

# LaTeX reference

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# 1 Structure/Appearance

## 1.1 Types of documents

### 1.1.1 Article

```

\documentclass[12pt]{article}
\documentclass[11pt]{article}
\documentclass[10pt]{article}

```

(10pt is the default font size)

### 1.1.2 Report

## 1.2 Margins

### 1.2.1 Entire document

1. Sides (odd- and even-numbered pages):

```
\addtolength{\oddsidemargin}{-0.875in}  
\addtolength{\evensidemargin}{-0.875in}  
\addtolength{\textwidth}{1.75in}
```

2. Top/bottom:

```
\addtolength{\topmargin}{-0.875in}  
\addtolength{\textheight}{1.75in}
```

A better way (both do the same thing; can customize the second a little more):

- `\usepackage{fullpage}`
- `\usepackage[margin=1in]{geometry}`

### 1.2.2 Blocks of text

## 1.3 Line spacing and indentation

<http://www.terminally-incoherent.com/blog/2007/09/19/latex-squeezing-the-vertical-white-space/>

In preamble:

```
\setlength{\parindent}{0m} Set indent for new paragraphs
```

```
\setlength{\parskip}{0.5em} Set spacing between paragraphs
```

In body:

- `\newpage` Jump to a new page after previous section
- `\\` new line
- `\hspace` horizontal space
- `\hspace{20 mm}` horizontal blank space equal to 20 mm
- `\hfill` Pad with horizontal space to end of line
- `\vspace` vertical space
- `\noindent` self-explanatory
- `\begin{samepage}... \end{samepage}` Keep something from being split by a page break.

## 1.4 Headers and footers

In preamble:

```
\usepackage{fancyhdr}  
\pagestyle{fancy}  
\setlength{\headheight}{15pt}
```

```

\lhead{text} % Top left
\rhead{text} % Top right
\chead{text} % Top center
\lfoot{text} % Bottom left
\rfoot{text} % Bottom right
\cfoot{text} % Bottom center

```

The `\headheight` option sets the amount of space between the header and the top edge of the paper. Value has to be greater than 13.6, otherwise will get an error message. Document still compiles, but better safe than sorry.

## 1.5 Text alignment

### 1.5.1 Horizontal alignment

```

\usepackage{ragged2e}

• \begin{flushright}...\end{flushright}
• \begin{center} ... \end{center}
• \begin{justify} ... \end{justify}

\begin{center}
...
\end{center}

```

vs.

```
\centering
```

Using `begin/end` will pad above and below with white space (like bulleted lists). Don't use it inside the figure environment. `centering` will not pad with white space. Use braces: `{\centering text I want centered.}` `\center` is not a thing.

### 1.5.2 Vertical alignment

[ctb] Options like this will center at top, center, bottom, etc.

## 1.6 Font

### 1.6.1 Font style

```

\textbf{This text is bold}
{\bf this text is also bold}
\textit{This text is in italics, for quotes or titles}
{\it This text is also in italics, for quotes or titles}
\emph{This text is also in italics, for emphasis}
\underline{This text is underlined}
\texttt{This text is computer style}
\textsf{sans serif}
\textsl{slanted (slightly different from italics)}
\textsc{Small caps}

```

### 1.6.2 Font size inside text

```
{\Large I want this text to be big.}
```

I want this text to be big.

(enclosing entire thing in {}s keeps from having to use `\normalsize` at the end).

```
\Huge  
\huge  
\Large  
\large  
\normalsize  
\small  
\footnotesize  
\scriptsize  
\tiny
```

## 2 Sections

### 2.1 Nested section options

```
\section{My First Section}  
\subsection{My Subsection}  
\subsubsection{A subsubsection}  
\paragraph{text}  
\subparagraph{text}
```

Paragraphs are not numbered or followed by a line break. There appears to be no difference between `\paragraph{}` and `\textbf{}` except for some extra space after the paragraph. Note that `\paragraph{}` and `\par` are not the same thing. `\par` does the same thing as a blank line; useful if you don't want unnecessary blank space.

### 2.2 Customize sectioning in the preamble

(See § 4 for adding color to section names).

**Change font size, make font bold, etc.**

```
\usepackage{titlesec}  
\titleformat*{\section}{\LARGE\bfseries}  
\titleformat*{\subsection}{\Large\bfseries}  
\titleformat*{\subsubsection}{\large\bfseries}  
\titleformat*{\paragraph}{\large\bfseries}  
\titleformat*{\subparagraph}{\large\bfseries}
```

(not sure what the subparagraph is.)

**Use roman numerals instead of regular numbers**

```
\renewcommand{\thesection}{\Roman{section}}
```

## 2.3 Table of contents

`\tableofcontents` wherever you want it to go.

In preamble: `\setcounter{tocdepth}{n}` where `n` is the number of levels deep to go, e.g. 1: sections, 2: sections and subsections, etc.

Some sections, like those with ‘\*’ won’t be included. To add them: Syntax: `\addcontentsline{type}{section_level}{entry}`

Example: `\addcontentsline{toc}{section}{Preface}`

To change space between items in toc:

```
\usepackage{setspace}
...
\begin{document}
\addtocontents{toc}{\protect\setstretch{n}}
```

where `n` is between 0 and 1? Set to fraction of default?

Include figures and tables:

```
\listoffigures
\listoftables
```

Note that the figure and table environments need to be used.

## 2.4 Referring to sections in text using section labels

See section `$$\ref{data}` for the data description.

```
...
\subsection{The Data}\label{data}
...
```

## 3 Lists

In preamble:

```
\usepackage{enumitem}
\setitemize{labelindent=1.5em,labelsep=1cm,leftmargin=*}

\up{tasks} ???
...
\begin{tasks}(4)
  \task one
  \task two
\end{tasks}
```

These will be listed horizontally, rather than vertically.

```
\begin{list}{}
...
\end{list}
```

Brackets by list will set the style; leave this empty for no symbols

```
\begin{description}
  \item [first thing] is this
  \item [second] is something else
  \item [first thing] is this
\end{description}
```

`\begin{description}[align=right]` should align items to the right, and descriptions to the left.

**thing** is this

is something else

**thing** is this

### 3.1 Adjust spacing between items

In preamble:

```
\usepackage{enumitem}
\setlist[1]{itemsep=-2pt}
```

Within text: no space between items, no space between text and list. (Can also add this to `\setlist` in preamble to apply globally).

```
\begin{itemize}[noitemsep,topsep=0pt]
```

No space between items:

```
\usepackage{mdwlist}
...
\begin{itemize*}
  \item ...
\end{itemize*}
```

### 3.2 Numbering

1.1, 1.2  $\rightarrow$  1.2.1, 1.2.2, etc

```
\usepackage{enumitem}
...
\begin{enumerate}[label*=\arabic*.] % ???
\begin{enumerate}[I] % roman numerals
\begin{enumerate}[I.] % roman numerals followed by a period
\begin{enumerate}[(a)] % you get the idea...
```

To go from section numbering 0.0.1 to just 1, put this in the preamble (copied from internet, but not actually sure how this works).

```
\usepackage{titlesec}
\titleformat{\section}%
```

```

[hang]% <shape>
{\normalfont\bfseries\Large}% <format>
{}% <label>
{0pt}% <sep>
{}% <before code>
\renewcommand{\thesection}{}% Remove section references...
\renewcommand{\thesubsection}{\arabic{subsection}}%...from subsections
\renewcommand{\thesubsubsection}{\arabic{subsubsection}}%...from subsections
\begin{document}
...

```

## 4 Color

`\usepackage{color}` is required for pre-defined colors (white, black, red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, yellow)

`\usepackage{xcolors}` is needed to define new colors (see SS ??).

### 4.1 Color section names

In Preamble:

```

\usepackage{sectsty}
\sectionfont{\color{blue}}
\subsectionfont{\color{blue}}
\subsubsectionfont{\color{blue}}

```

### 4.2 Color background

```

\usepackage{xcolor}
\pagecolor{yellow!30}

```

### 4.3 Color text

```

\usepackage{color}
...
\textcolor{red}{I want the text in the brackets to be red.}

```

### 4.4 Define your own colors

<http://latexcolor.com>

```

\usepackage[usenames, dvipsnames]{color}
\definecolor{color}{HTML}{AF00D7} % HTML must be in caps!
\definecolor{mypink1}{rgb}{0.858, 0.188, 0.478}
\definecolor{mypink2}{RGB}{219, 48, 122}
\definecolor{mypink3}{cmymk}{0, 0.7808, 0.4429, 0.1412}
\definecolor{mygray}{gray}{0.6}
\textcolor{mygray}{text I want to be gray}.

```



## 5 Hyperlinks

In preamble:

```
\usepackage{hyperref}
\hypersetup{colorlinks=true,
  urlcolor=darkpowderblue,
  linkcolor=black
}
\urlstyle{same}
```

This globally sets the color of urls and links (such as the table of contents), and makes the font of urls the same as that of the rest of the text.

Insert hyperlink:

```
\url{http://google.com}
\href{http://google.com}{link text}
\href{http://google.com}{\textcolor{blue}{link text}}
```

to manually change the color of one url.

For more information, visit `\href{http://google.com}{\textcolor{blue}{this link}}`.

For more information, visit [this link](#).

## 6 Putting text in a box

```
\usepackage{xcolor}
\usepackage{lipsum}
\begin{document}
\lipsum[1]
\medskip
\noindent\fcolorbox{red}{yellow}{%
  \minipage[t]{\dimexpr0.48\linewidth-2\fbboxsep-2\fbboxrule\relax}
  \lipsum[2]
\endminipage}\hfill
\fcolorbox{red}{yellow}{%
  \minipage[t]{\dimexpr0.48\linewidth-2\fbboxsep-2\fbboxrule\relax}
  \lipsum[3]
\endminipage}
\medskip
\lipsum[4]
```

Notes: You can adjust the thickness of border and padding of `\fcolorbox{<border-color>}{<background-color>}{<contents>}` by setting `\fbboxrule=<value><unit>` and `\fbboxsep=<value><unit>`, respectively. Put the setting before invoking `\fcolorbox{<border-color>}{<background-color>}{<contents>}`. For example: `\fbboxrule=1pt` and `\fbboxsep=5pt`. Use t, c, b options to align the base line of the most top row, the center row and the most bottom row with the surrounding baseline.

## 7 Figures

```
\usepackage{graphicx}
```

```

...
\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=5.0in]{GreekSymbols.jpg}
\caption{How to insert greek symbols in LaTeX}
\label{greek}
\end{figure}

```

placement specifiers: [htbp!] ‘here’, ‘top’, ‘bottom’,...

## 8 Tables

```

\begin{table}[h]
\caption{Values for polytropic index $n$ = 4.5}
\centering
\begin{tabular}{c c c c c c c c c c }
\hline\hline
$n$ & $\xi_1$ & $\rho_c/\rho$ & $N_n$ & $W_n$ & $\Theta_n$ &
& $\rho_c$[g,cm$^{-3}$] & $P_c$[dyne,cm$^{-2}$] & $T_c$[K] \\
\hline
4.5 & 31.841 & 6187.500 & 0.658 & 4917.415 & 3.329 & 8718.704 &
5.535e19 & 4.742e7 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\label{table:nonlin}
\end{table}

```

For the `tabular` line, `c` stands for center-justified; use `l` and `r` for left and right justified.

## 9 Maths!

<http://www.math.harvard.edu/texman/node17.html>

### 9.1 Inside text

Examples

- $\frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$
- $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-8} \rightarrow G = 6.67 \times 10^{-8}$

If text is bold, make math symbols bold as well:

```
\textbf{This article discusses the \boldmath$\beta$ parameter}
```

This article discusses the  $\beta$  parameter

### 9.2 Equations

### 9.2.1 Numbered equations

```
\begin{equation}
P_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_o}}
\end{equation}
```

$$P_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_o}} \quad (1)$$

INCLUDE LABELING AND REFERENCING HERE!

### 9.2.2 Equations without numbering

Note that the `\boxed{...}` commands are putting the examples in boxes, but are not necessary for writing equations.

```
\begin{equation*}
\boxed{%
P_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_o}}
}
\end{equation*}
```

$$P_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_o}}$$

Or simply put double `$$`s on each side of equation:

```
$$ P_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_o}} $$
```

$$P_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_o}}$$

This may not work for more complicated math, such as matrices.

### 9.2.3 Aligning equations

```
\usepackage{amsmath}
...
\begin{align}
k_1 &= hf(x_n, y_n) \\
k_2 &= hf(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1) \\
k_3 &= hf(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_2) \\
k_4 &= hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_3) \\
y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6}k_1 + \frac{1}{3}k_2 + \frac{1}{3}k_3 + \frac{1}{6}k_4 + O(h^5)
\end{align}
```

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n) \tag{2}$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1) \tag{3}$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_2) \tag{4}$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_3) \tag{5}$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6}k_1 + \frac{1}{3}k_2 + \frac{1}{3}k_3 + \frac{1}{6}k_4 + O(h^5) \tag{6}$$

$$\tag{7}$$

Can also remove numbering from aligned equations:

```
\begin{align*}
\ldots
\end{align*}
```

### 9.3 Size of brackets, parentheses, etc.

In order of increasing size:

```
\big( ... \big)
\Big( ... \Big)
\bigg( ... \bigg)
\Bigg( ... \Bigg)
```

BETTER:

```
\left( ... \right)
```

to scale size of brackets to what is inside them!

Increase size of fraction inside text:

```
\cfrac{1}{2}
```

There are  $\frac{1}{2}$  as many as there were.

There are  $\frac{1}{2}$  as many as there were.

## 9.4 Operations

### 9.4.1 Integrals

```
 $\int$  % indefinite integral
 $\int_{x1}^{x2}$  % definite integral, between x1 and x2
```

### 9.4.2 Square root

```
 $\sqrt{2\ln(2)}$ 
```

9.4.3 Summation (and the multiplication version)

\$\$\sum\_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = 1\$\$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = 1$$

\$\$ P(D|M) \propto \prod\_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y\_i - y(x\_i|a\_j)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \Delta y \right\} \$\$

$$P(D|M) \propto \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{y_i - y(x_i|a_j)}{\sigma} \right]^2 \right] \Delta y \right\}$$

## 10 Symbols

```
\AA{}    % Angstrom (does not go in between $s)
\infty   % infinity
\sim     % '~'
\approx  % 'double ~'
\propto  % proportionality symbol (like alpha)
\equiv   % like '=', but with three lines.
& \%    % include these symbols in document
        % (also precede a space with '\' when in math mode).
\pm      % plus or minus (\mp for minus or plus)
```

some text

## 11 Bibliographies

```
\bibliographystyle{plain}
\begin{document}
... \cite{id} ...
\bibliography{reffile}
\end{document}
```

### 11.1 Creating and using a makefile

```
cl> vi reffile.bib
  @ARTICLE{label_name,
    title={},
    journal={},
    ...
  }
cl> vi makefile
my_paper: paper.tex
  pdflatex paper
  bibtex paper
  pdflatex paper
  pdflatex paper
cl> make my_paper
```

## 12 Columns

```
\begin{columns}
  \column{0.5\textwidth}
  content goes here
  \column{0.5\textwidth}
  more content here
\end{columns}

\begin{minipage}[t]{0.2\textwidth}
  stuff
\end{minipage}
\begin{minipage}[t]{0.8\textwidth}
```

```
longer stuff
\end{minipage}
```

`\addtolength{\columnsep}{5mm}` add space between columns.

Not sure what the difference is between columns and minipages.

## 13 Misc

### 13.1 Tips

To squelch that stupid warning about “possible unwanted white space”, add a % sign after the opening bracket:

```
{%
  blah blah blah
}
```

### 13.2 Create your own command!

```
\newcommand{\bla}{blah blah blah}
```

### 13.3 Verbatim

`verb` is used “in line”, while `verbatim` makes a display. E.g.

```
\begin{verbatim}
cl> git status
cl> git add -A
cl> git commit -m "commit message"
end{verbatim}
```

(“`endverbatim`” is also preceded with a backslash, but there were difficulties in printing it out in this document).

```
cl> git status
cl> git add -A
cl> git commit -m "commit message"
```

Or do:

Define a document class like this: `\verb|\documentclass{article}|`

Define a document class like this: `\documentclass{article}`

## 14 How can I do that?

Make `\today` stay the same after the first run.

Set up an environment with command in typewriter text on the left and normal text describing them on the right, without manually putting them in verbatim.