Using LaTeX for AFIT Thesis Generation



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The Art of Typesetting



Whether you use an interface like Microsoft Word or a typesetting system like LaTeX...

When you create a digital document, you are writing a program!

The larger the program the more bugs it has and the more likely the program will encounter a catastrophic error.

Typesetting systems limit the new lines of code generated and produce a cleaner, easier-to-debug document.



History



TeX is a typesetting system developed by Dr Donald E. Knuth, author of the seminal multi-volume "The Art of Computer Programming".

Two goals of TeX

- 1. Allow anyone to produce high quality books using a reasonable amount of effort
- 2. Provide a system that can reproduce the same results in the future.

Very popular in academia where high quality and affordability in publishing is a must.



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- Scalability!
- Portable!
- Reusable. Great ease in reformatting output
- High quality typesetting, esp. mathematical symbols, graphics
- Free! Excellent tools; all major operating systems supported

Disadvantages

- Complex workflow
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- Some on-the-fly reformatting only LaTeX gurus should try...



Installing LaTeX



TeX distribution

Windows proTeXt 3.1, MiKTeX 2.9

Linux TeX Live 2014

Mac OS X MacTeX 2014

WYSIWYG editor

Windows Scientific Word

Cross platform LyX

Text editor/compiler

Windows TeXnicCenter 2.02, WinEdt 8.2

Linux Kile 2.1.3

Mac OS X TeXShop 3.36 (also 2.47)

Cross platform TeXworks 0.4.5

Text editor: emacs

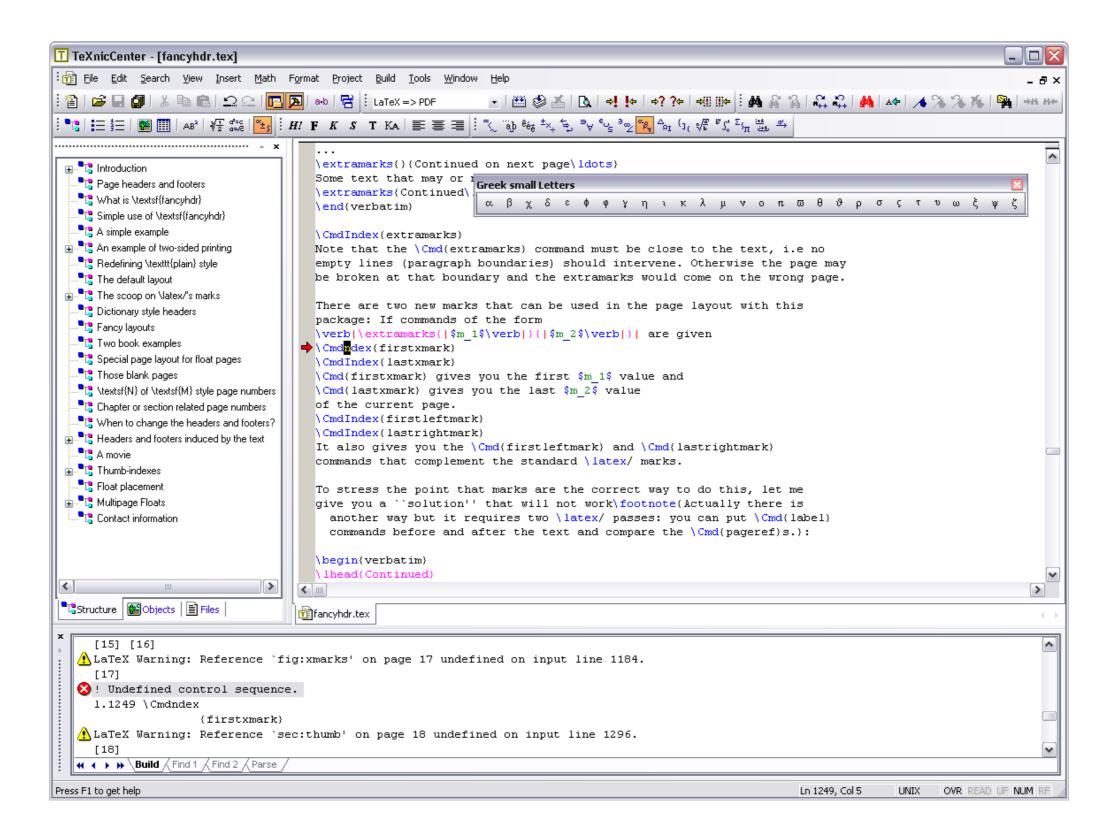
► Look for editors with syntax highlighting for tex files

Resource: www.tug.org



TeXnicCenter

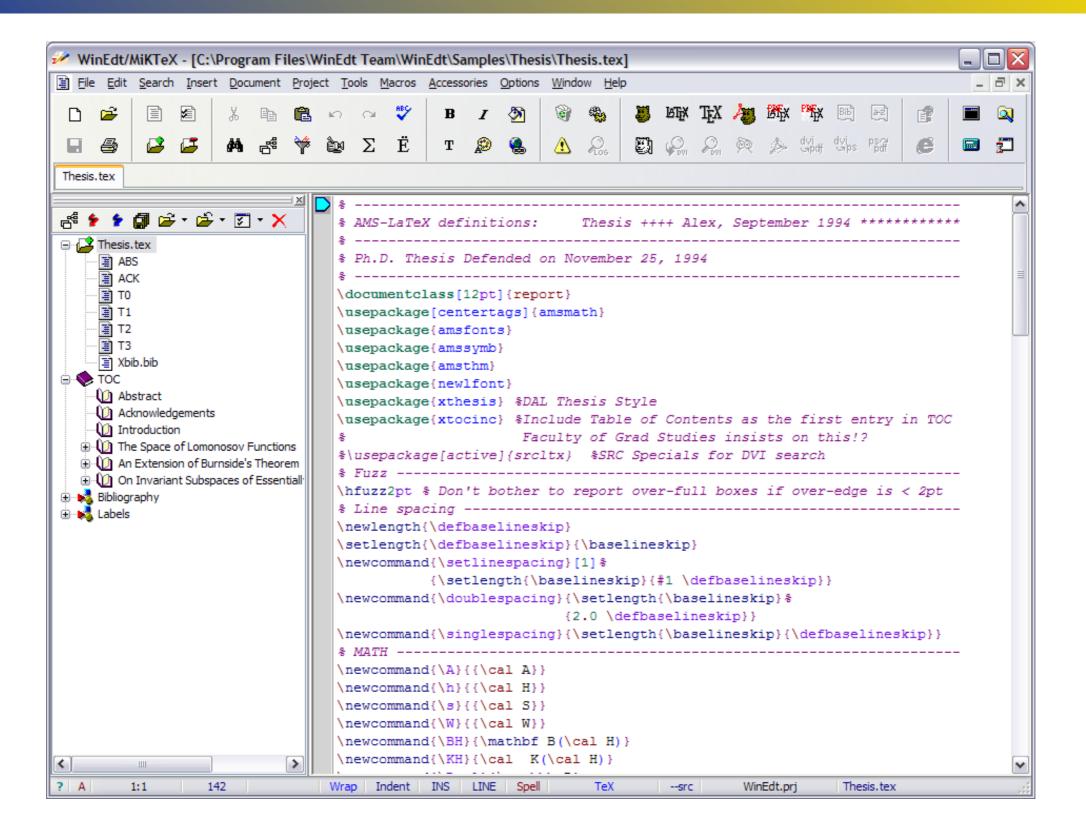






WinEdt



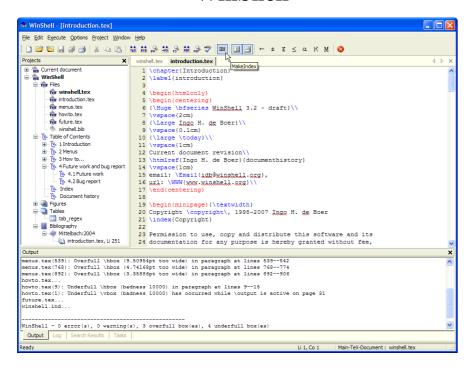


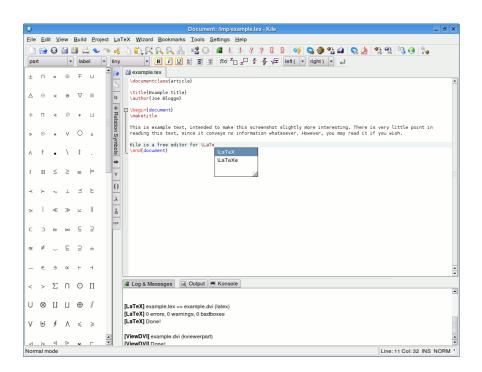


Others

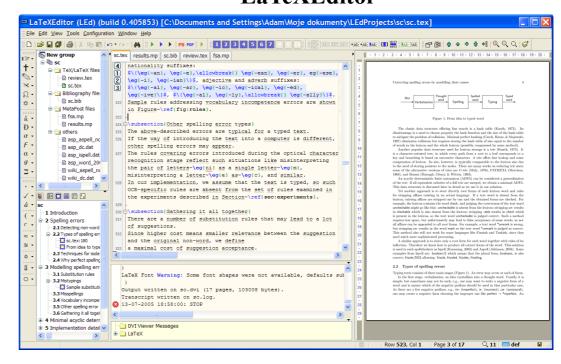


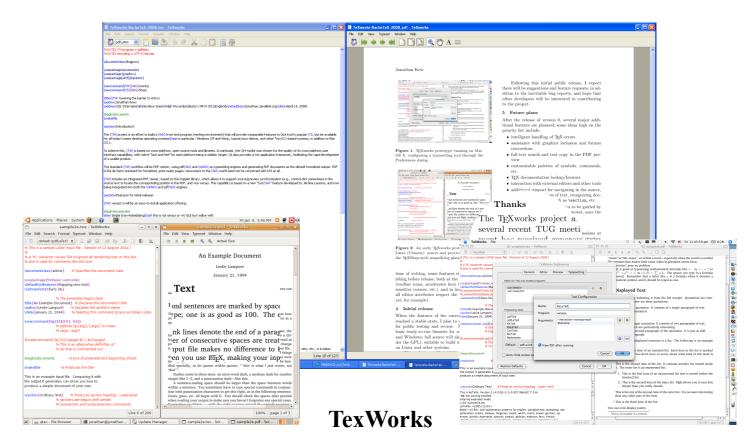
WinShell





LaTeXEditor

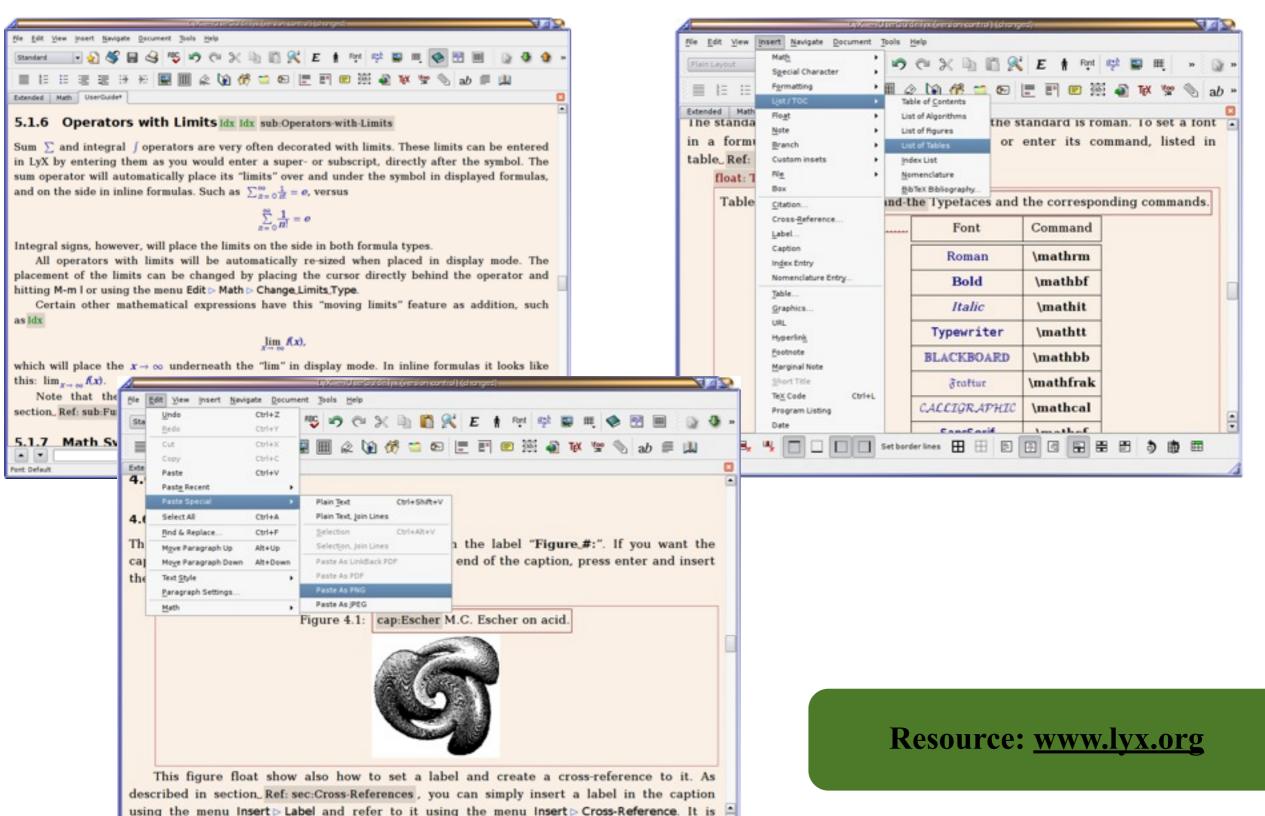






LyX: What You See Is What You Mean







Entering Content



There are many excellent online tutorials and support documentation that come with the distributions

symbols-letter.pdf

tex for the impatient.pdf

Also see...

http://www.andy-roberts.net/misc/latex/

http://www.tug.org/tutorials/tugindia/

For those who venture into the style files....

http://www.tug.org/utilities/plain/cseq.html



AFIT's Customized Thesis Files



See AFIT LaTeX Primer for a tutorial on

- Entering Thesis Data
- Adding Figures and Tables
- Adding Table of Contents and other front matter
- Using Customized Environments for AFIT theses and dissertations
- Sample directory of a complete typesetting project

Also see the AFIT LaTeX Startup Kit

 Just the bare essentials: master file; thesis style file; style files for SF 298, AFIT logo; customization files for front pages and SF 298



Favorite Markup Commands



\newcommand{\myCommand}{hello world}

Use only letters in the command name... no numbers, no special characters.

\input{chapter5}

Previous AFIT latex templates use \include which is also an option. The commands are similar but the compilations logs for \input files are recorded in a master log.

Use \include for debugging when you want to isolate the compilation log for a specific file.



Where are the latest version of the primer and AFIT LaTeX style files?



- The latest version of the AFIT LaTeX primer and the afitafitThesis style file are found on the L drive under the course PHYS files at L:\Courses\PHYS\LaTeX
- The current version of the AFIT style file is compliant with the latest version of the AFIT style guide.
 - Other style files exist on the L drive. Use at your own risk.
 - Older style files are not compliant with the AFIT style file nor with the current TeX distribution.
- Note: Historical tex files provide an excellent archive of formatting examples. Consider them fair game.



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AFIT's friendly LaTeX Guru





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Some LaTeX Examples



An itemized list



```
\begin{itemize}
\item[(a)] $g$ is defined on all of $[0,1]$;
\item[(b)] $g$ is non-decreasing on $[0,1]$;
\item[(c)] $g(0)\geq 0$;
\item[(d)] $g(1)\leq 1$.
\end{itemize}
```



On the Bibliography



Bibliography information is entered in a standardized environment.

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@BOOK{apostle,
  author = {T. M. Apostle},
  year = 1974,
  title = {Mathematical Analysis},
  publisher = {Addison-Wesley Publishing Company},
  address = {Menlo Park}
}
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Then, formated according to a chosen style.

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\backmatter
\singlespace
\bibliographystyle{thesnumb3}
\bibliography{bibliography}
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To add bibliography information to a LaTeX document, run BibTeX and run LaTeX <u>twice</u>.