

L^AT_EX Workshop School of Governance Maastricht

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Some thoughts

- Things to realize when writing papers and a dissertation:
 - You will write many, many, many versions, so you want your paper to be updatable.
 - The published paper will have a specific layout that is determined by the journal.
 - Papers need to be **POLISHED** before you ask others to read them.
 - You need structure, structure, structure. And you need to think ahead.

Some thoughts (cont.)

Examples:

- Do not label a graph "Fig1": you may have many Fig1 graphs in your dissertation, and Fig1, may turn out to be Fig10.
- However: **do** use labels for tables, figures, equations.
- Organize your files for each paper in a consistent manner.
- Use a bibliography file and program from the start of your PhD (Mendeley is great....).
- Do not go for 'ad hoc' solutions.

What kind of a person are you, when you write?

1 Visualization is essential

- You want to see exactly what your table/figure/page layout looks like when you are working on a paper.
- You think in terms of pages.
- You want every detail of your paper to be just write and will not continue writing until it is just so.

2 Visualization is a distraction

- You like a clean layout of your screen, and is little distractions as possible when you write.
- Moving figures/tables etc. around is very annoying to you and slows you down.
- You want your paper to look good, but cannot be bothered with fidgeting with every little detail.

If you are a type 1, consider Word. If you are a type 2, consider L^AT_EX

Some comments on flexibility

- Whatever software you choose, be consistent from the start of your PhD.
- Putting together a dissertation is a heck of a lot of work.
- Writing is key, and should occupy most of your time.
- You should write every day. Period.
- Oh, and buy the Chicago Manual of Style...

- What I did, end advise you to do....
- I googled "Word template Elsevier."
- Downloaded a template, and then used this to write a paper....
- So let's have a look....

What is \LaTeX ?

- \LaTeX is a document preparation system for high-quality typesetting. It is based on Donald E. Knuth's TeX typesetting language. \LaTeX was first developed in 1985 by Leslie Lamport, and is now being maintained and developed by the \LaTeX 3 Project.
- \LaTeX is a markup language (like HTML, but much smarter).
- \LaTeX is most often used for medium-to-large technical or scientific documents, but it can be used for almost any form of publishing.
- \LaTeX is not a word processor! Instead, \LaTeX encourages authors not to worry too much about the appearance of their documents, but to concentrate on getting the right content.
- More info here: [▶ Jump to the end](#)

What is a markup language?

- Well, for starters, consider the L^AT_EXcode for the beginning of this presentation:

```
\title[research skills](\large \LaTeX\hskip3pt Workshop Finance Department Maastricht)
\author(\normalsize Jaap Bos)
\date(\small March 30, 2011)

\begin{document}

\begin{frame}
\titlepage
\end{frame}

\begin{frame}
\frametitle{Outline}
\tableofcontents
\end{frame}

\section{\LaTeX Primer}
```

A bit more about markup languages

- So somewhere you or someone else has defined what e.g. title should look like....
- A collection of those features is called a **shell**.
- Once you've chosen your shell, you no longer worry about layout....
- In the end, you *compile* the document, and a software package turns it into readable and printable output.

Who uses L^AT_EX?

- Scientists (physics, etc.), and other geeks, nerds (www.tug.org, or www.dante.org)
- Increasingly many people working in economics and finance.
- The publishers of the journals that you read and submit to...
- Many people in your science.
- Yours truly.

What kind of a \LaTeX User am I?

- For 99% of my work I use the same shell (which I downloaded from Elsevier (it's what they use for their journals as well)).
- It makes me much more productive and helps me avoid some of the wordprocessing problems I hate the most.
- I've occasionally used it to do math as well (more later, or ask me!).
- It helps now that I'll be writing a book and integrating some papers in that book.
- I really like the combination with Stata.
- Every now and then I like to do some of my own programming...

How does Scientific Workplace relate to \LaTeX ?

- Scientific Workplace (SWP) is one of those programs used for programming in \LaTeX . The key difference with most of the other programs: it is (almost) completely windows based. So you don't have to worry about all that code.
- \LaTeX snobs will tell you SWP is for dummies, but the truth is, it can almost completely be integrated with \LaTeX .
- So in principle you don't have to choose: you can start with SWP and later switch to \LaTeX .
- SWP is a commercial package, so you (or USE) will have to pay....
- SWP has MUPAD (remember the math I talked about?)

How does Word relate to SWP and L^AT_EX?

- Word is not a markup language (yet!)...
- ...but HTML is.
- Word becomes more and more like HTML (try opening a website in Word, and you'll see what I mean).
- Word2T_EX is relatively simple.
- T_EX2Word is more troublesome.
- A bit about writing papers with Word users...

Pros of Scientific Workplace

- 1 It is very stable.
- 2 It is easy to use (easier than \LaTeX)
- 3 It is somewhat (!) more compatible to Word than \LaTeX .
- 4 Your documents will look great.
- 5 Almost all types, shapes and looks of documents are available.
- 6 SWP5 now has pdftex....
- 7 You can use a lot of \LaTeX programming, should you choose to do so.

Cons of SWP

- 1 It is definitely not as flexible as Word.
- 2 To get more flexibility you'll still have to learn how to program (big minus, unless you know and like html).
- 3 It comes at a price (albeit a reasonable price).
- 4 You'll have to learn a new program.


Pros of \LaTeX

- 1 It is the best package for documents containing mathematics.
- 2 It is free on virtually every computer in the world.
- 3 It is portable: stick to the standard commands and everyone can read and exchange documents.
- 4 The source file is purely alphanumeric so it can be read by eye or posted by e-mail with no problems associated with different versions or binary files.
- 5 \LaTeX has the reputation of being hard, but in fact it is effectively the same as HTML!
- 6 It is very stable (graphs, tables, citations, reference lists, table of contents, etc.).
- 7 It can be integrated with Stata.


Cons of \LaTeX

- 1 It is perhaps not as flexible as Word.
- 2 To get more flexibility you have to learn how to program (big minus, unless you know and like html).
- 3 It is very difficult to write with non- \LaTeX users.
- 4 In a way, you're still more lay out focussed, just like a Word-user.

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WinEdt™ (shareware) is a powerful and versatile ASCII editor and shell for MS Windows with a strong predisposition towards the creation of [La]TeX documents...


WinEdt is widely used as a front-end for compilers and typesetting systems, such as TeX or HTML. WinEdt's highlighting schemes can be customized for different modes and its spell checking functionality supports multi-lingual setups, with dictionaries (word-lists) for many languages available for downloading from WinEdt's Community Site.

Check out WinEdt's Features Overview and Downloads pages for more information on WinEdt, TeX and links to other programs needed to make WinEdt and TeX fully operational on Win32 platform.

New: WinEdt 5.5

WinEdt 5.5 is now the *official* release of WinEdt. It will be uploaded to CTAN soon. This version integrates seamlessly with MiKTeX 2.5--2.7 and Adobe 5--8. It has a new TeX Live configuration compatible with TeX Live 2007 release. It has also been extensively tested under Windows Vista. To install WinEdt 5.5 follow the link below and proceed according to the instructions:

[WinEdt 5.5: \[Build: 20071003\]](#)



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Winedt.com - other programs to install

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CTAN (Comprehensive TeX Archive Network) Servers:

WinEdt can be downloaded from "/tex-archive/systems/win32/winedt/" directory on CTAN:

WinEdt Version and Build	Size	England	Germany	USA
WinEdt 5.4 [Build: 20050701] (old)	6.07MB	WinEdt 5.4	WinEdt 5.4	WinEdt 5.4
WinEdt 5.3 [Build: 20020323] (obsolete)	4.0MB	WinEdt 5.3	WinEdt 5.3	WinEdt 5.3
WinEdt32 [Build: 19981003 (v 1.414)] (obsolete)	2.1MB	WinEdt32	WinEdt32	WinEdt32
WinEdt16 [Build: 19980623 (v 1.41-e)] (obsolete)	1.3MB	WinEdt16	WinEdt16	WinEdt16

On CTAN you'll also find other TeX related packages and accessories!

WinEdt dictionaries for many languages are also available on CTAN, via:

- [Dictionaries \(word lists\) for WinEdt](#)

WinEdt: Additional Macros and Packages

- www.winedt.org (WinEdt Macro Library and Configurations)

Links to other Home Pages containing WinEdt or TeX related material:

- [TUG: TeX Users Group](#)
- [MiKTeX's Home Page](#)
- [TeX Live Home Page \(TUG\)](#)
- [Ghostscript's Home Page \(GS and GSVIEW\)](#)

MikTeX

<http://www.miktex.org/>



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Welcome to the MikTeX project page!

MikTeX is an up-to-date TeX implementation for the Windows operating system.

[TeX](#) is a typesetting system written by [Donald E. Knuth](#), who says that it is "*intended for and especially for books that contain a lot of mathematics*".

[Learn more...](#)

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xetex 0.997, pdftex 1.40.4, LuaTeX, mpost 1.001
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pdftex 1.30.6, mpost 0.901

MikTeX Package Repository [\[status\]](#)

Version: 2948
Date: 1/27/2008
Packages: 1542



Ghostscript and Ghostview

<http://www.ghostscript.com/awki>

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Step-by-step installation on a Windows PC

- 1 Download and install WinEdt (or another interface) from www.winedt.com. A WinEdt license costs **X** USD.
- 2 Download MikTeX from www.miktex.org and install MikTeX in its standard location.
 - MikTeX is your actual TeX code. You first download an installation program, and can then opt for a full TeX installation, or a basic installation. If at all possible, install the full MikTeX (it will take a while, but it is worth it).
- 3 Download Ghostscript and Ghostview from <http://www.ghostscript.com/awki> and install in their standard location.
 - Ghostscript and Ghostview allow you to view your TeX files, after compilation.
- 4 You're set to go!

Step-by-step installation on a Mac

- 1 <http://www.tug.org/mactex/>
- 2 Download the MacTex Package (admin rights may be required)
- 3 Once the download is finished load the disk image (if it doesn't happen automatically) and run the installer (MacTeX-2007.mpkg) contained within.
- 4 The package includes programs such as TeXShop which enables you to create full LaTeX documents.
- 5 Check out http://guides.macrumors.com/Installing_LaTeX_on_a_Mac

Life, the L^AT_EX way

- 1 Take care when you work: be precise.
 - If things go really bad, trash your auxiliary files (all the extra stuff latex creates) and compile again. Oh, and just create a new version of your paper every day (e.g. by dating it). TeX papers are REALLY small.
- 2 Don't panick, but log on to the web.
 - L^AT_EX users love open source, and they share their wisdom. Key sites are www.tug.org (TeX Users Group) and www.dante.org (German TeX users, site is also in English).
- 3 You *will* have a steep learning curve in the beginning.
 - But things go much smoother after a short while (my co-authors wrote their first draft of our joint paper in a week after they first used L^AT_EX).

Most common mistakes

- 1 If you `\begin` something, you should also `\end` it....
- 2 Compile, and - if necessary - compile again (and again).
- 3 Where are things (Bib file, graphs, etc.)? Keep stuff in the same place.
- 4 Are you connected to the internet (just in case you need a package that is not yet installed)?

JabRef

<http://jabref.sourceforge.net/>

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reference manager

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About

JABREF is an open source bibliography reference manager. The native file format used by JABREF is BIBTEX, the standard L^AT_EX bibliography format. JABREF runs on the Java VM (version 1.5 or newer), and should work equally well on Windows, Linux and Mac OS X.

BIBTEX is an application and a bibliography file format written by Oren Patashnik and Leslie Lamport for the L^AT_EX document preparation system. [General information about BIBTEX.](#)

Bibliographies generated by L^AT_EX and BIBTEX from a BIBTEX file can be formatted to suit any reference list specifications through the use of different BIBTEX style files. We support this initiative to build a searchable database of BIBTEX style files, organized by journal names: [L^AT_EX bibliography style database.](#)

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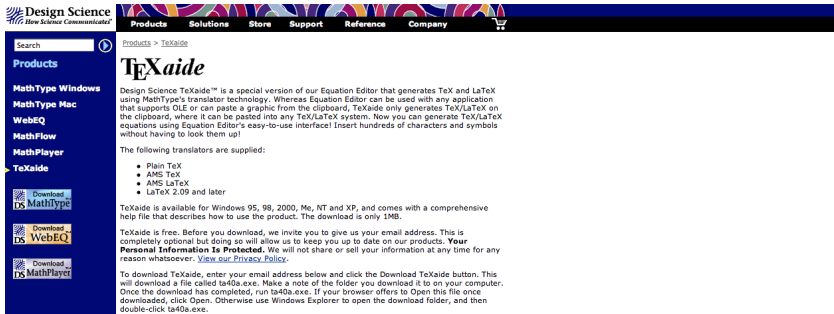
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TeXAide


<http://www.dessci.com/en/products/texaide/>



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The following translators are supplied:

- Plain TeX
- AMS TeX
- AMS LaTeX
- LaTeX 2.09 and later

TeXaide is available for Windows 95, 98, 2000, Me, NT and XP, and comes with a comprehensive help file that describes how to use the product. The download is only 1MB.

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You can get this entire directory bundled as [excel2latex.zip](#).

Packages located here

Package	Caption
excel2latex	Convert Excel spreadsheets to LaTeX tables.

Subdirectories of this one

There are no subdirectories here.

Files in this directory

Name	Date	Size	Description
Excel2LaTeX.xla	2001-07-22	83 Kbyte	download

Tablas (also in English)

<http://www.informatica.us.es/calvo/latex.html>

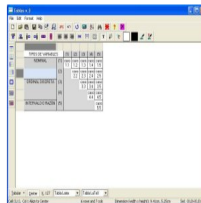
Tablas

versión 3.0.0.4 (2-6-2004)

Programa que permite exportar e importar tablas L^AT_EX de forma visual.

Algunas características de este programa son:

- Admite distintos idiomas (por ahora, español, inglés).
- Tiene fichero de ayuda para windows en español o inglés.
- Permite exportar a formato JPEG.
- Se pueden utilizar bordes, colores de fondo, colores de letra, columnas de ancho automático o fijo, justificar el texto en las celdas, crear multicolumn, etc.
- Permite el intercambio de información en los dos sentidos con [Winedt](#).
- Permite ver el aspecto de la tabla si tenemos instalado L^AT_EX (por ejemplo: [MikTeX](#) con Y_ap).
- También puede crear código [Pstricks](#) para representar Redes y Árboles.
- Etc.



Download:

- [tablas3sp.zip](#) (con ayuda en español).
- [tablas3.zip](#) (con ayuda en inglés).
- **Versiones anteriores de tablas:**

Nota:

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[Versiones anteriores](#) de Tablas.

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a visual table editor for LaTeX

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04 September 2002	Version 0.7.2. Fixed a bug with importing text (csv, tab-separated, etc.) files
15 January 2002	Version 0.7.1. Fixed a bug with selection rectangle
15 January 2002	Version 0.7. Fixed a bug with custom environment types. Now Latable supports windows xp visual styles and new implementation of custom themes.
1 November 2001	Version 0.6.5. A new UI appearance theme is included.
8 October 2001	Version 0.6.4 is uploaded. A few bug fixes, including some resource leakages.
14 August 2001	Version 0.6.3. Minor changes in license and documentation.
8 Aug 2001	Due to TBX bug disabled menu items were not actually disabled. Fixed. (version 0.6.2.62)
7 Aug 2001	Version 0.6.2 is uploaded. Changes in UI, incorporating TBX menus and toolbars
29 Jun 2001	Added Documentation. (version 0.6.1)
27 Jun 2001	First Public Release (version 0.6)

Description

Adding tables to LaTeX documents is a matter of typing a few lines or text as long as table is simple and small. When larger tables are needed, with merged cells, various alignment styles, etc., navigation and manual editing of the LaTeX code gets a bit complicated.

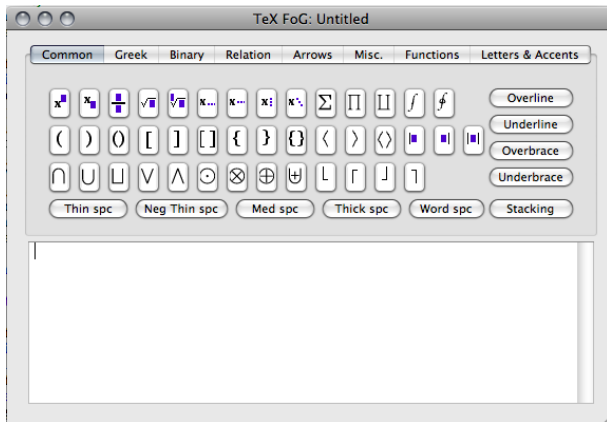
LaTable was designed to help in such cases, providing convenient visual tool. Although LaTable does not support extension packages explicitly, you may easily customize the table appearance using custom column format and row prefixes and postfixes.

Features

- Near-WYSIWYG editing style;
- Real-time LaTeX code preview;
- Simple navigation through the table;
- Limited clipboard support for import/export into other spreadsheet and text editors;
- CSV file format support;
- Generates 'tabular', 'array' and custom environments;
- Support for custom column formats;

TeX FoG (for Mac)

http://homepage.mac.com/marco_coisson/TeXFoG/



An example

- Now we'll go through a simple paper, with:
 - A graph
 - A table
 - A reference list, and two types of references
- The paper will be in the Elsevier Preprint style (see my blog at <http://www.jwbbos.com>, under "**Code**", entitled "**LaTeX Links**" for info on this).
- The paper will be available at the same place where all other material for this seminar is available.

Where to find this information

- Otherwise, visit my website at <http://www.jwbbos.com>. Go to "LaTeX"