

Introduction to Overleaf

Learning how to use Overleaf and L^AT_EX

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Overleaf and \LaTeX

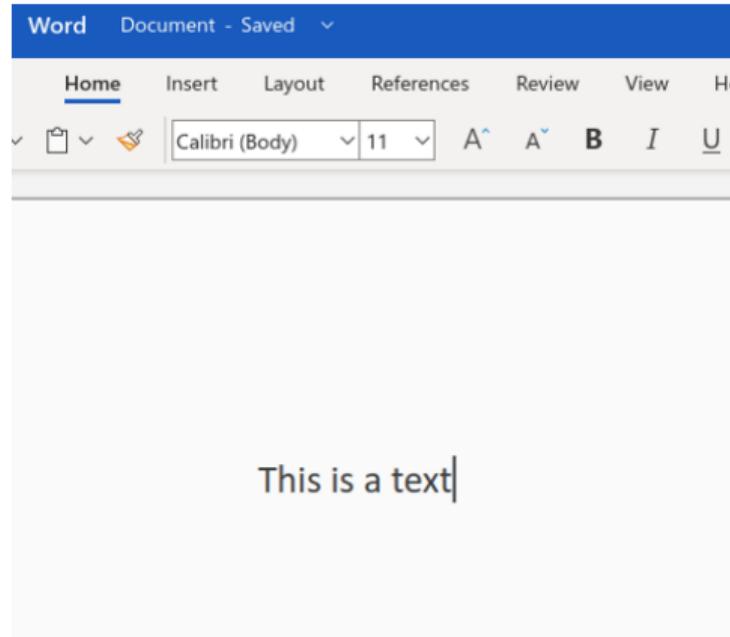
Overleaf in their own words: “Overleaf is a startup and social enterprise that builds modern collaborative authoring tools for scientists — like *Google Docs for Science*. Our primary product is an online, real time collaborative editor for papers, theses, technical reports and other documents written in the *\LaTeX markup language*.” Sounds good, but what is *\LaTeX markup language*?

Text Processor vs Text Editor

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Page Title</title>
</head>
<body>

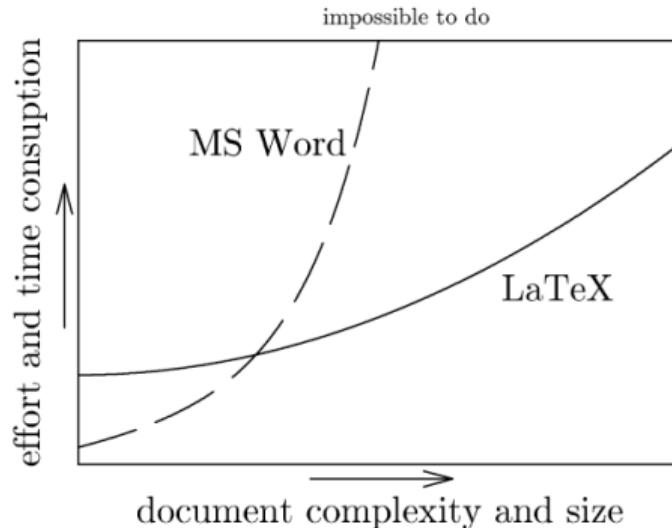
<h1>This is a Heading</h1>
<p>This is a paragraph.</p>

</body>
</html>
```



\LaTeX and MS-Word

Why to consider \LaTeX over Word?



Origins of \LaTeX

Donald E. Knuth created $\tau\varepsilon\chi$ (Tau Epsilon Chi) between 1977 and 1979.

- Unhappy how his book looked after publisher changed from hot metal typesetting (19th century tech) to phototypesetting in 1960s.
- Greek word “Tekne” means “art, skill, craft in work,” and it’s the root for the word “technology.”

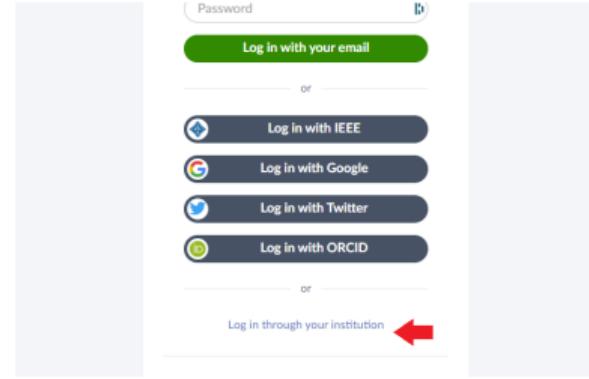
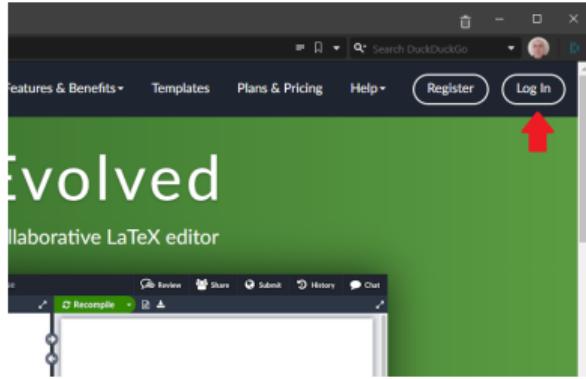


Leslie Lamport extended TeX

- While using TeX he noticed could expand with macros
- Released his LaTeX macros between 1984 and 1985. He handed the control of \LaTeX in 1989.



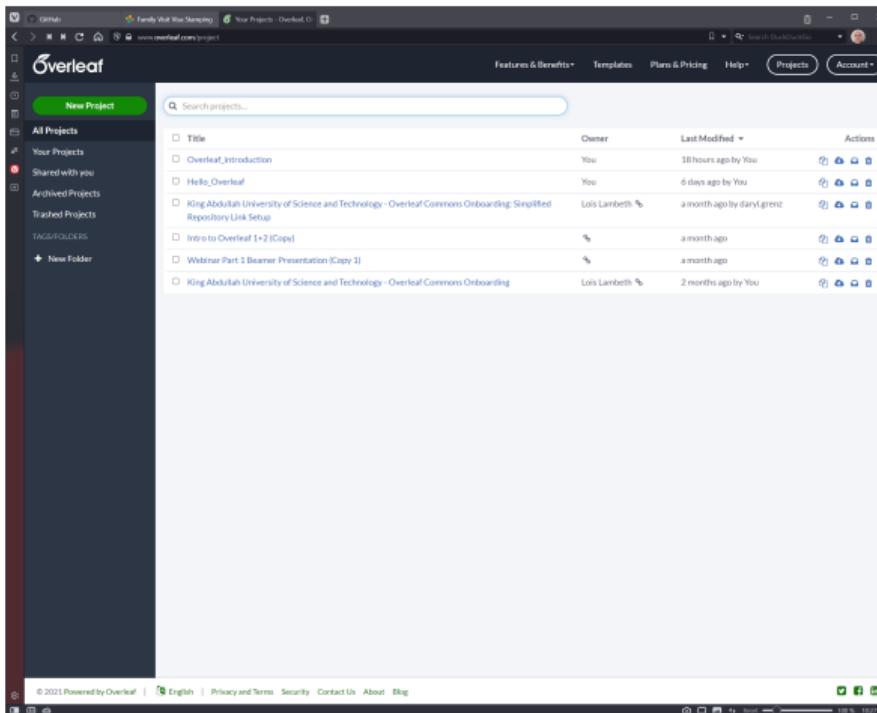
Logging in Overleaf



You will need your KAUST credentials for the login.

Projects Overview

“Home” page of the account. You will return to this page, if explore the online help from Overleaf, and decide to return to your projects. It’s a shortcut.

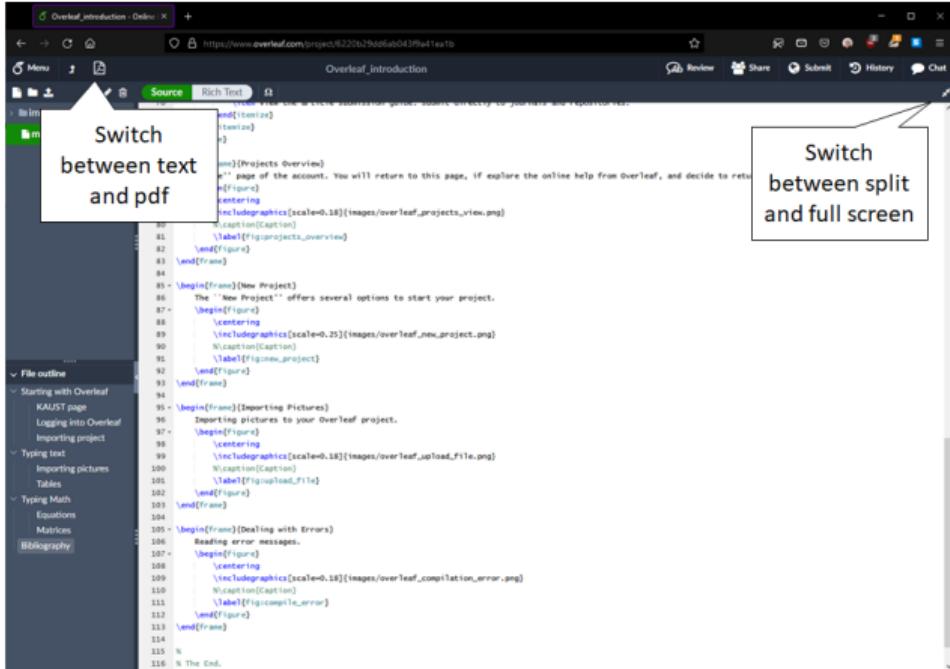


The screenshot shows the Overleaf web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Features & Benefits, Templates, Plans & Pricing, Help, Projects (which is highlighted in blue), and Account. On the left, a sidebar menu includes options like New Project, All Projects, Your Projects (which is selected and highlighted in red), Shared with you, Archived Projects, Trashed Projects, and TAGS/FOLDERS. Below the sidebar is a search bar labeled "Search projects...". The main content area displays a table of projects with columns for Title, Owner, Last Modified, and Actions. The table lists several projects, including "Overleaf_Introduction" by You (modified 10 hours ago), "Hello_Overleaf" by You (modified 6 days ago), and several projects by Lois Lambeth (modified between 1 and 2 months ago). At the bottom of the page, there's a footer with links for Privacy and Terms, Security, Contact Us, About, and Blog, along with copyright information: © 2021 Powered by Overleaf | English.

Title	Owner	Last Modified	Actions
Overleaf_Introduction	You	10 hours ago by You	
Hello_Overleaf	You	6 days ago by You	
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology - Overleaf Commons Onboarding: Simplified Repository Link Setup	Lois Lambeth %	a month ago by daryl.greenz	
Intro to Overleaf 1+2 (Copy)	%	a month ago	
Webinar Part 3 Beamer Presentation (Copy 3)	%	a month ago	
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology - Overleaf Commons Onboarding	Lois Lambeth %	2 months ago by You	

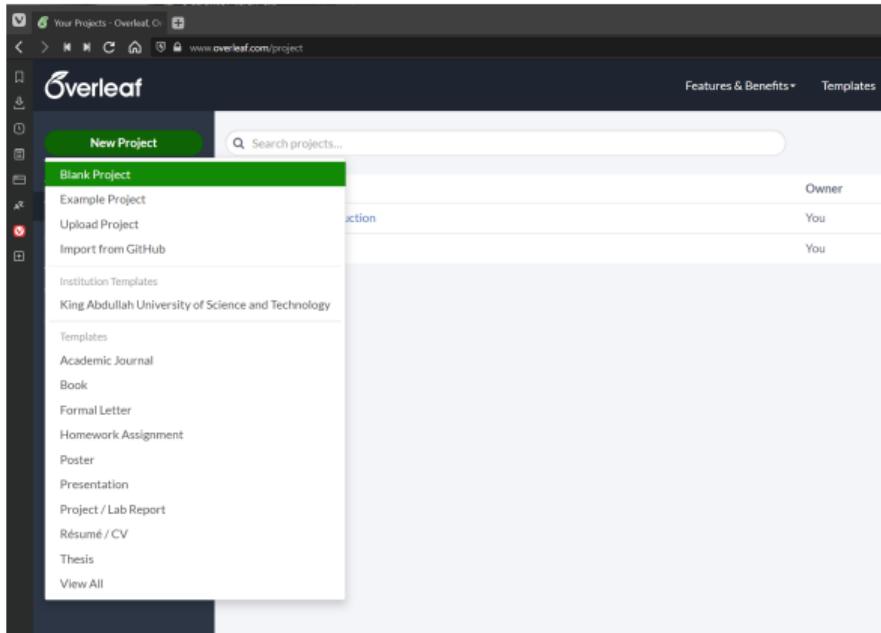
Split or Full Screen

Switching between split and full screen.



New Project

The “New Project” offers several options to start your project.



Document Structure

Structure of a \LaTeX document.

```
\documentclass{...}
\usepackage{...}
...
```

preamble

```
\begin{document}
```

```
\title{...}
\author{...}
\date{...}
\maketitle
```

top matter

```
\begin{abstract}
...
\end{abstract}
```

abstract

```
\section{...}
```

body

```
\section{...}
```

```
\begin{thebibliography}{9}
```

bibliography

```
...
\end{thebibliography}
```

```
\end{document}
```

The Preamble and Top Matter

The preamble and top matter of the document

- The `\documentclass[parameter]{class}` command marks the beginning of the document.
 - Parameter (optional): font and paper size, like `10pt` or `a4paper`
 - Class: the class of the document *book*, *report*, *article*, *letter*, etc.
- To combine more than one author use `\and`, like `\author{John \and Mary}`.
- You can control the date that is displayed by giving an explicit date, like `\date{1st January 1970}`, or `\date{\today}`, or `\date{}` for no date.

Working with Text

- Several levels of sectioning: section, subsection, subsubsection, etc.
- Several font families

Specifier	Switches To
\textnormal{}	normal document text
\emph{}	<i>emphasis</i>
\texttt{}	Typewriter style font family
\textit{}	<i>italic text</i>
\textbf{}	bold text
\textrm{}	Roman font family
\textsf{}	Sans-serif font family

Example of Lists

```
\begin{itemize}
    \item We have the bullet list
    \begin{itemize}
        \item A nested list
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
\begin{enumerate}
    \item We have numbered list
    \begin{enumerate}
        \item Another nested list
    \end{enumerate}
\end{enumerate}
\begin{description}
    \item[itemize:] is an unordered list
    \item[enumerate:] is an ordered list
\end{description}
```

- We have the bullet list
 - A nested list

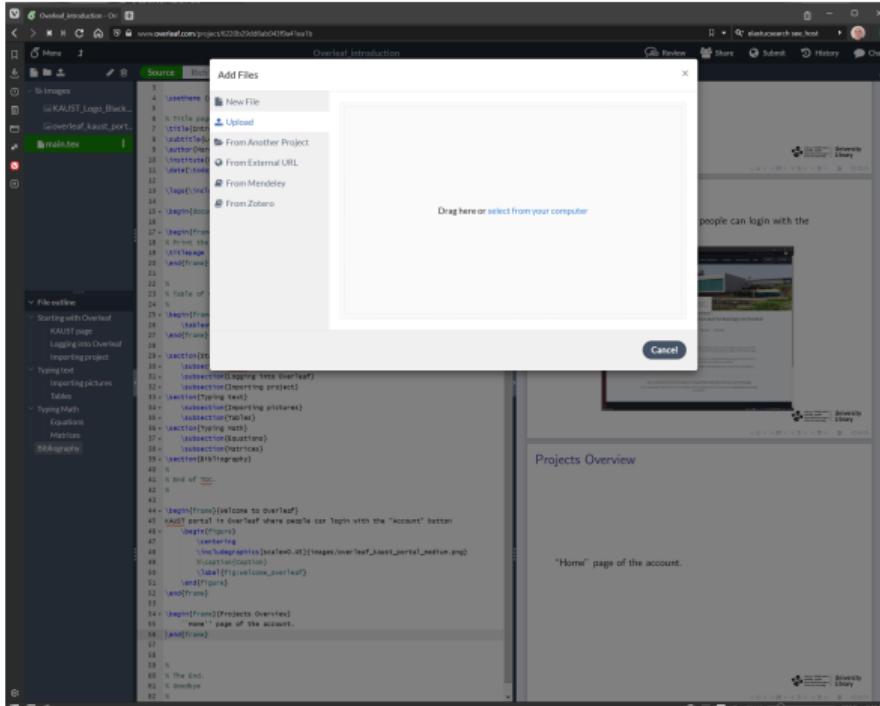
1. We have numbered list
 - 1.1 Another nested list

itemize: is an unordered list

enumerate: is an ordered list

Importing Pictures

Importing pictures to your Overleaf project.



Working with Pictures

Adding caption and setting the size of pictures

- Import the package `graphicx` to enable pictures in the document.
- You can specify the size of the pictures by scaling the pictures, like 10% of the original size, or by explicitly setting dimension.
- Give “hints” of the picture placement, with `h` for *here* or `t` for *top*.
- Use the caption to explain the picture
- By labeling the picture, you can reference it later in the document.

Example of Picture

```
\begin{figure}[ht]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth] <break>
{bombetoka_aster_23aug00_lrg}
\caption{An Otherworldly-Looking Bombetoka Bay,
Madagascar}
\label{fig:Bombetoka_Bay}
\end{figure}
```



Figure: An Otherworldly-Looking Bombetoka Bay, Madagascar

Working with Equations

Here is where \LaTeX really shines! This is a huge topic, and we will cover only the basics.

- Load the packages `amssymb` and `latexsym`
- Inline math can type between the `$...$`, like `$\sqrt{5}$` will produce $\sqrt{5}$.
- Equations will be in the equation environment

```
\begin{equation}
    x = \sqrt{5}
\end{equation}
```

- Big and complex formulas require some planning

Examples of Equations

```
\begin{equation}\label{E:firstInt}
\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx = 2
\end{equation}
```

$$\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx = 2 \quad (1)$$

```
\begin{aligned}
r^2 &\leq s^2 + t^2, & \text{\label{E:Pyth}} \\
2u + 1 &\leq v + w^{\alpha}, & \text{\label{E:alpha}} \\
x &\leq \frac{y + z}{\sqrt{s + 2u}}; & \text{\label{E:frac}}
\end{aligned}
```

$$r^2 = s^2 + t^2, \quad (2)$$

$$2u + 1 = v + w^{\alpha}, \quad (3)$$

$$x = \frac{y + z}{\sqrt{s + 2u}}; \quad (4)$$

```
\[
f(x) =
\begin{cases}
-x^2, & \text{if } x < 0; \\
\alpha + x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1; \\
x-2, & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
\]
]
```

```
\[
\overbrace{a + b + \cdots + z}^n
\]
```

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$$\overbrace{a + b + \cdots + z}^n$$

Working with Tables

Creating tables in L^AT_EX

- Start simple with the `tabular` environment
- Define the alignment of columns, left (`l`), center (`c`) or right (`r`).
- Then add borders with `\hline` for horizontal lines and for vertical lines, define together with the header, like
`{||c c c c||}`
- Add the `table` environment
- Finally finish the table environment by defining the adding caption and label.

Example Table

```
\begin{table}[h!]
\centering
\begin{tabular}{||c c c c||}
\hline
Col1 & Col2 & Col2 & Col3 \\
\hline\hline
1 & 6 & 87837 & 787 \\
2 & 7 & 78 & 5415 \\
3 & 545 & 778 & 7507 \\
4 & 545 & 18744 & 7560 \\
5 & 88 & 788 & 6344 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\caption{Table to test captions and labels}
\label{table:data}
\end{table}
```

Col1	Col2	Col2	Col3
1	6	87837	787
2	7	78	5415
3	545	778	7507
4	545	18744	7560
5	88	788	6344

Table: Table to test captions and labels

Bibliography

- Add the package `biblatex`
- Specify the file with the bibliography entries
- You reference the citation with `\cite{...}`
- Several supported entries: books, articles, patents, proceedings, conference, etc
- Several styles of bibliography are supported: numeric, alphabetic authoryear, etc
- Specific bibliography style for some magazines like Nature, IEEE, Science, and others.
- Where do you want the bibliography list to appear, add the command
`\printbibliography`.

Comparing Versions

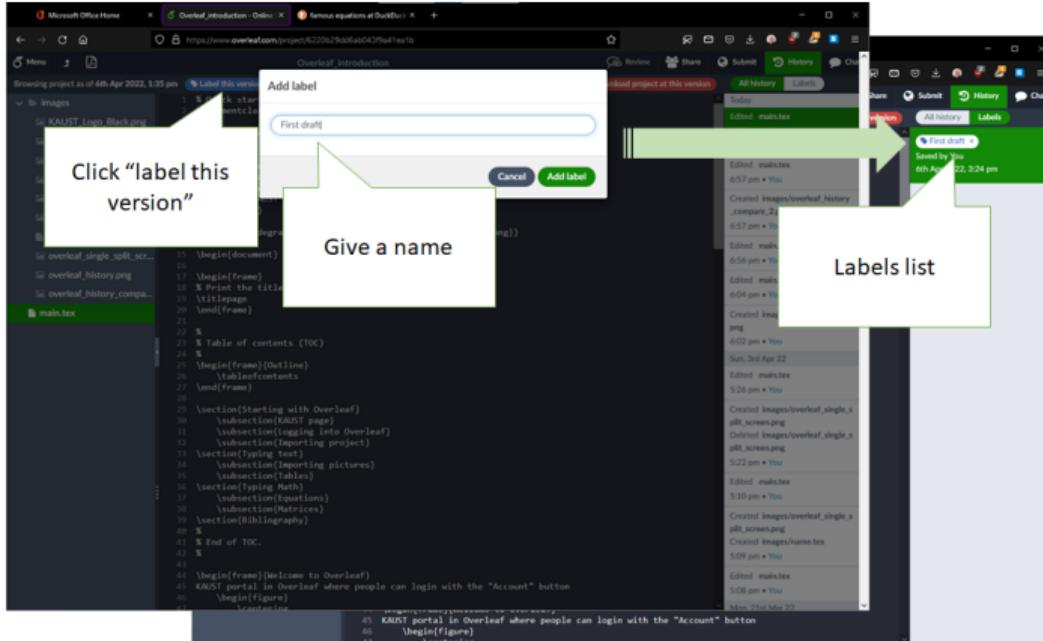
You can compare different versions of the document using the “History”.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Edge browser window displaying an Overleaf project titled "Overleaf_introduction - Online". The main area shows the LaTeX code for the document, with a callout box pointing to the first few lines of code. The callout box contains the text: "To return to the 'normal' mode". Another callout box points to the right margin of the code editor, containing the text: "Drag the bar to mark the versions". To the right of the code editor is the "History" panel, which lists the following file operations:

Operation	Date	User
Edited main.tex	6:02 pm	You
Created images/overleaf_history.png	6:02 pm	You
Sent 3rd Apr 22		
Edited main.tex	5:26 pm	You
Created images/overleaf_single_splt_screen.png	5:26 pm	You
Deleted images/overleaf_single_splt_screen.png	5:26 pm	You
Edited main.tex	5:26 pm	You
Created images/overleaf_single_splt_screen.png	5:26 pm	You
Created images/name.tex	5:09 pm	You
Edited main.tex	5:08 pm	You
Mon, 21st Mar 22		
Edited main.tex	6:22 pm	You
Edited main.tex	4:08 pm	You
Edited main.tex	3:49 pm	You
Edited main.tex	3:44 pm	You
Mon, 14th Mar 22		

Using Tags

Tag your versions to mark special versions.



Working Offline

- Working offline or with a collaborator that doesn't have Overleaf.
- Options for Dropbox, Git and Github.
- Using Github as example
 - 1. Create the project in Github
 - 2. Import into Overleaf as new project
 - 3. Remember to synchronize the two projects!! (Not automatic)

Dealing with Errors

Reading error messages.

The screenshot shows the Overleaf LaTeX editor interface. On the left, the LaTeX code for a document titled "Overleaf_introduction" is displayed. The code includes various document classes, packages, and content sections. On the right, the "Recompile" pane shows two error messages:

- File 'logos/overleaf_kauet_portal.png' not found; using draft setting.**

The compiler cannot find the file you want to include. Make sure that you have uploaded the file and specified the file location correctly.
- File 'logos/overleaf_kauet_portal.png' not found on input line 46.**

The compiler cannot find the file you want to include. Make sure that you have uploaded the file and specified the file location correctly.

Below the errors, the "Raw logs" section shows the terminal output of the LaTeX compilation process, including log messages like "This is pdfTeX, Version 3.14159265-2.6-1.40-13 (TeX Live 2021)" and "Warning: extended mode". At the bottom of the log pane, there are buttons for "Clear cached files" and "Other logs and files".