

Hello Simtex!

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Rationale

As echoed by Linus Torvalds:

Software is like sex, it's better when it's free

This program is created with goal of simplifying the writing of assignments in \LaTeX by converting markdown language into \LaTeX . This program do not intend to replace \LaTeX , as well as not to compete with [pandoc](#), which provides a fully featured \LaTeX conversion. If it does not meant to replace \LaTeX , and if pandoc exists, then why this program?

One of the main reason is because latex is antithesis to beauty, as given by a feedback on my post by redditor [u/ArmaniPlantainBlocks](#) “*To be fair, Latex is the antithesis of elegance. It's clunky, ugly, messy amd verbose. And more than lightly annotated text can be unreadable. It's a horrid format to work in.*”, which holds true to a certain degree. Pandoc on the other hand, creates a more scary and clunky conversion, albeit the output when compiled to PDF looks good, however can still make latex looks scary and undesirable for use, especially for new users. Thus the program may serve as soft introduction to latex by producing a simple but functional and beautiful output based on user's preference, as well as for people in hurry that can't simply write in latex in some cases.

The program supports **various features**, not *all* of \LaTeX , in fact it allows cross utilization of \LaTeX commands in to the input file, as of the current version the program supports:

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2. Math mode, inline math, and as for paragraph math, it automatically infers whether to use **equation** or **align**
3. Inline code using **texttt**, and code blocks via **lstlisting**.
4. “Smart quotes”.
5. Figures.
6. Hyperlinks.
7. Sections, subsections, all way upto paragraph.
8. And as already demonstrated, block quotes.

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The math can be used in number of ways, one is inline math, for example Einstein's equation: $E = mc^2$, paragraph math is also supported either via **equation**:

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \quad (1)$$

or **align**:

$$\sum_i \vec{B}_i \cdot \vec{\ell}_i = \mu_0 \left(I + \varepsilon_0 \frac{\Delta E \cdot A}{\Delta t} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_i \vec{E}_i \cdot \vec{\ell}_i = - \frac{\Delta B \cdot A}{\Delta t} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_i E_i \cdot A_i = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0} \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_i B_i \cdot A_i = 0 \quad (5)$$

1.1 This is subsection: Images

Images can be inserted with^{The first one is in codeblocks using lstlisting, thus not parsed, this is not footnote anyway.}

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1 ![figure](./sample_image.jpeg)
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1.1.1 This is subsubsection: Listings

The *code blocks* below presents the source code of the “converted” markdown file, which was generated using the one command: `simtex -b -i="examples/1/hello.md" -T="Hello Simtex!" -f="hello.tex" -a="iaacornus" -d="August 15, 2552:`

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