

# TUTORIAL NO. 1

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## 1 What are the advantages of LaTeX over Microsoft Word Processing?

- LaTeX is designed by mathematicians for producing beautifully typeset mathematics. Not only are the equations and mathematical symbols beautifully rendered, but LaTeX also does an exceptional job at handling visual components such as fonts, spacing, and line breaks.
- LaTeX elegantly handles numbering and internal referencing within a document. As with internal references, LaTeX handles citations elegantly. If you use BibTeX, which is compatible with most reference management software, it is also easy to change bibliographic styles.
- It provides more concise and organized formats for documentation.
- Most LaTeX programs have a very user-friendly interface. Moreover, since LaTeX has existed for so long, there is a great deal of good documentation.
- LaTeX files contain markup language that enables them to be readily converted to other outputs (e.g., PDF or HTML), allowing you to change or share your document more easily than if it was in another format.

## 2 List the common commands of LaTeX.

The various commands of LaTeX are:

- title: It is used to give title to a document.
- article: It defines the type of document.
- inputenc: This is the encoding for the document, to allow characters beyond ASCII (e.g. à, ü, č ...) to be used in the text.
- begin and end: This declares an environment, a block of code with a specific behaviour depending on its type.
- maketitle: This command will print the title

### 3 What is OverLeaf?

Overleaf is a collaborative writing and publishing system that makes the whole process of producing academic papers much quicker for both authors and publishers. Most of the world's technological and medical innovations began with a scientific paper.

There are over two million scientific papers published every year, and many more technical reports and presentations. Scientists in academia and industry spend a lot of their time writing, reviewing and publishing these papers; that's a lot of admin paperwork tasks. We saw a way we could help save time on these tasks, making the whole process of academic collaboration easier and more effective.

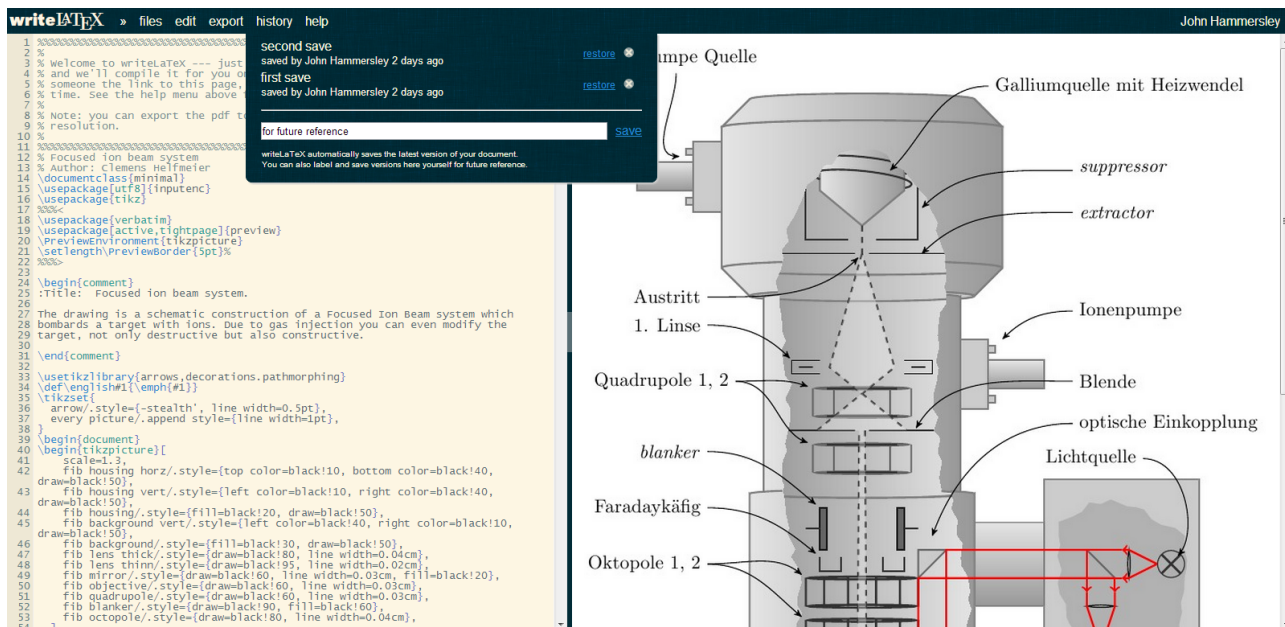
On July 20, 2017, ShareLaTeX was acquired by Overleaf. Overleaf plans to continue ShareLaTeX under the brand Overleaf v2 which was in beta testing up until the 4th of September 2018. The domain name "sharelatex.com" now redirects to a connection page for Overleaf v2.

### 4 How do we control versions in OverLeaf?

We can use the Save and Restore feature to save versions of our work in Overleaf.

These versions save the complete document (source code, attached files and PDF), and we can save up to 300 versions. Access this feature via the 'Versions' link in the editor's top bar—simply name a version and hit enter to save the current version of your work.

You now have the ability to save versions on write LaTeX. Use the 'versions' menu in the editor to access this feature - simply name a version and hit enter to save the current version of your work.



## 5 How is collaboration possible with other users?

Overleaf makes sharing easy. On Overleaf v1, all you have to do is send them the link, and they can see and edit with you - instant collaboration! The link to your document is the unique url created when you first started your project - simply copy the url from the web address bar, or use the share menu in the editor to find the link. You can also share a read-only link if you'd like to give others the chance to read your document without editing.

## 6 Explain how to generate a table in LaTeX.

The tabular environment is the default LaTeX method to create tables. You must specify a parameter to this environment, `c c c` tells LaTeX that there will be three columns and that the text inside each one of them must be centred.

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To make lines in tables, we use the `h` line tags.

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## 7 Which commands are used to create a lab report?

The various commands used to create a lab report are:

- Equations: For writing equations, we use `\begin{equation}` and `end{equation}`
- Citations: In bibliography file we can store information of the reference needed, and when we want to cite the reference we use `cite` command with reference name in the braces.
- Figures: They can be created by using `gnuplot`.
- Other: For lists we use `itemize`, and other tags.

## 8 How to include bibliography in a document?

LaTeX supports bibliographies out of the box, either embedding the references in your document or storing them in an external file. `environment` and the BibTeX system.

The various commands to include bibliography are:

- `\usepackage{biblatex}`: Imports the package `biblatex`.

- `\addbibresource{sample.bib}`: Imports the bibtex data file sample.bib, this file is the one that includes information about each referenced book, article, etc.
- `\cite{einstein}` This command inserts a reference within the document, that corresponds to an element in the bibliography, "einstein" is a keyword corresponding to an entry in sample.bib.
- `\printbibliography` Prints the list of cited references, the default title is "References" for the article document class and "Bibliography" for books and reports.

## 9 Explain how to write a citation in IEEE format.

We use IEEEtran to write a citation in IEEE format. Take the example of the following code:

```
\bibliographystyle{IEEEtran}
\bibliography{IEEEabrv,IEEEexample}
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- The `IEEEexample.bib` file consists an example database for the official `IEEEtran.bst` BibTeX style file.
- The `IEEEabrv.bib` file consists a bibliography string definitions of the abbreviated titles of IEEE journals and magazines and online publications.
- The `IEEEfull.bib` file consists bibliography string definitions of the full titles of IEEE journals and magazines and online publications.

## 10 Explain how to create glossaries, symbols, Table-of-Content and Table-of-Figures

We use package glossaries in the beginning.

- `\makeglossaries`: It is used to start creating glossaries.
- `\newglossaryentry`: It is used to give in a new entry in the glossary. Inside it we have fields for name and description.
- `\newacronym`: It is used to give in a new acronym entry. Its parameters are acronym and full form.
- `\printglossary`: It is used to print a glossary.

Symbols can be added to LaTeX in a manner similar to icon addition. We can also use `tikz` or `pstricks` package.

To create the table of contents is straightforward, the command `\tableofcontents` does the job. To manually add entries, for example when you want an unnumbered section, use the command `\addcontentsline`. List of figures can be generated using `\listoffigures`