

An Example Document

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1 Introduction

This file basically functions as a cheat sheet for common tasks and techniques you might want to do in L^AT_EX. Note that this contains more than we could cover in the session. Specifically, this also contains a small bibliography, so you have to tell your editor to run BibT_EX.

2 Paragraphs and comments

Hello, world! Blah blah blah. Blah blah blah. Blah blah blah. Blah blah blah. Blah blah. See Section 3.1.1 at page 2.

Second paragraph. Third paragraph (not). every word on a separate line.

A whole sentence on a line in its entirety.

thisisaverylongword

3 Section headers

3.1 A section of a section

A section without a number

3.1.1 Sub sub section

Paragraph

4 Third section

This is a URL: www.example.com

5 Formatting

You can make text *italic*, **bold-face**, `fixed-width`, `sans-serif`, SMALL CAPS.

This is *emphasised* (really) *text*!

6 Lists

- This an item.
- This is also an item.
 - One
 - Two
 - Three

1. first
2. second
3. third

- a) first
- b) second
- c) third

See element 2 and 3b.

7 Maths

Use dollar signs for in-line maths: $x_i = y_i^2 + y^{(x-1)} + 5$ and $\sum_{i=0}^k x_i$ are formulas.

$$\sum_{i=0}^k x_i$$

- Super/subscripts: x^2 , x_i , x_i^2 , $x^{(1-y)}$
- Greek letters: $\alpha = \beta + \gamma^\delta$ (don't use them to write actual Greek; use `\selectlanguage` instead).

Further reading

- <https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Mathematics>

8 Escaping special characters

Characters reserved by the \TeX language: `\`, `{`, `}`, `%`, `$`, `_`

Some non-English latin characters:

ä ö ü ß æ, å, ø, ð, ð

ð is iz en igzɑ:mpl

Also:

- \LaTeX provides some easy-to-type short hands for special characters. There's 'single quotes', "double quotes", or those «French quotes».
- Also, you can make nice-looking dashes – if you are so inclined. Some people—mostly Americans—also like those super-long dashes.

Further reading

- The Comprehensive \LaTeX Symbol List (a. k. a. `symbols-a4.pdf`):
<https://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/symbols/comprehensive/>
- The `tipa` manual:
<http://mirrors.ctan.org/fonts/tpa/tpa/doc/tipaman.pdf>

9 Examples

- (1) This is an example
- (2) * This is example a bla
- (3) This is example a bla
 - a. one
 - b. two

See (2) and (3a).

Examples with glosses:

- (4) Dieses Beispiel hat zwei Zeilen
this example has two lines
'This example has two lines'
- (5) Dieses Beispiel hat drei Zeilen
di:zəs baɪʃpi:l hat dʁai tsain
this example has three lines
'This example has three lines'
- (6) If things don't line up then you can make them!
If things do not line up you can easily make them!
'See?'

Further reading

- Manual of the `gb4e`:
<http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/gb4e/gb4e-doc.pdf>
- `linguex` (an alternative package):
<https://www.ctan.org/pkg/linguex>
- `covington` (yet another alternative):
<https://www.ctan.org/pkg/covington>

10 Spaces

Some argument-less commands like `\LaTeX` consume the space after it. You can avoid this problem by either adding curly braces behind the `\LaTeX` command, around the `\LaTeX` command or by escaping the space after the `\LaTeX` command with a backslash. Some commands don't consume the space but I can never remember, which, so I just put all the curly braces everywhere.

Also, `\,` creates a thin space, which is useful for stuff like abbreviations or units of measurements (e.g. 1.5 kg)

11 Localisation

The `babel` package add support for multi-language text.

- Hey! Heute ist der 2. Oktober 2023!

- Hey! Today is October 2, 2023!
- Hey! Today is 2nd October 2023!
- Сегодня — 2 октября 2023 г.! (You can't type Cyrillic without this...)

Further reading

- The babel user guide:
<http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/required/babel/base/babel.pdf>

12 Tables

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Tabelle 1: This is a floating table. L^AT_EX will decide where to put it.

Table 1 is a floating table. That means L^AT_EX will ultimately decide where it will end up in your document.

- If you say [t] it puts it at the top of a page.
- If you say [b] it puts it at the bottom of a page.
- If you say [h] it puts it *somewhere here*TM.

It's recommended to avoid language like *see the following table* or *see the table above*. Instead point to your table using a cross reference.



Abbildung 1: Stock image of a Bratwurst

13 Images and figures

The `figure` environment in Figure 1 works just like `table` (i. e. it’s position is decided by L^AT_EX).

14 Footnotes

Look down¹. Can you see Footnote 1?²

15 Citations

You can cite Smith (2023) in-line, or you can just add parenthetical citations (Müller and Lapinsky 1986) to your text. Also, you can add page numbers to your citations (Acton et al. 1997: 13–14) or additional labels (cf. Glargh the Blob 2030: 54).

Fun fact 1: You can easily create your own bibliography style by running `latex makebst` on the command-line and answering a bunch of questions.

Fun fact 2: I already made a bibliography style – two, in fact – `bibstyle-en.bst` for English and `bibstyle-de.bst` for German.³ If you want to use them for your stuff, go ahead.

16 References

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Müller, Max and Larry Lapinsky. 1986. *The Kant Files*. Vienna: Kriminalverlag.

Smith, John. 2023. ‘My life as a smith.’ *Journal of Smithery* 2, 33–44.

¹ Look, I’m at the bottom and all numbered well and stuff.

²Of course you can.

³I. e. no Oxford comma, & instead of the word *and*, and other stuff I don’t remember.