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Chapter 1

Template

1.1 How to compile a .tex file to a .pdf file

1.1.1 Tools

To process the files you (may) need:

- pdflatex (for example from tetex package ≥ 0.9-6, which you can get from Red Hat 5.2);
- acroread (a PDF viewer, available from http://www.adobe.com/);
- ghostscript ≥ 5.10 (for example from Red Hat Contrib) and ghostview or gv (from RedHat Linux);
- efax package could be useful, if you plan to fax documents.

1.1.2 How to use the tools

Follow these steps:

- 1. put all source .tex files in one directory, then chdir to the directory (or put some of them in the LATEX search path if you know how to do this);
- 2. run "pdflatex file.tex" on the main file of the document three times (three to prepare valid table of contents);
- 3. to see or print the result use acroread (unfortunately some versions of acroread may produce PostScript which is too complex), or