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Introducing our new Logo (/blog/2017/03/30/introducing-our-new-logo.html)

One of the oldest parts of ShareLaTeX has been our trusty Lion who greets you each time you open the editor. After years of loyal service it was time to give him a facelift, and after a lot of iterations we are really pleased with the final result.



ShareLaTeX

You will see him popping up all over the site, and we hope you like him as much as we do!

We are also very grateful to Francisca (<https://www.behance.net/quica>) the designer behind behind our new logo.

Posted by Paulo on 30 Mar 2017

Track changes and comments in ShareLaTeX (/blog/2017/03/09/track-changes-and-comments-in-latex.html)

A few weeks ago we hinted at some amazing new features we were working on. Today we're pleased to announce our most exciting feature since ShareLaTeX first launched: **real-time track changes and comments!** Find out more here (<https://www.sharelatex.com/track-changes-and-comments-in-latex>), or read on.

We remember the old days where you had to choose between using Track Changes in Word, or typesetting with LaTeX, but now you can do both.

The screenshot displays the ShareLaTeX editor interface. On the left, a document is shown with line numbers 1 through 7. The text is in Latin, using Lorem Ipsum. A green dashed line highlights an insertion on line 3: "Track inserts by you and your co-authors". A red dashed line highlights a deletion on line 5: "Deleted You can also track deletes!". A yellow dashed line highlights a comment on line 7: "You: And leave comments". On the right, a sidebar titled "Track Changes is on" (with a toggle switch) shows a list of changes. The first change is "Added Track inserts by you and your co-author... (show all)" dated Feb 14, 2017 12:16 PM, with "Reject" and "Accept" buttons. The second change is "Deleted You can also track deletes!" dated Feb 14, 2017 12:17 PM, also with "Reject" and "Accept" buttons. Below these, a comment section shows "You: And leave comments" dated Feb 14, 2017 12:17 PM, and "James: Awesome!" dated Feb 14, 2017 12:17 PM. At the bottom of the sidebar are "Resolve" and "Reply" buttons.

Track Changes

You can now keep track of every change made to the document, along with the person making the change. ShareLaTeX is the only LaTeX editor with real-time tracked changes. Hopefully now there's nothing holding you back from being able to collaborate using LaTeX!

You can now easily find what your co-authors or reviewers have changed and see how it impacts the document. Accept or reject individual changes quickly with the click of a button, and move onto the next change needing your attention, all inside the editor.

Discuss and leave notes

With real-time commenting, you can now discuss your work without having to switch to email, printed versions or any other tool. You can leave comments, give quick feedback and resolve issues, all on ShareLaTeX.

With the new comments feature, you can keep an up-to-date list of all of the things you need to work through, without having to sift through out-of-date notes or dig out old emails.

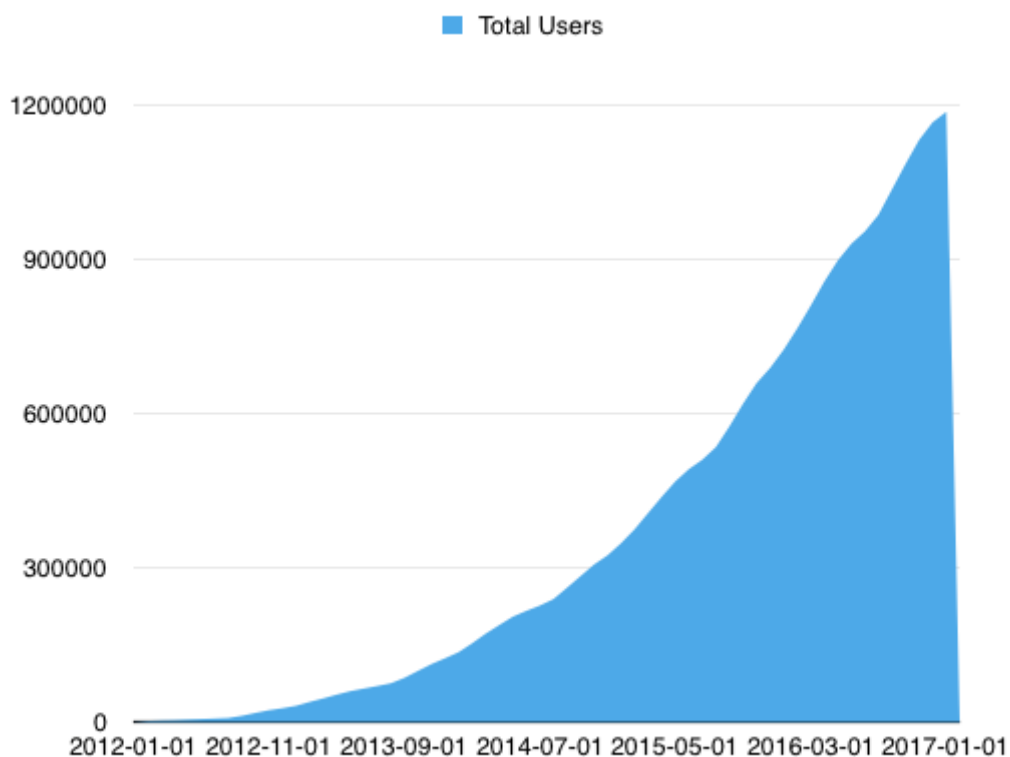
Posted by Henry on 09 Mar 2017

You're Part Of A Community Of More Than 1 Million (/blog/2017/02/13/one-million-latex-users.html)

Towards the end of 2016 we hit a huge milestone. It's something we've been keeping an eye on for a while which would have seemed like a crazy target when we were first starting out. Back in November, our millionth user started using ShareLaTeX. There are now nearly 1.2 million people using ShareLaTeX around the world. We thought this might be a good time to pause for a moment to take stock, to reflect on our journey so far, and to thank you for being a part of our story.

A Look At The Numbers

The number of ShareLaTeX users has grown significantly over the last few years to the point that ShareLaTeX is now the most widely used online LaTeX editor out there.



ShareLaTeX User Growth

Sustainability, usability and openness are central values here at ShareLaTeX, and as we've grown, we've continued to keep these in mind. In early 2014, we began open sourcing (<https://www.sharelatex.com/blog/2014/02/21/sharelatex-is-now-open-source.html>) core parts of ShareLaTeX and have continued down that route ever since (<https://github.com/sharelatex/sharelatex>).

As well as seeing a huge number of people using ShareLaTeX, over the last couple of years we've started working more closely with a number of institutions around the world too.

Some Of Our Partners

In an effort to make ShareLaTeX more useable and easier to manage for groups and larger organizations, we offer several different ways of accessing ShareLaTeX. As well as individual licenses, we offer site or group licenses which can cover small lab groups, entire companies or departments sized somewhere in-between. This has led to us working a little more closely with the likes of NASA, Google DeepMind and Caltech over the last few years. You can see some of the other organizations we work with here (<https://www.sharelatex.com/i/university/partners>).

How It All Began

Back in 2011, James and Henry both separately began working on developing an online LaTeX editor. James, with a background in theoretical physics knew LaTeX well and created one of the first online LaTeX editors called ScribTeX. Henry, a software developer, built a prototype which turned out to later become the backbone of ShareLaTeX as we know it today. Both platforms were built out of personal experience of using LaTeX and a desire to help people improve their workflow and overcome some of the challenges in working with it. After discovering that they were both trying to solve the same problems, Henry and James decided to combine their experience and join forces under ShareLaTeX. They set to work developing the next generation of the platform.



ScribTeX, our first LaTeX editor

Over the next year or so the number of users started to grow. James and Henry both began working on ShareLaTeX full-time in early 2013 and joined the prestigious Seedcamp incubator later on that year. They began expanding the team in 2014 and are now up to 8 people working on ShareLaTeX

What's Next For ShareLaTeX?

While we've crossed an important milestone in reaching one million users, there is still a lot on the horizon for ShareLaTeX. Six years ago we started out with the hope of simplifying LaTeX and making collaboration easier. That still rings true today. We're continuing to listen to your feedback and take ShareLaTeX in a direction which makes the platform more useful for members of this community. In fact, we'll be launching some great new features in the next few weeks, so look out for that. Early feedback has been very positive and we're excited about sharing them with you. For now though, we want to take an opportunity to thank you for being a part of our journey. So much of what we do is dependent on the support and feedback we receive from you, and those like you.

So, thank you for choosing ShareLaTeX. Thank you for helping us become and remain the biggest online LaTeX editor out there. And thank you for being open to helping steer our development in a way that will help this community the most.



Posted by Chris on 13 Feb 2017

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