

# lni — A class for submissions to the “Lecture Notes in Informatics”\*

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## Abstract

After several years the lni bundle was updated. The resulting new version fixes some long-standing problems and bugs and supports modern packages like biblatex and microtype. It has been put into one DTX file to make maintaining and distributing via CTAN a bit easier.

## 1 Introduction

LaTeX templates are often long-lasting. Even if they use meanwhile deprecated packages they are often passed from one generation of authors to the next.

The *Lecture Notes in Informatics* thankfully realized, that their bundle should be technologically modernized while the general layout remains the same.

Based on the existing class and bib files I set-up a DTX file and started reworking the source code. Editors and authors suggested different additions and changes, which I tried to incorporate without changing the existing mechanisms too much.

This is the first public release. I would to thank especially Oliver Kopp and Stefan Strecker and his team for their suggestions and tests.

## 2 Installation

The lni bundle is distributed via [Github](#) and [CTAN](#). The later is the basis for all updates of the two main TeX distributions MiKTeX and TeX Live. Thus the easiest way to get all files needed to typeset an article for the *Lecture Notes in Informatics* is to use the package manager for your distribution.

For a manual installation you should copy all files (cls, tex, pdf and bst) to your local TEXMF tree and update your file name database.

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## 3 Usage

To use the predefined layout for a (German) submission to the *Lecture Notes in Informatics* just load the class file as usual with `\documentclass{l ni}`.

The class file loads a bunch of packages which are all part of modern T<sub>E</sub>X distributions. Therefore, if you are confronted with a missing package, please try to download and install it using your distribution's package manager. Alternatively got to [CTAN](#) to download missing packages.

### 3.1 Options

Although the class file includes all layout information for a submission to the *Lecture Notes in Informatics*, there are options to adapt the output one way or another.

`english` A document loading the `l ni` class file uses German language adoptions by default. To switch to English, just load the class with option `english`.

The language influences not only the hyphenation patterns and terms used in the text, but also the choice of a corresponding B<sub>I</sub>B<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X file (cf. 4.5).

`utf8` Although nowadays all major platforms support and widely use UTF-8 encoding for text files, there might be some need to change the input encoding the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document uses.  
`latin1`  
`applemac`

This can be achieved by giving one of the options `utf8` (which is the default), `latin1` or `applemac` to the document class. Using UTF-8 is strongly recommended. Please note, that currently the bib file is supposed to use the same encoding.

`biblatex` Nowadays bibliographies cannot only be produced with B<sub>I</sub>B<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X, but with a much more powerful approach consisting of the package `biblatex` and the tool `biber`.

There is even a specialized package `biblatex-l ni` which is automatically used when setting the class option `biblatex`. Please see as well section 4.5.

## 4 Setting-up a document

You can use the file `l ni-author-template.tex` as a starting point for setting up a document for submission. The `l ni` class uses the standard ways to build an article.

### 4.1 Special macros for editors

`\startpage` In addition to the macros stated in section 4.2 for authors, there are special editor macros to influence the layout of the article:  
`\editor`

- `\booktitle`  
`\year`
- `\startpage` determines the starting page of the article. This should always be an odd (right) page.
  - `\editor` states the name of the editor(s)
  - `\booktitle` holds the name of a conference
  - `\year` can be used to set the year

### 4.2 Title page

`\title` The title of your work is given using the `\title` macro. In addition to the title itself, you can add a short title to be used in the header of a page:

```
\title[Short title]{Title}
```

\author        The authors of an article are given using the standard \author macro. Multiple authors  
   \email        are separated by \and; affiliations have to be added with \footnote{\<affiliations>}  
 \footnote     where you can use \email{\<email address>} for the email address of an author:

```
\author[Author 1 \and Author 2]{%
  Author 1\footnote{Affiliations including \email{email@author1}} \and%
  Author 2\footnote{Affiliations including \email{email@author1}}}
```

Finally \maketitle will output the formatted title page.

### 4.3 Abstract and keywords

Each article should start with a short abstract and some keywords. Please use the environments abstract and keywords for that purpose:

```
\begin{abstract}
Tell the reader what your article is about
\end{abstract}
\begin{keywords}
Give some keywords to categorize your article
\end{keywords}
```

### 4.4 Main text

#### 4.4.1 Headings

\section     You can use the standard macros \section, \subsection, ... for sectioning your text.  
 \subsection  
 \subsubsection     **4.4.2 Footnotes**

\footnote     For adding a footnote, just use \footnote{\<footnote text>} where needed. Please note,  
                  that the footnote counter is automatically set to the correct value at the beginning of  
                  your text, i. e. it respects the number of affiliations given on the title page.

#### 4.4.3 Lists

itemize     The \lnc class redefines the standard lists environments itemize and enumerate to meet  
 enumerate   the requirements of the *Lecture Notes in Informatics*.  
                  Lists can be filled as usual by adding \item macros.

#### 4.4.4 Floating objects

figure     The environments figure and table can be used the standard way to include graphics  
 table     or tables resp.  
                  However, please note, that the default placement parameters are changed to htbp by  
                  the class \lnc. If you need some local adjustment, please use the optional argument of  
                  both environments (cf. Listing 4.4.4).  
 \caption     A caption should be added by \caption{\<caption text>}, followed immediately by  
 \label     a \label{\<unique label>} entry.

```

\begin{figure}[tb]
  \includegraphics{...}
  \caption{...}
  \label{...}
\end{figure}

```

If you want to center floats, please *do not* use the center environment, but the macro `\centering`, which does not add extra white space (cf. Listing 4.4.4).

```

\begin{table}
  \centering
  \begin{tabular}{lll}
    ...
  \end{tabular}
  \caption{...}
  \label{...}
\end{table}

```

#### 4.4.5 Listings/Source code

The `\luni` bundle loads the verbatim and listings package. While the former is there for compatibility, the latter is the standard way of integrating source code listings into a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document.

However, there are currently no config files shipped with the `\luni` bundle. Please consult the documentation for help on setting up listings for a specific programming language.

#### 4.4.6 Math

If you need mathematics, you can load `amsmath` and `mathtools` for additional features.

### 4.5 Bibliography

The old `\luni` class file only supports  $\text{\BibTeX}$  with `bst` files for German and English submissions resp. If you want to use this approach for your article you have to add `\bibliography{<Bib file>}` at an appropriate position within your text. The correct `bst` file is loaded automatically.

With option `biblatex` (cf. 3.1) you can easily switch to the modern `biblatex` package. However, you have to add information on the `bib` file(s) in your preamble using `\addbibresource` and call `\printbibliography` where you want the bibliography to appear:

```

\documentclass[biblatex]{luni}
...
\addbibresource{$FILENAME.bib}
...
\begin{document}
...
\printbibliography
...
\end{document}

```

## **5 Bugs and feature request**

If you find a bug or have a feature request, please open an “issue” at the Github website.