

# Writing in the Major Lab (CS 296)

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## Abstract

This document describes basic tools and elements of  $\text{\LaTeX}$  one needs to start working on a paper. Many elements of the style are specified in the SIGPLAN class file (SIG) and  $\text{\LaTeX}$  fundamentals are described in the *Learn  $\text{\LaTeX}$  in 30 minutes* on Overleaf (Lea).

## 1. Tools

### 1.1 tex-live

You are going to need `tex-live` package to work with  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . `tex-live` is a multi-platform  $\text{\TeX}$  document production system (TeX). It comes packed with various tools and you may use command line to compile your file, but you can also use GUI tools like

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*TeXShop* (macOS), *Kile* (multi-platform), *Texmaker* (multi-platform), or *LaTeX Workshop* for VS Code.

```
sudo apt install tex-live
```

### 1.2 Kile

*Kile* is an IDE for  $\text{\LaTeX}$  that allows you to compile, convert, and preview your document (Kil).

```
sudo apt install kile
```

### 1.3 LaTeX Workshop for VS Code

If you prefer *VS Code* to write code, install the *LaTeX Workshop* extension to write your  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , build (compile) it, and generate (preview) the resulting PDF.

### 1.4 Lucid chart

While professional tools like *OmniGraffle* (macOS) or *Visio* (Windows) are usually used to create diagrams, *Lucid chart* (Onl) should be sufficient for the purposes of this paper and it is free. You should not include photos in your paper but rather draw diagrams and generate charts<sup>1</sup>.

## 2. Structure

The main goal of this course is for you to write a scientific paper while using proper tools and methods. Your paper is going to be a survey/review of existing sources and should not exceed 7 pages.

Sections of the paper should include at least the following sections:

- Introduction
- History of the subject
- Prominent features
- Conclusion
- References

<sup>1</sup>Use *Excel* or *Spreadsheets* for charts

### 3. Timeline

You are expected to stick to the schedule specified on KATIE1.

## 4. Advanced elements

### 4.1 Math

Your paper may include mathematical formulas. They can appear *inline* (e.g.  $i^2 = -1$  or  $E = mc^2$ ) or in *display* mode.

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \quad (1)$$

or

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

### 4.2 Code

An easy way to include code is to use package `listings` and have your code in a separate file. Other options (e.g. package `minted`) are acceptable too but may require additional tools.

```
def hello():  
    print("Hello , Panda!")
```

You can also include code in the body of your document.

```
1 def hello():  
2     print("Hello , Panda")
```

### 4.3 Image

An image or a chart can be inserted into the document.

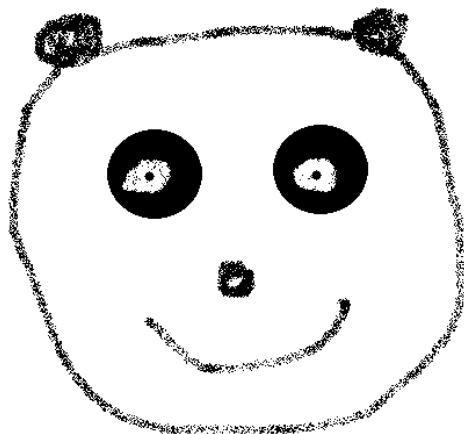


Figure 1. Panda

### 4.4 Fancy text

Text horizontally. Text vertically.

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## Appendix A

Task	Week	Points
L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> Xseminar	1	5
Select a topic	1	10
Meet the librarian	2	5
Identify the sources	2	10
Outline	3	10
First draft	4	20
Meet the instructor	5	0
Final draft	7	20
Presentation	8	10
Full paper	8	10

Table 1. Tentative schedule