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New Insights in Computational Lexicology

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Abstract

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Introduction

This document provides a template for Master theses at the CLTL, as well as a number of LATEX tips, which are presented in chapter ??.

To use this template as a starting point for writing your thesis:

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Chapter 2

Latex tips

This chapter provides tips for using LATEX for writing your thesis, as well as more general tips for bibliographical references.

2.1 Latex resources

Latex is extremely well documented. The following resources will all give you an easy-to-step-in introduction, and an extensive reference to LATEX:

- the Not so short introduction to LATEX2e: https://tobi.oetiker.ch/lshort/lshort.pdf
- the LATEX wiki book: https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX
- the Overleaf documentation: https://www.overleaf.com/learn

Additionally, the *Comprehensive LATEX symbols list* is worth a booktab. Finally, LATEX has a lot of packages to offer for additional functionality, all stored on CTAN: https://www.ctan.org.

2.2 Structure of a LATEX project

Your thesis may run into more than 50 pages, and include as many pictures. It is therefore recommended to structure your LATEX thesis file into parts (a natural division consists in keeping a separate file for each chapter).

For this template, the file mathesis.tex is the main file. It links to content files stored in the tex folder. You will find there files for, e.g., the abstract and acknowledgments, but you can also add your chapter files. Likewise, you can store images in the img folder.

IATEX documents can be included into one another using the \include command: in the main file mathesis.tex, the assertion \include{tex/abstract} looks for the file tex/abstract.tex and inserts its content into mathesis.tex.

2.3 Citations

2.3.1 The natbib package

The natbib package allows to refer to BibTeX bibliographical references and format them for insertion in a LATEX document. BibTeX bibliography items are stored in a .bib file.

For instance, the example bibliography ./bib/example.bib contains two entries:

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@inproceedings{sommerauer-etal-2019-towards,
        Address = {Wroclaw, Poland},
        Author = {Sommerauer, Pia and Fokkens, Antske and Vossen, Piek},
        Booktitle = {Proceedings of the 10th Global Wordnet Conference},
        Pages = \{85--95\},
        Title = {Towards Interpretable, Data-derived Distributional
Semantic Representations for Reasoning: A Dataset
of Properties and Concepts},
        Url = {https://clarin-pl.eu/dspace/handle/11321/718},
        Year = \{2019\},\
        Bdsk-Url-1 = {https://clarin-pl.eu/dspace/handle/11321/718}}
@inproceedings{van-aggelen-etal-2019-larger,
        Address = {Turku, Finland},
        Author = {van Aggelen, Astrid and Fokkens, Antske and Hollink,
Laura and van Ossenbruggen, Jacco},
        Booktitle = {Proceedings of the 22nd Nordic Conference on
Computational Linguistics},
        Pages = \{44--54\},
        Publisher = {Link{\"o}ping University Electronic Press},
        Title = {A larger-scale evaluation resource of terms and
their shift direction for diachronic lexical semantics},
        Url = {https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W19-6105.pdf},
        Year = \{2019\},\
        Bdsk-Url-1 = {https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W19-6105.pdf}}
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The first line of each entry provides a label for references: sommerauer-etal-2019-towards, van-aggelen-etal-2019-larger. These labels can be referred to in the IATEX document to provide formatted bibliographical references.

The two most commonly employed commands are \cite (or equivalently \citet) and \citep. For instance, \citet{sommerauer-etal-2019-towards} will appear as ?, while \citep{sommerauer-etal-2019-towards} will appear as (?).

You can cite several papers with a single citation. For instance, the command \citep{sommerauer-etal-2019-towards, van-aggelen-etal-2019-larger} results in (??).

See the Natbib package documentation or the usual LATEX references for more information.

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2.3.2 Citing conventions

It is convention to integrate the name of the authors in the text as much as possible, and to use \cite as only the year of the reference is then parenthesized. The \citep can be used when the name of the authors is not directly part of the sentence.

For instance, you would use \cite for "the work of?", and \citep for "... research on diachronic lexical semantics (?)".

2.3.3 Bibliography management

We recommend that you use a bibliography management tool to edit bib files, like BibDesk for Mac, or JabRef.

This will provide you with a better overview of your bibliography as it grows, while facilitating the addition of new entries—this is as simple as copying the bibtex reference of an article and pasting it in the bibtex source field of your management tool.

Note that you can refer to distinct bib files in a LATEX document. Suppose for instance that you would like to keep apart references from the background chapter and from the other chapters, in background.bib and research.bib. You can collect both files with: \bibliography{bib/background,bib/research}.

Note however that IATEX will issue a warning if citations overlap between bib files.

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