

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

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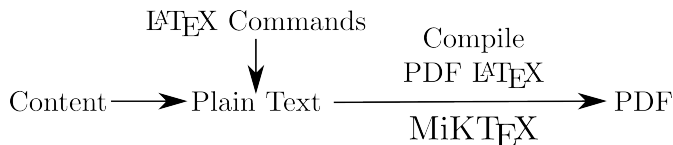
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# Integrated Development Environment

Typically all packaged into an Integrated Development Environment (IDE).

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- T<sub>E</sub>Xworks - <https://www.tug.org/texworks/>
- Winedit - <http://www.winedt.com/>
- T<sub>E</sub>Xmaker - <http://www.xmlmath.net/texmaker/>
- L<sub>E</sub>D - <http://www.latexeditor.org/>
- Kile - <http://kile.sourceforge.net/>

## Online IDE

- Overleaf - <https://www.overleaf.com/>
- ShareL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X - <https://www.sharelatex.com/>

## Note

Minimum requirement is only a plain text file with content, commands and a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X installation to get an output.

## Example 1: Washing Dishes to Wash Them

- Use the IDE in your computer/web.
- Open/Upload the T<sub>E</sub>X file and allied files in folder 'example1'.
- Set your compiler to pdf<sub>l</sub>atex.
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Write content with logical demarkations such as `\maketitle`, `\chapter{title}`, `\part{title}`, `\section{title}`, `\subsection{title}`, etc.

Use environments such as `\begin{abstract} ... \end{abstract}`, `\begin{equation} ... \end{equation}`, `\begin{itemize} ... \end{itemize}`, `\begin{enumerate} ... \end{enumerate}`, etc.

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\end{figure}
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# Environments: Figures

- Figure Options
  - Options for figure placement
    - ! – ignore T<sub>E</sub>X algorithms
    - h – place the figure here
    - t – place the figure on the top of the page
    - b – place the figure at the bottom of the page
    - p – place graphics in a new page altogether
  - Provide multiple options
  - Failure of location suggestion implies difficulty with layout and text
- includegraphics options
  - scale – scales a figure ex: scale=0.5
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## • Multiline Equations

- `\begin{align} ... \end{align}`

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$$= p + q + r + s \quad (4)$$

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1 \begin{align}
2 a &= b + c \\
3 &= d + e + f + \\
4 g + h + i &\nonumber \\
5 &= m + n + o \\
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7 \end{align}

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- Use `\frac` to represent fractions in the equation environment.
- Put in parentheses with `\left(` and `\right)`.

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...
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...
The equation  $ax^2+bx+c=0$  with  $a \neq 0$  has the solutions
...
\begin{equation}
x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}
\end{equation}
...
We use the method of completing the square to rewrite  $ax^2+bx+c$ .
....
\begin{align}
ax^2+bx+c &= a \left( x^2 + \frac{b}{a} x \right) + c \\
&= a \left( x^2 + \frac{b}{a} x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} \right) - \frac{b^2}{4a} + c \\
&= a \left( x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 - a \left( \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 + c \\
&= a \left( x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 - \frac{(b^2-4ac)}{4a}.
\end{align}
Therefore  $ax^2+bx+c=0$  can be rewritten as

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\begin{equation}
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\end{equation}
....
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...
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\end{thebibliography}
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\caption{Stafford Knot}
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In heraldry, the overhand knot
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# Further Reading and Resources

- $\text{\LaTeX}$ : A Document Preparation System (2nd Edition) by Leslie Lamport
- A (Not So) Short Introduction to  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  by Tobias Oetiker
- $\text{\LaTeX}$  in Wikibooks
- $\text{\TeX}$  stackexchange forum
- LyX A combination of WYSIWYG and latex for "What You See Is What You Mean"

# Sources for examples

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