



L^AT_EX

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- ▶ In 1985 L^AT_EX was introduced by Leslie Lamport.



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Explanation

- ▶ The highest quality that a non-professional can produce.
- ▶ Produce complex documents such as ones with mathematics, flowcharts, programs etc. Example

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Explanation

- ▶ $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ sizes superscripts and subscripts, radicals, brackets and many other things.
- ▶ Automatically classifies each mathematical symbol and sets them with appropriate amounts of surrounding space.

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- ▶ It is in wide use, with a long history.
- ▶ It has been tested by millions of users, on demanding input.
- ▶ “Stable” means that it will continue to work, forever.

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Explanation

- ▶ T_EX is extendible, so that innovations can be added on.
- ▶ Thousands of “style files” can be created and adapted to the demanding needs.

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- ▶ T_EX's source files are portable to any computing platform.
- ▶ There are even ways to run TEX directly from XML input, which many people think is the standard input format of the future

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- ▶ T_EX's outputting step is separate from its typesetting.
- ▶ T_EX engine's results can be converted to a printer language such as PostScript or to PDF or HTML, or, probably, to whatever will appear in the future.

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- ▶ Mac
- ▶ Variety of Unix

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Explanation

- ▶ Most scientists, especially academic scientists, know \TeX .
- ▶ Research preprints, drafts of textbooks, and conference proceedings, all are regularly produced with \TeX .
- ▶ \TeX is used by many people outside of the sciences also.

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Installing of \LaTeX

Latex installation is done in two stages

1. **MikTeX**: the library/packages which are Tex files needed for typesetting
2. **TexStudio**: Editor software for editing latex document

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Installing on Windows ¹

1. Visit

<http://mirror.ctan.org/systems/windows/protext/>
and click on the protext.zip file to download it.

Index of /tex-archive/systems/windows/protext/

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This is the proTeXt installer, and it's quite large (~1 GB), so be prepared to wait a bit while it downloads.

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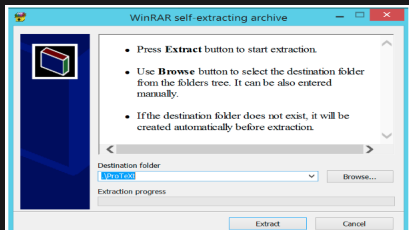


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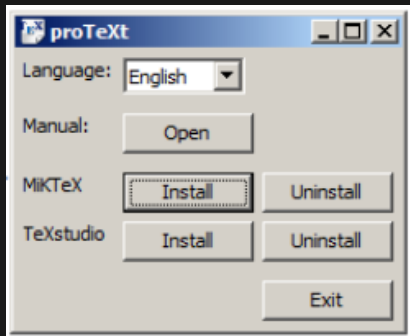
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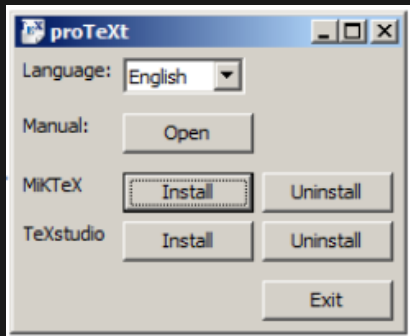
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17. Click through the installer, leaving all the defaults.
18. Click Finish when the installer is complete.

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