Welcome to LyX!

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Top N things to know when using LyX

1. LyX 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 LyX with Help ▷ Tutorial.

2. LyX 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.[1]

3. The output from LyX looks great! Select View ▷ View [PDF (pdflatex)] now to see for yourself.

4. Yes, LyX can mimic (almost) all LaTeX functionality. And yes, LyX can import LaTeX files. Experienced LaTeX users should skim the rest of the *Tutorial*, then read the "LyX for LaTeX Users" chapter. (Everyone else: don't worry, you don't need to know LaTeX to use LyX.)

5. LyX 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 LyX home page is at http://www.lyx.org/. Get information about LyX, subscribe to the LyX mailing list(s), take the LyX Graphical Tour, and more.

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[1] Have we mentioned yet that you ought to read the documentation?