

LaTeX for Scientific Writing: Day -2

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- 1 Graphics, Figures and Tables
- 2 Bibliography
- 3 Proposal, Thesis and Journal paper with Latex
- 4 Presentation Slides : LaTeX Beamer



Tables

Creating Tables

Use the tabular environment

```
\begin{tabular}[position]{column alignments}  
...  
\end{tabular}
```

position is optional (vertical position) : [t] (top), [c] (center, this is default), [b] (bottom) ;

column alignments : l (left-justified), c (center justified), and r (right-justified) ;



Tables

Creating Tables

The column data is separated by `&`, row end is marked as `\\` and `\hline` draw a horizontal line.

```
\centering
\begin{tabular}[t]{|l|l|}
\hline
\textbf{Parameter} & \textbf{Value}\\
\hline
Path loss (n) & 2.5\\
Model & Okumura-model\\
Cell-radius & $1km$\\
\hline
\end{tabular}
```

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The `booktabs` package improve the quality LaTeX tables.

- The horizontal rules are called with `\toprule`, `\midrule` and `\bottomrule` instead of `\hline` command.
- The `\cmidrule` is used for mid-rules that span specified columns.
- The content of the tables is filled in the same manner as before.
- To use this package first you need to add this code in preamble. `\usepackage{booktabs}`



Tables

Creating Tables

Example :

```

\centering
\begin{tabular}[t]{ll}
\toprule
\textbf{Parameter} & \textbf{Value}\\
\midrule
Path loss (n) & 2.5\\
Model & Okumura-model\\
Cell-radius & $1km$\\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}

```

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Tables

Creating Tables

To draw multicolumn table like this one :

Name		
First name	Last Name	Grade
John	Doe	7.5
Richard	Miles	2



Tables

Creating Tables

Use the following command :

```
\multicolumn{n}{alignment}{item}
```

`n` : is the number of columns to be spanned.

`alignemnt` : is one of the `l`, `r` and `c`.

`item` : is the content.

Example :

```
\multicolumn{2}{c}{Name}
```



Tables

Creating Tables

```

\begin{tabular}{llr}
\toprule
\multicolumn{2}{c}{Name} \\
\cmidrule(r){1-2}
First name & Last Name & Grade \\
\midrule
John & Doe & $7.5$ \\
Richard & Miles & $2$ \\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}

```



Tables

Floating Tables

Latex provides the `table` environments for typesetting floating tables.

- A table environment is set up as follows :

```
\begin{table}  
\caption{title}  
\label{tab:xxx}  
%Place the table here  
\end{table}
```



Tables

Floating Tables

`\caption` command is optional and used to set table title.

`\label` command is also optional and is used to reference the table's number.

Example : To produce the following table

TABLE – Simulation Parameters

Parameter	Value
Path loss (n)	2.5
Model	Okumura-model
Cell-radius	1 <i>km</i>



Tables

Floating Tables

```

\begin{table}
\caption{Simulation Parameters}
\label{tab:model_parameter}
\begin{tabular}[t]{ll}
\toprule
\textbf{Parameter} & \textbf{Value}\\
\midrule
Path loss (n) & 2.5\\
Model & Okumura-model\\
Cell-radius & $1\text{km}$\\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}
\end{table}

```

Guide to Making nice Table : [click here](#)



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Graphics

Include Graphics

The easiest way to include images in your document is to use the `graphicx` package.

Load the package `graphicx` : `\usepackage{graphicx}`

- The image format available depend on what you're using to compile.
- If you're compiling using `pdflatex` (recommended), then you can use `jpg`, `png`, `pdf`, or `eps` files.
- Place the file in the same directory as your `tex` file, and use the `\includegraphics[key-values]{imagefile}` command.



Graphics

Include Graphics

Example : `\includegraphics[scale=0.2]{images/bulb}`



Graphics

Include Graphics

The image can be scaled to a specified height and/or width as follows :

```
\includegraphics[height=2in,width=1in]{images/bulb}
```



Graphics

Floating images

Use figure environment :

```
\begin{figure}  
\includegraphics{file}  
\caption{title }  
\label{fig:xxx}  
\end{figure}
```



Graphics

Floating images



FIGURE – Green Bulb

To print the list of figures and tables use `\listoffigures` and `\listoftables` respectively.



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Notes with todonotes

The `\todo` command from the `todonotes` package is great for leaving notes to yourself and your collaborators.

Include this package in preamble :

```
\usepackage[colorinlistoftodos]{todonotes}
```

Example :

```
\todo{Plain todonotes.}
```

Footnotes :The command you need is

```
\footnotes{An example footnote}1
```

1. An example footnote



Notes with todonotes

- Only inline notes are supported with beamer, but margin notes are supported for normal documents.
- There is also a handy `\listoftodos` command.
 - To use this load : `\usepackage[colorlinks]{hyperref}`
before `\usepackage[colorinlistoftodos]{todonotes}`



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Bibliography

To manage and include references in a LATEX document use BibTEX.

BibTeX : a bibliographic tool that is used with LaTeX to help organize the user's references and create a bibliography.

- A BibTeX user creates a bibliography file with `.bib` extension.
- The `.bib` file is called a BibTEX database.
- Each entry in the `.bib` file is formatted with a certain structure and is given a "key" by which the author can refer to it in the source file.



Bibliography

The BibTEX Format

The generic form of a BibTEX entry is

```
@type{key, field1 = " " or {} or none,  
field2 = " " or {} or none,  
...  
fieldn = " " or {} or none  
}
```



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```
@INPROCEEDINGS{Pantic2006,  
author={M. Pantic and R. Zwitterloot},  
booktitle={Proceedings. Frontiers in Education. 36th Annual Conference},  
title={Active Learning of Introductory Machine Learning},  
year={2006},  
pages={1-6},  
doi={10.1109/FIE.2006.322738},  
ISSN={0190-5848},  
month={Oct},}
```



Bibliography

The BibTEX Format

Example :

```
@article{Gettys90,  
  author = {Jim Gettys and Phil Karlton and Scott McGregor},  
  title = {The {X} Window System, Version 11},  
  journal = {Software Practice and Experience},  
  volume = {20},  
  number = {S2},  
  year = {1990},  
  abstract = {A technical overview of the X11 functionality.  
of the X10 TOG paper by Scheifler \& Gettys.}  
}
```



Bibliography

Export .bib file from Mendeley

To export BiBTeX :

- 1 Open Mendeley, and within "My Library" found on the left, select references that you would like to texport to BibTeX.
- 2 In the drop-down menu in the toolbar at the top of the screen, click "File → Export.
- 3 In the dropdown list of filetypes chose "BibTeX (*.bib)" and save to the same location as the LaTeX file.

More on Mendeley and LaTeX :[here](#).



Bibliography

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To set up the Mendeley auto sync :

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Bibliography

Using BibTEX in your LATEX Document

To use .bib file in latex document :

- We can use natbib packages with `\citet` and `\citep` commands \Rightarrow [Reference sheet for natbib usage](#).

- Load with

```
\usepackage [options]{natbib}
```

See list of options at the end of [Reference sheet for natbib usage](#).

- Example : `\usepackage [round]{natbib}`
- Include .bib file at the end of document with `\bibliography {bib file}` and specify a bibliographic styles `\bibliographystyle {stylename}`.



Bibliography

The BibTEX Format

Example :

```
\bibliographystyle{apa} %\bibliographystyle{apacite}  
\newpage  
\bibliography{bib/References_NILM}
```



Bibliography

The BibTEX Format

Example :

- According to Barker et al. (2015) ... \Rightarrow
According to `\cite{Alcala2015} \ldots`
- ...energy is important (Barker et al., 2015) \Rightarrow
`\ldots` energy is important `\citep{Barker2015}`



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Proposal, Thesis and Journal paper with Latex

Folder structure : create a new folder (your project directory).

- Add some additional folders within this folder :

fig \Rightarrow will contain all images.

tex \Rightarrow will contain .TEX file.

bib \Rightarrow will contain bibliography files.

- This will help you keep the overview about your files.

Latex template make life easier.

link : [How to write a thesis using LaTeX](#)



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LaTeX Beamer

The beamer class is a LaTeX class that allows you to create a beamer presentation and slides.

The basic steps to create a beamer presentation

- Specify beamer as document class instead of article.
- Structure your LaTeX text using section and subsection commands.
- Place the text of the individual slides inside frame commands.



Frames

Each beamer project is made up of a series of frames defined by `\begin{frame}.. \end{frame}` environment.

- Each frame produces one or more slides depending on the slide overlays.

The title page frame : simply displays a title page

```
\begin{frame} \titlepage \end{frame}
```

The table of contents : dynamically creates a table of contents based on the sections and subsections.

```
\begin{frame}{Outline}\tableofcontents \end{frame}
```



Frame

Basic Frame :

```
\begin{frame}{Tittle} content... \end{frame}
```



Sections and Subsections

Presentations are divided into sections, subsections, and sub-subsections.



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Structuring a Frame

Beamer provides many ways to structure your frames so they appear well organized and are easy for the audience to follow.

- Columns
- Blocks



Structuring a Frame

Coulmns

The column environment is called as shown below :

```
\begin{columns}
```

```
\column{.xx\textwidth}
```

First column text/graphics

```
\column{.xx\textwidth}
```

Second column text/graphics

```
\end{columns}
```



Structuring a Frame

Columns

Here is a simple example :

```
\begin{columns}
\column{.5\textwidth}
Column Number 1
\column{.5\textwidth}
Column Number 2
\end{columns}
```

Which gives us :

Column Number 1

Column Number 2



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Blocks can be used to separate a specific section of text or graphics from the rest of the frame.

```
\begin{block}{Block Tittle}  
content...  
\end{block}
```

Which gives us :

Block Tittle

content...



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Other block environments are also available :

Theorem block

```
\begin{theorem}
 $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \rightarrow$  Circle with  $r = 1$ 
\end{theorem}
```

Which gives us :

Theorem

$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \rightarrow$ *Circle with $r = 1$*



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Other block environments are also available :

Example block

```
\begin{example}  
This is  $\ldots$   
\end{example}
```

Which gives us :

Example

This is ...



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Other block environments are also available :

Alert block

```
\begin{alertblock}{Title}
```

This is \ldots

```
\end{alertblock}
```

Which gives us :

Title

This is ...



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Other block environments are also available :

Lemma block

```
\begin{lemma}  
$x^2 + y^2 = 1$  
\end{lemma}
```

Which gives us :

Lemma

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Other block environments are also available :

Corollary block

```
\begin{corollary}
```

This proof

```
\end{corollary}
```

Which gives us :

Corollary

This proof



Structuring a Frame

Blocks

Other block environments are also available :

Proof block

```
\begin{proof}
```

This proof

```
\end{proof}
```

Which gives us :

Démonstration.

This proof



Structuring a Frame

Columns and Blocks

We can combine columns and blocks to make a much cleaner looking presentation.

```
\begin{columns}[t]
\column{.5\textwidth}
\begin{block}{Column 1 Header}
Column 1 Body Text
\end{block}
\column{.5\textwidth}
\begin{block}{Column 2 Header}
Column 2 Body Text
\end{block}
\end{columns}
```



Structuring a Frame

Columns and Blocks

Which gives us :

Column 1 Header	Column 2 Header
Column 1 Body Text	Column 2 Body Text

Note. Notice that the `[t]` argument to the `columns` command top-aligned our blocks so they are vertically even as opposed to vertically centered on the slide.



Overlay

In Beamer, overlays control the order in which parts of the frame appear.

- An easy way to implement an overlay is to place the `\pause` command between the parts you want to show up separately.

Example

```
\textbf{Step1:} Compute the maximal value of  $x^2$ .  
\pause  
\textbf{Step2:} Compute the maximal value of  $y^2$ .  
\pause  
\textbf{Step3:} Add  $x^2$  and  $y^2$ .
```



Overlay

Which results into :

Step1 : Compute the maximal value of x^2 .

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Overlay Specification

Overlay specifications are given in pointed brackets (\langle, \rangle) and indicate which slide the corresponding information should appear on.

- The specification $\langle 1 - \rangle$ means “display from slide 1 on.”
- $\langle 1 - 3 \rangle$ means “display from slide 1 to slide 3.”
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ means “display slide 2.”
- $\langle - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - \rangle$ means “display on all slides except slides 4 and 7.”

Note : If you want each item of a list to appear in order, use the $\langle + - \rangle$ option

E.g. `\begin{frame}[\langle + - \rangle]{title} \end{frame}`



Overlay

Timing Specifications With Alert

Consider :

- **Item Aaay**
- Item Bee
- Item See
- Item Dee

```
\begin{itemize}[<+ -| alert@+>]  
\item Item Aaay  
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\item Item See  
\item Item Dee  
\end{itemize}
```



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THANK YOU



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