

# Introduction to $\text{\LaTeX}$

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# What is $\text{\LaTeX}$ ?

- $\text{\LaTeX}$  is a document preparation system
- it differs from formatted text software such as Microsoft Word
- document is prepared in a text file with extension `.tex`
- text file is compiled through an editor

# What are the Advantages?

- open-source
- easy to get help (e.g., [Stack Exchange](#))
- reliable
- compatible, can be run on any operating system
- easy to type mathematical expressions
- easy to include figures and tables
- easy to manage internal references and citations
- already prepared style files for specific formats
- collaborative editing

# What Do I Need?

- a *distribution* such as [MiKTeX](#) or [TeX Live](#) (Windows users need to install this separately)
- an *editor* such as [TeXmaker](#), [TeXworks](#), [TeXstudio](#)