

# Meltdown: Reading Kernel Memory from User Space

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## ABSTRACT

A clear and well-documented  $\LaTeX$  document is presented as an article formatted for publication by ACM in a conference proceedings or journal publication. Based on the “acmart” document class, this article presents and explains many of the common variations, as well as many of the formatting elements an author may use in the preparation of the documentation of their work.

## KEYWORDS

datasets, neural networks, gaze detection, text tagging

## 1 INTRODUCTION

## 2 BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Memory Hierarchy

**2.1.1 Caching.** The need for fast memory that could keep up with the CPU frequency is limited by the high cost per byte these high-performance memories come with. To address this issue, small but fast memory is assigned to the CPU, a slightly slower but random-based accessible memory is assigned to the running applications, and the secondary memory for storing data at rest. The memory close to the CPU, called a cache, takes advantage of *spatial locality* (data to be processed tend to be close to the data already being processed) and *temporal locality* (processed data tends to be requested multiple times during execution).

A typical architecture consists of 3 levels of caches, with two being private per core and the third one being shared. For efficiency, data is moved in *blocks* (or lines) which contain a fixed size of words. Placing the blocks in cache can be made via different schemes, such as *set associative* (), *n-way set associative* () or *fully associative* () .

**2.1.2 Virtual Memory.** Each process runs within its own address space, so there is a need to share the limited main memory between all running processes. The method used to achieve this is through *virtual memory*; the physical memory is divided into blocks and allocated to any process in need for memory. In order for processes not to access the blocks of other processes, protection schemes have to apply.

### 2.2 CPU Architecture and out-of-order Execution

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**Table 1: Frequency of Special Characters**

Non-English or Math	Frequency	Comments
$\emptyset$	1 in 1,000	For Swedish names
$\pi$	1 in 5	Common in math
$\$$	4 in 5	Used in business
$\Psi_1^2$	1 in 40,000	Unexplained usage

To ensure this proper “floating” placement of tables, use the environment **table** to enclose the table's contents and the table caption. The contents of the table itself must go in the **tabular** environment, to be aligned properly in rows and columns, with the desired horizontal and vertical rules. Again, detailed instructions on **tabular** material are found in the  *$\LaTeX$  User's Guide*.

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You may want to display math equations in three distinct styles: inline, numbered or non-numbered display. Each of the three are discussed in the next sections.

### 11.1 Inline (In-text) Equations

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### 11.2 Display Equations

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x = 0 \quad (1)$$

Table 2: Some Typical Commands

Command	A Number	Comments
<code>\author</code>	100	Author
<code>\table</code>	300	For tables
<code>\table*</code>	400	For wider tables

Notice how it is formatted somewhat differently in the **display-math** environment. Now, we'll enter an unnumbered equation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x + 1$$

and follow it with another numbered equation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i = \int_0^{\pi+2} f \quad (2)$$

just to demonstrate  $\text{\LaTeX}$ 's able handling of numbering.

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Figure captions are placed *below* the figure.

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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{sampleteaser}
\caption{figure caption}
\Description{figure description}
\end{teaserfigure}
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'duplicate' DOI and URLs (some SIAM articles) [17]. Boris / Barbara Beeton: multi-volume works as books [15] and [14]. A couple of citations with DOIs: [16, 17]. Online citations: [31–33].

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- marginfigure: Place a figure in the margin.
- margintable: Place a table in the margin.

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