

Introduction to L^AT_EX

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Introduction: What is L^AT_EX?

- Pronounced either “Lay-tech” or “Lah-tech”
- Portable document formatting system based on T_EX(pronounced “tech”), a typesetting language originally designed especially for math and science.
- A programming language, which means you can create your own commands to simplify and customize it.

Introduction: How L^AT_EX Works

- You create a file using a plain text editor.
 - Type the text of your document.
 - Type the commands to format it.
 - Type the commands to insert figures, tables, lists, and more.
- Provide additional files, such as your bibliography list, if you want to create a reference list.
- Compile your text to create a pdf file for viewing or printing.

Introduction: Why Use L^AT_EX?

- Your document will look good.
 - Better hyphenation
 - Optimized justification
 - Figures where you want them
- Content and form are separated; L^AT_EX gives you an opportunity to focus on content.
- Writing in mathematics is easy in L^AT_EX.
- Inserting figure/table legends has never been this easy!
- Citing figures/tables is effortless.
- Adding a bibliography is quick & easy.
- You can open/write your code in any text editor.

Introduction: Why *Not* to Use L^AT_EX?

- L^AT_EX is **not** WYSIWYG -*what you see is what you get.*
- L^AT_EX could be time-consuming.
- There is a lot of guess-and-check in L^AT_EX.
 - Learn by practicing hands-on.
 - Find answers by searching the internet or contacting GradQuant.
- L^AT_EX is not the best option for more graphic-heavy documents.

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Editors & Compilers

- To install in your machine:
 - Visit <https://www.latex-project.org/get/>

TeX Distributions

If you're new to TeX and LaTeX or just want an easy installation, get a full TeX distribution. The TeX Users Group (TUG) has a [list of notable distributions](#) that are entirely, or least primarily, free software.



Linux

Check your Linux distributions software source for a TeX distribution including LaTeX. You can also install the current [TeX Live distribution](#) directly—in fact this may be advisable as many Linux distributions only contain older versions of TeX Live, see [Linux TeX Live package status](#) for details.



Mac OS

The [MacTeX](#) distribution contains everything you need, including a complete TeX system with LaTeX itself and editors to write documents.



Windows

Check out the [MiKTeX](#) or [proTeXt](#) or [TeX Live](#) distributions; they contain a complete TeX system with LaTeX itself and editors to write documents.



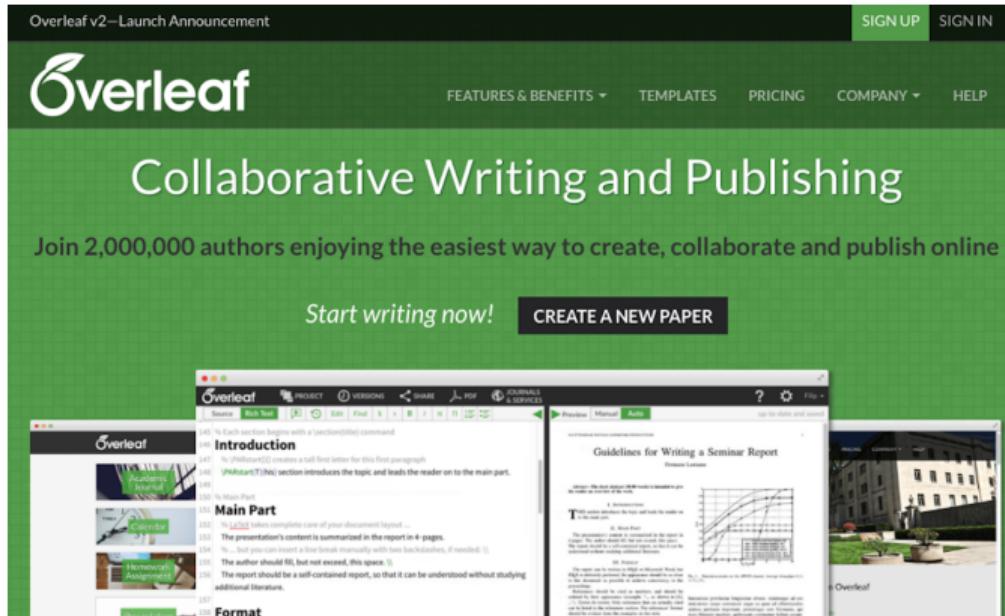
Online

LaTeX online services like [Papeeria](#), [Overleaf](#), [ShareLaTeX](#), [Datazar](#), and [LaTeX base](#) offer the ability to edit, view and download LaTeX files and resulting PDFs.

Editors & Compilers

- In the cloud:

- Overleaf: <https://www.overleaf.com>



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L^AT_EX Document Components

- Document Layout
- Document Class
- Packages
- Commands
- Environments
- Comments

Document Layout

The diagram illustrates the structure of a LaTeX document. On the left, red line numbers from 1 to 20 are listed vertically. A red arrow points from the text "Line numbers" to the first few line numbers. To the right, a large red bracket groups the lines into two main sections: "Preamble" (lines 1-9) and "Document body" (lines 11-20). The Preamble section includes the document class, package imports, title, author, and date. The Document body section begins with the document environment, followed by a title page, and two sections: Introduction and Conclusion.

```
1 \documentclass[a4paper,11pt]{article}
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3 \usepackage{amsmath}
4 \usepackage{graphicx}
5
6
7 \title{Sample Document}
8 \author{Kathryn Janeway}
9 \date{September 2018}
10
11 \begin{document}
12
13 \maketitle
14
15 \section{Introduction}
16 Your document starts here.
17
18 \section{Conclusion}
19 Your conclusions go here.
20 \end{document}
```

Line numbers

Preamble

Document body

Sample Document

Kathryn Janeway

September 2018

1 Introduction

Your document starts here.

2 Conclusion

Your conclusions go here.

Document Class

- Entered in the preamble of the document.
- Denotes which document layout standard to use.

```
\documentclass[11pt,twoside,a4paper]{article}
```

- Article, report (for multi-chapter documents), book, beamer (for presentations) entered in curly brackets.
- Document class options listed in square brackets.

Packages

- Entered in the preamble of the document.
- Provide sets of commands or affect the appearance of the output document.

```
1 \documentclass[12pt]{article}
2 \usepackage{amsmath}%for writing math symbols
3 \usepackage{textgreek}%for writing Greek letters
4 \usepackage{setspace}%for setting space between lines
5 \usepackage{gensymb}%for generic symbols
6 \usepackage{textcomp}
7 \usepackage{graphicx}%for inserting images
8 \graphicspath{ {Images/} }%for defining a path for image files
9 \usepackage{listings}
10 \usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
11 \usepackage[version=4]{mhchem}%always include version.
12 \usepackage[margin=1in]{geometry}%to setup page layout, paper size, margins, etc.
```

Commands

- Entered throughout the document.
- Provide markup.
- Start with a backslash.
- Some commands take arguments, which are enclosed in curly brackets:

```
\usepackage{packagename}  
\textbf{this text will be bold}
```

```
\begin{itemize}  
  \item Star Trek TNG  
  \item Star Trek DS9  
  \item Star Trek Voyager  
\end{itemize}  
  
\titlepage  
\author{Jane Doe}  
\date{\today}  
  
\newpage  
\textbf{Banana}  
\textit{Apple}  
\section{Methods}  
\subsection{Genotyping}  
\cite{Lamport86}  
\includegraphics{A.png}}
```

Environments

- Receive special processing based on the characteristics of the environment.
- Defined by *begin* and *end* commands:

```
\begin{environment name}  
...  
\end{environment name}
```

```
\begin{itemize}  
  \item Star Trek TNG  
  \item Star Trek DS9  
  \item Star Trek Voyager  
\end{itemize}
```

```
\begin{figure}  
  \centering  
  \includegraphics[]  
  \caption{Caption}  
  \label{fig:my_label}  
\end{figure}
```

Comments

- Preceded by a % sign.
- Does not appear in the final document.

```
45 \subsection{Western blot analysis}
46 DRG were dissected from E13.5 embryos. Total DRG lysates were prepared
in 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.4), 150 mM NaCl, 2% SDS, and 5% glycerol
supplemented with the Halt protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail
(Thermo Scientific). The following primary antibodies were used: Nf2
(Sigma, HPA003097; rabbit, 1:1,000) and GAPDH (Sigma, G8795, mouse;
1:10,000).
47 %I will add information for more antibodies in this paragraphs: Tuj1,
TrkB, TrkA, and TrkC.
```

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L^AT_EX Formatting

- Document Components
- Backslash Operator in L^AT_EX
- Creating Chapters, Sections, and Subsections
- Numbered Lists
- Bulleted Lists
- Writing Mathematical Equations
- Inserting Figures
- Inserting Tables
- Adding a Table of Contents

Document Components

Main source file:

- .tex file (source code)*

Formatting files:

- .cls file (document class file)
- .clo file (class option file)
- .sty file (style file)
- .bst file (BibTeX style file)
- .bib file (BibTeX file)*
- .lof (list of figures file)

⇒ * *the only document components you should edit*

Backslash Operator in L^AT_EX

- Commands

`\section{}, \cite{}, \ref{}, \label{}, \begin{}, \end{}`

- Formatting

`\textit{} (italic), \textbf{} (bold), \\ (new line)`

- Special characters and math

`\sigma, \Phi, \frac{}{}, \sum_{}^{}{}`

- Display reserved characters

`\#, \$, ^, %, &, {, }`

Creating Chapters, Sections, and Subsections

```
\section{Section name}
  \subsection{Subsection name}
    \subsubsection{Subsubsection name}
```

1 Section name

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1.1 Subsection name

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  \subsection*{Subsection name}
    \subsubsection*{Subsubsection name}
```

Section name

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Numbered Lists

NASA missions to explore Mars:

```
\begin{enumerate}
    \item Mariner program
    \item Mars Exploration Rovers
    \item Mars Pathfinder
    \item Mars Polar Lander
    \item Mars Science Laboratory (MSL)
    \item Mars Scout program
    \item Viking program
\end{enumerate}
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Writing Mathematical Equations

L^AT_EX has several modes for writing and formatting mathematical equations. When in a math mode, L^AT_EX follows different rules:

- All letters are set in the math italic font.
- Special mathematical symbols are printed easily.
- All spaces in the input are ignored.

Writing Math: In-Line Equations

The simplest mode in which you can write mathematical equations is **in-line math**. The formulas are about the same size as the text they are in. To use it, we enter:

```
$ math expression $
```

Example:

```
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Writing Math: Displayed Equations

Displayed equations appear in a separate line of text and are automatically numbered. To enter them, we use *amsmath* package in the L^AT_EX document:

```
\usepackage{amsmath}
```

Then, we use the equation environment to enter the equation.

Example:

```
\begin{equation}
\frac{a^2-b^2}{a+b}=a-b
\end{equation}
```

produces:

$$\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a + b} = a - b \quad (1)$$

Writing Math: Displayed Equations

Example:

```
\begin{equation}
\int \frac{d\theta}{1+\theta^2} = \tan^{-1}\theta + C
\end{equation}
```

produces:

$$\int \frac{d\theta}{1+\theta^2} = \tan^{-1}\theta + C \quad (2)$$

Writing Math: Displayed Equations

Example:

```
\begin{equation}
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = 1
\end{equation}
```

produces:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = 1 \tag{3}$$

Writing Math: Displayed Equations

Example:

```
\begin{equation}
\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)
\end{equation}
```

produces:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \tag{4}$$

Inserting Figures

In the preamble...

- Use graphicx package:

```
\usepackage{graphics}
```

- Define a path for your image files:

```
\graphicSPATH { {Folder name/} }
```

```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3 \usepackage{amsmath}% to enter mathematical formulas
4 \usepackage{graphicx}
5 \graphicSPATH{ {Images/} }
```

Inserting Figures

```
\begin{figure}[h]
    \centering
    \includegraphics[height=2cm]{GHalloween.jpg}
        \caption{Google Halloween Doodle.}
        \label{fig:GHalloween}
    \vspace{1cm}
    \includegraphics[height=2cm]{GThanksgiving.jpg}
        \caption{Google Thanksgiving Doodle.}
        \label{GThanksgiving}
\end{figure}
```

Inserting Figures



Figure 1: Google Halloween Doodle.



Figure 2: Google Thanksgiving Doodle.

Inserting Figures

The 2010 Halloween doodle (Figure \ref{fig:GHalloween}) featured the mystery-solving team in a short 5-panel doodle working to solve the mystery of the missing Google logo.

```
\begin{figure}[h]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[height=2cm]{GHalloween.jpg}
  \caption{Google Halloween Doodle.}
  \label{fig:GHalloween}
\end{figure}
```

Inserting Figures

The 2010 Halloween doodle (Figure 4) featured the mystery-solving team in a short 5-panel doodle working to solve the mystery of the missing Google logo.



Figure 4: Google Halloween Doodle.

Inserting Tables

On this page, you can see the first table in this document (`\ref{samptable}`)

```
\begin{table}[h]
\centering
\begin{tabular}{ c | c | c }\hline
\textbf{Column1} & \textbf{Column2} & \textbf{Column3} \\ \hline
cell1 & cell2 & cell3 \\ \hline
cell4 & cell5 & cell6 \\ \hline
cell7 & cell8 & cell9 \\ \hline
\end{tabular}
\caption{Sample Table}
\label{samptable}
\end{table}
```

Inserting Tables

On this page, you can see the first table in this document (Table 3).

Column1	Column2	Column3
cell1	cell2	cell3
cell4	cell5	cell6
cell7	cell8	cell9

Table 3: Sample Table

Adding a Table of Contents

```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3
4 \title{Spring 2018 Workshop}
5 \author{Yelda Serin}
6 \date{April 19, 2018}
7
8 \begin{document}
9
10 \maketitle
11 \newpage
12
13 \tableofcontents
14 \newpage
15
16 \section{Introduction}
17 As a sample text, we will use the first paragraph
\textbf{Star Trek} is an American media franchise
```

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- L^AT_EX handouts, guides, package documents, etc:
<http://gradquant.ucr.edu/resources/programming-and-databases/>
- UCR dissertation template in L^AT_EX:
<https://graduate.ucr.edu/filing-resources>

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