

Writing a bachelor's thesis in org-mode

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My **bachelor's thesis** has been completely written in org-mode format. At first, I supposed that org-mode would not be powerful enough for a really long document with templates and lots of latex customizations, but I stand corrected. You can insert arbitrary latex code when needed and there is nothing preventing you to create a complex header for your org-mode document.

After the experience, I would recommend using org-mode. You can manage your tasks, your references and your text in a single file; and the org-mode format is much more pleasant to read and write than the usual tex format. The only problem I had was compilation: Emacs is really slow and freezes while compiling. My solution was to use a second Emacs instance which compiles on the background while I continue to use the first one; the relevant line on the makefile looks as follows (thanks to **@ncordon** for the idea!).

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emacs thesis.org --batch -u `id -un` --eval '(load user-init-file)' -f org-latex-export
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