

# Verbatim Text and Code Listings in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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## Abstract

There are many ways to integrate verbatim text (text which should, ideally, be unaltered) and formatted code (listings) into a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document, as can easily be seen when looking at the corresponding topic pages on CTAN [10, 11]. This document presents examples for a few of them. The idea is not to provide in-depth documentation, but to give a brief overview of a few possibilities. Consulting the respective user manual is always recommended for detailed information.

For the *very* impatient: For most code listings, I use the `minted` package these days. While it is slow (at least on first compilation), it has served me well most of the time. But there are alternatives, and personal preferences matter, too. One's mileage may vary.

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# 1 The verbatim Environment

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X provides a `verbatim` Environment which, although it has quite a few limitations, is simple to use and often gets the job done well enough. For fancier things, there exists a re-implementation with a few added niceties.

## 1.1 Stock L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

The stock L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X `verbatim` environment is used like this:

LaTeX Result vs. Code	
<pre>\begin{verbatim} #include &lt;stdio.h&gt;  main() {     print("Hello, world!\n"); } \end{verbatim}</pre>	<pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt;  main() {     print("Hello, world!\n"); }</pre>

## 1.2 Re-Implementation [1]

The re-implementation alleviates some limitations of the stock `verbatim` environment. For more details and to evaluate whether these limitations may be of relevance to your use case, consult the documentation at [1]. Basic usage is identical to the stock `verbatim` environment.

LaTeX Result vs. Code	
<pre>\begin{verbatim} #include &lt;stdio.h&gt;  main() {     print("Hello, world!\n"); } \end{verbatim}</pre>	<pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt;  main() {     print("Hello, world!\n"); }</pre>

# 2 The verbatimbox Package [2]

A box is defined via `\begin{verbbox}[options] content \end{verbbox}`. This, however, does not yet display the box. This can be done via the `\theverbbox` command. This can be easily wrapped inside a box like so:

LaTeX Result vs. Code	
<pre>\begin{verbbox} #include &lt;stdio.h&gt;  main() {     print("Hello, world!\n"); } \end{verbbox} \fbbox{\theverbbox}</pre>	<div><pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt;  main() {     print("Hello, world!\n"); }</pre></div>

Note the removal of empty lines in the result on the right. As above, check the documentation [2] for more options and possibilities.

### 3 The fancyvrb Package [3]

### 4 The listing Package [4]

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