

1.3 \LaTeX and $\text{pdf}\text{\LaTeX}$ capabilities

1.3.1 Overview

First you edit your source `.tex` file. In \LaTeX you compile it using the `latex` command to a `.dvi` file (which stands for device-independent). The `.dvi` file can be converted to any device-dependent format you like using an appropriate driver, for example `dvips`.

When producing `.pdf` files you should use `pdflatex`, which produces directly `.pdf` files out of `.tex` sources. Note that in the `.tex` file you may need to use some PDF specific packages.

For viewing `.tex` files use your favourite text editor, for viewing `.dvi` files under X Window System use `xdvi` command, `.ps` files can be viewed with `gv` (or `ghostview`) and `.pdf` files with `acroread`, `gv` or `xpdf`.

1.3.2 \LaTeX

A lot of examples can be found in this document.

You should also print

- `doc/latex/general/latex2e.dvi` and
- `doc/latex/general/lshort2e.dvi`

from your `tetex` distribution (usually in

- `/usr/share/texmf` or
- `/usr/lib/texmf/texmf`).

1.3.3 $\text{pdf}\text{\LaTeX}$

Consult `doc/pdftex/manual.pdf` from your `tetex` distribution for more details. Very useful informations can be found in the `hyperref` and `graphics` package manuals:

- `doc/latex/hyperref/manual.pdf` and
- `doc/latex/graphics/grfguide.dvi`.

1.3.4 Examples

References

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Hyperlinks

This is a target.

And [this is a link](#).

Dashes, etc.

There are three kinds of horizontal dash:

- - (use inside words; for example “home-page”, “X-rated”)
- – (use this one between numbers; for example “pages 2–22”)
- — (use this one as a sentence separator — like here)

National characters

- ó, é, í, ...
- è, à, ì, ...
- ô, ê, ...
- ã, ñ, ...
- ö, ë, ...
- ž
- å, ç
- ł, ø, ß

There are other ways to do this, see the documentation for `inputenc` package.

Reserved characters

Some characters have some special meaning, thus cannot be entered in the usual way.

- \$ & % # _ { }
- \
- ~ ^

Math

- $1^2, 1^{2n}, \dots$
- i_1, i_{2n}, \dots
- $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2n}{2-3}, \dots$
- $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Omega, \dots$
- $\rightarrow, \Rightarrow, \geq, \neq, \in, \star, \dots$
- $\sqrt{2}, \dots$
- $\overline{2+2}, \dots$

For more examples and symbols see chapter 3 of `lshort2e.dvi`.

Fonts

- Roman
- *Emphasis*
- Medium weight — the default
- **Boldface**
- Upright
- *Slanted*
- Sans serif
- SMALL CAPS
- Typewriter
- and sizes:
 - tiny
 - scriptsize
 - footnotesize
 - small
 - normalsize