Academic Writing with LATEX

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Donald E. Knuth

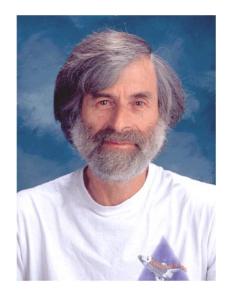
Professor Emeritus Stanford University

Turing Awardee, 1974

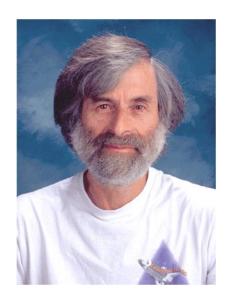
Creator of

 $T_{\rm F}X$ (1978)

And this?



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Leslie Lamport

Creator of

LATEX (1985)

Why LATEX?

- Superior typesetting quality (esp. of mathematical expressions)
- Allows user to focus on content rather than formatting
 - consistent formatting of elements
 - no need to remember margins, spacing (before / after), font size, etc.
 - no need to manually number sections, tables, figures, footnotes, citations, references, etc.
 - automatic creation of table of contents, index, etc.
- Free software (mukt + muft)

 If you don't like something, change the software (somebody probably already has).
- Widely used by the academic / scientific community
- Can be viewed / edited with any text editor

But...

Disadvantages

- Not WYSIWYG
- Need to remember formatting commands
 IDEs (see the Wiki book for a list) make it easy

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References

- Wiki book (Recommended!)
 http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX
- Getting started: http://www.tug.org/begin.html
- Basic Introduction
 http://how-to.linuxcareer.com/introduction-to-latex-on-linux
- Latex quick reference
 http://www.giss.nasa.gov/tools/latex/ltx-2.html
- Tex FAQ
 http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?introduction=yes
- Stack exchange: http://tex.stackexchange.com/
- Writing in Indian languages (e.g. Bangla) http://methopath.wordpress.com/2008/06/26/ writing-unicode-bengali-in-latex/

Online solutions

- LaTeX Lab: http://docs.latexlab.org/
- ShareLaTeX: https://www.sharelatex.com/
- writeLaTeX.com : https://www.writelatex.com/

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- llncs.cls
- acm_proc_article-sp.cls

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Other commands

- Navigation: Edit → Go to
- Select / delete / operate on chunks: Edit menu

Installation

■ GNU/Linux: use your favourite package manager (apt-get, synaptic, yum, yumex, etc.)

Windows:

https://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/kile/index.php?title=KileOnWindows

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Top matter

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\author[M.Mitra]{Mandar Mitra}
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}
\date{} % OR \date{\today}
\begin{document}
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Body

Levels:

```
\part{title}
\chapter{title}
\section{title}
\subsection{title}
\subsubsection{title}
\paragraph{title}
\subparagraph{title}
```

Body (contd.)

- Use \section[short title] if necessary
 e.g. \section[Short title] \{An unnecessarily long title
 that goes on and on and on}
- Use \section*{} to avoid numbering
- Paragraphs: leave a blank line to start a new paragraph
- Appendices: use \appendix (once!) followed by \chapter or \section

Environments

```
\begin{environment-name}
  Contents of environment
\end{environment-name}
```

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Text style

LaTeX command	Equivalent to	Output style	Remarks
	{\normalfont}	document font family	this is the default or normal font
	{\em}	emphasis	typically italics
	{\rmfamily}	roman font family	
	{\sffamily}	sans serif font family	
	{\ttfamily}	teletypefont family	this is a fixed-width or monospace font
	{\upshape}	upright shape	the same as the normal typeface
	{\itshape}	italic shape	
	{\slshape}	slanted shape	a skewed version of the normal typeface
	{\scshape}	SMALL CAPITALS	
		UPPERCASE (ALL CAPS)	Also \lowercase.
	{\bfseries}	bold	
	{\mdseries}	medium weight	a font weight in between normal and bold

Text size

Command	Output	
\tiny	sample text	
\scriptsize	sample text	
\footnotesize	sample text	
\small	sample text	
\normalsize	sample text	
\large	sample text	
\Large	sample text	
\LARGE	sample text	
\huge	sample text	
\Huge	sample text	

Paragraph alignment

Alignment	Environment	Command	
Left justified	flushleft	\raggedright	
Right justified	flushright	\raggedleft	
Center	center	\centering	

Paragraph alignment

Left justified

Here is some example text that demonstrates a formatting command.

Right justified

Here is some example text that demonstrates a formatting command.

Centred

Here is some example text that demonstrates a formatting command.

Paragraph alignment

Left justified	Right justified	Centred
Here is some	Here is some	Here is some
example text that	example text that	example text that
demonstrates a	demonstrates a	demonstrates a
formatting command.	formatting command.	formatting command.

Use braces $\{\ \}$ to define a region to which an alignment command must be applied.

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Basic math

```
In line: use $...$ or \begin{math}...\end{math}
```

```
"Displayed" style:
    use \[ ... \]
    or \begin{displaymath}...\end{displaymath}
    or \begin{equation*}...\end{equation*}
```

Examples

Inline style
$$x + y = z$$

 $y = z \setminus]$

$$x + y = z$$

Some text:
$$\[x +$$

$$x + y = z$$

Some text
$$\sum$$

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- If mathematical notation is used extensively, use the amsmath or mathtools package

More symbols

- LATEX Mathematical Symbols
- The Comprehensive LATEX Symbol List (Scott Pakin)
- The Great, Big List of LaTEX Symbols (David Carlisle, Scott Pakin, Alexander Holt)

Arrays and delimiters

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 14 & 25 & 36 \\ 147 & 258 & 369 \end{array}$$

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```
1 2 3
14 25 36
147 258 369
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```
\[
\left|
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\end{array}
\right.
\]
```

More delimiters

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(g(x)\right)$$

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Bibliographic references

Basic usage

```
\bibliographystyle{plain}
\bibliography{<filename>}
```

■ To refer in text, use \cite, \cite[p.100], or {\nocite}

Bibliographic references

Style Name +	Author Name Format +	Reference Format +	Sorting +
plain	Homer Jay Simpson	#ID#	by author
unsrt	Homer Jay Simpson	#ID#	as referenced
abbrv	H. J. Simpson	#ID#	by author
alpha	Homer Jay Simpson	Sim95	by author
abstract	Homer Jay Simpson	Simpson-1995a	
acm	Simpson, H. J.	#ID#	
authordate1	Simpson, Homer Jay	Simpson, 1995	
ара	Simpson, H. J. (1995)	Simpson1995	
named	Homer Jay Simpson	Simpson 1995	

Natbib package

- Use package natbib
- Styles: plainnat, abbrvnat, unsrtnat, IEEEtranN

Citation command	Output	
\citet{goossens93}	Goossens et al. (1993)	
\citep{goossens93}	(Goossens et al., 1993)	
\citet*{goossens93}	Goossens, Mittlebach, and Samarin (1993)	
\citep*{goossens93}	(Goossens, Mittlebach, and Samarin, 1993)	
\citeauthor{goossens93}	Goossens et al.	
\citeauthor*{goossens93}	Goossens, Mittlebach, and Samarin	
\citeyear{goossens93}	1993	
\citeyearpar{goossens93}	(1993)	