

# Summary of Research Progress: A L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Template to Help You With Your Quals

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**1 Some Simple Commands** The text you're reading is contained in the sections/0\_example\_uses.tex file. Separating words, phrases, sentences, etc. by a newline continues the same paragraph.

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Figure 1: **This is the top hit for “science” on [pixnio](#).** (They provide free images!)



Figure 2: I guess Edison's work *does* outshine mine...

Formatting is generally easiest if you include figures with the `\begin{figure}` command, as in Fig. 1. However, as with Fig. 2, you can save space by wrapping text around figures with the `wrapfig` package. More details about using `wrapfig` are available [here](#). Captions number correctly regardless of your chosen command.

When formatting text, `\textit{}` *italicizes* text, `\textbf{}` **bolds** text, and `\underline{}` underlines text. For more information, overleaf has many high-quality tutorials [here](#), and the answer to nearly any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X question can be googled. (Oh yeah, the `hyperref` package provided that hyperlink functionality via `\href{ }{ }`.)

Equations are written like

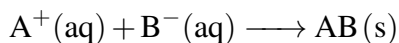
$$E = mc^2, \tag{1}$$

and the `amsmath` (American Math Society) style is used to format equations in the template. Alternatively, math can be written in-text like so:  $E = mc^2$ .

Chemical equations are easy to include thanks to the `mhchem` package.



If you'd prefer *not* to number an equation (whether mathematical or chemical), use \$\$.



Reference sources *within* the document using `\ref{label_defined_in_tex_file}`. This can be done with multiple objects, e.g. Fig. 1, Eq. 1, and Section 3.

Reference outside sources with `\cite{name_in_refs.bib}`. Conveniently, references<sup>1</sup> automatically<sup>2</sup> number<sup>3</sup> according<sup>4</sup> to<sup>5</sup> order<sup>6</sup> of<sup>7</sup> appearance.<sup>8</sup> Also, if multiple citations are included at once, then sequential articles are formatted with a dash to save space, for example.<sup>1–8</sup> (Note that it also places the citations on the correct side of punctuation marks!) All of these in-text citation rules follow the *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (with title) formatting guidelines.

You can add subsections to help break up your report. For example, Subsection 1.1 discusses a bit about the formatting of this document.

**1.1 The Formatting Guidelines** This document uses letter paper, which has dimensions 8.5"×11", and it uses 1 inch margins everywhere. All text is single-spaced with 12 point Times Roman font. Page numbers are included in the bottom right and are also shown with 12 point Times Roman font.

In lieu of a cover page, the report's title and your name, lab, department, and oral exam date can be inserted in the header of the file `main.tex`, and they're displayed as in this Lastname-Firstname-Year.pdf. (Comments walk you through these steps and begin with `%`.) Similarly, the file will currently save as Lastname-Firstname-Year.pdf, but you can change this to your information by modifying the text on line 39 of `main.tex`. Otherwise, the only change you should need to make to `main.tex` is deleting lines 71 and 72, which will remove this tutorial section and its associated references.

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Image files can be placed in the figures folder to maintain organization. Replace `gantt_chart.png` in that folder with your own, which is probably easiest to make as a table in Microsoft Word.

Place your references in `refs.bib` using Bib<sub>TEX</sub>format. This can easily be done with [Zotero](#), which will provide the Bib<sub>TEX</sub>citation given just the DOI number. Conveniently, Zotero can be [directly linked to your Overleaf](#) so that the references are also directly imported, meaning you don't even need to copy/paste the references. If you do this, you'll need to change line 17 of the main text from `\addbibresource{refs.bib}` to `\addbibresource{refs.bib,imported_file.bib}`. NOTE: Only bibliographic items referenced in the text via the `\cite{}` command will appear in the bibliography at the end of the document.

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I thank Greg Schuette for providing the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X template I used to format this report.<sup>9</sup>

## 8 Gantt Chart

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Oral Exam												
Synthesize X												
Characterize X												
Examine catalytic reactivity of X												
Expand substrate scope												
Mechanistic study												
Manuscript writing												

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