UNM Nuke LaTeX Templates

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Welcome to the Wonderful World of LaTeX!

- Content Outline:
  - What is LaTeX, and how does it make my life easier?
  - Getting started
  - Using the templates → walk-through example of a lab report

What is LaTeX?

- Stylized software for typesetting documents
  - It's Word for *real* academics
- Used primarily in the academic and scientific world
- First developed in the 1980s, and has since had a strong following

Is It Right for You?

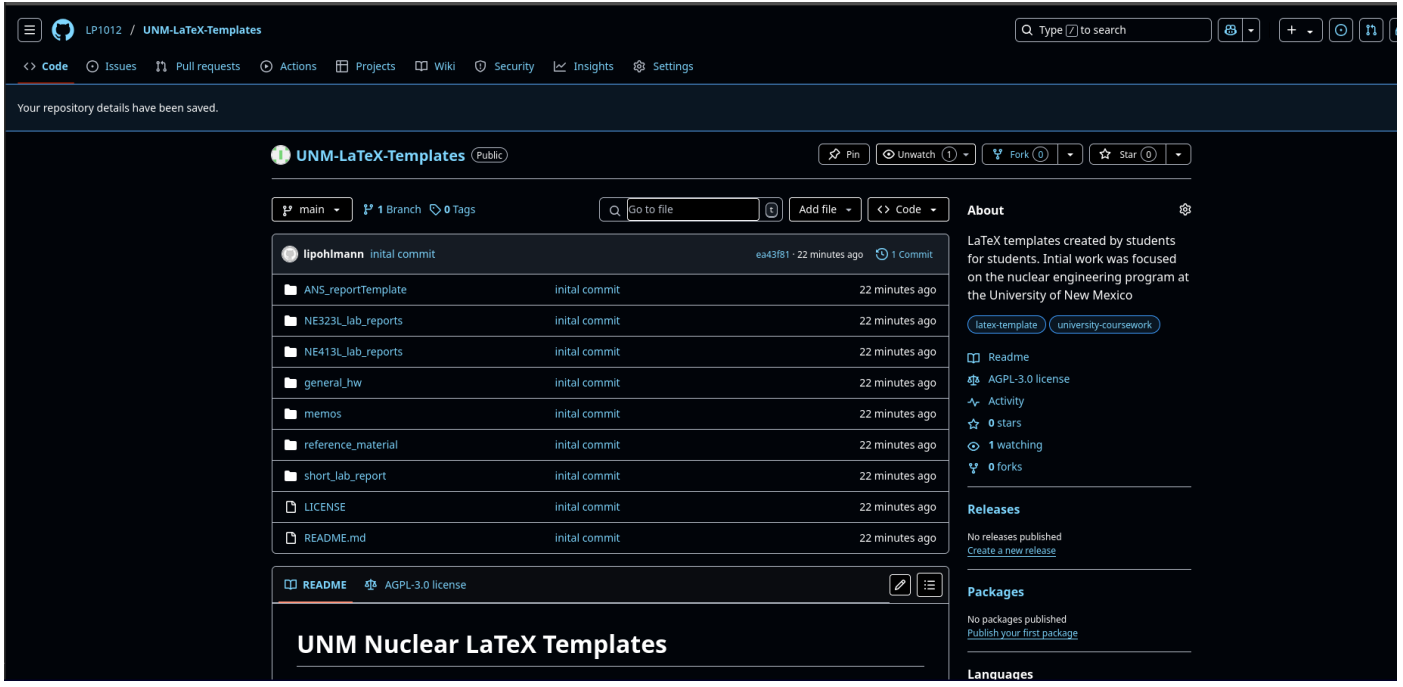
- Pros
  - Standardized text formatting across documents
  - Excellent equation editing
  - Robust handling of cross-referencing and citations
  - Automated bibliography and table of contents generation
  - Lots of options for formatting, including many packages
  - A general feeling of superiority
- Cons
  - There is a learning curve…
  - Takes more effort upfront to get a template made
  - Harder to format figures within the text

Getting Started

- Need some way to compile
  - Overleaf: https://www.overleaf.com
    - Simply make an account to start. Fremium cloud-based service
  - TeX Live: https://www.tug.org/texlive/
    - More work upfront, but I think it pays off
- Need some way to edit files *easily*
  - Overleaf (editor is already included)
  - PyCharm (with TeXiFy IDEA plugin)
  - VSCode?
- Need some way to manage citations (need BibTeX files!)
  - https://www.zotero.org/
    - Better BibTeX: https://github.com/retorquere/zotero-better-bibtex
  - Other options such as Mendeley and BibMe work too

Getting the Templates

- Need to pull templates from GitHub: https://github.com/LP1012/UNM-LaTeX-Templates



Walk-Through Example

General Notes

- Organization is incredibly important
  - Have an individual directory *per project*
  - Use different directories for figures, data, etc.
- Automate as much as possible
- Check for packages that do what you want (the `physics` package is *incredibly* useful for equations)
- **Google is your friend.**