Customizing LATEX

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1.1 New commands

The format for the new commands is:

\newcommand{name} [num] {definition}

An example of this is The not so short introduction to LATEX 2_{ε} , and hey, we have The not so short introduction to LATEX 2_{ε} . Another example is:

- \bullet This is the *not so* short Introduction to LATEX $2_{\mathcal{E}}$
- $\bullet\,$ This is the very long Introduction to LATEX $2_{\mathcal{E}}$

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LATEX will allow overwriting available commands only if we use \renewcommand, with the same syntax as \newcommand. Also, the \providecommand works the same as \newcommand, but LATEX will silently ignore it if the command exists!

1.2 New environments

newenvironment{name}[num]{before}{after}

Let's try an example.

I am Edward Longsharks...

Similar to new commands, we have \renewenvironment

1.3 Extra space

I lied.

I have an healthy baby boy.

Same

here.

When creating a new environment, extra spaces can easily creep in. Fix this problem with \ignorespaces and \ignorespacesafterend I lied. I have an healthy baby boy.

Same

here.

1.4 Own package

Use \ProvidesPackage{package name} on .sty files containing new modifications.

2 Fonts and Sizes

2.1 Changing Font commands

- Groups are important for limit the effect of font size (and of most LATEX commands)
- Font size changes line spacing only if the paragraph ends within the group. See

My name is Darth Vader.

not Palpatine

and

My name is Darth Vader. not Palpatine