AN EXAMPLE PROCEEDINGS OF AFLA PAPER IN LATEX*

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One of the major questions in Austronesian syntax concerns the relationship between voice marking, extraction, and case. This document will not discuss this question. Instead, it will act as an example of a paper written in LATEX for the *Proceedings of AFLA*.

1. Introduction

This sample paper describes writing a paper for the *Proceedings of AFLA* using the provided afla class. While the afla class does much of the heavy lifting of making your paper follow the AFLA Stylesheet, it is your responsibility to ensure that the final result follows the formatting guidelines. Therefore, in addition to reading the documentation here, please familiarize yourself with the AFLA Stylesheet.

2. The preamble

To use the afla class in your document, start the preamble with \documentclass {afla}. Before \begin{document}, please set the AFLA meeting number by calling, for example, \setcounter{aflanumber} {22}. Additional packages can be loaded in the preamble, though we suggest that the use of additional packages be limited, in order to ensure that the source will compile cleanly on the editors' computers.

3. The title block

The title block can be set up pretty straightforwardly using the LATEX \title{} and \author{} commands, followed by an invocation of \maketitle.

3.1. Title

The title must be in upper case letters. This can be done by entering the title in uppercase, as in \title{MY TITLE} or using the \MakeUppercase{} command, as in \title{\MakeUppercase{My title}}.

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If you would like to add an acknowledgement footnote, use the \thanks{} command at the end of the title, as in the following example:

(1) \title{\MakeUppercase{My title}\thanks{I would like to thank the academy.}}

Only one such acknowledgement footnote should be used.

3.2. Author(s)

The argument of the \author{} command should be three lines: name, affiliation, and email address, delimited by \\ for each line break. If there is only one author, use one \author{} command, and it will be automatically centered, as in this document. If you have multiple authors, use multiple invocations of the \author command, and it will automatically format the author block accordingly. For example, the code in (2) below will result in the multi-author block below:

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4. Writing and organization

The afla class handles basic formatting requirements such as fonts and spacing.

Note that this document seems to have a concerning amount of empty space at the bottom of some pages. This is an artifact of this document having many short paragraphs of text with many examples, in short sections. In a real paper, with more prose, this will be much less of an issue.

4.1. Emphasis

Remember that AFLA style dictates that *italics* be used for emphasis, and only sparingly. Bold-face and underlining should not be used.

¹If your list of authors does not fit on one line, e.g. if you have more than three authors, you may run into problems. Contact mitcho@mitcho.com for tips if that is the case.

4.2 Indentation

The first paragraph in each section will not be indented, but subsequent paragraphs are automatically indented.

Sometimes it is necessary to remove indentation, for example if a line logically continues a previous paragraph. This could happen after an example:

(3) This is an example sentence, in the middle of a paragraph.

To continue the paragraph, I added \noindent to the beginning of this line.

4.3. Sections and page breaks

We suggest you organize your paper into named sections. The commands \section{}, \subsection{}, and \subsection{} are available and will be formatted appropriately.

If you want to add a page break, for example to avoid a widow, use the code \pagebreak.

4.4. Lists

Let me call attention to two major features of the AFLA Stylesheet:

- any text that is offset from the left edge of the page should start 0.5" away from the left margin; and
- extra space should not be added in between text.

The default behavior of *lists* in LATEX violate both of these guidelines, and therefore the afla class has modified the enumerate and itemize list definitions so that they will be formatted appropriately.² For example, this list:

- 1. numbered
- 2. items

is simply the result of the code in (4):

(4) \begin{enumerate}
 \item numbered
 \item items
 \end{enumerate}

4.5. Example sentences

The formatting of example sentences is perhaps the trickiest part of implementing AFLA style in LATEX. The Good News is that the afla class file includes settings

²Underlyingly, this uses the very flexible enumitem package. See the enumitem documentation for more information.

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for the ExPex example sentence package, so that AFLA-style examples are produced. The Bad News is that ExPex syntax is a bit verbose, and there is one additional rule to follow, in (5) below.³

If you are unfamiliar with ExPex, the first thing to do is to look at the ExPex documentation. ExPex has support for single examples, examples with subparts, and glossed examples, as well as a variety of more advanced setups. There is just one point which must be followed:

(5) The ExPex rule for AFLA Style:

After every block of examples followed by text, add a blank line with just one character, \setminus . This will add the necessary extra line of space before and after the example block.⁴

The result is examples that follow AFLA style: a blank line above and below every section of examples (even if it is logically in the middle of a paragraph) and no extra lines of space between adjacent examples.

Here are a few examples typeset using the guidelines above. See the LATEX source file for this document to see how they were entered:

- (6) This is a simple example sentence.
- (7) Glossed sub-examples with a shared title (examples from Liu 2004):
 - a. *M*-aniq qulih qu' Tali'. *Actor Voice (AV)*AV-eat fish QU Tali
 'Tali eats fish.'
 - b. Niq-un na' Tali' qu' qulih qasa. Patient Voice (PV) eat-PV GEN Tali QU fish that 'The fish, Tali ate.'

In (7), the ExPex command \rightcomment{} was used to put the AV and PV labels on the right.

Here are two examples from Erlewine, Levin, and van Urk to appear, typeset side-by-side using multicols. Note that the code begins with \noindent to make sure the multicols fills the entire width of the page.

(8) Actor Voice (AV):

M-aniq sehuy (qu) Yuraw.

AV-eat taro QU Yuraw

'Yuraw eats taro.'

(9) Patient Voice (PV):

Niq-un na Yuraw (qu) sehuy.

eat-PV GEN Yuraw QU taro

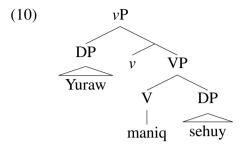
'Yuraw eats taro.'

³However, I should note that it is more difficult, if not impossible, to get AFLA-style examples using more common packages, such as gb4e or linguex. Trust me, I tried.

⁴Examples are set up to have a full line of free space above, but no extra space below (except for leading). If for some reason you would like to avoid the blank line above an example, ExPex supplies the \ex^ and \pex^ variants for this purpose.

4.6. Trees

The qtree package is loaded by afla to facilitate tree drawing. So if Yuraw ate some taro, you could build a νP like this:



See the qtree package documentation for more information.

5. Bibliography

We strongly recommend the use of BIBTEX for your bibliography needs. Specify your .bib bibliography file path using the \bibliography command, placed at the end of your paper. Here are some examples of citations, with AFLA Stylesheet guidelines on when to use which format:

(11) *AFLA-style citations:*

a. "When reference is to the author(s), put the date of publication in parentheses:"

\citet {chomsky2000, chomsky2001}: Chomsky (2000, 2001)

b. "When reference is to the work, do not put the date of publication inside (separate) parentheses:"

\citealt{chomsky1977}: Chomsky 1977

c. "If your reference to the work supplements your text, it should look like this:" \citep*{guilfoyle1992}: (Guilfoyle, Hung, and Travis 1992)

6. Submitting your LaTeX paper

When submitting your AFLA paper, please send the LATEX source file (.tex), your copy of the afla.cls file (in case you made any changes), the PDF, and any supplementary files required in order to compile the source. Supplementary files may include .bbl bibliography files, additional .sty package files, graphics, etc.

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