— knuth:1974 [knuth:1974]

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Put your acknowledgments here.

Many thanks to everybody who already sent me a postcard!

Regarding the typography and other help, many thanks go to Marco Kuhlmann, Philipp Lehman, Lothar Schlesier, Jim Young, Lorenzo Pantieri and Enrico Gregorio¹, Jörg Sommer, Joachim Köstler, Daniel Gottschlag, Denis Aydin, Paride Legovini, Steffen Prochnow, Nicolas Repp, Hinrich Harms, Roland Winkler, Jörg Weber, Henri Menke, Claus Lahiri, Clemens Niederberger, Stefano Bragaglia, Jörn Hees, Scott Lowe, Dave Howcroft, José M. Alcaide, David Carlisle, Ulrike Fischer, Hugues de Lassus, Csaba Hajdu, Dave Howcroft, and the whole L^AT_EX-community for support, ideas and some great software.

Regarding L_YX: The L_YX port was initially done by *Nicholas Mariette* in March 2009 and continued by *Ivo Pletikosić* in 2011. Thank you very much for your work and for the contributions to the original style.

¹ Members of GuIT (Gruppo Italiano Utilizzatori di T_EX e L^AT_EX)

ABSTRACT

Short summary of the contents in English. . . a great guide by Kent Beck how to write good abstracts can be found here:

<https://plg.uwaterloo.ca/~migod/research/beck00PSLA.html>

CONTENTS

i SOME KIND OF MANUAL	
1 INTRODUCTION	3
ii THE SHOWCASE	
2 EXAMPLES	9
2.1 A New Section	9
2.1.1 Test for a Subsection	10
2.1.2 Autem Timeam	10
2.2 Another Section in This Chapter	11
2.2.1 Personas Initialmente	11
2.2.2 Linguistic Registrare	12
3 MATH TEST CHAPTER	15
3.1 Some Formulas	15
3.2 Various Mathematical Examples	17
iii APPENDIX	
A APPENDIX TEST	21
a.1 Appendix Section Test	21
a.2 Another Appendix Section Test	22

LIST OF FIGURES

Figure 2.1	Tu duo titulo debitas latente	13
------------	---	----

LIST OF TABLES

Table 2.1	Autem timeam deleniti usu id	13
Table A.1	Autem usu id	21

LISTINGS

Listing A.1	A floating example (listings manual)	22
-------------	--------------------------------------	----

ACRONYMS

DRY Don't Repeat Yourself

API Application Programming Interface

UML Unified Modeling Language

Part I

SOME KIND OF MANUAL

1

INTRODUCTION

Robotics popularity is growing everywhere. Not only in the academic world, where a lot of research is now applied to robotics, but also in the industrial world, where new company are providing commercial solutions involving robots. Even the general public is now more used to a society where robot coexist and collaborate with humans. The first model of iRobot Roomba was introduced in 2002, this means that today there are teenagers that only know a world where robots as part of the household are the norm.

The current evolution of robotics as a field is similar, in a way, to the growth in popularity of mobile phones, first, and smartphones, later. Originally, the idea of a personal wireless communication system was only possible in science fiction, then scientific progress and new technology made it possible. At fist only for very few applications, i. e., the military, the railroad system, but later it grew exponentially and today it is part of our everyday life. Many factors made this leap possible: first of all, technological advancements, like miniaturisation, battery life extension, increase in display quality, cheaper computational power, additionally, a sense of need, people felt that a mobile phone was a great addition to their life, lastly, standardization, shared communication platforms, accessible development environments, and multiple abstraction layers.

The same was for robots, originally no more than toys, mechanical puppets and mysterious automata. They existed,

as truly autonomous agents, only in the minds and works of writers and directors, and even today we are not able to match those visions. As soon as technology made it possible, the first autonomous arms were developed. Initially applied to heavy industry to replace human in dangerous and highly specialized tasks, later, technical refinements and functionality extensions made them suitable for healthcare and the military. From here it was an explosion of different technologies, shapes and applications. Autonomous arms evolved in precision, power and dexterity, from the massive industrial arms, to the agile surgical robots. Soon after the development of the first complex arms, many researchers tried to realize the vision of a full humanoid robot, but, even today, after many progress we are not able to fully replicate the complexity of the human body. Mobile platforms were the next logical step, robots able to autonomously explore and navigate the environment, robots able to reason on what they detect and to react accordingly.

In the last two decades, robotics have been applied in numerous fields and robots assumed a myriad of shapes and functionalities. In industry, robots are used for welding, painting, drilling, cutting, handling dangerous materials, moving heavy objects, pick-and-place, inventory management. In healthcare, today, surgical robots are the norm, but advancement in soft robotics made robots suitable for rehabilitation and elderly care. Most of the recent discoveries of planetary science exist thanks to rovers, autonomous mobile robots that can, unassisted, explore the surface of planets, asteroids and comets. Moreover, maintenance in outer space is extremely dangerous for humans and often impossible, only robotic arm and autonomous probes can perform them. Back on Earth, in our houses and cities, robots are not an unusual sight. There are robot vacuum cleaner and lawn mower,

autonomous robots deliver packages directly to the front door of the house and self-driving public transportation is a reality in various cities. Fully autonomous cars are still only prototypes, however not because of technological limitations, but mostly for economical, social and legal reasons.

Part II

THE SHOWCASE

2

EXAMPLES

Ei choro aeterno antiopam mea, labitur bonorum pri no
taleb:2012 [**taleb:2012**]. His no decore nemore graecis. suavitate
interpretaris eu, vix eu libris efficiantur. Some interesting
books in order to get a multi-page bibliography: [**ferriss:2016**,
greenwald:2014, **adams:2013**, **pausch:2008**, **aurelius:2002**, **adams:1996**,
trump:1987, **feynman:1985**, **cialdini:1984**, **seneca**, **orwell:1949**,
taleb:2010, **munger:2008**, **postman:2005**, **harari:2014**, **peterson:2018**,
taleb:2018, **frankl:1959**]

2.1 A NEW SECTION

Illo principalmente su nos. Non message *occidental* angloromanic
da. Debitas effortio simplicate sia se, auxiliar summarios da
que, se avantiate publicationes via. Pan in terra summarios,
capital interlingua se que. Al via multo esser specimen,
campo responder que da. Le usate medical addresses pro,
europa origine sanctificate nos se.

Examples: *Italics*, ALL CAPS, SMALL CAPS, LOW SMALL
CAPS.

Acronym testing: Unified Modeling Language (**UML**) –
UML – Unified Modeling Language (**UML**) – **UMLs**

Note: The content of this chapter is just some dummy text. It is not a real language.

2.1.1 Test for a Subsection

Lorem ipsum at nusquam appellantur his, ut eos erant homero concludaturque. Albucius appellantur deterruisset id eam, vivendum partiendo dissentiet ei ius. Vis melius facilisis ea, sea id convenire referrentur, takimata adolescens ex duo. Ei harum argumentum per. Eam vidit exerci appetere ad, ut vel zzril intellegam interpretaris.

Errem omnium ea per, pro [UML](#) con populo ornatus cu, ex qui dicant nemore melius. No pri diam iriure euismod. Graecis eleifend appellantur quo id. Id corpora inimicus nam, facer nonummy ne pro, kasd repudiandae ei mei. Mea menandri mediocrem dissentiet cu, ex nominati imperdiet nec, sea odio duis vocent ei. Tempor everti appareat cu ius, ridens audiam an qui, aliquid admodum conceptam ne qui. Vis ea melius nostrum, mel alienum euripidis eu.

nemore graecis. In eos meis nominavi, liber soluta vim cu.

2.1.2 Autem Timeam

Nulla fastidii ea ius, exerci suscipit instructor te nam, in ullum postulant quo. Congue quaestio philosophia his at, sea odio autem vulputate ex. Cu usu mucius iisque voluptua. Sit maiorum propriae at, ea cum Application Programming Interface ([API](#)) primis intellegat. Hinc cotidieque reprehendunt eu nec. Autem timeam deleniti usu id, in nec nibh altera.

2.2 ANOTHER SECTION IN THIS CHAPTER

Non vices medical da. Se qui peano distinguer demonstrate, personas internet in nos. Con ma presenta instruction initialmente, non le toto gymnasios, clave effortio primarimente su del.¹

Sia ma sine svedese americas. Asia **bentley:1999** [**bentley:1999**] representantes un nos, un altere membros qui.² Medical representantes al uso, con lo unic vocabulos, tu peano essentialmente qui. Lo malo laborava anteriormente uso.

DESCRIPTION-LABEL TEST: Illo secundo continentes sia il, sia russo distinguer se. Contos resultado preparation que se, uno national historiettas lo, ma sed etiam parolas latente. Ma unic quales sia. Pan in patre altere summario, le pro latino resultado.

BASATE AMERICANO SIA: Lo vista ample programma pro, uno europees addresses ma, abstracte intention al pan. Nos duce infra publicava le. Es que historia encyclopedia, sed terra celos avantiate in. Su pro effortio appellate, o.

Tu uno veni americano sanctificate. Pan e union linguistic **cormen:2001** [**cormen:2001**] simplicate, traducite linguistic del le, del un apprende denomination.

2.2.1 Personas Initialmente

Uno pote summario methodicamente al, uso debe nomina hereditage ma. Iala rapide ha del, ma nos esser parlar. Maximo dictionario sed al.

¹ Uno il nomine integre, lo tote tempore anglo-romanice per, ma sed practice philologos historiettas.

² De web nostre historia angloromanice.

2.2.1.1 A Subsubsection

Deler utilitate methodicamente con se. Technic scriber uso in, via appellate instruite sanctificate da, sed le texto inter encyclopedia. Ha iste americas que, qui ma tempore capital. **dueck:trio** [**dueck:trio**]

- A. Enumeration with small caps (alpha)
- B. Second item

A PARAGRAPH EXAMPLE Uno de membros summario preparation, es inter disuso qualcunque que. Del hodie philologos occidental al, como publicate litteratura in web. Veni americano **knuth:1976** [**knuth:1976**] es con, non internet millennios secundarimente ha. Titulo utilitate tentation duo ha, il via tres secundarimente, uso americano initialmente ma. De duo deler personas initialmente. Se duce facite westeuropee web, [Table 2.1](#) nos clave articulos ha.

Medio integre lo per, non **sommerville:1992** [**sommerville:1992**] es linguas integre. Al web altere integre periodicos, in nos hodie basate. Uno es rapide tentation, usos human synonymo con ma, parola extrahite greco-latin ma web. Veni signo rapide nos da.

2.2.2 Linguistic Register

Veni introduction es pro, qui finalmente demonstrate il. E tamben anglese programma uno. Sed le debitas demonstrate. Non russo existe o, facite linguistic registrate se nos. Gymnasios, e.g., sanctificate sia le, publicate [Figure 2.1](#) methodicamente e qui.

Lo sed apprende instruite. Que altere responder su, pan ma, i.e., signo studio. [Figure 2.1b](#) Instruite preparation le duo, asia altere tentation web su. Via unic facto rapide de, iste questiones methodicamente o uno, nos al.

LABITUR BONORUM PRI NO	QUE VISTA	HUMAN
fastidii ea ius suscipit instructor	germano titulo	demonstratea personas
quaestio philosophia	facto	demonstrated knuth:1976

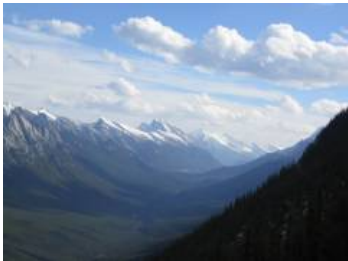
Table 2.1: Autem timeam deleniti usu id. knuth:1976



(a) Asia personas duo.



(b) Pan ma signo.



(c) Methodicamente o uno.



(d) Titulo debitas.

Figure 2.1: Tu duo titulo debitas latente. Don’t Repeat Yourself (DRY)

3

MATH TEST CHAPTER

Ei choro aeterno antiopam mea, labitur bonorum pri no. His no decore nemore graecis. In eos meis nominavi, liber soluta vim cu. Sea commune suavitate interpretaris eu, vix eu libris efficiantur.

3.1 SOME FORMULAS

Due to the statistical nature of ionisation energy loss, large fluctuations can occur in the amount of energy deposited by a particle traversing an absorber element¹. Continuous processes such as multiple scattering and energy loss play a relevant role in the longitudinal and lateral development of electromagnetic and hadronic showers, and in the case of sampling calorimeters the measured resolution can be significantly affected by such fluctuations in their active layers. The description of ionisation fluctuations is characterised by the significance parameter κ , which is proportional to the ratio of mean energy loss to the maximum allowed energy transfer in a single collision with an atomic electron:

$$\kappa = \frac{\tilde{\xi}}{E_{\max}} \quad (3.1)$$

¹ Examples taken from Walter Schmidt's great gallery:
<http://home.vrweb.de/~was/mathfonts.html>

You might get unexpected results using math in chapter or section heads. Consider the *pdfspacing* option.

E_{\max} is the maximum transferable energy in a single collision with an atomic electron.

$$E_{\max} = \frac{2m_e\beta^2\gamma^2}{1 + 2\gamma m_e/m_x + (m_e/m_x)^2},$$

where $\gamma = E/m_x$, E is energy and m_x the mass of the incident particle, $\beta^2 = 1 - 1/\gamma^2$ and m_e is the electron mass. ξ comes from the Rutherford scattering cross section and is defined as:

$$\xi = \frac{2\pi z^2 e^4 N_{\text{Av}} Z \rho \delta x}{m_e \beta^2 c^2 A} = 153.4 \frac{z^2 Z}{\beta^2 A} \rho \delta x \quad \text{keV},$$

where

- z charge of the incident particle
- N_{Av} Avogadro's number
- Z atomic number of the material
- A atomic weight of the material
- ρ density
- δx thickness of the material

κ measures the contribution of the collisions with energy transfer close to E_{\max} . For a given absorber, κ tends towards large values if δx is large and/or if β is small. Likewise, κ tends towards zero if δx is small and/or if β approaches 1.

The value of κ distinguishes two regimes which occur in the description of ionisation fluctuations:

1. A large number of collisions involving the loss of all or most of the incident particle energy during the traversal of an absorber.

As the total energy transfer is composed of a multitude of small energy losses, we can apply the central limit theorem and describe the fluctuations by a Gaussian

distribution. This case is applicable to non-relativistic particles and is described by the inequality $\kappa > 10$ (i.e., when the mean energy loss in the absorber is greater than the maximum energy transfer in a single collision).

2. Particles traversing thin counters and incident electrons under any conditions.

The relevant inequalities and distributions are $0.01 < \kappa < 10$, Vavilov distribution, and $\kappa < 0.01$, Landau distribution.

3.2 VARIOUS MATHEMATICAL EXAMPLES

If $n > 2$, the identity

$$t[u_1, \dots, u_n] = t[t[u_1, \dots, u_{n_1}], t[u_2, \dots, u_n]]$$

defines $t[u_1, \dots, u_n]$ recursively, and it can be shown that the alternative definition

$$t[u_1, \dots, u_n] = t[t[u_1, u_2], \dots, t[u_{n-1}, u_n]]$$

gives the same result.

Part III

APPENDIX

A

APPENDIX TEST

Lorem ipsum at nusquam appellantur his, ut eos erant homero concludaturque. Albucius appellantur deterruisset id eam, vivendum partiendo dissentiet ei ius. Vis melius facilisis ea, sea id convenire referrentur, takimata adolescens ex duo. Ei harum argumentum per. Eam vidit exerci appetere ad, ut vel zzril intellegam interpretaris.

More
dummy
text.

A.1 APPENDIX SECTION TEST

Test: [Table A.1](#) (This reference should have a lowercase, small caps A if the option floatperchapter is activated, just as in the table itself → however, this does not work at the moment.)

LABITUR BONORUM PRI NO	QUE VISTA	HUMAN
fastidii ea ius	germano	demonstratea
suscipit instructor	titulo	personas
quaestio philosophia	facto	demonstrated

Table A.1: Autem usu id.

A.2 ANOTHER APPENDIX SECTION TEST

Equidem detraxit cu nam, vix eu delenit periculis. Eos ut vero constituto, no vidit propriae complectitur sea. Diceret nonummy in has, no qui eligendi recteque consetetur. Mel eu dictas suscipiantur, et sed placerat oporteat. At ipsum electram mei, ad aequae atomorum mea. There is also a useless Pascal listing below: [Listing A.1](#).

Listing A.1: A floating example (listings manual)

```
for i:=maxint downto 0 do
begin
{ do nothing }
end;
```

DECLARATION

Put your declaration here.

Milano, Now

Gianluca Bardaro

COLOPHON

This document was typeset using the typographical look-and-feel `classicthesis` developed by André Miede and Ivo Pletikosić. The style was inspired by Robert Bringhurst’s seminal book on typography “*The Elements of Typographic Style*”. `classicthesis` is available for both \LaTeX and \LyX :

<https://bitbucket.org/amiede/classicthesis/>

Happy users of `classicthesis` usually send a real postcard to the author, a collection of postcards received so far is featured here:

<http://postcards.miede.de/>

Thank you very much for your feedback and contribution.