$Simplex - Simple \ \LaTeX \ (v0.3.8)$

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Abstract

Writing LATEX can be a laborious task. Often the syntax is cumbersome and error-prone. Simplex is an attempt to fix this. A solution for creating documents using LATEX which is as easy as writing Markdown, without sacrificing the power of LATEX.

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1 Basic Syntax

The key idea of simplex is that control commands and actual text should go separated. Thus: Everything in simplex is indented, except for control commands.

Let's see how that looks:

```
command
text
more text
```

The basic distinction between groups of text is the notion of a paragraph.

```
this belongs to the first
paragraph.

this is yet another paragraph.
this belongs to the second paragraph as well.
```

A paragraph can be marked as certain type of paragraph. Here for example is a heading:

```
1 = Heading of Section 1
2
3 Paragraph 1
```

→ Note that the empty line between the heading and the paragraphs is necessary, since otherwise the paragraph would belong to the heading.

In some circumstances it may come in handy that adjacent paragraphs are treated as one. Commands declaring such paragraphs start with a dot:

```
1 .verbatim
2 This is code.
3
4 As well as this is.
```

It is however terminated by a command as well as any other paragraph.

The contents of such paragraphs can also be included from a file, simply by substituting the dot with a hashbang (#).

```
1 #code Main.java
```

Commands that start with an at (@) are global declarations. An exhaustive list of commands, global declarations, and special paragraphs can be found in the appendix to this document.

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1.1 Document Structure

Headings can be designated using =, ==, and ===.

Furthermore := and :- can be used to designate paragraphs and subparagraphs. The text upto the first colon (:) in a paragraph is used as bold title text for that paragraph:

Sample paragraph This is a sample paragraph.

```
1 := Sample paragraph: This is a sample paragraph.
```

Sample sub paragraph This is a sample sub paragraph.

```
1 :- Sample sub paragraph: This is a sample sub paragraph.
```

Table of contents A table of contents can be inserted using the tableofcontents command. Note that by default simplex does not number sections (i.e. = is translated to \section*{...}). If a tableofcontents is present in the document, simplex will number sections (i.e. = is translated to \section{...} - note the missing asterisk).

Figure 1: A sample document featuring a tableofcontents

```
1 @title
      A Document with a Table of Contents
4 newpage
6 tableofcontents
7 newpage
      Section One
9
10 ==
      Subsection One-One
11
      Morbi leo risus, porta ac consectetur ac, vestibulum at eros.
12
      Sed posuere consectetur est at lobortis. Aenean lacinia
      bibendum nulla sed consectetur.
14
15
      A little advise in between.
16 ->
17
      Vestibulum id ligula porta felis euismod semper.
18
      Cum sociis natoque penatibus et magnis dis parturient montes,
19
      nascetur ridiculus mus.
20
21
      Subsection One-Two
22
23
24 newpage
25 =
      Section Two
26
      Nulla vitae elit libero, a pharetra augue.
27
28
      Etiam porta sem malesuada magna mollis euismod.
29
      Donec id elit non mi porta gravida at eget metus.
30
      Maecenas faucibus mollis interdum.
31
32
33 := Nota bene: This is a paragraph.
```

1.1.1 Lists

Lists can be created using * and +. Lists can be nested:

Unordered lists

- One

 One-One

 One-One

 Two

 Two-One

 Two-Three
- Numbered lists

1. One	1 +	One
() 0 0	2 ++	One-One
(a) One-One	3 +	Two
2. Two	4 ++	Two-One
2. 1 WO	5 ++	Two-Three
(a) Two-One		

Description lists

(b) Two-Three

```
coffee: the lifeblood of nerds, and the drink that keeps
America's workforce complacent on their journey to work.

demo: Demonstrate the capabilities of (software or equipment).

psychopsilocybin: A Mushroom...one of the crazy kind. ^.~

ALSO an awesome Incubus Song from the Fungus Amoungus CD!
```

coffee the lifeblood of nerds, and the drink that keeps America's workforce complacent on their journey to work.

demo Demonstrate the capabilities of (software or equipment).

 $\,\,
ightarrow\,$ Using double-colons instead of single colons such a list may be rendered like so:

coffee the lifeblood of nerds, and the drink that keeps America's workforce complacent on their journey to work.

demo Demonstrate the capabilities of (software or equipment).

psychopsilocybin A Mushroom...one of the crazy kind. $\hat{}$ \sim ALSO an awesome Incubus Song from the Fungus Amoungus CD!

1.2 Inline syntax features

The look and feel of the syntax is heavily influenced by Markdown. The following inline markup can be used:

```
This is **bold** text This is bold text

This is *italic text* This is italic text

This _text_ is _underlined_ This is $M_{ath}^2$ This is \@inline verbatim@

//SmallCaps// SMALLCAPS
```

1.2.1 Escaping Special Characters

You should have noticed that there are certain inline control characters which you might want to escape. Doing so is easy. If any of these characters is followed by a white space they lose their special meaning. The white space immediately following the character is not printed, so in order to print such a character followed by a white space you need to type two spaces.

Here is an example (the dots denote spaces):

\.\$.*._.\..\$..*.._..Yea

⇒ \
$$$*_{\ }$$
\$ * _ Yea

1.2.2 Hyperlinks, Labels, and References

```
\[http://www.example.org/]
                                             ⇒ http://www.example.org/
Backslash and brackets insert a hyperlink.
\[http://www.example.org/ Website]
                                             \Rightarrow Website
Everything after the first whitespace is treated as description.
\{http://www.example.org/}
                                             ⇒ http://www.example.org/
Square brackets basically work the same...
\{http://www.example.org/ Website}
                                             ⇒ http://www.example.org/ - Website
... but they print the link in any case.
label sec:document-structure
Labels can be set using the command label < name > \dots
See section \<sec:document-structure>
                                             \Rightarrow See section 1.1
... and referenced using backslash and angle brackets.
See page \(sec:include-directive)
                                             \Rightarrow See page 21
Pages can be references using parenthesis.
```

[→] Note that you can also use # and ! to delimit inline verbatim like so: \!inline verbatim! and \#inline verbatim#.

1.2.3 Footnotes and Endnotes

Footnotes¹ are declared like hyperlinks: \^This is a footnote^. If you want the footnote to contain a hyperlink as well, use two circumflex at the beginning: \^^http://www.example.org/ Further reading, example.org, 2010.^ ²

To turn the footnotes in your document into endnotes use the global declaration @endnotes (with at). You can then use the endnotes (no at) command to insert the list of endnotes.

Figure 2: A sample document with endnotes, labels, and references

```
1 @title
       Sample Document with Endnotes
4 @authors
      Donald Duck
      Daisy Duck
_{8} Qendnotes
10 @abstract
      A demo with endnotes, labels, and references.
11
12
13 newpage
14 tableofcontents
16 newpage
17 =
      Section One
18 label sec:one
19
       This is section one\^http://www.example.org/
20
       See example.org for further information.
21
22
       Section Two
23 =
24 label sec:two
25
       This is\^yes it is^ section two. Have you
      read section \<sec:one> already?
27
_{29} appendix
      First appendix
30 =
31
       Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
32
33
       Second appendix
34 =
35
      Bilden Sie ganze Sätze man!
38 endnotes
```

¹This is a footnote

 $^{{}^2{\}tt http://www.example.org/}-{\tt Further\ reading,\ example.org,\ 2010}.$

1.3 Embedding LaTeX

If you feel the need to embed real LATEX code into your document, you can easily do so via .latex. You can also include LATEX from another file using #latex <file>.

Since simplex takes care of the head and meta data of your document it is not possible to include latex commands outside \begin{document} and \end{document} using this technique. Instead the global declaration @preamble can be used (for example for including additional packages and the like).

Figure 3: A sample document with embedded LaTeX

 $\to\,$ Note that the commands demoed here are available in simplex too: @doublespacing and thispagestyle plain.

1.4 Comments

You can comment out a paragraph by marking it %. Larger passages of comments can be declared using .comment.

Figure 4: A sample document with comments in it

2 Advanced features

2.1 Graphics / Images

Images can be included using the image command:

1 image image.png

The size and rotation of images can be controlled using these commands:

image-width Sets the width for all following images to the given width. Example: image-width 8cm. Note that the values given here are passed to pdflatex literally, thus it is possible to use values like \textwidth here. Example: image-width \textwidth.

image-height analog to image-width.

 ${\bf image\text{-}size}\,$ Sets both width and height for all following images.

Example: image-size 16cm 9cm.

image-angle Sets the rotation of an image.

image-trim Trims the following images by the given lengths.

The arguments are *left bottom right top* (i.e. counter clockwise).

Example: image-trim 1cm 0cm 2cm 1cm

image-defaults Clears all image directives.

- → It is worth noting that image directives apply to all following images, not only the next image. Thus image-angle 180 will rotate all following images upside down. Use image-defaults to clear the given commands.
- $\rightarrow \;$ Supported image types are png, jpg, and pdf.

Figure 5: Example image-inclusions

- 1 image-height 5cm
- 2 image-angle 170

3

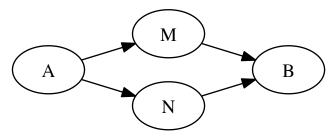
- 4 columns 3
- 5 image zebra.jpg
- $_{6}$ image elephant.jpg
- 7 image-angle 350
- 8 image zebra.jpg
- 9 endcolumns



${\bf 2.1.1} \quad {\bf Builtin} \ {\it Graphviz} \ {\bf support}$

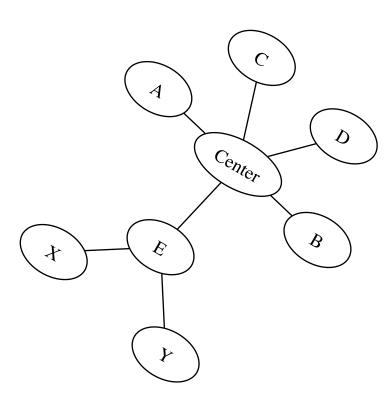
Graphviz graphs can be included directly into a simplex document:

is rendered as:



- $\,\rightarrow\,$ Note that the image-directives apply on graphviz graphs too.
- $\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,$.digraph is drawn using dot.
- $\rightarrow\,$.graph is drawn using neato.

```
image-angle -30
image-ang
```



2.2 Multi column layout

Text can be distributed over multiple columns via the columns command. columns are terminated by the endcolumns command.

- 1 columns 2
- Nam dui ligula...
- 3 endcolumns

Nam dui ligula, fringilla a, euismod sodales, sollicitudin vel, wisi. Morbi auctor lorem non justo. Nam lacus libero, pretium at, lobortis vitae, ultricies et, tellus. Donec aliquet, tortor sed accumsan bibendum, erat ligula aliquet magna, vitae ornare odio metus a mi. Morbi ac orci et

nisl hendrerit mollis. Suspendisse ut massa. Cras nec ante. Pellentesque a nulla. Cum sociis natoque penatibus et magnis dis parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. Aliquam tincidunt urna. Nulla ullamcorper vestibulum turpis. Pellentesque cursus luctus mauris.

Text can be forced to continue in the next column using the colbreak command. Here is an example using two images:

- 1 image-height 4cm
- 2 columns 2
- 3 center
- 4 image bushes.jpg
- 5 image duck.jpg
- 6 colbreak
- 7 image zebra.jpg
- ${\scriptstyle 8}$ image elephant.jpg
- 9 endcolumns

this also demonstrates the usefulness of the image commands applying to all following images.

... which produces the following rendering:





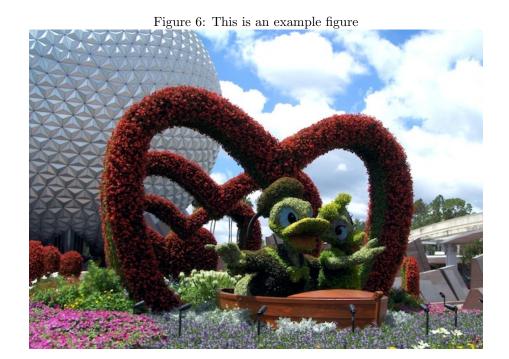




2.3 Figures

Figures (like \begin{figure} in LATEX) can be inserted using the figure and endfigure commands. A caption can be set using the caption command.

- 1 figure
- $_{2}$ image-width \textwidth
- $_{\rm 3}$ caption This is an example figure
- 4 image bushes.jpg
- 5 endfigure



3 Tables

All table commands start with >. Every > declares a cell. >+ starts a new table row. >- starts a new table row and paints a horizontal line. >= starts a new table row and paints a double horizontal line. A table format (just like in \begin{tabular}{format}) can be given with >0.

Figure 7: Simple sample tables

1	2	3	1	2 5 8	3	1	2 5 8	3	1	2	3 6
	5	-	4	5	6	4	5	6	4	5	6
7	8	9	7	8	9	7	8	9			9

The Code to create these four tables can be seen below:

```
1 >
         1
                             1 >@
                                    1|c||r
                                                        1 >@
                                                               1|c||r
                                                                                    1 >@
                                                                                            |1|c||r|
 <sub>2</sub> >
         2
                            2 >
                                     1
                                                        2 >-
                                                                                    2 >-
                                     2
 3 >
         3
                             3 >
                                                        3 >
                                                                1
                                                                                    3 >
                                                                                             1
                                                                                             2
                             <sub>4</sub> >
                                     3
                                                        <sub>4</sub> >
                                                                2
                            5 >+
                                                                                            3
 <sub>5</sub> >
                                                                3
                                     4
 6 >
         5
                                                        6 >+
                                     5
                                                                4
                                                                                            4
                                                                                            5
10 >
                                     7
11 >
                            11 >
                                                                                             7
                                     9
                                                       12 >
                                                                8
                                                                                   12 >
                                                                                             8
                                                       13 >
                                                                9
                                                                                   13 >
```

3.1 Kinds of Cells

Cells can have different kinds of content. A hashbang (#) designates a cell having verbatim content. An exclamation mark (!) designates a header cell (that is: having a **bold** type face). A dollar sign (\$) designates a cell having math content.

Figure 8: A sample table with different kinds of cells

```
|c|c|
1 >@
                                                                      \sum_{i=1}^{n} \overline{n^2}
                                                                                                 Heading
2 >-
3 >$
       \sum_{i=1}^n n^2
                                                       Verbatim \yeah <=> \yeah
                                                                                              Ordinary cell.
       Heading
<sub>5</sub> >-
6 >#
       Verbatim \yeah <=> \yeah
<sub>7</sub> >
       Ordinary cell.
8 >-
```

^{ightarrow} This way tables can be used to create complex layouts, for example equations. See section 3.8 for an advanced example.

3.2 Alignment of Cells

The alignment of cells can be changed per column (using >0) or per cell. All you need to do is to include L, R, or C (for <u>L</u>eft, <u>Right</u>, or <u>C</u>enter respectively) in the cell definition:

Figure 9: A table demoing custom alignment of cells

1	>@	clr
2	>!	Heading 1
3	>!	Heading 2
4	>!	Heading 3
5	>=	
6	>	A
7	>	В
8	>	C
9	>-	
10	>	D
11	>	E
12	>	F
13	>-	
14	>L	Le
15	>R	Ri
16	>C	Се
17	>=	

Heading 1	Head	ding 2	Headin	g 3
A	В			С
D	Е			F
Le		Ri	Ce	
		111		_

Note that this will redefine the cell apart from the table declaration (given via >@ clr). Thus if you specified vertical borders in >@ you will have to specify them in the cell again. This is possible by putting a bar (|) left and/or right to the new cell definition:

Figure 10: A table demoing formatting of custom cells

```
1 >@
        |c|1|r|
        Heading 1
        Heading 2
        Heading 3
 <sub>5</sub> >=
 6 >
         Α
         В
 <sub>7</sub> >
 8 >
         С
9 >-
10 >|L| Le
11 >R| Ri
12 >C| Ce
<sub>13</sub> >=
```

Heading 1	Heading 2	Heading 3
A	В	C
Le	Ri	Ce

3.3 Text in Tables

Tables in LATEXare not as easy as, say, HTML tables. Especially a problem are cells containing multiline text (which, by default, is not wrapped). Thus you have to declare a text column (using >0). The column specifier is p. You will also have to declare the width of the column, like so: p{4cm}.

Figure 11: An example table with multiline text

1 >0	r p{6cm}
₂ >-	
3 >!	Head
₄ >!	Yet another
5 >-	
6 >	1337
₇ >	
8 >-	

Head	Yet another			
1337	Nullam quis risus eget urna mollis			
	ornare vel eu leo. Integer posuere erat			
	a ante venenatis dapibus posuere velit			
	aliquet.			

There is also a more flexible tabular-environment, called tabluarx. Is supports columns which contain text and adjust themselves accordingly. You will still have to designate a column as text column, but you do not need to specify the width. Simplex will turn your table into a tabularx-table automatically if you define the table using <code>>X</code> instead of <code>>Q</code>. The column specifier for a tabularx-text-column is <code>X</code>.

Figure 12: An example X-table

```
Head
                                                       Yet another
1 >X
       |r|X|
                                               1337
                                                      Nullam quis risus eget
2 >-
3 >!
      Head
                                                      urna mollis ornare vel eu
<sub>4</sub> >!
      Yet another
                                                      leo. Integer posuere erat
5 >-
                                                      a ante venenatis dapibus
6 >
       1337
                                                      posuere velit aliquet.
       Nullam quis risus eget urna
      mollis ornare vel eu leo. Integer posuere erat
       a ante venenatis dapibus posuere velit aliquet.
9
10 >-
```

However, >X tables have shortcomings of their own. For example you can not use inline verbatim code in a cell inside a tabularx-table.

3.4 Rows spanning multiple columns

It is possible to let a row span multiple columns by simply adding the number of columns the row should span in the cell definition. Note that this will nullify all column declarations just as L, R, and C do, so you will have to specify borders as necessary. Columns spanning multiple rows are centered by default (you can combine column-spanning numbers and alignment specifiers, like >|2L| or >11C!).

Figure 13: A table with a single cell spanning two columns

1	>@	1 1	
2	>-		
3	> 2		
4		${\tt Team}$	sheet
5	>-		
6	>	GK	
7	>	Paul	Robinson
8	>+		
9			

Team sheet			
GK	Paul Robinson		
LB	Lucus Radebe		
DC	Michael Duberry		
DC	Dominic Matteo		
RB	Dider Domi		
MC	David Batty		
MC	Eirik Bakke		
MC	Jody Morris		
FW	Jamie McMaster		
ST	Alan Smith		
ST	Mark Viduka		

3.5 Columns spanning multiple rows

Figure 14: A table showing how to span multiple rows and columns

```
1 >@ |1|1|1|
2 >-
3 >|3|
4 Team sheet
5 >-
6 > Goalkeeper
7 > GK
8 > Paul Robinson
9 >-
10 >,4 Defenders
11 > LB
12 > Lucus Radabe
13 ...
```

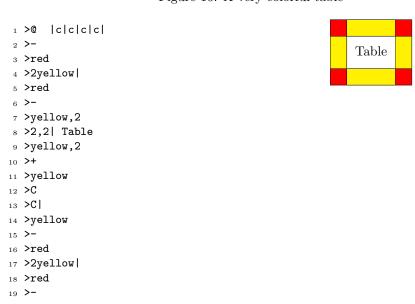
Team sheet				
Goalkeeper	GK	Paul Robinson		
Defenders	LB	Lucus Radabe		
	DC	Michael Duberry		
	DC	Dominic Matteo		
	RB	Didier Domi		
Midfielders	MC	David Batty		
	MC	Eirik Bakke		
	MC	Jody Morris		
Forward	FW	Jamie McMaster		
Strikers	ST	Alan Smith		
	ST	Mark Viduka		

3.6 Colored Cells

Figure 15: Four coloured cells in a table



Figure 16: A very colorful table



3.7 ASCII-Art Tables

Figure 17: An ASCII-Art Table

1 .table	7	8	1	19
2 ++	172	19	42	20
3 7 8 1 19	420	4	17	64
4 ++				
5 172 19 42 20				
6 ++				
7 420 4 17 64				
8 ++				

3.8 Typesetting Equations using Tables

```
\Leftrightarrow x^2 + bx + c = 0
                                                        isolate x: -c
                                                        +\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 (completing the square)
                             = -c
    \Leftrightarrow x^2 + bx
        x^2 + bx + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2
                             = -c + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2
                                                        binomial formula reverse
        \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2
                            = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c}
= -\frac{b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c}
         x + \frac{b}{2}
    \Leftrightarrow
1 >0 clcl | 1
3 >$ <=>
_{4} >  x^2 + bx + c
5 >$ =
6 >$ 0
<sub>7</sub> >
       isolate $x$: $-c$
9 >+
10
11 >$ <=>
_{12} >$ x^2 + bx
13 >$
15 > $+\left(\frac b 2\right)^2$ *(completing the square)*
17 >+
<sub>19</sub> >$ <=>
_{20} >$ x^2 + bx + \left(\frac b 2\right)^2
_{22} >$ -c +\left(\frac b 2\right)^2
23 >
      binomial formula reverse
24
25 >+
26
27 >$ <=>
_{30} >  \left(\frac b 2\right)^2 - c
_{31} >  \sqrt{\text{\nbsp}}
32
33 >+
34
35 >$ <=>
_{36} >$ x + \frac b 2
_{39} >$ -\frac b 2
40
41 >+
42
43 >$ <=>
44 >$ x
_{46} > -\frac b 2 \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac b 2\right)^2 - c}
```

A Blocks

Document Structure				
=				
===	Headings			
!!	Chapters			
!!!	Parts			
:=	Paragraphs with a defining word at the start of the line.			
Lists & Items				
*	Unnumbered items (like <i>itemize</i>).			
+	Numbered items (like enumerate).			
::	Items with a defining word at the start of the line.			
->	Advise items.			
Tables				
>	A table cell. See "Tables" for more information.			
>+	Next row, no line			
>-	Next row, single line			
>=	Next row, double line			
>^	Turns the table into a <i>figure</i> with a <i>caption</i> above.			
>_	Turns the table into a <i>figure</i> with a <i>caption</i> below.			
>@	The table definition (like in LaTeX).			
_>X	The table definition, also turns the table into a <i>tabularx</i> table.			
	Others			
	A paragraph (like no control command at all, useful for explicitly			
•	creating a paragraph for example in order to terminate a table).			
=>	A paragraph introduced by \Rightarrow .			
<=	A paragraph introduced by \Leftarrow .			
<=>	A paragraph introduced by \Leftrightarrow .			
=!>	A paragraph introduced by \Rightarrow .			
=</th <th>A paragraph introduced by #.</th>	A paragraph introduced by #.			
-15	A			

<!> A paragraph introduced by ⇔.

B Special blocks

- → Note: By exchanging the dot (.) with a hashbang (#) you can load data from a file and treat it like the corresponding special block (i.e. #code myfile.java will include the contents of myfile.java and treat it as a .code block).
- .ascii An alias for .verbatim.
- .code Verbatim text, formatted as source code.
- .code\$ Like .code but allows for mathescapes (\$...\$).
- .comment Does not include its contents into the document.
 - .digraph Creates a graphviz digraph (a directed graph) and renders it using dot.
- .equation Inserts raw math tex, like .latex with \begin{equation}.
 - .graph Creates a graphviz graph and renders it using neato.
 - .haskell Like .code, but loads definitions for Haskell.
 - .java Like .code, but loads definitions for Java.
 - .latex Inserts raw latex code.
 - .math Inserts raw math tex, like .latex with \begin{displaymath}.
 - .php Like .code, but loads definitions for PHP.
 - .python Like .code, but loads definitions for Python.
 - .table Parses an ASCII table and renders it using LaTeX.
- .verbatim Inserts verbatim text (like \begin{verbatim}).

B.1 Shortcuts

- .# Like .code.
- .@ Like .code\$.
- .% Like .comment.
- .\$ Like .math.
- .! Like .verbatim.
- → Note that replacing the dot with a hashbang works here too. Thus ## file.txt will in fact include file.txt as code, #! file.txt as verbatim text, and so on.

B.2 #include Directive

- **#include** Literally includes the contents of the file. Usage: **#include filename**. This works like the include-command for the c preprocessor. Note that no other features of cpp are available in simplex.
 - **#image** An alias for the ordinary command image. There is a slight difference: Like in #include, the file name may be given in quotation marks:
 - #image "picture.png" works!
 image "picture.png" won't work (quots will be regarded as part of
 the filename)

C Declarations

- **@abstract** Used to declare an abstract of the current document.
- @address Your address if this is a @letter.
- **@article** Declares the document to be an article. This will cause the article document class to be used.
- **@authors** A list of authors of the document. Each line corresponds to one author. Note that there is no single **@author** declaration.
 - **@book** Declares the document to be a book. This will cause the book document class to be used.
 - **@cfoot** Useful with **@pagestyle fancy**. The text to be used in the center part of the foot. Use **\break** to insert line breaks in here.
 - **@chead** Useful with **@pagestyle fancy**. The text to be used in the center part of the head. Use \break to insert line breaks in here.
- @closing The closing text if this is a Cletter. Defaults to "Yours Faithfully".
 - **@date** Sets the date of the document. If none is given, \today is assumed.
- **@doublespacing** Turns on double spacing. This is useful for drafts in order to correct things.
 - **@draft** Declares the document as a draft. This will, inter alia, cause images not to be included which in turn will reduce build times.
 - **@endnotes** Turns all footnotes into endnotes. Use in conjunction with endnotes command to actually insert the endnotes (like tableofcontents).
 - **@fontsize** The standard font size in this document. Defaults to 12pt.
 - **@landscape** Sets landscape mode (90 degree rotated).
 - @language Specifies the language of the document. Translates directly into \usepage [LANGUAGE] {babal} in the preamble, where LANGUAGE is the value of the @language declaration. Values are for example ngerman, frenchb, or francais.
 - @letter Uses the letter document class. You should use it together with recipient, address, signature, opening, and closing.
 - **@lfoot** Useful with **@pagestyle fancy**. The text to be used in the left part of the foot. Use \break to insert line breaks in here.
 - @lhead Useful with @pagestyle fancy. The text to be used in the left part of the head. Use \break to insert line breaks in here.
- **@margin-bottom** The bottom margin of each page.
 - @margin-left The left margin of each page.
 - **@margin-right** The right margin of each page.
 - **@margin-top** The top margin of each page.
 - **@margins** Sets the margins of the documents. A white-space separated list of lengths. The first value is the top-margin and then clockwise.
- **@newpagesections** Automatically insert newpage commands before new top level sections.

- **@opening** The opening text if this is a **@letter**. Defaults to "Dear Sir or Madam,".
- **@pagestyle** For example **@pagestyle** fancy. Declares the global pagestyle (in contrast: the **pagestyle** command will declare the pagestyle locally).
- **@preamble** Inserts raw LATEXinto the head of the document (which is normally not accessible from within a simplex document).
- **@recipient** The address of the recipient if this is a **@letter**.
 - **@report** Uses the report document class.
 - **@rfoot** Useful with **@pagestyle fancy**. The text to be used in the right part of the foot. Use **\break** to insert line breaks in here.
 - **@rhead** Useful with **@pagestyle fancy**. The text to be used in the right part of the head. Use **\break** to insert line breaks in here.
 - @scrartcl Uses the scrartcl document class.
 - **@slides** Used the slides document class (this affects the paper size) useful for creating presentations.
- **@signature** Your name if this is a **@letter**. Used in the address as sender and in the closing as signature.
 - **@title** The title of the document. Line breaks in here will be actual line breaks in the target pdf.
- **@tocdepth** To what depth headings should be part of the table of contents. Defaults to 3.

D Lengths

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baselineskip The normal vertical distance between lines in a paragraph.
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     columnsep The distance between columns.
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  columnwidth The width of the column.
evensidemargin The margin for 'even' pages (think of a printed booklet).
    headheight ...
oddsidemargin The margin for 'odd' pages (think of a printed booklet).
   paperheight The width of the page.
    paperwidth The height of the page.
      parindent The normal paragraph indentation.
        parskip The extra vertical space between paragraphs.
      tabcolsep The default separation between columns in a tabular environment.
    textfloatsep ...
     textheight The height of the text-box.
      textwidth The width of the text-box.
     topmargin The size of the top margin.
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E Commands

appendix Starts the appendix. Sections from this point on will be counted using letters. Does not insert an appendix heading.

bfseries Like \bfseries in LATEX. Prints the following text in bold. Use reset or normalfont to terminate.

bold Alias for \bfseries. Prints the following text in **bold**. Use reset or normalfont to terminate.

caption Declares a caption for the current figure. Only works within figure.

center Centers the text from this point on.

colbreak Starts a new column within columns.

columns Start columnized text.

Usage: columns < how-many-columns >

em Like \em in LATEX.

endcolumns Terminates columns.

endfigure Terminates figure.

endignore Terminates ignore.

endnoinclude Terminates noinclude.

endnotes Insert the list of endnotes, also creates a section with heading.

figure Starts a figure (like \begin{figure}). Takes an optional parameter which specifies the placement of the figure. If you omit it, h! is assumed. If you want to explicitly leave it blank, specify auto. All possible values are: h, t, b, p, H, ! (may be combined). Examples: figure htb, figure auto, figure h!

figures Insert a list of figures here.

float-barrier figures will not float beneath this command.

footnotesize Like \footnotesize in LATEX.

hfill Like \hfill in LATEX.

huge Like \huge in LATEX.

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ignore Ignores the document upto the next endignore.

image-angle Sets the rotation of the following images.

Usage: image-angle < angle >

image-defaults Resets all image properties.

image-height Sets the height of the following images.

Usage: image-height < height>

image-page In case of a multi-pdf file, selects which page should be included.

image-scale Scales images by the given factor.

image-size Sets both image-height and image-width at once.

Usage: image-size < width > < height>

image-trim Crop the included image.

Usage: image-trim < left > < bottom > < right > < top >

image-width Sets the width of the following images.

Usage: image-width < width >

image Inserts the specified image, for example image myfile.png. Works like \includegraphics in LATEX. Dimensions and other additional arguments can be set using the image-... commands. Note that the same limitations apply as for pdflatex and includegraphics in general (i.e. will only include JPG, PNG, and PDF files).

italic Alias for \itshape. Prints the following text in *italics*. Use reset or normalfont to terminate.

itshape Like \itshape in LaTeX. Prints the following text in *italics*. Use reset or normalfont to terminate.

large Like \large in LATEX.

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Large Like \Large in LATEX.

left Aligns the text from this point onward to the left. Note that this command will not justify the text (which IATEXdoes by default). Use reset for this.

lipsum Includes sample text of lorem ipsum.

mdseries Like \mdseries in LATEX.

newpage Like \newpage in LATEX.

noinclude The following part of the document (up to the next endnoinclude) won't be processed when included using #include (see B.2).

noindent Like \noindent in LATEX.

normalfont Like \normalfont in LATEX.

normalsize Like \normalsize in LATEX.

pagebreak Alias for \newpage.

pagenumbering Restart the page numbering here with the given style.

Possible values are: arabic, roman, Roman, alph, Alph

pagestyle Like \pagestyle in LaTeX. Sets the pagestyle for the next pages from this point on to the supplied argument. For example pagestyle plain or pagestyle fancy.

right Aligns the text from this point onward to the right.

rmfamily Like \rmfamily in LATEX.

scriptsize Like \scriptsize in LATEX.

scschape Like \scschape in LATEX.

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small Like $\mbox{small in }\mbox{\sc BT}_EX.$

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thispagestyle Changes the style of the current page, for example thispagestyle plain.

tiny Like \tiny in LATEX.

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vfill Like \vfill in LATEX.

F Symbols

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F.1 Magic Symbols

ightarrow Magic Symbols are those whose values change by context.

\lastpage Inserts the number of the last page.

\thepage Inserts the number of the current page.

\thesection Inserts the number of the current section.

\thechapter Inserts the number of the current chapter.

\today Inserts the current date.

F.2 Special Symbols

ightarrow Special Symbols do not need to be introduced by a backslash. They are recognized and substituted in math mode as well as in text.

F.3 All Symbols

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G Command Line Usage

When invoking $\mathtt{simplex}$ in a terminal, it will automatically process all $\star.\mathtt{simplex}$ files in the current working directory.

You can use the -w switch to have simplex watch your directory for changes and automatically processing your files as you edit and save them.

simplex [options] [files...]

-h	help	Print this help text.
	version	Print version information.
-A	verbose	Verbose output.
-d	dry-run	Dry run (do not create any files).
-n	no-clean	Do not clean up after building.
-p	print	Print processed tex to stdout.
-c	crop	Crops the document so that no margin are left.
-f	force	Forces the creation of output files.
-t , -T	type=	Specify type of output (pdf, png, tex)
-x	pdflatex=	Path to 'pdflatex' executable
-k	pdfcrop=	Path to 'pdfcrop'
-z	graphviz=	Path to 'dot' (graphviz)
-g	gnuplot=	Path to 'gnuplot'
-m	convert=	Path to 'convert' (ImageMagick)
-w[]	watch[=]	Watch files or folder (optionally
		amount of time in ms)
-3	three-times	Execute 'pdflatex' three times instead
		of the default two times.
-s[]	symbols[=]	Show a list of symboles known to
		simplex.
	density=,dpi=	For output type 'png' only, specifies dpi.
	quality=	For output type 'png' only, specifies quality.

H Installation

Installation is pretty much straight forward. simplex is known to work with the Haskell Platform 2012.2.0.0 and 2012.4.0.0. The Haskell Platform 2012.2.0.0 is also the one included in the most recent Debian distribution (Debian 7.0 "Wheezy" at the time of this writing).

→ http://haskell.org/platform

If TeX Live is already installed than all you have to do is to install simplex via cabal install, as simplex is available as a package on hackage:

 \longrightarrow cabal install simplex.

H.1 Ubuntu / Debian

In order to install simplex you need to install the Haskell Platform, which can be done via

 \longrightarrow apt-get install haskell-platform

Furthermore you should install TeX Live (or another LaTeX distribution which provides pdflatex):

 \longrightarrow apt-get install texlive texlive-latex-extra texlive-math-extra

If you want to use graphviz graphs within your simplex documents, you should also install graphviz:

 \longrightarrow apt-get install graphviz

Finally:

 \longrightarrow cabal install simplex

If the simplex executable is not on your path, you might want to add \$HOME/.cabal/bin to your \$PATH.

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H.2 Mac OS X

You have to have a LaTeX distribution installed in your Mac OS, such as TeX Live. If you do not, there is an excellent package named MacTeX available at the TeX Users Groups Website:

 \longrightarrow http://www.tug.org/mactex/.

You should also install graphviz and ImageMagick, both of which are available via brew – a simple package manager for OS X:

- $\longrightarrow \mathtt{brew} \ \mathtt{install} \ \mathtt{graphviz}$
- \longrightarrow brew install imagemagick

Finally:

 \longrightarrow cabal install simplex

If the simplex executable is not on your path, you might want to add \$HOME/Library/Haskell/bin to your PATH.

H.3 Windows

In theory it should suffice to have the Haskell Platform and TeX Live installed, but the installation of Simplex will most probably pull in some newer versions of certain Haskell packages which might require a Unix Toolchain on your computer. *Cygwin* is an excellent choice:

→ http://cygwin.com/install.html

TeX Live is also availbe for Windows. The easiest way to install it is probably the network installer. Inside install-tl.zip there is a batch file (*.bat) which will download and install all the necessary LaTeX packages to your system:

 \longrightarrow http://www.tug.org/texlive/acquire-netinstall.html

Finally (in a cygwin terminal):

 \longrightarrow cabal install simplex

The simplex executable should be on your path now, both in cygwin terminals as well as in ordinary dos prompts, as the Haskell Platform will have added the necessary directories to your PATH already.