

# The cleanthesis Package

A Clean LaTeX Style for Thesis Documents

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 About cleanthesis

### 1.2 Donation

If you like the *Clean Thesis* style, or you have used it for one of your own documents successfully there are (at least) three different but pretty easy ways of saying thank you.

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<sup>1</sup><https://github.com/derric/cleanthesis/issues>

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This work has the LPPL maintenance status ‘maintained’.

The Current Maintainer of this work is R. Langner.

This work consists of all files listed in MANIFEST.md.

### 1.4 Feedback

### 1.5 Acknowledgments

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### 1.6 Prerequisites

The following section gives an overview of all resources required by this package.

#### 1.6.1 Requirements

## 2 User Guide

### 2.1 Package Options

All package options are given in  $\langle key \rangle = \langle value \rangle$  notation. The value `true` can be omitted for all boolean keys, e.g., `hangsection` without a value is equivalent to `hangsection=true`.

All of the following options must be used as `cthesis` is loaded, i. e., in the optional argument to `\usepackage`.

`hangfigurecaption=true, false` default: false

Sets whether to use a hanging figure label (similar to headlines, placed in page margin) or not.

`hangsection=true, false` default: true

Sets whether to use a hanging section label (placed in page margin) or not.

`hangsubsection=true, false` default: true

Sets whether to use a hanging sub-section label (placed in page margin) or not.

`sansserif=true, false` default: false

Sets whether to use a sans serif font or not.

`configurelistings=true, false` default: false

Sets whether to use the package listings and to configure the visual appearance of `lstlisting` environments.

`figuresep=none,colon,period,space,quad,endash` default: endash

This option can be used to define a different label separator for citations of figures. The following value are allowed:

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| <code>none</code>   | Inserts no character in between.             |
| <code>colon</code>  | Inserts a colon (:) in between.              |
| <code>period</code> | Inserts a period (.) in between.             |
| <code>space</code>  | Inserts a single space character in between. |
| <code>quad</code>   | Inserts a <code>\quad</code> in between.     |
| <code>endash</code> | Inserts an en dash (–) in between.           |

`colorize=full,reduced,bw` default: full

This option can be used to define a color mode, i.e., what elements or parts of the document should be colored. This allows you to reduce costs, if you need to print the document. The following values are allowed:

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| <code>full</code> | In this mode, almost every page uses some color, because the thin line besides the page number (footer) is colored. The following elements are colored as well: title of the document (title page), number of the chapter on the chapter page, name of the chapter in the footer, section and sub-section headlines, and figure labels. |
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`reduced` This mode reduces the use of colors to reasonable level. Footers are totally free of colors. Only the title page, chapter pages, section headlines, and figure labels are colored.

`bw` This mode completely eliminates all colors of the document style—every element is black or gray. If you do not use colored images either, the document is completely achromatic.

`colortheme=bluemagenta,bluegreen` default: `bluemagenta`

This option can be used, to switch between different color presets. These presets are used to colorize, e.g., headlines, footnotes, or chapter numbers. This option has a reduced or no effect depending on the package option `colorize` (see above). The following values are allowed:

`bluemagenta` Headlines and titles use a blue color, figure labels use magenta.

`bluegreen` Headlines and titles use a blue color, figure labels use green.

`quotesstyle=csquotes style options` default: `english`

Sets the quote style. This is a direct interface to the corresponding style option of the `csquotes` package. For further information please check out the `csquotes` documentation <https://www.ctan.org/pkg/csquotes>. The default is `english`. For individual settings, for instance German quotes, you can use `quotesstyle=german`.

### 2.1.1 Setup Your Bibliography

`configurebiblatex=true, false` default: `false`

Sets whether to use and configure the package `biblatex` within the template.

If this option is set to `false`, you can setup your bibliography environment by yourself depending on your individual needs or requirements. In this case, you have to include something like `\usepackage{biblatex}` and `\bibliography{bib-refs}` in your preamble (i.e., before the `\begin{document}` statement).

`bibsys=biber,bibtex` default: `bibtex`

Sets whether to use `biber` or `bibtex` as citation management tool (engine). The default (still) is `bibtex`.

"Biber [is] a BibTeX replacement for users of BibLaTeX", see <http://biblatex-biber.sourceforge.net/>.

`bibfile=file name of your bibtex file` default: `bib-refs`

Sets the file name of the `bibtex` file used for the bibliography. If this option is not used (defined), the package looks for the default bibliography `bib-refs.bib`.

`bibstyle=biblatex` style options

default: `alphabetic`

Sets the bibliography style. This is a direct interface to the corresponding style option of the biblatex package. For further information please check out the biblatex documentation <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/biblatex>. The default is `alphabetic`. Two popular options are:

`alphabetic` (default) Prints labels similar to the traditional BibTeX style `alpha.bst`, for instance `[Lan+15]` or `[LHD17]`

`numeric` Uses numeric labels, such as `[1]` or `[37]`

However, you can also pass non-standard options to make use of other bibliography packages for biblatex. For example, by setting the option `style=ieee` or `style=ieee-alphabetic` you can use the biblatex-ieee package (see <https://ctan.org/pkg/biblatex-ieee>).

`bibsorting=biblatex` sorting options

default: `nty`

Sets the sorting order of the bibliography. This is a direct interface to the corresponding option of the biblatex package. For further information please check out the biblatex documentation <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/biblatex>. The default is `nty`. Some popular options include:

`nty` (default) Sort by name, title, year

`nyt` Sort by name, year, title

`none` No sorting at all, entries are processed in the order of their citation