An Interactive Introduction to LaTeX

Part 2: Structured Documents & More

Outline

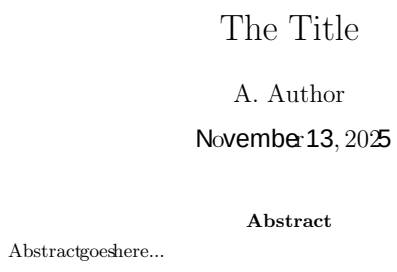
Structured Documents

- In Part 1, we learned about commands and environments for typesetting text and mathematics.
- Now, we'll learn about commands and environments for structuring documents.
- Let's get started!

Title and Abstract

- Tell LaTeX the `\title` and `\author` names in the preamble.
- Then use `\maketitle` in the document to actually create the title.
- Use the `abstract` environment to make an abstract.

```
\documentclass{article}

\title{The Title}

\author{A. Author}

\date{\today}

\begin{document}
\maketitle

\begin{abstract}
Abstract goes here...
\end{abstract}

\end{document}
```



Sections

- Just use `\section` and `\subsection`.
- Can you guess what `\section*` and `\subsection*` do?

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}

\section{Introduction}

The problem of \ldots

\section{Method}

We investigate \ldots

\subsection{Sample Preparation}

\subsection{Data Collection}

\section{Results}

\section{Conclusion}

\end{document}
```

1 Introduction

The problem of . . .

2 Method

We investigate . . .

2.1 Sample Preparation

2.2 Data Collection

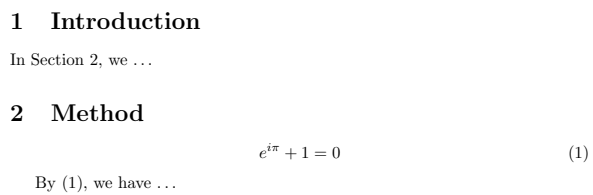
3 Results

4 Conclusion

Labels and Cross-References

- Use `\label` and `\ref` for automatic numbering.
- The `amsmath` package provides `\eqref` for referencing equations.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{amsmath} % for \eqref
\begin{document}

\section{Introduction}
\label{sec:intro}

In Section \ref{sec:method}, we \ldots

\section{Method}
\label{sec:method}

\begin{equation}
\label{eq:euler}
e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0
\end{equation}

By \eqref{eq:euler}, we have \ldots

\end{document}
```



1 Introduction

In Section 2, we …

2 Method

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

By (1), we have …

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Graphics

- Requires the `graphicx` package, which provides the `\includegraphics` command.
- Supported graphics formats include JPEG, PNG and PDF (usually).

```
\includegraphics[
  width=0.5\textwidth]{gerbil}

\includegraphics[
  width=0.3\textwidth,
  angle=270]{gerbil}
```

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Interlude: Optional Arguments

- We use square brackets [ ] for optional arguments, instead of braces { }.
- `\includegraphics` accepts optional arguments that allow you to transform the image when it is included. For example, `width=0.3\textwidth` makes the image take up 30% of the width of the surrounding text (`\textwidth`).
- `\documentclass` accepts optional arguments, too. Example:

  ```
  \documentclass[12pt,twocolumn]{article}
  ```

  makes the text bigger (12pt) and puts it into two columns.
- Where do you find out about these? See the slides at the end of this presentation for links to more information.

Floats

- Allow LaTeX to decide where the figure will go (it can "float").
- You can also give the figure a caption, which can be referenced with `\ref`.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\begin{document}

Figure \ref{fig:gerbil} shows \ldots

\begin{figure}
\centering
\includegraphics[%
  width=0.5\textwidth]{gerbil}
\caption{\label{fig:gerbil}Aww\ldots.}
\end{figure}

\end{document}
```

Figure 1: Aww....

Figure 1 shows ...

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Tables

- Tables in LaTeX take some getting used to.
- Use the `tabular` environment from the `tabularx` package.
- The argument specifies column alignment — **l**eft, **r**ight, **r**ight.

```
\begin{tabular}{lrr}
Item   & Qty & Unit \$ \\
Widget & 1   & 199.99  \\
Gadget & 2   & 399.99  \\
Cable  & 3   & 19.99   \\
\end{tabular}
```

Item	Qty	Unit $
Widget	1	199.99
Gadget	2	399.99
Cable	3	19.99

- It also specifies vertical lines; use `\hline` for horizontal lines.

```
\begin{tabular}{|l|r|r|} \hline
Item   & Qty & Unit \$ \\\hline
Widget & 1   & 199.99  \\
Gadget & 2   & 399.99  \\
Cable  & 3   & 19.99   \\\hline
\end{tabular}
```

Item	Qty	Unit $
Widget	1	199.99
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Cable	3	19.99

- Use an ampersand [&] to separate columns and a double backslash [\] [\] to start a new row (like in the `align*` environment that we saw in part 1).

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bibTeX 1

- Put your references in a `.bib` file in 'bibtex' database format:

```
@Article{Jacobson1999Towards,
  author = {Van Jacobson},
  title = {Towards the Analysis of Massive Multiplayer Online
           Role-Playing Games},
  journal = {Journal of Ubiquitous Information},
  Month = jun,
  Year = 1999,
  Volume = 6,
  Pages = {75--83}}

@InProceedings{Brooks1997Methodology,
  author = {Fredrick P. Brooks and John Kubiatowicz and
            Christos Papadimitriou},
  title = {A Methodology for the Study of the
           Location-Identity Split},
  booktitle = {Proceedings of OOPSLA},
  Month = jun,
  Year = 1997}
```

- Most reference managers can export to bibtex format.

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- Each entry in the `.bib` file has a *key* that you can use to reference it in the document. For example, `Jacobson1999Towards` is the key for this article:

```
@Article{Jacobson1999Towards,
  author = {Van Jacobson},
  ...
}
```

- It's a good idea to use a key based on the name, year and title.
- LaTeX can automatically format your in-text citations and generate a list of references; it knows most standard styles, and you can design your own.

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- Use the `natbib` package[2] with `\citet` and `\citep`.
- Reference `\bibliography` at the end, and specify a `\bibliographystyle`.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{natbib}
\begin{document}

\citet{Brooks1997Methodology}
show that \ldots. Clearly,
all odd numbers are prime
\citep{Jacobson1999Towards}.

\bibliography{bib-example}
% if `bib-example' is the name of
% your bib file

\bibliographystyle{plainnat}
% try changing to abbrvnat

\end{document}
```

Brooks et al. [1997] show that .... Clearly, all odd numbers are pri
[Jacobson, 1999].

References

Fredrick P. Brooks, John Kubiatowicz, and Christos Papadimitriou. A meth
ology for the study of the location-identity split. In *Proceedings of OOPSI*
June 1997.

Van Jacobson. Towards the analysis of massive multiplayer online role-playi
games. *Journal of Ubiquitous Information*, 6:75–83, June 1999.

[2] There is a new package with more features named `biblatex` but most of the articles templates still use `natbib`.

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More Neat Things

- Add the `\tableofcontents` command to generate a table of contents from the `\section` commands.
- Change the `\documentclass` to

  `\documentclass{scrartcl}`

  or

  `\documentclass[12pt]{IEEEtran}`
- Define your own command for a complicated equation:

```
\newcommand{\rperf}{%
  \rho_{\text{perf}}}
$$
\rperf = {\bf c}'{\bf X} + \varepsilon
$$
```

$$\rho_{\text{perf}} = \mathbf{c}'\mathbf{X} + \varepsilon$$

More Neat Packages

- `beamer`: for presentations (like this one!)
- `todonotes`: comments and TODO management
- `tikz`: make amazing graphics
- `pgfplots`: create graphs in LaTeX
- `listings`: source code printer for LaTeX
- `spreadtab`: create spreadsheets in LaTeX
- `gchords`, `guitar`: guitar chords and tabulature
- `cwpuzzle`: crossword puzzles

See `https://www.overleaf.com/latex/examples` and `http://texample.net` for examples of (most of) these packages.

Installing LaTeX

- To run LaTeX on your own computer, you'll want to use a LaTeX *distribution*. A distribution includes a `latex` program and (typically) several thousand packages.
  - On Windows: MikTeX or TeXLive
  - On Linux: TeXLive
  - On Mac: MacTeX
- You'll also want a text editor with LaTeX support. See `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_TeX_editors` for a list of (many) options.
- You'll also have to know more about how `latex` and its related tools work — see the resources on the next slide.

Online Resources

- The Overleaf Learn Wiki — hosts these slides, more tutorials and reference material
- The LaTeX Wikibook — excellent tutorials and reference material.
- TeX Stack Exchange — ask questions and get excellent answers incredibly quickly
- LaTeX Community — a large online forum
- Comprehensive TeX Archive Network (CTAN) — over four thousand packages plus documentation
- Google will usually get you to one of the above.

Thanks, and happy TEXing!