

Latex

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What is LaTeX?

- Pronounced *LAY-tek* or *LAH-tek*
- A tool used to create professional looking documents
- *What You See Is What You Mean* (no *What You See What You Get*)
- Separation of the contents from the style



Why learn LaTeX?

- Used all over the world for scientific documents and books
- Quickly tackle the typesetting for mathematics, table of contents and referencing
- Plenty of community open source packages



Overleaf

- Cloud-Based LaTeX editor
- Real Time Collaboration
- Intuitive Interface
- Extensive Templates
- Check if Premium account with Uni Email





Hello World!

```
1 \documentclass{article}
2
3 \begin{document}
4 Hello World!
5 \end{document}
```

- `\documentclass` defines the type/class of document
- `article` is the simplest and most common in LaTeX
- Other options are `book`, `report`, or any template, e.g., *IEEE*
- The content of the document is enclosed inside the `\begin{document}` and `\end{document}` tags

Hello World!



The preamble

```
1 \documentclass[12pt, letterpaper]{article}
2
3 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
4
5 \begin{document}
6 Hello World!
7 \end{document}
```

Hello World!

- Everything before `\begin{document}` is called *preamble*
- The preamble contains all the packages and settings for the document
- `\documentclass[12pt, letterpaper]{article}` defines some options for the command
- `\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}` defines the encoding, i.e., how the character are interpreted from bytes

UP! Title, author, and date

```
1 \documentclass[12pt, letterpaper]{article}
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3
4 \title{My first document}
5 \author{Pasquale Salza}
6 \date{March 2020}
7
8 \begin{document}
9 \maketitle
10 This is an example of a \LaTeX{} document with a title, author, and date.
11 \end{document}
```

- `\title{}`, `\author{}`, and `\date{}` have to be added to the preamble
- `\today` can be used to have an automatic date
- `\maketitle` prints this information on the document

My first document

Pasquale Salza

March 2020

This is an example of a \LaTeX document with a title, author, and date.



Comments

```
1 \documentclass[12pt, letterpaper]{article}
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3
4 \title{My first document}
5 \author{Pasquale Salza}
6 \date{March 2020}
7
8 \begin{document}
9 \maketitle
10 This is an example of a \LaTeX{} document with a title, author, and date.
11 % This is a comment.
12 \end{document}
```

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- Line comments are possible by using the % symbol
- The % symbol can be escaped by using \%
- Multiline comments can be obtained by using the `verbatim` package and `comment` environment

Bold, italics, and underlining

```
1 \begin{document}
2 Some of the \textbf{greatest}
3 discoveries in \underline{science}
4 were made by \textbf{\textit{accident}}.
5 I need to \emph{emphasize this!}
6 \end{document}
```

Some of the **greatest** discoveries in science were made by ***accident***. I need to *emphasize this!*

- Bold text is written with `\textbf{}`
- Italicised text with `\textit{}`
- `\underline{}` prints underlined text
- `\emph{}` can be used to emphasize text, but it depends on the template

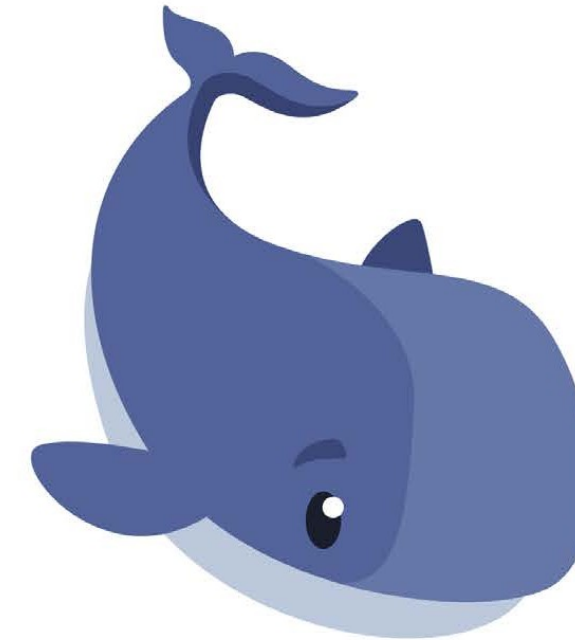


Figures

```
1 \usepackage{graphicx}
2
3 \begin{document}
4 Whales are a widely distributed and diverse group of
5 fully aquatic placental marine mammals.
6
7 \includegraphics{whale.pdf}
8
9 They are an informal grouping within the infraorder Cetacea,
10 usually excluding dolphins and porpoises.
11 \end{document}
```

- We can import images by using the `graphicx` package
- `\includegraphics{}` prints the image, which is supposed to be in the same folder of the LaTeX file
- Use vector instead of raster graphics to preserve the best quality

Whales are a widely distributed and diverse group of fully aquatic placental marine mammals.



They are an informal grouping within the infraorder Cetacea, usually excluding dolphins and porpoises.

Captions, labels, and references

```
1 Whales are a widely distributed and diverse group of
2 fully aquatic placental marine mammals.
3
4 \begin{figure}[h]
5   \centering
6   \includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{whale.pdf}
7   \caption{A nice whale}
8   \label{fig:whale}
9 \end{figure}
10
11 As you can see in the Figure \ref{fig:whale},
12 the whale is a beautiful animal.
13 The figure is on page \pageref{fig:whale}.
```

- The figure environment can be used to caption, label, and reference an image
- `\caption{}` controls the text for the caption
- `\label{}` defines the label to be used for referencing the figure
- `\ref{}` and `\pageref{}` dynamically replace the command with corresponding figure and page numbers, respectively

Whales are a widely distributed and diverse group of fully aquatic placental marine mammals.

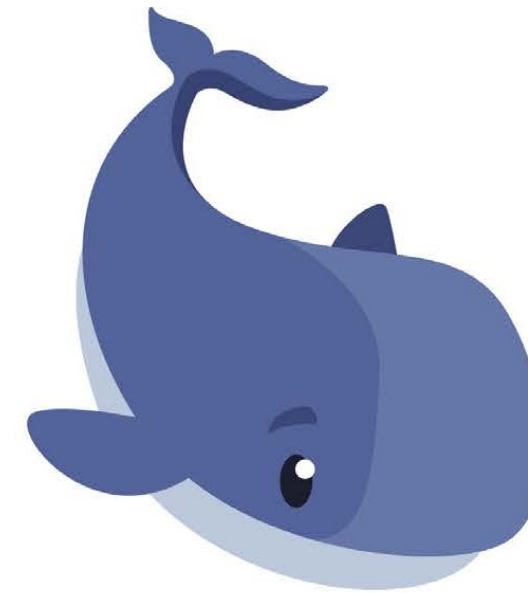


Figure 1: A nice whale

As you can see in the Figure 1, the whale is a beautiful animal. The figure is on page 1.

✓ Unordered and ordered lists

```
1 Unordered list:
2 \begin{itemize}
3   \item The individual entries are indicated with a black dot,
4   a so-called bullet
5   \item The text in the entries may be of any length
6 \end{itemize}
7
8 Ordered list:
9 \begin{enumerate}
10  \item This is the first entry in our list
11  \item The list numbers increase with each entry we add
12 \end{enumerate}
```

- The lists can be obtained by using specific environments
- `itemize` is used for unordered lists
- `enumerate` environment is for ordered lists
- Every list entry must be preceded by `\item`

Unordered list:

- The individual entries are indicated with a black dot, a so-called bullet.
- The text in the entries may be of any length.

Ordered list:

1. This is the first entry in our list
2. The list numbers increase with each entry we add

1 2
3 4

Inline math



```
1 In physics, the mass-energy equivalence is stated  
2 by the equation  $E=mc^2$ , discovered in 1905 by Albert Einstein.
```

- Inline mode for math allows to write formulas as part of the text
- The allowed delimiters to enable this mode are: `\(... \)`, `$... $`, or `\begin{math} ... \end{math}`
- Formulas are automatically formatted

In physics, the mass-energy equivalence is stated by the equation $E = mc^2$, discovered in 1905 by Albert Einstein.

1234 Display math



```
1 The mass-energy equivalence is described by the famous equation
2
3 \[ E=mc^2 \]
4
5 discovered in 1905 by Albert Einstein.
6 In natural units ( $c = 1$ ), the formula expresses the identity
7
8 \begin{equation}
9 E=m
10 \end{equation}
```

- Display mode shows formulas separately from the text lines
- `\[... \]` and `\begin{displaymath} ... \end{displaymath}` show the unnumbered formula
- `\begin{equation} ... \end{equation}` is used for the numbered version

The mass-energy equivalence is described by the famous equation

$$E = mc^2$$

discovered in 1905 by Albert Einstein. In natural units ($c = 1$), the formula expresses the identity

$$E = m \tag{1}$$

12
34

Math examples

```
1 Subscripts in math mode are written as $a_b$ and
2 superscripts are written as $a^b$.
3 These can be combined and nested to write expressions such as
4
5 \[ T^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q} =
6 T(x^{i_1}, \dots, x^{i_p}, e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_q}) \]
7
8 We write integrals using $$\int$ and fractions using $$\frac{a}{b}$.
9 Limits are placed on integrals using superscripts and subscripts:
10
11 \[ \int_0^1 \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{e-1}{e} \]
12
13 Lower case Greek letters are written as $$\omega$ $$\delta$ etc.
14 while upper case Greek letters are written as $$\Omega$ $$\Delta$.
15
16 Mathematical operators are prefixed with a backslash as
17 $$\sin(\beta)$, $$\cos(\alpha)$, $$\log(x)$ etc.
```

Subscripts in math mode are written as a_b and superscripts are written as a^b . These can be combined and nested to write expressions such as

$$T_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} = T(x^{i_1}, \dots, x^{i_p}, e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_q})$$

We write integrals using \int and fractions using $\frac{a}{b}$. Limits are placed on integrals using superscripts and subscripts:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{e-1}{e}$$

Lower case Greek letters are written as ω δ etc. while upper case Greek letters are written as Ω Δ .

Mathematical operators are prefixed with a backslash as $\sin(\beta)$, $\cos(\alpha)$, $\log(x)$ etc.



Abstract



```
1 \begin{document}
2
3 \maketitle
4
5 \begin{abstract}
6   This is a simple paragraph at the beginning of the
7   document. A brief introduction about the main subject.
8 \end{abstract}
9
10 \end{document}
```

- The `abstract` environment allows to print a formatted abstract
- The majority of templates support it
- The abstract is usually written as a single paragraph, without newlines

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Abstract

This is a simple paragraph at the beginning of the document. A brief introduction about the main subject.

NEW Paragraphs and newlines

```
1 \begin{abstract}
2   This is a simple paragraph at the beginning of the
3   document. A brief introduction about the main subject.
4 \end{abstract}
5
6 Now that we have written our abstract,
7 we can begin writing our first paragraph.
8
9 This line will start a second Paragraph.
```

- To start a new paragraph is necessary to insert a double blank line
- The template decides whether indent automatically new paragraphs
- A single newline doesn't have any impact on the print, but it has on the version control, e.g., git
- To start a new line without actually stating a new paragraph is possible by using `\\` or `\newline`, but it should be avoided to not interfere with LaTeX typesetting

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Abstract

This is a simple paragraph at the beginning of the document. A brief introduction about the main subject.

Now that we have written our abstract, we can begin writing our first paragraph.

This line will start a second Paragraph.



Sections

```
1 \section{Introduction}
2 Example text.
3
4 \section{Second Section}
5 Example text.
6
7 \subsection{First Subsection}
8 Example text.
9
10 \section*{Unnumbered Section}
11 Example text.
```

1 Introduction

Example text.

2 Second Section

Example text.

2.1 First Subsection

Example text.

Unnumbered Section

Example text.

- Section commands allow to give a structure to a document
- `\section{}` marks the beginning of a new section, specifying a title for this
- Section numbering can be disabled by using the star version of `\section{}`, i.e., `\section*{}`



Section levels

Level	Command
-1	<code>\part{part}</code>
0	<code>\chapter{chapter}</code>
1	<code>\section{section}</code>
2	<code>\subsection{subsection}</code>
3	<code>\subsubsection{subsubsection}</code>
4	<code>\paragraph{paragraph}</code>
5	<code>\subparagraph{subparagraph}</code>

Chapter 1

chapter

1.1 section

1.1.1 subsection

subsubsection

paragraph

subparagraph



Tables

```
1 \begin{table}[h]
2   \centering
3   \begin{tabular}{c c c}
4     \toprule
5     Col1 & Col2 & Col3 \\
6     \midrule
7     cell1 & cell2 & cell3 \\
8     cell4 & cell5 & cell6 \\
9     cell7 & cell8 & cell9 \\
10    \bottomrule
11  \end{tabular}
12  \caption{This is an example of table}
13  \label{tab:example}
14 \end{table}
15
16 Table \ref{tab:example} is an example of
17 referenced \LaTeX{} elements.
```

Col1	Col2	Col3
cell1	cell2	cell3
cell4	cell5	cell6
cell7	cell8	cell9

Table 1: This is an example of table

Table 1 is an example of referenced \LaTeX elements.

- The `tabular` environment is the default method to create tables
- `{c c c}` specifies to use three columns with centered alignment, `l` for left, and `r` for right
- The `&` symbol specifies the breaks for the cells
- New rows are specified by `\\`

Bibliography file

- The bibliography files must have the standard bibtex syntax
- The first line of a record entry, e.g., `@article`, tells BibTeX the type of information enclosed between parentheses
- The label of the entry is indicated as first argument and has to be a unique identifier, e.g., `einstein`
- Every other field has the syntax `key = value` and is comma-separated

```
1 @article{einstein,
2   author = "Albert Einstein",
3   title = "{Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter K{\o}rper}. ({German})
4   [{0n} the electrodynamics of moving bodies]",
5   journal = "Annalen der Physik",
6   volume = "322",
7   number = "10",
8   pages = "891--921",
9   year = "1905",
10  DOI = "http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/andp.19053221004",
11  keywords = "physics"
12 }
13
14 @book{dirac,
15   title = {The Principles of Quantum Mechanics},
16   author = {Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac},
17   isbn = {9780198520115},
18   series = {International series of monographs on physics},
19   year = {1981},
20   publisher = {Clarendon Press},
21   keywords = {physics}
22 }
23
24 @online{knuthwebsite,
25   author = "Donald Knuth",
26   title = "Knuth: Computers and Typesetting",
27   url = "http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~uno/abcde.html",
28   addendum = "(accessed: 01.09.2016)",
29   keywords = "latex, knuth"
30 }
```

Bibliography management

```
1 \usepackage{biblatex}
2 \addbibresource{sample.bib}
3
4 \begin{document}
5 Let's cite! The Einstein's journal paper \cite{einstein} and the Dirac's
6 book \cite{dirac} are physics related items.
7
8 \printbibliography
9 \end{document}
```

- `\usepackage{biblatex}` imports the bibliography manager
- `\addbibresource{sample.bib}` imports the data file, i.e., `sample.bib`, which includes the information about each reference
- `\cite{einstein}` inserts a reference within the document, [2] in this case, corresponding to an entry in bibliography having `einstein` as a keyword
- `\printbibliography` prints the list of cited references

Let's cite! The Einstein's journal paper [2] and the Dirac's book [1] are physics related items.

References

- [1] Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac. *The Principles of Quantum Mechanics*. International series of monographs on physics. Clarendon Press, 1981. ISBN: 9780198520115.
- [2] Albert Einstein. "Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper. (German) [On the electrodynamics of moving bodies]". In: *Annalen der Physik* 322.10 (1905), pp. 891–921. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/andp.19053221004>.



biber backend

```
1 \usepackage[
2 backend=biber,
3 style=alphabetic,
4 sorting=ynt
5 ]{biblatex}
6 \addbibresource{sample.bib}
7
8 \begin{document}
9 \textit{The \LaTeX\ Companion} book \cite{latexcompanion}, the Donald
10 Knuth's website \cite{knuthwebsite}, \textit{The Comprehensive Tex Archive
11 Network} (CTAN) \cite{ctan} are \LaTeX\ related items; but the others Donald
12 Knuth's items \cite{knuth-fa, knuth-acp} are dedicated to programming.
13 \printbibliography
14 \end{document}
```

- `biber` is a highly customizable backend to `bibtex`
- `style=alphabetic` specifies the bibliography style
- `sorting=ynt` determines the criteria to sort the bibliographic sources, i.e., year, name, and title
- `\cite{}` can also specify multiple citations

The L^AT_EX Companion book [GMS93], the Donald Knuth's website [Knu], *The Comprehensive Tex Archive Network* (CTAN) [Gre93] are L^AT_EX related items; but the others Donald Knuth's items [Knu73; Knu68] are dedicated to programming.

References

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