

# Systems Lab L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Long Report Template<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

The Abstract should be approximately 100-150 words in length. This may be a very strict limit in some cases. For ME 4842 the limit will be somewhat flexible. It should contain the bare essentials of what was studied, why it was done, where the work fits in with current studies elsewhere, and essential results. The abstract should contain predominantly fact-based results.

## Introduction

This section is basically a more detailed Abstract. Provide the rational for performing the experiment. Explain what was done and why it was done. It may include

1. Rational - why they did the study in the first place.
2. Explanation of what the study is in general technical terms that practitioners in this area would understand.
3. Overview of how the study was conducted, and the general results.

## Results

This section contains the facts about the study and its findings, but little or no interpretation and no speculation regarding significance of the results. This section is to be very factual and include no interpretation by the author. The Results section is usually the main part of the narrative. It may be labeled simply: *Results*, or it may be split into several subheadings such as:

## Experimental Protocol

This is exactly what we did when conducting the experiments, etc.

## Mathematical Modeling (or Model Derivation)

If any models were developed, present them here. If lengthy proofs or derivations are not the prime focus of the paper, then put them into an appendix.

Many results can be displayed using objects similar to Table 1 and Figure 1, displayed below.

*Table 1: Annual Per Capita Consumption of Mozzarella Cheese and Civil Engineering Doctorates Awarded [3]*

Year	Civil Engineering Doctorates	Mozzarella Cheese Consumption
2000	480	9.3
2001	501	9.7
2002	540	9.7
2003	552	9.7
2004	547	9.9
2005	622	10.2
2006	655	10.5



*Figure 1: Robert Cheseman (Holbein)[1]*

Also keep in mind:

1. You should be mindful of the number of significant digits you use in your results.
2. Use consistent units and suitable unit prefixes.
3. When referring to equations, figures, tables, and appendices in your memo you must always capitalize E in equation F in figure, T in table, and A in appendix.
4. To reference an equation from the manual don't say "according to Equation 8.25 in the manual". The correct way to do this is: "according to Equation 2 [X]". Note Equation 2 is an equation in your memo and has its own number and [X] is the citation number in your reference section corresponding to the appropriate source.
5. Table, figure, and equation titles: Tables get titles on top. Figures and equations get the title on the bottom.
6. Tables, figures and equations must be part of the written text. That is you should put your table, figure, and equation right below the paragraph where they are first mentioned.
7. Only include necessary data in tables that are related to the analysis of the experiment.

## Discussion Questions

In this section, simply answer each question from the lab manual in order. It may be wise to number your responses. Some responses require equations - number your equations in the order they appear. Equation 1 displays the proper formatting; Equation 2 is a more complex example with a more traditional numbering scheme.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

*Equation 1: The Quadratic Formula*

$$\left( \beta mc^2 + c \left( \sum_{n=1}^3 \alpha_n p_n \right) \right) \psi(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

## Conclusion

This section is where the author interprets the Results and attempts to persuade the audience. It should reflect the form and topics discussed in the Introduction. If the Introduction is laid out in an A, B, C format, then the Conclusion should be as well. Recommendations may include recommendations for continued study, ways to improve data collection and interpretation, or any other thoughts governing future study that the author may have. Bibliography (or References).

## Bibliography

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# Bibliography

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# Appendix A: Appendices

The Appendix should include any work to expand on the results that did not directly fit into the Body. This includes program source code, long mathematical derivations, answers to lab manual questions, and other highly detailed explanations. There may be any number of appendices, and they are designated: **Appendix A** — *Appendix A Title*, **Appendix B** — *Appendix B Title*, etc.

# Appendix B: Usage

If you run into problems using this template, please first refer to the accompanying documentation named Memo-Template-Commentary.