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LATEX for Linguists

LATEX 1: Basics

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History

- $\tau \epsilon \chi$ (TEX) was developed between 1977 and 1986 by Donald E. Knuth.
- Lagrangian Formula F
- Pronunciation: [ˈlaː.tες], [ˈleɪ.tες], [ˈleɪ.tεkh]
- LATEX works with markup tagging conventions similar to HTML to
 - define the structure of the document (e.g. chapters and sections),
 - for typographic marking (e.g. bold and italics),
 - for cross-references (e.g. citations)

WYSIWYG vs. WYGIWYN

• MS Word or Libre Office: WYSIWYG (what-you-see-is-what-you-get)

This is a headline

This word is **bold** and this one is in *italics*.

• LATEX: WYGIWYN or WYGIWYM (what-you-get-is-what-you-need/mean)

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Document structure 1

A LATEX document consists of (at least) two parts: **preamble** and **body**.

LATEX preamble

part of the document where global characteristics of the document are specified.

MTEX body

part of the document where **local characteristics** of the document are specified and where you write your document.

Exercise

• Insert the following lines in your .tex file and compile.

\documentclass{scrartcl}

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%PACKAGES%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%%%%%%%%%%%%META DATA%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%%%%%%%%%%%END PREAMBLE%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%%%%%%%%%%BEGIN DOCUMENT%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

\begin{document}

This is my first \LaTeX\ file.

\end{document}

%%%%%%%%%%%END DOCUMENT%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

• Write something after the \end{document} command and compile again.

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Variations of these classes (not in American formats) are provided by the KOMA-Script:

- scrbook for books
 - scrreprt for long scripts with different chapters
 - scrartcl for articles, without chapters, only with sections
 - scrlttr2 for letters

You can specify **options** in your documentclass command.

- Font size as default: 10pt, 11pt, 12pt
 Default → 10pt
- Paper format: letterpaper, a4paper
 Default → letterpaper

Specification of paper format in KOMA-Script classes: paper=a4, paper=letter

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• Specify the following options for your document .tex file and compile.

%%%%%%%%%%%%END DOCUMENT%%%%%%%%%%%%

\end{document}

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environments: begin + end command.
 Command applies between begin and end.

```
\begin{environment} [optional] \begin{center}
... Hello world!
\end{environment} \end{center}
```

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Meta data

Specifying the **meta data** of your document **in the preamble**:

```
\author{first name last name \and first name last name}
\title{my title}
\subtitle{my subtitle}
\date{14th Februar 2019}
```

Other options for date: \date{\today}, \date{}
 Default → \date{\today}

Use the command $\mbox{\mbox{$

Exercise

Specify the meta data f your document with two authors, use the \maketitle command, and try different commands for date.

\documentclass[10pt, paper=a4, abstracton]{scrartcl}

%%%%%%%%%%%%%PACKAGES%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%%%%%%%%%%%META DATA%%%%%%%%%%%%%

\author{Sebastian Nordhoff \and Antonio Machicao y Priemer} \title{\LaTeX\ for Linguists}

\subtitle{My first \TeX\ document} \date{\today}

%%%%%%%%%%%%%END PREAMBLE%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

\begin{document}

\maketitle

Headlines and paragraphs

Commands for the structure of your text:

- \part{title} (only in book/scrbook and report/scrreprt)\chapter{title} (only in book/scrbook and report/scrreprt)
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These commands can be used with an option, e.g.

```
\section[short title]{long title}
```

The text in the **option** – when used – appears in the **table of contents** and in the **headers**, otherwise only the text in the **argument** is used.

- new paragraph: twice ⟨ENTER⟩ (↵) key
- line break: \newline or \\ cause a line break without ending the paragraph.
- new page: \newpage Or \clearpage
- \noindent prevents the indentation after a line break.

Table of contents

To **generate** a **table of contents** just include the following command in the body of your document at the position where you want the toc to appear.

ETEX generates your toc taking the **information from your structuring commands** (e.g. \section[short title]{title}).

\tableofcontents

%%%%%%%%%%BEGIN DOCUMENT%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

\begin{document}

\maketitle

\tableofcontents

\section[Introduction]{A short introduction}

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\end{document}

%%%%%%%%%%%END DOCUMENT%%%%%%%%%%%%%

Footnotes

To generate a footnote use the following command at the position where the **footnote index** should appear.

\footnote{content of the footnote}

Example

This is an sample text. The only purpose of this text\footnote{A text (literary theory) is any object that can be read.} is to show how to work with footnotes in \LaTeX .\footnote{\LaTeX\ is a document preparation system.}

Exercise

Download the PDF myDocument-EX1.pdf and replicate it with the commands you have already learnt.

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- The following characters have a special meaning in TEX.
 You must escape their function to use them. (It depends on your compiler e.g. Xelatex vs. PDFlatex)



• escaping with backslash

\# \\$ \& _ \{ \} \%

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- $\bullet \ \, \textbf{Angled brackets} < > \mathsf{can} \ \mathsf{be} \ \mathsf{used in} \ \mathsf{XeETEX} \ \mathsf{without further commands}. \\$
- Square brackets [] can be used in plain text, but they can mark also the option of a command (e.g. in \section[short title]{title}).
 In this case use \[\]

More on special characters:

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Special_Characters

Space & line break

special treatment of spaces and line breaks to avoid typographic errors

- no difference between a blank and a tab
- Consecutive blanks are treated as only one blank.
- A blank at the beginning of a line is ignored.
- One **line break** (1x (ENTER)) is interpreted as a blank.
- One **empty line** (2x (ENTER)) is interpreted as the end of a paragraph.
- More than one empty line is interpreted as one empty line.

Example

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Commenting out

In $\[\]$ TEX, text following the character % in a line will be **ignored**.

- hiding code/text, without deleting it;
- finding errors in sections;
- avoiding blanks and empty lines in a long input line;
- writing comments without seeing it in the output.

```
This is a sample text. %This are just notes
%Here is a special characters and a command: &\small
A comment can divide a word:
Rindfleischetikettierungs% 5 morphemes
überwachungsaufgaben% 6 morphemes
übertragungsgesetz.
```

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Text formatting

```
\textbf{bold}
\textit{italics}
\textsl{slanted}
\emph{emphasized}
{\it test \textup{upright} test}
\texttt{typewriter}
\textsc{small caps}
ex\textsuperscript{up}
ex\textsubscript{down}
```

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ex<sup>up</sup>

ex<sub>down</sub>
```

Some of these commands can be also used as declarations.

```
{\tiny tiny}
{\scriptsize scsize}
{\footnotesize fnsize}
{\small small}
{\normalsize normal}
{\large large}
{\Large Large}
{\LARGE LARGE}
{\huge huge}
{\Huge Huge}
```

```
tinv
scsize
fnsize
small
normal
large
Large
LARGE
huge
```

The commands for font size can be used as **declarations** or as **environments**.

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Text environments

You will normally need the following environments:

- quotations,
- lists,
- abstracts,
- . .

Quotations

\begin{quote}

• In LATEX there are two environments for quotations quote and quotation.

This is a sentence before the \texttt{quote} environment.

This is a sentence after the \texttt{quote} environment.

• Both show a different output dependent on the document class (e.g. beamer vs. article).

```
Furthermore, each actual ''language'' will incorporate a periphery of borrowings, historical residues, inventions, and so on, which we can hardly expect to -- and indeed would not want to -- incorporate within a principled theory of UG. [\dots]

Viewed against the reality of what a particular person may have inside his head, core grammar is an idealization.

\hfill (Chomsky,~1981:~8)
\end{quote}
```

List environments

LATEX has 3 pre-defined and 1 general list environments:

- itemize,
- enumerate.
- description,
- list.

Every environment begins with the \begin{ } and ends with the \end{ } command. Each point in the list begins with \item.

```
\begin{itemize}
\item syntax
\item semantics
\begin{itemize}
\item lexical semantics
\item propositional semantics
\end{itemize}
\item morphology
\end{itemize}
```

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The description list can be used for terms with their definitions.

```
\begin{description}
\item[Morpheme:] smallest grammatical unit in a language bearing a meaning
\begin{description}
\item[Allomorph:] phonetic variant of a morpheme
\end{description}

\item[Phoneme:] systematic unit of sound (or gesture in the case of sign
languages, see chereme) that distinguish one word from another in a particular
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\end{description}
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Combining lists

Lists can be combined and embedded in other list types.

```
\begin{description}
\item[Morpheme:] smallest grammatical
unit in a language bearing a meaning
\begin{itemize}
\item minimal unit in morphology
\item subtypes:
\begin{enumerate}
\item roots
\item prefixes
\item suffixes
\item \dots
\end{enumerate}
\end{itemize}
\end{description}
```

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 - suffixes
 - 4

Customizing lists

Bullet points can be customized with an **optional parameter**.

```
\begin{itemize}
\item standard symbol
\item[+] customized
\item[$+$] customized
\item[$\checkmark$] customized
\end{itemize}
```

- standard symbol
- + customized
- + customized
- √ customized

```
\begin{enumerate}
\item standard symbol
\item[-] customized
\item[--] customized
\item[--] customized
\item standard symbol
\end{enumerate}
```

- standard symbol
 - customized
- customized
- customized
- standard symbol

Abstract

For automatic abstracts, use the option abstracton in the \documentclass command.

\begin{abstract}

An abstract is a brief summary of a research article, thesis, or any in-depth analysis of a particular subject and is often used to help the reader quickly ascertain the paper's purpose.\par

When used, an abstract always appears at the beginning of a manuscript, acting as the point-of-entry for any given academic paper.

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- Normally, (many) LATEX packages are **pre-installed** in your TEX distribution (e.g. MikTeX).
- (Almost) every other package with manual can be downloaded from CTAN —
 The Comprehensive TEX Archive Network (www.ctan.org)
- With the command usepackage your TEX distribution usually downloads automatically the package if necessary.

This packages can be useful:

• Language package: babel \usepackage[ngerman, english]{babel}

• Font: libertine \usepackage{libertine}

• Blind text: blindtext \usepackage{blindtext}

Sometimes the **order** in that packages have been installed can affect the compilation.

Also, not all packages are **compatible** with each other or with your compiler $(XeT_EX \text{ vs. } PDF \LaTeX)$.

Exercise

Download the PDF myDocument-EX4.pdf and replicate it with the commands you have already learnt. Follow the instructions in the last section and install the packages.

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 Link: CTAN - The Comprehensive TEX Archive Network . http://www.ctan.org/ [Zugriff: 02.01.2019]

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