

# Welcome to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X!

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## Top N things to know when using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

1. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X comes with excellent documentation — please use it! Start with the **Help**▷**Introduction**, which will give you a very brief introduction to the documentation. Then learn about using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X with **Help**▷**Tutorial**.
2. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is what we call a “document processor.” By design, it is different from regular word processors — in a way that makes writing documents easier. But only a little different, so don’t be scared. The documentation will make it all clear.<sup>1</sup>
3. The output from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X looks great! Select **View**▷**View [PDF (pdf<sub>l</sub>at<sub>e</sub>x)]** now to see for yourself.
4. Yes, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X can mimic (almost) all L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X functionality. And yes, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X can import L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X files. Experienced L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X users should skim the rest of the *Tutorial*, then read the “L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Users” chapter. (Everyone else: don’t worry, you don’t need to know L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.)
5. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X has lots of features for people who read or write a language other than English. In addition, the key bindings, toolbars, and many other characteristics are highly configurable. See **Help**▷**Customization** for details.
6. The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X home page is at <http://www.lyx.org/>. Get information about L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, subscribe to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X mailing list(s), take the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Graphical Tour, and more.

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<sup>1</sup>Have we mentioned yet that you ought to read the documentation?