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Abstract

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Anomalies and the "urban wind island effect"

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A Supplementary information and graphs

A.1 Description of analysis functions

B Data, codebook and files

Probably, The Introduction

A cool citation is always an extra-point.

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A Little Overview

This template has been directly made by modifying the common LETEX's book document-class. You can find the related code, with comments, in the preamble.sty file. The default font-family is Liunx Libertine/Biolinum in which the second one – Sans variant – is set as default, while math environments like this

$$x(t) = A\sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

use the Serif variant: nobody forbids you from using different fonts (like the ones already included in the preamble or completely different).

The Color Accent

The document possesses a color accent called 'reddy' which is used for chapter titles, footnotes numbers, bullets in lists, and others. You can recall it to color-up your stuff with \color{reddy} and modifying its RGB color definition in the preamble file also.

The preamble.sty File

The preamble file contains adjustments in margins, tables, headers and footers, and a lot of other stuff: the best piece of advice I can give you is... go check-it-out! Don't worry: it is all commented. The print format is on twosided pages, but it can be set as oneside – but remember to correct headers and footers code lines!

¹Like this one.

Setting the Bibliography

For references management, I hardly recommend the usage of BibLTEX instead of the more common BibTEX. In fact, BibLTEX has got a lot less bugs and it is more easy and intuitive to compile. Furthermore, it only needs the classical .bib file in your working directory and it is also able to cite something directly as a footnote like this.² Notice that the citation is also reported in the bibliography section and that the default citation style set is *American Chemical Society*, but you can obviously change it, according to your needs, at the very beginning of this Thesis.tex document code.

Automatically Compile BibLTEX through biber

Many LTEX editors do not have a specific shortcut for biber, the main BibLTEX compiler. You can manually add a shortcut with the command

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or, if you use T_EXM aker like me, you can go to Options \rightarrow Configure Texmaker \rightarrow Commands and put it in the Bib(la)tex box instead of bibtex %.aux (Figure B.1).

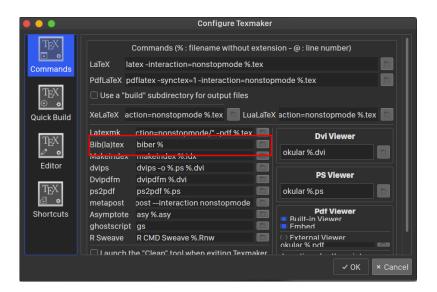


Figure B.1: TeXMaker's dialogue window to change Bib(la)tex command for compiling a BibLYTeX bibliography.

²Wang2021.

Credits

This template was made by Dr. Alessio Bianchi (University of Pavia, Department of Chemistry, Organic Chemistry Section). For support, please contact me \rightarrow **via mail** \leftarrow and go check-out my homepage at bianchiunipv.wordpress.com to find other interesting stuff.

I hope this will be useful and comfortable in usage! And... break a leg for you degree ;)

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