# THE DARK LATEX

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# PART 1 LAYOUTS

# CHAPTER 1: TEMPLATES

This package provides three different templates. They differ in the underlying LEX classes that they use and in the way that they map the different Org headers to LEX headers.

#### **DNDBOOK**

This is the most complete one. It will use the dndbook LATEX class and it will map the headers starting at part and going down from there.

#### **DNDBOOKBRIEF**

This is an alternative version of the above. It also uses the dndbook class, but the first level of headers is mapped to chapter. This makes the output more compact as parts uses full pages.

#### **DNDARTICLE**

This is the best style for short documents and it uses the dndarticle class. Top level headers are mapped to sections, therefore, there are less levels available than in the others.

### **CHAPTER 2: SECTIONS**



HIS PACKAGE IS DESIGNED TO AID YOU IN writing beautifully typeset documents for the fifth edition of the world's greatest roleplaying game. It starts by adjusting

the section formatting from the defaults in LEX to something a bit more familiar to the reader. The article formatting is displayed above.

#### SECTION

Sections break up chapters into large groups of associated text. Sections are defined by using Org headings. Depending on the template selected, the headings will be mapped to different latex section types. See the org-latex-classes variable to see how the mappings are done for the different templates.

#### SUBSECTION

Subsections further break down the information for the reader.

#### SUBSUBSECTION

Subsubsections are the furthest division of text that still have a block header. Below this level, headers are displayed inline.

**Paragraph.** The paragraph format is seldom used in the core books, but is available if you prefer it to the normal style.

1. Subparagraph The subparagraph format with the paragraph indent is likely going to be more familiar to the reader.

#### HANGING INDENT FEATURE

The description list allows hanging indented lists of options, such as those used for class features, background skill/tool proficiency options, and sometimes area features, for example:

**Doors:** The doors are made from thick lumber and are unlocked.

**Light:** The area is illuminated by candles placed in sconces on the walls. Each candle has had a continual flame spell cast on it. Dispelling a flame is rumoured to give grievous offence to the host.

**Ventilation:** All areas contain an adequate air supply. The air is renewed via lung-like sacks that cling to the ceiling.

#### SPECIAL SECTIONS

The module also includes functions to aid in the proper typesetting of multi-line section headers:

\DndFeatHeader for feats, \DndItemHeader magic items and traps, and \DndSpellHeader for spells.

#### TYPESETTING SAVANT

Prerequisite: a distribution

You have acquired a package which aids in typesetting source material for one of your favorite games, giving you the following benefits:

- You have advantage on Intelligence checks to typeset new content.
- When you fail an Intelligence check to typeset new content, you can ask questions online at the packages website.

Some other important features:

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#### Foos Quill

Wondrous item, rare

This quill has 3 charges. While holding it, you can use an action to expend 1 of its charges. The quill leaps from your hand and writes a contract applicable to your situation. The quill regains 2 (1d3) expended charges daily at dawn.

#### BEAUTIFUL TYPESETTING

4th-level illusion

Casting Time: 1 action

Range: 5 feet

Components: S, M (ink and parchment, which

the spell consumes) **Duration:** Until dispelled

You are able to transform a written message of any length into a beautiful scroll. All creatures within range that can see the scroll must make a wisdom saving throw or be charmed by you until the spell ends.

While the creature is charmed by you, they cannot take their eyes off the scroll and cannot willingly move away from the scroll. Also, the targets can make a wisdom saving throw at the end of each of their turns. On a success, they are no longer charmed.

"SOMETIMES, WHAT YOU NEED, WHAT YOU WANT and what you have at this time turn out to be the same thing: An uplifting quote."

—The adventurer

#### MAP REGIONS

The map region commands provides automatic numbering of areas. You just need to add the *map* tag to your headings and they will be considered part of a map. Notice that only headings equivalent to certain levels in the hierarchy (subsection and subsubsection when translated to LATEX) will be tagged in this way.

#### 1. VILLAGE OF HOMMLET

This is the village of hommlet.

1A. INN OF THE WELCOME WENCH Inside the village is the inn of the Welcome Wench.

1B. BLACKSMITH'S FORGE There's a blacksmith in town, too.

#### 2. Foo's Castle

This is foo's home, a hovel of mud and sticks.

#### 2A. MOAT

This ditch has a board spanning it.

#### 2B. ENTRANCE

A five-foot hole reveals the dirt floor illuminated by a hole in the roof.

### ALTERNATIVE MAP REGION STYLES

Published modules sometimes use plain numbers for locations, sometimes plain letters, and sometimes they prefix a character to the front of the numbers. The following options can be used to display in these forms. Notice that only the second heading has number/letters vs the two levels from the standard style:

#### Numbered Dungeon

Areas in the Numbered Dungeon have sequential numbers. This is done using the *numberedmap* tag in your headers:

1. ENTRY The entry.

2. TRAP The trap.

#### 3. FIGHT

The fight.

#### 4. EXIT

The exit.

#### LETTERED DUNGEON

Same as above but using the *letteredmap* tag in the headers:

#### A. ENTRY

The entry.

#### B. TRAP

The trap.

#### C. FIGHT

The fight.

#### D. EXIT

The exit.

## **CHAPTER 3: TEXT BOXES**

The module has three environments for setting text apart so that it is drawn to the reader's attention. readaloud is used for text that a game master would read aloud.

As you approach this template you get a sense that the blood and tears of many generations went into its making. A warm feeling welcomes you as you type your first words.

#### AS AN ASIDE

The other two environments are the commentbox and the sidebar. The commentbox is breakable and can safely be used inline in the text.

#### This Is a Comment Box!

A commentbox is a box for minimal highlighting of text. It lacks the ornamentation of sidebar, but it can handle being broken over a column.

You can use the name property to specify the title. If you do not, the first line of the content will be taken as the title.

The sidebar is not breakable and is best used floated toward a page corner as it is below.

#### BEHOLD, THE SIDEBAR!

The sidebar is used as a sidebar. It does not break over columns and is best used with a figure environment to float it to one corner of the page where the surrounding text can then flow around it.

You can use the too property to add the entry to the table of contents for both commentbox and sidebar.

#### **TABLES**

#### **NICE TABLE**

| Table head | Table head |
|------------|------------|
| Some value | Some value |
| Some value | Some value |
| Some value | Some value |

#### ORNAMENTAL TABLE

| Table head | Table head |
|------------|------------|
| Some value | Some value |
| Some value | Some value |
| Some value | Some value |

| LEFT TABLE |       |       | RIGHT | TABLE |       |  |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|            | Head  | Head  |       | Head  | Head  |  |
|            | Value | Value |       | Value | Value |  |
|            | Value | Value |       | Value | Value |  |
|            | Value | Value |       | Value | Value |  |

#### **LEFT TABLE WITH SPANNING**

| Head  | Head  | Head  | Head  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Value | Value | Value | Value |
| Value | Value | Value | Value |
| Value | Value | Value | Value |

#### NICE TABLE WITH FOOTNOTE

| Table head | Table head              |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Some value | Some value              |
| Some value | Some value              |
| Some value | Some value <sup>1</sup> |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>This is a footnote

| Table head | Table head                      | Table head |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Some value | Some very long value that       | Some value |
|            | might expand more than one line |            |
| Some value | Some value                      | Some value |
| Some value | Some value                      |            |
| Some value | Some value                      | Some value |
| Some value | Some value                      |            |
| Some value | Some value                      | Some value |
| Some value | Some value                      |            |
|            |                                 |            |

| Some value | Some value |
|------------|------------|
| Some value | Some value |

#### MONSTER FOO

Medium metasyntactic variable (goblinoid), neutral evil

Armor Class 9 (12 with mage armor) Hit Points 3d8+3 Speed 30 ft., fly 30 ft.

| STR     | DEX    | CON     | INT     | WIS     | CHA     |
|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 12 (+1) | 8 (-1) | 13 (+1) | 10 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 15 (+2) |

Senses darkvision 60ft., passive Perception 10 Languages Common, Goblin Challenge 1 (200 XP)

*Innate Spellcasting.* Foo's spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 12, +4 to hit with spell attacks). It can innately cast the following spells, requiring no material components:

At will. misty step

3/day. fog cloud, rope trick

1/day. identify

*Spellcasting.* Foo is a 3rd-level spellcaster. Its spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 12, +4 to hit with spell attacks). It has the following sorcerer spells prepared:

At will. blade ward, fire bolt, light, shocking grasp

1st level (4 slots). burning hands, mage armor

2nd level (2 slots). scorching ray

#### **ACTIONS**

Multiattack. The foo makes two melee attacks.

Dagger. Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack: +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 20/60ft., one target. Hit: 3 (1d4 + 1) piercing damage.

Flame Tongue Longsword. Melee Weapon Attack: +3 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 3 (1d4 + 1) slashing damage plus 7 (2d6) fire damage, or 6 (1d10 + 1) slashing damage plus 7 (2d6) fire damage if used with two hands.

Assassin's Light Crossbow. Ranged Weapon Attack: +0 to hit, range 80/320 ft., one target. Hit: 4 (1d8) piercing damage, and the target must make a DC 15 Constitution saving throw, taking 24 (7d6) poison damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

# PART 2 CUSTOMIZATIONS

### CHAPTER 4: COLORS

This package provides several global color variables to style commentbox, readaloud, sidebar, and dndtable environments.

| Color           | Description                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| commentboxcolor | Controls commentbox           |
|                 | background.                   |
| paperboxcolor   | Controls paperbox background. |
| quoteboxcolor   | Controls quotebox background. |
| tablecolor      | Controls background of even   |
|                 | dndtable rows.                |

See Table 4.1 for a list of accent colors that match the core books.

| Color                          | Description                                  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| PhbLightGreen                  | Light green used in PHB Part                 |
| PhbLightCyan                   | Light cyan used in PHB Part<br>2             |
| PhbMauve                       | Pale purple used in PHB Part 3               |
| PhbTan                         | Light brown used in PHB appendix             |
| DmgLavender                    | Pale purple used in DMG<br>Part 1            |
| DmgCoral                       | Orange-pink used in DMG<br>Part 2            |
| DmgSlateGray<br>(DmgSlateGrey) | Blue-gray used in PHB Part<br>3              |
| DmgLilac                       | Purple-gray used in DMG appendix             |
| BrGreen                        | Light-gray used for tables in<br>Basic Rules |

#### COLORS SUPPORTED BY THIS PACKAGE

- Use \DndSetThemeColor[<color>] to set themecolor, commentcolor, paperboxcolor, and tablecolor to a specific color.
- Calling \DndSetThemeColor without an argument sets those colors to the current themecolor.
- commentbox, dndtable, paperbox, and quoteboxcolor also accept an optional color argument to set the color for a single instance.

#### **EXAMPLES**

#### USING THEMECOLOR

#### THIS COMMENT IS IN MAUVE

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Ut purus elit, vestibulum ut, placerat ac, adipiscing vitae, felis.

#### THIS SIDEBAR IS IN MAUVE

Curabitur dictum gravida mauris. Nam arcu libero, nonummy eget, consectetuer id, vulputate a, magna.

#### EXAMPLE

| d8 | Item                    |
|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | Small wooden button     |
| 2  | Red feather             |
| 3  | Human tooth             |
| 4  | Vial of green liquid    |
| 6  | Tasty biscuit           |
| 7  | Broken axe handle       |
| 8  | Tarnished silver locket |

#### USING ELEMENT COLOR ARGUMENTS

| d8 | Item                    |
|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | Small wooden button     |
| 2  | Red feather             |
| 3  | Human tooth             |
| 4  | Vial of green liquid    |
| 6  | Tasty biscuit           |
| 7  | Broken axe handle       |
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# PART 3 APPENDICES

# APPENDIX A: ONE LAST THING



sing the \appendix command causes all subsequent chapters to be formatted as appendices. Neat!