latex-mimosis

A minimal, modern LaTeX package for typesetting your thesis

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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|, XeLaTeX, 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:

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

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

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 4$^{\text{th}}$ correctly. Or, if you are referring to the 2$^{\text{nd}}$ edition of a book, please use `\nd`. Likewise, if you came in 3$^{\text{rd}}$ in a marathon, use `\rd`. This is my 1$^{\text{st}}$ 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 Technology[1]. 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.

[1] https://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		Second 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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