

# The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X CUED thesis/dissertation style

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This class was written to help people write documents conforming to the requirements of the Engineering Department, Cambridge University. It goes rather beyond those minimal requirements, especially in its support of PDF options for online documents. This document aims to help you select options.

Harish Bhanderi wrote the class and the template which includes:

- all necessary directories appropriately referenced in the main `thesis.tex` document;
- a sample thesis directory structure with sub-directories (appropriately referenced) for figures;
- handling of `.eps`, `.ps` and `.png`, `.jpg` and `.pdf` graphics files;
- a Makefile to produce `.dvi`, `.ps` and `.pdf` files;
- compiled `thesis.dvi`, `thesis.ps`, `thesis.pdf` files;

Tim Love (`tl136@cam.ac.uk`) currently maintains it.

## 1 Installation

Download the Tarball (2 MB) or, Zip file (1 MB) from <http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/ThesisStyle/>. You needn't install the class file in with the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X distribution. Once you've downloaded the files, try changing the name of `thesis.pdf` then running `make thesis.pdf` to produce a new version. If you get output ending with something like

```
Output written on thesis.pdf (19 pages, 224756 bytes).
Transcript written on thesis.log.
```

then a `thesis.pdf` file has been produced that you can read with Acrobat Reader, etc, and you're ready to write your document.

## 2 Departmental Publication Requirements

<http://www.eng.cam.ac.uk/graduate/postgrad/Handbook/PhD%20Planning.htm> mentions several requirements for Ph.D Theses

- There will normally be a preface and table of contents, in addition to the summary required by Regulations.
- A numbered list of references should be included either as a single list at the end of the dissertation or by chapter. When a reference is quoted in the text both the name of the author(s) and the number of the reference should be included.
- Dissertations should include a page giving a list of key words.
- The limit in length of a PhD dissertation is 65,000 words including appendices, bibliography, footnotes, tables and equations. The limit on the number of figures is 150.
- Candidates should select a type font that produces clear script of adequate size. The text must be clear and of a size that is easy to read. As a guide, about 12 words per line and 45 lines per page would be suitable. It is permissible for dissertations to be printed on both sides of the page using one and a half spaced typing. The Board of Graduate Studies accept dissertations in either A4 or A5 format.

[http://www.eng.cam.ac.uk/teaching/courses/projects/yr4\\_proj/2ndNotice.pdf](http://www.eng.cam.ac.uk/teaching/courses/projects/yr4_proj/2ndNotice.pdf) mentions several requirements for IIB project reports

- The Final Report should not exceed 12,000 words or 50 A4 pages, including figures and appendices (but not counting the title page and Technical Abstract). It can be single or double sided, typed in 12 point at one-and-a-half line spacing. Margins are to be approximately 25mm all round.

### 3 Book or Report

You can choose to base your document on LaTeX's book class or report class. The book class lets you have Parts and Chapters, and numbers section starting at 1. The Report class numbers sections starting at 0. Choose either `book` (the default) or `article` as a class option.

### 4 Packages

The class uses several packages. Here's a list of the main ones with the release that the template has been tested with

- `amssymb` v2.2d
- `babel` v3.8l
- `color` v1.0j
- `eucal` v2.2d
- `fancyhdr` 3.2
- `footmisc` v5.4a
- `graphicx` v1.0f
- `hyperref` v1.2
- `ifpdf` v1.6
- `ifthen` v1.1c
- `natbib` 8.1
- `nomencl` v4.2
- `setspace` 6.7
- `tocbibind` v1.5g

3 in particular are worth mentioning because they control features that you might wish to change

- *hyperref* - the `hyperref` packages provides most of the support for online PDF. It's extensively documented at <http://www.tug.org/applications/hyperref/manual.html>. The class uses these options for PDF output

```
\usepackage[ pdftex, plainpages = false, pdfpagelabels,
              pdfpagelayout = useoutlines,
              bookmarks,
              bookmarksopen = true,
              bookmarksnumbered = true,
              breaklinks = true,
              linktocpage,
              pagebackref,
              colorlinks = true,
              linkcolor = blue,
              urlcolor = blue,
```

```

citecolor = red,
anchorcolor = green,
hyperindex = true,
hyperfigures

```

The extra meta information for the PDF document is provided using the `pdfinfo` command. For Postscript production the options are

```

\usepackage[ dvips,
bookmarks,
bookmarksopen = true,
bookmarksnumbered = true,
breaklinks = true,
linktocpage,
pagebackref,
colorlinks = true,
linkcolor = blue,
urlcolor = blue,
citecolor = red,
anchorcolor = green,
hyperindex = true

```

For the front pages you also need to set some other variables

```

\author
\collegeordept
\university
\crest
\degree
\degreedate

```

- *nomenc1* - This package has gone through a significant release since the class was created. Version 1.1 of this class assumes that you have *nomenc1* version 4 or newer.
- *fancyhdr* - this controls headers and footers. This package uses the following options

```

\pagestyle{fancy}
\renewcommand{\chaptermark}[1]{\markboth{\MakeUppercase{\thechapter. #1 }}{}}
\renewcommand{\sectionmark}[1]{ }
\fancyhf{ }
\fancyhead[RO]{\bfseries\rightmark}
\fancyhead[LE]{\bfseries\leftmark}
\fancyfoot[C]{\thepage}
\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0.5pt}
\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0pt}
\addtolength{\headheight}{0.5pt}
\fancypagestyle{plain}{
  \fancyhead{ }
  \renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0pt}
}

```

## 5 Location of Graphics files

For PDF production, PNG, PDF and JPG graphics files are sought in ThesisFigs/PNG/, ThesisFigs/PDF/ or ThesisFigs/. For Postscript output, EPS files are sought in in ThesisFigs/EPS/ and ThesisFigs/

## 6 Margins

Various page dimensions are set to these defaults

```
\setlength{\evensidemargin}{1.96cm}
\setlength{\topmargin}{1mm}
\setlength{\headheight}{1.36cm}
\setlength{\headsep}{1.00cm}
\setlength{\textheight}{20.84cm}
\setlength{\textwidth}{14.5cm}
\setlength{\marginparsep}{1mm}
\setlength{\marginparwidth}{3cm}
\setlength{\footskip}{2.36cm}
```

You can reset these values in the preamble.

## 7 Frequently Asked Questions

Many problems can be fixed by removing all the intermediate files and re-processing. On Unix, make `clean` and make `latexclean` tidy up.

- *How do you make the references not red and the links to Figures not blue in the PDF?* - The class's options for the `hyperref` package include

```
colorlinks = true,
linkcolor = blue,
urlcolor = blue,
citecolor = red,
```

You can override these in your thesis file - either set the colors to black or set `colorlinks` to false. For example you could do

```
\hypersetup{colorlinks = false}
```

- *How can I have square brackets around references, and the references by number?* - The `natbib` package is used. In the `Classes/CUEDthesisPSnPDF.cls` file change

```
\usepackage[round, sort, numbers, authoryear]{natbib}
```

(at about line 39) to

```
\usepackage[square, sort, numbers, authoryear]{natbib}
```

Furthermore, in the `thesis.tex` file you need to have

```
\bibliographystyle{Classes/CUEDbiblio}
```

as the only active `bibliographystyle` line

- *How can I have numbered references sorted by order of their appearance in the document?* - In the `thesis.tex` file, try

```
\bibliographystyle{unsrtnat}
```

or

```
\bibliographystyle{unsrt}
```

- *Some headers aren't quite on the right page. Why?* - (the following is from the fancyhdr documentation) note that the \* forms of the `\chapter` etc. commands do not call the mark commands. So if you want your preface to set the header info but not be numbered nor be put in the table of contents, you must issue the `\markboth` command yourself, e.g.

```
\chapter*{Preface\markboth{Preface}{}}
```

Entering the `\markboth` command inside the `\chapter*` insures that the mark will not be separated from the title by a page break.

- *Why can't I get a author-year style of bibliography?* - The class uses the `natbib` package. This isn't compatible with the `Classes/CUEDbiblio` bibliography style optionally used in `thesis.tex`. Older versions of `natbib` silently used a numerical style. Newer version say

```
! Package natbib Error: Bibliography not compatible with author-year citations.
```

```
(natbib)                Press return to continue in numerical citation style.
```

Use the `plannat` bibliography style instead of the `Classes/CUEDbiblio` style if you want author-year references (thanks to Marcos Pelenur for pointing this out). Alternatively, if you use

```
\usepackage[square, sort, numbers]{natbib}
```

then you won't get the problem (but you won't get author-year references either)

- *I'm not getting any References* - The usage of the files is geared toward Unix command-line operation. Typing the recommended `make thesis.pdf` will run `pdflatex` and `bibtex` a few times. If you're using a computer that doesn't have a `make` command you may have to run the usual sequence of commands manually
- *I get "Error: ! Package footmisc Error: Can't define commands for footnote symbol."* - *what shall I do?* - maybe your `footmisc` package is out of date. Versions v5.3c and v5.5a should be ok.
- *When the nomenclature section stretches over a single page why is its table of contents entry incorrect?* - You can fix it by moving the `\addcontentsline` command from `thesis.tex` to `thesis.nls` (Kris Fields)

## 8 Changes

Version 1.1 appeared in July 2010, with these changes

- book and report options added.
- `\usepackage{tocbibind}` added.
- `\usepackage{setspace}`  
`\onehalfspacing`  
used instead of

```
\renewcommand\baselinestretch{1.2}  
\baselineskip=18pt plus1pt
```

- The current version of `nomencl` assumed.

In December 2011 minor tweak were made to the class file (thanks to Sasa Tomic) and to the Makefile