
GETTING STARTED WITH L^AT_EX

DOWNLOADING SOFTWARE

1. Go to <http://sourceforge.net/projects/miktex/?source=directory> to download MiKTeX (Compiler for L^AT_EX).
 - ★ Make sure to install the Complete MiKTeX version .
 - ★ During installation of MiKTeX - choose the option to **download** MiKTeX first. Then once downloaded, re-open set-up and choose the option to **install** MiKTeX.
 - ★ Select private user when asked (you may or may not be asked this option).
 - ★ MiKTeX is a compiler and will not have an icon that appears on your desktop, it is merely a piece of software that runs in conjunction with TeXnicCenter.
2. After downloading and installing MiKTeX, go to <http://sourceforge.net/projects/texniccenter/> to download TeXnicCenter editor (Text Editor for L^AT_EX). *can take over an hour to download*
 - ★ After installation open up the program TeXnicCenter by double clicking on the icon on the desktop.
 - ★ The set-up wizard will automatically start to run.
 - ★ Follow through the prompts - TeXnicCenter will ask for a distribution folder, you should be able to find this in C:/Program Files/MiKTeX/miktex/bin (This will connect MiKTeX to TeXnicCenter).
 - ★ It will also ask you if you would like to connect a PDF viewer, Adobe Acrobat Reader is preferred. You can download this for free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
 - ★ If you are having any problems with the set-up wizard, we can complete this step together on Wednesday.

CREATING A DOCUMENT IN TEXNICCENTER

1. Click on the icon of the white sheet of paper with a star burst on the top left corner, this will open up a blank document.
2. Read through the LaTeX guide provided in the document LaTeX_Notes to get started creating a document.

VIEWING DOCUMENT AS A PDF

1. Once you have created your document, you must build the current file and then view the output.
2. Both of those commands are included under the "Build Drop down Menu" or are icons listed in the tool bar.
3. While building, text will appear in the Output Window.

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4. Make sure there are no errors and then select to View Output.
 5. If there are errors scroll back through the output window to find a red circle with a white x inside the circle; here is where you will find a description of the error.
 6. Go back into the text and fix the error, then rebuild the document; continue to do this until all errors are fixed.