latex-mimosis

A minimal, modern LATEX package for typesetting your thesis by

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Abstract

Scientific documents often use LATEX for typesetting. While numerous packages and templates exist, it makes sense to create a new one. Just because.

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1 Introduction

In which the reasons for creating this package are laid bare for the whole world to see and we encounter some usage guidelines.

This package contains a minimal, modern template for writing your thesis. While originally meant to be used for a Ph. D. thesis, you can equally well use it for your honour thesis, bachelor thesis, and so on—some adjustments may be necessary, though.

1.1 WHY?

I was not satisfied with the available templates for LaTeX and wanted to heed the style advice given by people such as Robert Bringhurst [1] or Edward R. Tufte [3, 4]. While there *are* some packages out there that attempt to emulate these styles, I found them to be either too bloated, too playful, or too constraining. This template attempts to produce a beautiful look without having to resort to any sort of hacks. I hope you like it.

1.2 How?

The package tries to be easy to use. If you are satisfied with the default settings, just add

\documentclass{mimosis}

at the beginning of your document. This is sufficient to use the class. It is possible to build your document using either LATEX|, XALTEX, or LuaLATEX. I personally prefer one of the latter two because they make it easier to select proper fonts.

1.3 FEATURES

The template automatically imports numerous convenience packages that aid in your typesetting process. Table 1.1 lists the most important ones. Let's briefly discuss some examples below. Please refer to the source code for more demonstrations.

Table 1.1: A list of the most relevant packages required (and automatically imported) by this template.

Package	Purpose
amsmath	Basic mathematical typography
amsthm	Basic mathematical environments for proofs etc.
booktabs	Typographically light rules for tables
bookmarks	Bookmarks in the resulting PDF
dsfont	Double-stroke font for mathematical concepts
graphicx	Graphics
hyperref	Hyperlinks
multirow	Permits table content to span multiple rows or columns
paralist	Paragraph ('in-line') lists and compact enumerations
scrlayer-scrpage	Page headings
setspace	Line spacing
siunitx	Proper typesetting of units
subcaption	Proper sub-captions for figures

1.3.1 Typesetting mathematics

This template uses amsmath and amssymb, which are the de-facto standard for typesetting mathematics. Use numbered equations using the equation environment. If you want to show multiple equations and align them, use the align environment:

$$V := \{1, 2, \ldots\} \tag{1.1}$$

$$E := \{(u, v) \mid \operatorname{dist}(p_u, p_v) \le \epsilon\}$$
(1.2)

Define new mathematical operators using \DeclareMathOperator. Some operators are already predefined by the template, such as the distance between two objects. Please see the template for some examples. Moreover, this template contains a correct differential operator. Use \diff to typeset the differential of integrals:

$$f(u) := \int_{v \in \mathbb{D}} \operatorname{dist}(u, v) \, \mathrm{d}v \tag{1.3}$$

You can see that, as a courtesy towards most mathematicians, this template gives you the possibility to refer to the real numbers \mathbb{R} and the domain \mathbb{D} of some function. Take a look at the source for more examples. By the way, the template comes with spacing fixes for the automated placement of brackets.

1.3.2 Typesetting text

Along with the standard environments, this template offers paralist for lists within paragraphs. Here's a quick example: The American constitution speaks, among others, of (i) life (ii) liberty (iii) the pursuit of happiness. These should be added in equal measure to your own conduct. To typeset units correctly, use the siunitx package. For example, you might want to restrict your daily intake of liberty to 750 mg.

Likewise, as a small pet peeve of mine, I offer specific operators for *ordinals*. Use \th to typeset things like July 4th correctly. Or, if you are referring to the 2nd edition of a book, please use \nd. Likewise, if you came in 3rd in a marathon, use \rd. This is my 1st rule.

1.4 Changing things

Since this class heavily relies on the scrbook class, you can use *their* styling commands in order to change the look of things. For example, if you want to change the text in sections to bold you can just use

\setkomafont{sectioning}{\normalfont\bfseries}

at the end of the document preamble—you don't have to modify the class file for this. Please consult the source code for more information.

1.5 WUT ADDITIONALS

This section describes several typical needs in case of thesis writing at Warsaw University of Technology¹. Repository with appropriate modification can be found on GitHub [2].

1.5.1 Tables and figures environment

Use minipage environment to place multiple unrelated figures or tables side by side (Figures 1.1 and 1.2). In case of dependent elements use subfigures or subtables environments (Figure 1.3).

To properly align numbers in tables use siunitx package. Example in Table 1.2.

1.5.2 Printing

The official cover pages can be included as pdf files using pdfpages package. To remove colored hyperlinks, and thus be able to print only pages with figures in color, use colorlinks = true option for the hyperref package. Know the difference between hyphen, en dash and em dash.

¹https://www.pw.edu.pl/



Figure 1.1: First figure.

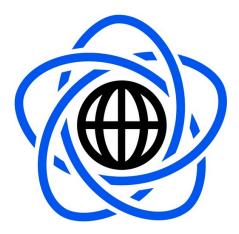


Figure 1.2: The second, unrelated figure.

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(b) After

Figure 1.3: Example of subfigure environment.

Table 1.2: You can also benefit from abbreviations handling – e.g. mean absolute error (MAE).

Algorithm	MAE		Secon	nd metric
	first test set	second test set	first test set	second test set
First	0.0067	0.0113	0.0076	0.0199
Second	0.0041	0.0055	0.0048	0.0096

1.5.3 References and citing

Use cref command for referring to figures, tables, equation etc. Use autocite for citations.

1.5.4 Lists

Try to avoid using itemize and enumerate environments. Nevertheless, use singlespace* environment to temporarily disable default spacing of one and half.

- 1. This is the first item.
- 2. This is the second item.

ACRONYMS

GLOSSARY

LATEX A document preparation system

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