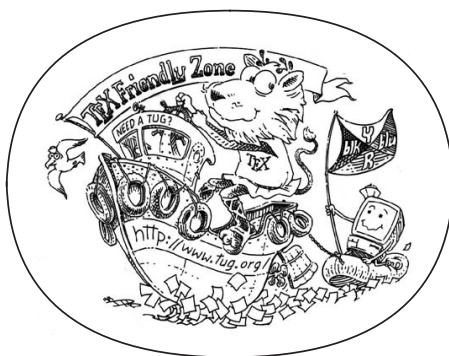


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An Homage to The Elements of Typographic Style

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*Ohana* means family.  
Family means nobody gets left behind, or forgotten.  
— Lilo & Stitch

Dedicated to the loving memory of Rudolf Miede.  
1939–2005



# **Abstract**

Short summary of the contents in English. . .

# **Zusammenfassung**

Kurze Zusammenfassung des Inhaltes in deutscher Sprache. . .





# Publications

Some ideas and figures have appeared previously in the following publications:

Put your publications from the thesis here. The packages `multibib` or `bibtopic` etc. can be used to handle multiple different bibliographies in your document.



*We have seen that computer programming is an art,  
because it applies accumulated knowledge to the world,  
because it requires skill and ingenuity, and especially  
because it produces objects of beauty.*

— ? [? ]

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<sup>1</sup> Members of GuIT (Gruppo Italiano Utilizzatori di T<sub>E</sub>X e L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X)



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## Part I

### SOME KIND OF MANUAL





# 1 Introduction

This bundle for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X has two goals:

1. Provide students with an easy-to-use template for their Master's or PhD thesis. (Though it might also be used by other types of authors for reports, books, etc.)
2. Provide a classic, high quality typographic style which is inspired by some people.

The bundle is configured to run with a *full* MiK<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> or T<sub>E</sub>XLive<sup>1</sup> installation right away and, therefore, it uses only freely available fonts. (Minion fans can easily adjust the style to their needs.)

People interested only in the nice style and not the whole bundle can now use the style stand-alone via the file `classicthesis.sty`. This works now also with “plain” L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

This should enable anyone with a basic knowledge of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> to produce beautiful documents without too much effort. In the end, this is my overall goal: more beautiful documents, especially theses, as I am tired of seeing so many ugly ones.

The whole template and the used style is released under the GNU General Public License.

If you like the style then I would appreciate a postcard:

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Germany

The postcards I got so far are available at <http://postcards.miede.de>.

Hopefully, this thesis template is done well enough for your needs and does not have too many flaws. So far, a couple of theses have been typeset successfully with it. If you are interested in some typographic details behind it, enjoy Robert Bringhurst's wonderful book.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Some things of this style might look unusual at first glance, many people feel so in the beginning. However, all things are intentionally designed to be as they are, especially these:

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<sup>1</sup> See the file `LISTOFFILES` for needed packages. Furthermore, `classicthesis` works with most other distributions and, thus, with most operating systems L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is available for.

- No bold fonts are used. Italics or spaced small caps do the job quite well.
- The size of the text body is intentionally shaped like it is. It supports both legibility and allows a reasonable amount of information to be on a page. And, no: the lines are not too short.
- The tables intentionally do not use vertical or double rules. See the documentation for the `booktabs` package for a nice discussion of this topic.<sup>2</sup>
- And last but not least, to provide the reader with a way easier access to page numbers in the table of contents, the page numbers are right behind the titles. Yes, they are *not* neatly aligned at the right side and they are *not* connected with dots that help the eye to bridge a distance that is not necessary. If you are still not convinced: is your reader interested in the page number or does she want to sum the numbers up?

Therefore, please do not break the beauty of the style by changing these things unless you really know what you are doing! Please.

## 1.1 Organization

A very important factor for successful thesis writing is the organization of the material. This template suggests a structure as the following:

- `Chapters/` is where all the “real” content goes in separate files such as `Chapter01.tex` etc.
- `FrontBackMatter/` is where all the stuff goes that surrounds the “real” content, such as the acknowledgments, dedication, etc.
- `gfx/` is where you put all the graphics you use in the thesis. Maybe they should be organized into subfolders depending on the chapter they are used in, if you have a lot of graphics.
- `Bibliography.bib`: the Bib $\TeX$  database to organize all the references you might want to cite.
- `classicthesis.sty`: the style definition to get this awesome look and feel.
- `ClassicThesis.tcp` a  $\TeX$ nicCenter project file. Great tool and it’s free!
- `ClassicThesis.tex`: the main file of your thesis where all gets bundled together.

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<sup>2</sup> To be found online at  
<http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/booktabs/>.

- `classicthesis-ldpkg.sty`: a central place to load all nifty packages that are used. The package has the following options available:
  - `backref`, which also defaults to `false`. Activate it if you do want to show in the bibliography on which page(s) each reference was cited. for an example of the default setting.

This should get you started in no time.

## 1.2 Style Options

There are a couple of options for `classicthesis.sty` that allow for a bit of freedom concerning the layout:

- `drafting`: prints the date and time at the bottom of each page, so you always know which version you are dealing with. Might come in handy not to give your Prof. that old draft.
- `eulerchapternumbers`: use figures from Hermann Zapf's Euler math font for the chapter numbers. By default, old style figures from the Palatino font are used.
- `linedheaders`: changes the look of the chapter headings a bit by adding a horizontal line above the chapter title. The chapter number will also be moved to the top of the page, above the chapter title.
- `totaligned`: aligns the whole table of contents on the left side. Some people like that, some don't.
- `subfigure`: is passed to the `tocloft` package to enable compatibility with the `subfigure` package.
- `nochapters`: allows to use the look-and-feel with classes that do not use chapters, e.g. for articles. Automatically turns off a couple of other options: `eulerchapternumbers`, `linedheaders`, `listsseparated`, and `parts`.
- `beramono`: loads Bera Mono as typewriter font. (Default setting is using the standard CM typewriter font.)
- `eulermath`: loads the awesome Euler fonts for math. (Palatino is used as default font.)
- `parts`: if you use Part divisions for your document, you should choose this option. It provides you with the command `\myPart{}` which takes care of the style and the entry into the Table of Contents. (Cannot be used together with `nochapters`.)

- `a5paper`: adjusts the page layout according to the global `a5paper` option (*experimental* feature).
- `minionpro`: sets Robert Slimbach’s Minion as the main font of the document. The `textblock` size is adjusted accordingly.
- `pdfspacing`: makes use of `pdftex`’ letter spacing capabilities via the `microtype` package.<sup>3</sup> This fixes some serious issues regarding math formulæ etc. in headers.
- `minionprospacing`: uses the internal `textssc` command of the MinionPro package for letter spacing. This automatically enables the `minionpro` option and overrides the `pdfspacing` option.
- `dottedtoc`: sets `pagenumbers` flushed right in the table of contents.
- `listings`: loads the `listings` package (if not already done) and configures the List of Listings accordingly.
- `manychapters`: if you need more than nine chapters for your document, you might not be happy with the spacing between the chapter number and the chapter title in the Table of Contents. This option allows for additional space in this context. However, it does not look as “perfect” if you use `\parts` for structuring your document.
- `floatperchapter`: activates numbering per chapter for all floats such as figures, tables, and listings (if used).

The best way to figure these options out is to try the different possibilities and see, what you and your supervisor like best.

To make things in general easier, `classicthesis-ldpkg.sty` contains some useful commands that might help you.

## 1.3 Future Work

So far, this is a quite stable version that served a couple of people well during their thesis time. However, some things are still not as they should be. Proper documentation in the standard format is still missing. In the long run, the style should probably be published separately, with the template bundle being only an application of the style. Alas, there is no time for that at the moment. . . it could be a nice task for a small group of  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ncians.

Please do not send me email with questions concerning  $\text{\LaTeX}$  or the template, as I do not have time for an answer. But if you have comments, suggestions, or improvements for the style or the template in general, do not hesitate to write them on that postcard of yours.

<sup>3</sup> Use `microtype`’s `DVIoutput` option to generate DVI with `pdftex`.

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## 1.5 Beyond a Thesis

It is easy to use the layout of `classicthesis.sty` without the framework of this bundle. To make it even easier, this section offers some plug-and-play-examples.

The  $\text{\LaTeX}$ -sources of these examples can be found in the folder with the name Examples. They have been tested with `latex` and `pdflatex` and are easy to compile. To assure you even a bit more, PDFs built from the sources can also be found in the folder.



## Part II

### THE SHOWCASE





## 2 Examples

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<sup>2</sup> De web nostre historia angloromanic.

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## 3 Math Test Chapter

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### 3.1 Some Formulas

Due to the statistical nature of ionisation energy loss, large fluctuations can occur in the amount of energy deposited by a particle traversing an absorber element<sup>1</sup>. Continuous processes such as multiple scattering and energy loss play a relevant role in the longitudinal and lateral development of electromagnetic and hadronic showers, and in the case of sampling calorimeters the measured resolution can be significantly affected by such fluctuations in their active layers. The description of ionisation fluctuations is characterised by the significance parameter  $\kappa$ , which is proportional to the ratio of mean energy loss to the maximum allowed energy transfer in a single collision with an atomic electron:

$$\kappa = \frac{\xi}{E_{\max}}$$

$E_{\max}$  is the maximum transferable energy in a single collision with an atomic electron.

$$E_{\max} = \frac{2m_e\beta^2\gamma^2}{1 + 2\gamma m_e/m_x + (m_e/m_x)^2} ,$$

where  $\gamma = E/m_x$ ,  $E$  is energy and  $m_x$  the mass of the incident particle,  $\beta^2 = 1 - 1/\gamma^2$  and  $m_e$  is the electron mass.  $\xi$  comes from the Rutherford scattering cross section and is defined as:

$$\xi = \frac{2\pi z^2 e^4 N_{Av} Z \rho \delta x}{m_e \beta^2 c^2 A} = 153.4 \frac{z^2 Z}{\beta^2 A} \rho \delta x \quad \text{keV},$$

where

*You might get unexpected results using math in chapter or section heads. Consider the pdfspacing option.*

<sup>1</sup> Examples taken from Walter Schmidt's great gallery:  
<http://home.vrweb.de/~was/mathfonts.html>

$z$	charge of the incident particle
$N_{Av}$	Avogadro's number
$Z$	atomic number of the material
$A$	atomic weight of the material
$\rho$	density
$\delta x$	thickness of the material

$\kappa$  measures the contribution of the collisions with energy transfer close to  $E_{\max}$ . For a given absorber,  $\kappa$  tends towards large values if  $\delta x$  is large and/or if  $\beta$  is small. Likewise,  $\kappa$  tends towards zero if  $\delta x$  is small and/or if  $\beta$  approaches 1.

The value of  $\kappa$  distinguishes two regimes which occur in the description of ionisation fluctuations:

1. A large number of collisions involving the loss of all or most of the incident particle energy during the traversal of an absorber.

As the total energy transfer is composed of a multitude of small energy losses, we can apply the central limit theorem and describe the fluctuations by a Gaussian distribution. This case is applicable to non-relativistic particles and is described by the inequality  $\kappa > 10$  (i.e., when the mean energy loss in the absorber is greater than the maximum energy transfer in a single collision).

2. Particles traversing thin counters and incident electrons under any conditions.

The relevant inequalities and distributions are  $0.01 < \kappa < 10$ , Vavilov distribution, and  $\kappa < 0.01$ , Landau distribution.

## 3.2 Various Mathematical Examples

If  $n > 2$ , the identity

$$t[u_1, \dots, u_n] = t[t[u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}], t[u_n, \dots, u_n]]$$

defines  $t[u_1, \dots, u_n]$  recursively, and it can be shown that the alternative definition

$$t[u_1, \dots, u_n] = t[t[u_1, u_2], \dots, t[u_{n-1}, u_n]]$$

gives the same result.

Part III

APPENDIX





# A Appendix Test

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## A.2 Another Appendix Section Test

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Table A.1: Autem usu id.

Listing A.1: A floating example

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for i:=maxint to 0 do
begin
{ do nothing }
end;

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## Colophon

This thesis was typeset with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> using Hermann Zapf’s *Palatino* and *Euler* type faces (Type 1 PostScript fonts *URW Palladio L* and *FPL* were used). The listings are typeset in *Bera Mono*, originally developed by Bitstream, Inc. as “Bitstream Vera”. (Type 1 PostScript fonts were made available by Malte Rosenau and Ulrich Dirr.)

The typographic style was inspired by T<sub>E</sub>X’s genius as presented in *The Elements of Typographic Style* [? ]. It is available for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X via CTAN as “**classicthesis**”.

NOTE: The custom size of the textblock was calculated using the directions given by Mr. Bringhurst (pages 26–29 and 175/176). 10 pt Palatino needs 133.21 pt for the string “abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz”. This yields a good line length between 24–26 pc (288–312 pt). Using a “*double square textblock*” with a 1:2 ratio this results in a textblock of 312:624 pt (which includes the headline in this design). A good alternative would be the “*golden section textblock*” with a ratio of 1:1.62, here 312:505.44 pt. For comparison, DIV9 of the `typearea` package results in a line length of 389 pt (32.4 pc), which is by far too long. However, this information will only be of interest for hardcore pseudo-typographers like me.

To make your own calculations, use the following commands and look up the corresponding lengths in the book:

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\settowidth{\abcd}{abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz}
\the\abcd\ % prints the value of the length
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Please see the file `classicthesis.sty` for some precalculated values for Palatino and Minion.

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# Declaration

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