

Typeset Code Listings and Emulate Console Screenshots with L^AT_EX Beautifully

<https://github.com/xziyue/latex-beautiful-listings-screenshot>

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1 Quick Start Guide

1. Download `customlisting.sty` and place it in your project folder.
2. Load the package with `\usepackage{customlisting}`.
3. If you are using pdf \LaTeX , make sure to include `\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}` in the preamble. Otherwise, symbols like `~` may not be displayed correctly.

This package provides the following environments:

- `tcbconsole`, `tcbconsole*`
- `tcbcode`, `tcbcode*`
- `tcbverbatim`, `tcbverbatim*`

This package also provides the following commands:

- `tcbinputcode`, `tcbinputcode*`
- `tcbinputverbatim`, `tcbinputverbatim*`

The starred environments/commands offer *unbreakable* listing boxes; while normal ones are *breakable*.

2 Typeset Source Code Listings

- Typeset source code inside \TeX files

```
1 \begin{tcbcode}{cpp}
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 int main(){
6     cout<<"Hello World\n";
7     return 0;
8 }
9 \end{tcbcode}
```

Code

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6     return 0;
7 }
```

- Typeset source code from external source files

```
1 \tcbinputcode*{cpp}{../res/example.cpp}
```

Code

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3
4 int main(){
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```

- Inline source code

```
1 \cinline|printf("%s", "some text");|
2 \pyinline|map(lambda x:x, [1, 2])|
3 \rawinline|raw value|
```

```
printf("%s", "some text"); map(lambda x:x, [1, 2]) raw value
```

- Declare inline macros for other languages

```
1 \newmintinline[rubyinline]{ruby}{frame=None, fontsize=\fontsize{10}{10}}
2 \rubyinline|puts 'Hello, world!'|
```

```
puts 'Hello, world!'
```

3 Typeset Generic Verbatims

- Typeset generic verbatims inside $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ files

```
1 \begin{tcbverbatim}
2
3 \begin{tcbverbatim}
4 \begin{tcbverbatim}
5 \begin{tcbverbatim}
6 \begin{tcbverbatim}
7 \begin{tcbverbatim}
8 \end{tcbverbatim}
9 \end{tcbverbatim}
10 \end{tcbverbatim}
```

Verbatim

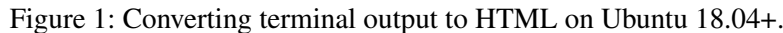
```
\begin{tcbverbatim}
\begin{tcbverbatim}
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\begin{tcbverbatim}
\begin{tcbverbatim}
\begin{tcbverbatim}
\end{tcbverbatim}
\end{tcbverbatim}
\end{tcbverbatim}
```

- Typeset generic verbatims from external files

```
1 \tcbinputverbatim*{../res/wireshark.txt}
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
118	0.159070602	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:805::2004	TCP	86	42136> 443 [ACK] Seq=936 Ack=52751 Len=2933 Len=0 TSval=2838670553 TSrec=302725484
119	0.1751097	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.100	DNS	140	Standard query response 0x82c1 10mcs.gaticac.com CNAME gaticacdd11.google.com A 172.217.1.35 OPT
120	0.178039905	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.100	DNS	152	Standard query response 0x0ec8 AAAA 10mcs.gaticac.com CNAME gaticacdd11.google.com AAAA 2607:f8b0:4009:802::2003 OPT
121	0.178444739	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:802::2003	TCP	94	39596> 443 [SYN] Seq=1 Win=64800 Len=0 MSS=1440 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=401672760 TSrec=17503285
122	0.180362313	2607:f8b0:4009:805::2004	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	TCP	86	443> 42188 [ACK] Seq=1883 Ack=1337 Win=68096 Len=0 TSval=319629076 TSrec=2838670536
123	0.185824541	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	TCP	86	443> 53154 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=591 Win=66816 Len=0 TSval=116139481 TSrec=356743249
124	0.187455681	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	TLSv1.3	298	Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data
125	0.187460041	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	TCP	86	53154> 443 [ACK] Seq=591 Ack=213 Win=64768 Len=0 TSval=356743285 TSrec=116139481
126	0.187881668	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	TLSv1.3	150	Change Cipher Spec, Application Data
127	0.187915438	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	TLSv1.3	172	Application Data
128	0.188000758	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	TLSv1.3	323	Application Data
129	0.188267054	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:806::2003	TLSv1.3	649	Application Data
130	0.194787466	2607:f8b0:4009:805::2004	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	TCP	86	443> 42136 [ACK] Seq=52751 Ack=936 Win=609 Len=0 TSval=302725520 TSrec=2838670548
131	0.211610817	2607:f8b0:4009:802::2003	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	TCP	94	443> 39596 [SYN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1360 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3015134314 TSrec=4016727607
132	0.211641489	2604:6000:1419:404a::6	2607:f8b0:4009:802::2003	TCP	86	39596> 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64896 Len=0 TSval=4016727640 TSrec=3015134314

Typesetting console screenshots is a bit trickier. By far, it can be done most conveniently on Ubuntu 18.04+. The key is to convert ANSI color codes used by the console into HTML. As it is shown in Figure 1, on Ubuntu 18.04+, this can be done simply by selecting the desired region, right click and select “Copy as HTML”. On other platforms, this should be also doable by dumping the terminal output to a file and using a conversion tool such as `ansi2html`.



1. Have a way of converting terminal output to HTML.
2. Be able to run the `html2latex` L^AT_EX Python script. Currently, the script is dependent on wxPython, TexSoup, colour and PyLaTeX. Please note that this software is very primitive and does not support many HTML features.

```
1 \input{../res/console-dev.txt}
```

Terminal

```
ashmem      loop17      psaux       tty30       ttyS2
autofs      loop18      ptmx        tty31       ttyS20
binder      loop19      ptp0        tty32       ttyS21
block       loop2       pts         tty33       ttyS22
bsg         loop20      random      tty34       ttyS23
btrfs-control loop21      rkill       tty35       ttyS24
bus         loop22
```

HTML2LaTeX

```
style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>tty33</b></font></span> <span
style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>ttyS22</b></font></span>
<font color="#729FCF"><b>bsg</b></font> <span style="background-color:#2E3436"><font
color="#FCE94F"><b>loop20</b></font></span> <span style="background-color:#2E3436"><font
color="#FCE94F"><b>random</b></font></span> <span style="background-color:#2E3436"><font
color="#FCE94F"><b>tty23</b></font></span>
<span style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>btrfs-control</b></font></span> <span
style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>loop21</b></font></span> <span
style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>rkill</b></font></span> <span
style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>tty35</b></font></span> <span
style="background-color:#2E3436"><font color="#FCE94F"><b>ttyS24</b></font></span>
<font color="#729FCF"><b>bus</b></font> <span style="background-color:#2E3436"><font
color="#FCE94F"><b>loop22</b></font></span></pre>

{
\definecolor{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{HTML}{2E3436}
\definecolor{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{HTML}{FCE94F}
\definecolor{xxxhtmlcolorNIPFCF}{HTML}{729FCF}
\setlength{\fboxsep}{0pt}
\begin{tcbconsole}
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries ashmem}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries loop17}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries psaux}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries tty30}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries ttyS2}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries autofs}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries loop18}}})*)
%*\smash{\colorbox{xxxhtmlcolorIEJKJM}{\color{xxxhtmlcolorFCEPKF}{\bfseries ptmx}}})*)

```

☐ XeLaTeX ☐ Use Hex Char Code

Figure 2: Using html2latex to convert HTML to L^AT_EX.

Other classic command-line tools, such as emacs, are supported as well.

```
1 \input{../res/console-emacs.txt}
```

Terminal

File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help

Emacs tutorial. See end for copying conditions.

Emacs commands generally involve the CONTROL key (sometimes labeled CTRL or CTL) or the META key (sometimes labeled EDIT or ALT). Rather than write that in full each time, we'll use the following abbreviations:

C-<chr> means hold the CONTROL key while typing the character <chr>
Thus, C-f would be: hold the CONTROL key and type f.
M-<chr> means hold the META or EDIT or ALT key down while typing <chr>.
If there is no META, EDIT or ALT key, instead press and release the ESC key and then type <chr>. We write <ESC> for the ESC key.

Important note: to end the Emacs session, type C-x C-c. (Two characters.)

To quit a partially entered command, type C-g.

The characters ">>" at the left margin indicate directions for you to

try using a command. For instance:

```
>> Now type C-v (View next screen) to move to the next screen.  
    (go ahead, do it by holding down the CONTROL key while typing v).  
    From now on, you should do this again whenever you finish  
    reading the screen.
```

```
-UU-:----F1 TUTORIAL Top L1 (Fundamental) -----
```

4.1 Unicode Support

Very frequently, the terminal output contains Unicode characters. For \TeX distribution that supports Unicode input natively (e.g. \XeLaTeX , \LuaLaTeX), this should not be a problem. Just remember to tick the “XeLaTeX” check box in `html2latex`.

As for the most commonly used \pdfLaTeX , special treatment is needed. The solution is to use the `\unichar` command provided by loading `\usepackage[utf8x]{inputenc}`. Therefore, if you are using \pdfLaTeX and there is Unicode character inside the terminal output, you should do the following:

1. Make sure to include `\usepackage[utf8x]{inputenc}` in your preamble.
2. Put `customlisting-unicode.sty` into your project folder and load it with `\usepackage{customlisting-unicode}`.
3. In `html2latex`, make sure “XeLaTeX” is unchecked.

A \pdfLaTeX example is shown as below.

```
1 \input{../res/console-unicode.txt}
```

Terminal

```
(base) user@machine:~/latex_typeset_listings/res$ cat unicode-test.txt  
Basic Latin  
! " # $ % & ' ( ) * +  
Latin-1 Supplement  
  i ç £ ¤ ¥ ¦ § ¨ © º  
Latin Extended-A  
Ā ā Ă ă Ć ć Ĉ ĉ
```

However, keep in mind that **this Unicode support is extremely limited**: many characters are simply unavailable in \pdfLaTeX . Many packages are not compatible with `\usepackage[utf8x]{inputenc}`. One most notable example is `biblatex`. Therefore, for better Unicode support, one should use \XeLaTeX or \LuaLaTeX .

5 Add Captions

To support captions, one needs to load the `caption` package in the preamble and add some related definitions.

```

1 \usepackage{caption}
2
3 \newenvironment{mylisting}{\medskip\captionsetup{type=listing, labelsep=space}}{\medskip}
4 \DeclareCaptionType{lstcap}[Listing][List of Code Listings]

```

This allows one to add caption to code listings with the following code. The “List of Code Listings” can be generated with `\listoflstcaps`.

```

1 \begin{mylisting}
2 \begin{tcbcode*}{julia}
3 function quadratic2(a::Float64, b::Float64, c::Float64)
4     # unlike other languages 2a is equivalent to 2*a
5     # a^2 is used instead of a**2 or pow(a,2)
6     sqr_term = sqrt(b^2-4a*c)
7     r1 = quadratic(a, sqr_term, b)
8     r2 = quadratic(a, -sqr_term, b)
9     # multiple values can be returned from a function using tuples
10    # if the return keyword is omitted, the last term is returned
11    r1, r2
12 end
13 \end{tcbcode*}
14 \end{mylisting}
15 \listoflstcaps

```

Code

```

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10 end

```

Listing 1: Some random Julia function.

List of Code Listings

1	Some random Julia function.	6
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