

Unlocking the Power of LATEX An Introduction Workshop

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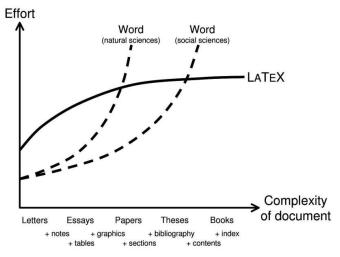


Figure: MS Word vs LATEX



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 - Environments: used to divide the text into neat blocks of content
 - called using \begin{<environment>} and \end{<environment>}



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- For each item discussed today:
 - create a new name.tex file for each
 - call it using \subfile{<name>}
 - separate each using \newpage or \newline



Try for yourself

Outline the remainder of your document by creating a subfile for each of the following topics (add \usepackage{subfiles})

- Writing text
- Inserting images
- Tables
- Math environments
- Referencing



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- Step 6: You can start citing using the command \cite{}



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Example

\documentclass{article}

\usepackage{biblatex} \addbibresource{example.bib}

\begin{document}

 $$$ $ \dots{Recently I was learning to use Bib\LaTeX{} from-\cite{lshort}. It seems very useful. \dots$

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References

- Marie Curie. "Les nouvelles substances radioactives". In: Revue scientifique. 4th ser. 14.3 (1900).
- [2] Jane Diviner. Yesterday's dream. The vision came to me while I was sleeping. It was very vivid. July 19, 3012.
- [3] Tobias Oetiker et al. The Not So Short Introduction to E⁴T_EX 2_€. Mar. 9, 2021. URL: https://www.ctan.org/ pkg/lshort-english.



The bibliographic database has its own syntax,

In the basic style of BibLATEX we have the following types:

- article for articles from journals or other periodicals.
- book for single-volume book.
- online for accessed online resources.
- misc for entries that do not fit any of the predefined categories.

Examples of fields are author, title, journaltitle, date, url, doi, note, etc...

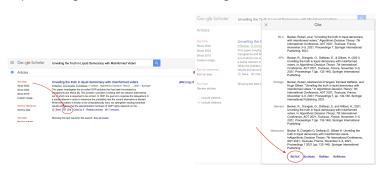
```
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            = {Daan Bloembergen and
  author
               Davide Grossi and
               Martin Lackner},
  title
            = {On Rational Delegations in Liquid Democracy},
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           = {CoRR},
  volume
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    author = {Jackson, M. O.},
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    publisher = {Princeton University Press},
    keywords = {Economics}.
```



Journals and search-engine help you!

All journals and search-engine have the function cite!

For example, Google Scholar has something like this





Try yourself!

Search the article *Liquid Democracy: Potentials, Problems, and Perspectives* by Christian Blum and cite it in your article.

You have 5 minutes. Good luck!



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- Each will be nested accordingly in your table of contents



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Try for yourself

For the following text: reformat as follows

But I am not afraid to consider the final question as to whether, ultimately – in the great future – we can arrange the atoms the way we want; the very atoms, all the way down! What would happen if we could arrange the atoms one by one the way we want them (within reason, of course; you can't put them so that they are chemically unstable, for example). Up to now, we have been content to dig in the ground to find minerals. We heat them and we do things on a large scale with them, and we hope to get a pure substance with just so much impurity, and so on. But we must always accept some atomic arrangement that nature gives us. We haven't got anything, say, with a "checkerboard" arrangement, with the impurity atoms precisely arranged 1,000 angstroms apart, or in some other particular pattern.

- Bold: every word including 'atom'
- Underline: every instance of 'we'
- Italicise: every word beginning with the letter 'i'
- Typewriter: every word beginning with the letter 'p'



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Try for yourself

- Add a table of contents (using \tableofcontents) before begin{document}
 - Add sections, subsections, and subsubsections to your "Writing text" file and see how this affects your table of contents



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- Multiple modifiers: prioritized in order from left to right



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Including images

The figure environment

```
\begin{figure}[htp!]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{<pathway_to_image>}
  \caption{Caption}
  \label{fig: my_label}
\end{figure}
```

• In-line reference of the image using \ref{fig: my_label}



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Images and text side-by-side

• Floats and text side-by-side: minipage environment

```
%%%% PICTURE AND TEXT SIDE-BY-SIDE + TOP ALIGNMENT
\begin{minipage}[t]{0.45\linewidth}
\vspace{0pt}
\raggedright
   \centering
   \includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{pathway_to_image}
\end{minipage}
\quad
\begin{minipage}[t]{0.45\linewidth}
\vspace{0pt}
\raggedright
   INSERT TEXT
\end{minipage}
```



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Try for yourself

Use the minipage environment for the following

- Find a picture of your favorite animal.
- Write a short description the animal, and reference the image in your description
- Place the image and description side-by-side



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- Initialised by the following
 - table (float environment): specifies table placement
 - tabular: specifies table contents
 - Use in a minipage: table not necessary

```
\begin{table}[htp!]
  \centering
  \begin{tabular}{l|c|r}
    cell 11 & cell 12 & cell 13 \\ \hline
    cell 21 & cell 22 & cell 33
  \end{tabular}
  \caption{Caption}
  \label{tab: my_label}
\end{table}
```

Try for yourself

• Add \usepackage{siunitx} to your preamble

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Time	second	s or sec	
Temperature	kelvin	K	
Current	ampere	A	
Frequency	hertz	Hz	I/s
Force	newton	N	kg-m/s ²
Pressure	pascal	Pa	N/m ²
Energy	joule	1	N-m
Power	watt	W	J/s
Electric charge	coulomb	C	A-s
Potential	volt	v	J/C
Conductance	siemens	S	A/V
Resistance	ohm	Ω	V/A
Capacitance	farad	F	C/V
Magnetic flux	weber	Wb	V-s
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- Try to recreate the following table using it's relevant documentation

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Pressure	pascal	Pa	N/m ²
Energy	joule	1	N-m
Power	watt	W	J/s
Electric charge	coulomb	C	A-s
Potential	volt	v	J/C
Conductance	siemens	S	A/V
Resistance	ohm	Ω	V/A
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Writing mathematics, set up

There exists different mathematics package, but the most userful are:

- amsmath adds a lot of symbols and functionality for inside a maths environment:
- amssymb adds many mathematical symbols to be used;
- physics adds a lot of shorthand-notation for often used mathematical expressions in physics



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The environment align, allows to aligned multiple equations,

\begin{align}	Multiple lines of maths aligned	
y &= x \cdot \sqrt{x^2} \ &= x^2	$y = x \cdot \sqrt{x^2}$	(1)
\end{align}	$=x^2$	(2)



To unnumbered equations we used the command *,

Note that align* will unnumbered all the equations inside that environment. If you want to numbered one or more equations, then you need used the command \nonumber

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$$y = x \cdot \sqrt{x^2}$$
 (1)
\end{align}
$$= x^2$$



The physics package

Here follows some useful commands,

Command	Result	Command	Result
\abs{x}	x	$\cmale A$ {B}	[A,B]
A \cross B	$A \times B$	\grad{A}	∇A
\div{A}	$\nabla \cdot A$	\curl{A}	$\nabla \times A$
\sin[2](x)	$\sin^2(x)$	$\Re{z} + \Im{z}$	$\operatorname{Re}\{z\} + \operatorname{Im}\{z\}$
\dd{x}	$\mathrm{d}x$	\dd[3]{x}	d^3x
\dv{x}	$rac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}$	$\dv{f}{x}$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}x}$
\dv[2]{f}{x}	$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 f}{\mathrm{d}x^2}$	\pdv{x}	$rac{\partial}{\partial x}$
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\pdv{f}{x}{y}	$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$	\pdv*{f}{x}	$\partial f/\partial x$
\bra{a}	$\langle a $	\ket{b}	$ b\rangle$



Matrices

There are some environments available for matrices, the most used are

Environment	Brackets
pmatrix	Normal: ()
bmatrix	Square: []
Bmatrix	Curly: $\{\ \}$
vmatrix	Lines:
Vmatrix	Double lines:

Example:

Declare you own math operator

Sometimes you need to define your own operator, you can do it by using the command \DeclareMathOperator{<command>}{<entry>} in the preamble,

$$\verb|\DeclareMathOperator {\Corr } {\Corr} | Corr|$$

Other times, you to use a sequence of commands multiple times, in that case you should define a new command by using the command \newcommand{<command>} [#options] {<entry>}.



Theorems and Proofs

When writing mathematical documents, you probably need a way to typeset "lemmas", "definitions", "axioms", and similar structures. These are known as theorems in LATEX, and can be created using the

```
\newtheorem{<name>}[<counter>]{<caption>}[<section>]
```

command in the preamble. The "name" is the name of the environment ("lemmas", "definitions", "axioms", etc ...). You can use the following environment within the document,

```
\label{eq:local_continuity} $$ \begin{array}{c} \left( name \right) : \left( \left( title \right) : \right) \\ & \text{This is my interesting theorem} \\ \left( name \right) : \end{array} $$
```



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Try yourself!

Write the following theorem and proposition.

Proposition (Minkowski's Inequality)

For $x \in \mathbb{K}^n$ and let $1 \le p < \infty$, we have

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i + y_i|^p\right)^{1/p} \le \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i|^p\right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |y_i|^p\right)^{1/p}$$

Theorem (Stokes' Theorem)

$$\int_{S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \int_{C} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

where C is the closed curve enclosing the open surface S.

You have 5 minutes. Good luck!





Try youself!

Do the following:

- Declare your own mathematical operator; Example: the operator of the correlation
- Declare a new command with at least one input;
- Open one of your books at random, and copy one equation;
- Write the matrix multiplication of an $n \times n$ matrix A with a vector x,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & a_{n,3} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{b}$$

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- Symbols
- The not so short introduction to Latex
- Keith Conrad's advice on Mathematical writing
- Poonen's practical suggestions for mathematical writing



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