

The basics of entering text

In the body, ordinary text is simply typed in as you normally would. As in HTML, multiple spaces are converted into single spaces, and a single carriage return is ignored. You can space out your text in whatever way makes the most sense to you.

One or more blank lines in the source makes a paragraph break.

If you wish to insert a linebreak of your own, use a double backslash.

Typographical niceties: “curly quotes” double and ‘single’; the apostrophe’s easy; and dashes—the em dash—and the en dash (for numbers, as in 1990–2000).

Here is an example of *emphasis* and of *emphasis with a further emphasis within it*.

And the favorite humanist command.¹

Remarks on document structure

Note the way you notate document sections.

Environments

Documents are further structured by environments, which set text differently from ordinary paragraphs.

A blockquote.

Ne vous inquiétez pas à propos des difficultés des accents et des autres langues. Avec Unicode, ça marche tout simplement. (It is true that you have to make sure the font you are using contains all the characters you need.)

¹It’s the footnote, of course.