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Dedication

This manual is dedicated to all doctoral students at the University of Michigan's Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

Acknowledgments

This template has been modified by a lot of people over the years. To the best of my knowledge, its original version was written by Jin Ji in 1988. Modifications to it have since been made by Roque D. Oliveira in 1992, Jason Gilbert in 2008, Derek Dalle in 2011, and Umang Varma in 2019. It is possible that other people have modified this document (in fact, there is an unattributed change in the changelog dated 1989.11.29).

Preface

This is a joint work of several people.

Foreword

This dissertation is a sample document using the `thesis-umich.cls` template.

Prologue

Feel free to write your own masterpiece.

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List of Abbreviations

ABBREV1 abbreviation 1

Abstract

With walk through basic steps of using this \LaTeX template.

Chapter 1 Using This Template

The approach to this template is to result in L^AT_EX source files (i.e., `.tex` files) that are as simple as possible. This is particularly useful for the first few pages, for example the title page, dedication, and abstract page, which are difficult to make in L^AT_EX and are supposed to go in a certain order.

You are welcome to modify `thesis-umich.cls` to suit your needs or keep up with modifications to Rackham guidelines. I used this template to submit my dissertation in 2019, but Rackham can change their rules at any time. If you have not modified a `.cls` file before, but know how to define commands in T_EX, you should not have much trouble, apart from the sneaky `@` character, which behaves like a letter in `.cls` files but not in `.tex` (see “What do `\makeatletter` and `\makeatother` do?” on T_EX StackOverflow and “Makeatletter and Makeatother” on the T_EX Users Group for more information).

Finally, you should be able to use your preferred bibliography manager (BibTeX, BibLaTeX, NatBib, etc.). If the `\bibliography` command is causing trouble, look in `thesis-umich.cls`, because it was modified there. You can also look at that code for help with formatting bibliographies that are displayed with other commands.

References

- [1] D. E. Knuth, *The TeXbook* (Addison-Wesley Professional, 1986).

Chapter 2 Using Abbreviation/Acronym/Symbol

The list of abbreviations is initialized before we begin the document in `.tex` file. The word abbreviation 1 (ABBREV1) is mentioned here, so it appears in the list of abbreviations. Referring to ABBREV1 a second time shows only the abbreviation. Unmentioned items in the initialization of "abbreviations" is not listed.

This is a test for citation [1]

This is a test for figure: Figure 2.1 Figure 2.2



Figure 2.1: long description 2



Figure 2.2: long description 2

This is a test for table: Table 2.1

Table 2.1: Long description table 1

Parameter	Best-fit Value	Uncertainty σ
ϵ	1.0	0.2
θ	2.0	0.3
α	3.0	0.5

References

- [1] D. E. Knuth, *The TeXbook* (Addison-Wesley Professional, 1986).

Appendix A Example Appendix

1.1 Lists Including the Appendices

The command

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\showlistofappendices
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must appear in the preamble if there are more than one appendices. For some reason, Rackham does not want the individual appendices and their sections to appear in the Table of Contents, so a special List of Appendices page (which must occur in the Table of Contents!) is required as a sort of extension to the Table of Contents.

References

- [1] D. E. Knuth, *The TeXbook* (Addison-Wesley Professional, 1986).