# LaTeX - A Tutorial

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## What is LaTeX

- How to pronounce LaTeX? (Lah-tek, or Lay-tek)
- A typesetting program, not a word-processor
- Designed for producing beautiful books, thesis, papers, articles... (Springer books)
- De facto standard for writing academic papers

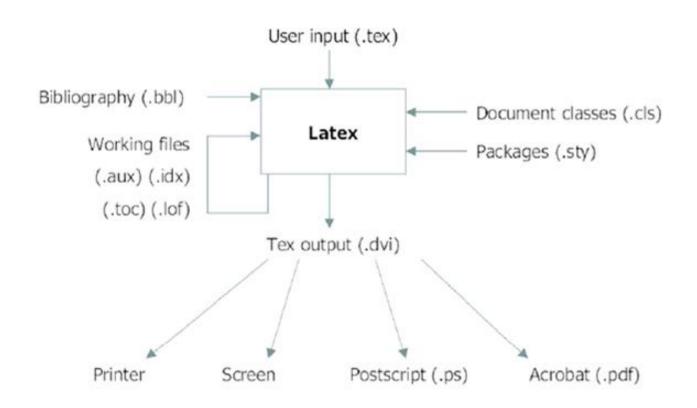
# Why LaTeX, not Word?

- Professional, Uniform output (example)
- Platform, version independent (Unix, Windows...)
- Pre-set standard formats (for paper, thesis...)
- Bibliography management
- Fast, professional math equations typesetting
- Portable, compatible, flexible, free
- The commands are easy to learn
- Never crash, never lose your file
- Can compile very big books (unless your document is more than 70,000 pages!)
  - You will need it in future, so learn how to use it now!

# Where to get LaTeX?

- Get a Latex distribution:
- Unix/Linux:
  - **TexLive**: in Ubuntu- apt-get install texlive-base
- Windows
  - MikTeX <a href="http://www.miktex.de/">http://www.miktex.de/</a>
  - TexLive
- Use an Editor:
  - LEd (Free for windows recommended)
  - WinEditor (Commercial for windows)
  - Emacs / ispell for Linux/Windows
  - Vim (For all Free)
  - TexMaker (For all Free)

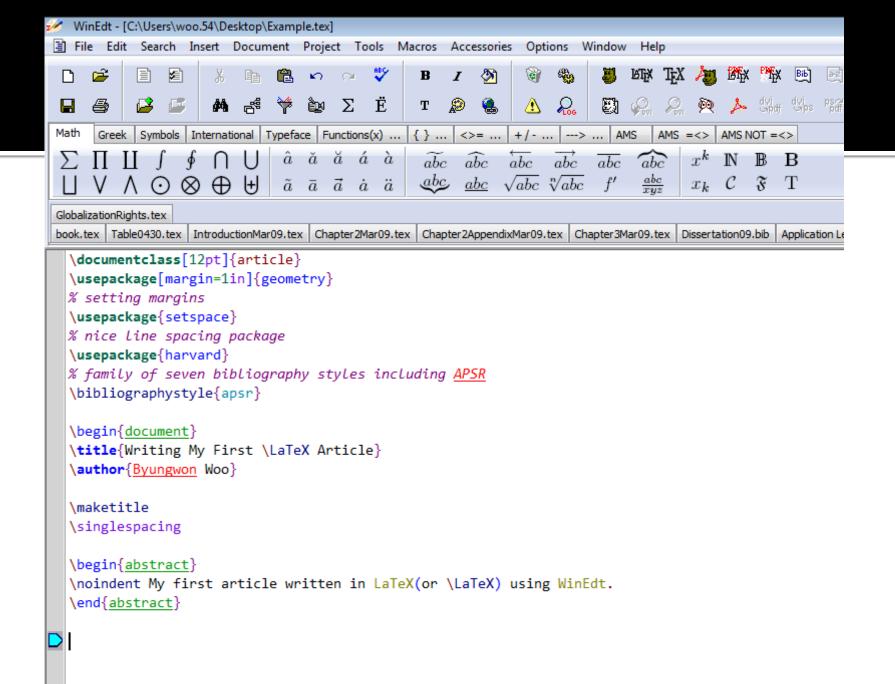
# The Mechanisms of "TeXing"



http://www.comp.leeds.ac.uk/andyr

## LaTeX Skeleton

```
% my first LaTeX file
\documentclass{article}
 % preamble
 \usepackage{graphicx}
\begin{document}
  \section{This is a section}
  \subsection{This is a subsection}
    First paragraph is here.
    Second paragraph is here.
\end{document}
```



# **Basics of LaTeX – Commands**

- Always begin with a backslash \
- Case sensitive
- Consist of letters only
- Some have parameters
  - Square brackets [] after the command name are for optional parameters
  - Curly braces { } after the command name are for required parameters

## **Environments**

- Many environments available in TeX
- Used to help format parts of your document
- Always need \begin{environment name} and \end{environment name}

# **Environments**

- Itemize environment
  - \begin{itemize} and \end{itemize}
  - Creates an outline using bullet points
  - Items within the section are created by \item
  - Can nest itemize environments within one another

# **Environments**

- Enumerate environment
  - \begin{enumerate} and \end{enumerate}
  - Creates an outline using numbers and letters
  - Items within the section are created by \item
  - Can nest enumerate environments within one another
- Centered environment
  - \begin{center} and \end{center}
  - To end a line, use \\

# Referencing Using Labels

- May want to reference a section, theorem, figure, example, etc. somewhere else in the document
- To label a section:
  - \section{Title}\label{Label for section}
- To reference a section:
  - \ref{Label for section}
  - Only gives the section number you'll need to type Section separately

# Typesetting Math

- Mathematical text is placed between \$
- Math mode is normally displayed inline
  - Can make some expressions look funny
- For text within math mode, use \text{...}
- Math mode uses italics and no spaces between words

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# **Useful Mathematical Commands**

- Superscripts and Subscripts
  - \$X^2\$
  - \$X\_2\$
  - Use curly braces to group items together
    - \$x\_{i\_2}\$ or \$x\_{min}\$
  - Can have a superscript and a subscript on the same character
    - \$x\_i^3\$

# Other Important Characters

- Quote marks
  - For left-hand quote marks, use ``
  - For right-hand quote marks, use " or "
- Comments
  - Can comment out sections of file
    - Allows you to not display text without deleting it
  - Use % at the beginning of any lines you want to comment out

# **Mathematical Environments**

- Equation environment
  - \begin{equation} and \end{equation}
    - Automatically numbers equations
    - For no numbers, use equation\*
  - Can label equations by \label{name}
  - Centers equation on page
  - Do not need \$ within equation environment

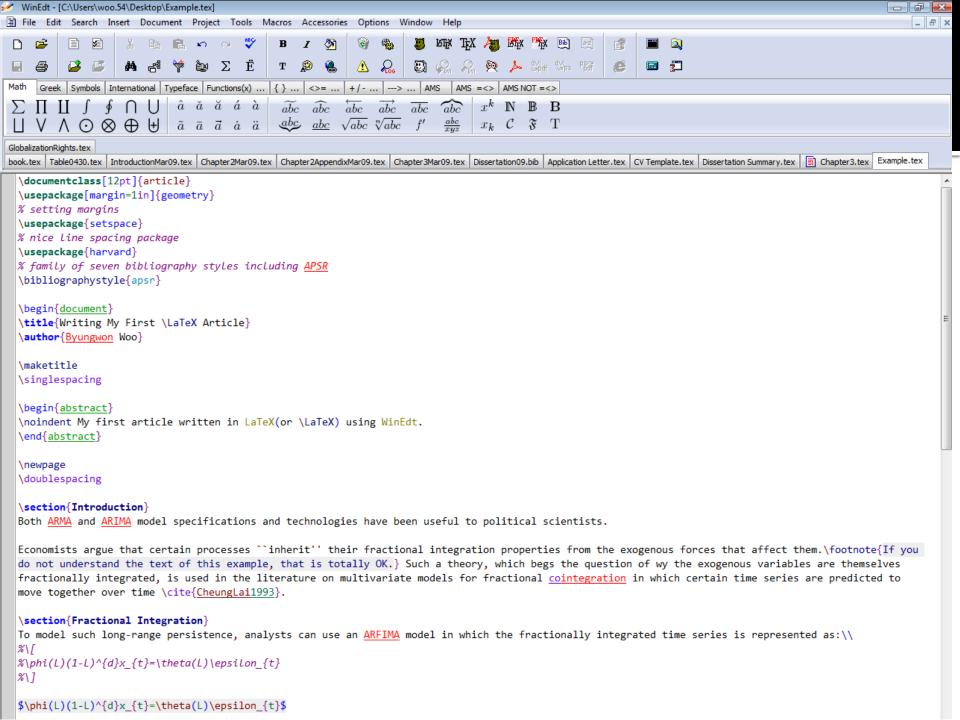
# Math Examples

```
\begin{displaymath}
x^{2} \geq 0\qquad
\textrm{for all }x\in\mathbb{R}
\end{displaymath}
```

\begin{equation}
a^x+y \neq a^{x+y}
\end{equation}

$$x^2 \geq 0 \qquad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$a^x + y \neq a^{x+y} \tag{3.4}$$



# Other Resources

## Books

- Leslie Lampert. 1994. LaTeX: A Document Preparation System.
- Helmut Kopta and Patrick W. Daly. 2004.Guide to LaTex
- Frank Mittelbach et al. 2004. The LaTeX Companion
- Online Guides
  - http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX
  - http://tobi.oetiker.ch/lshort/lshort.pdf
  - CV and dissertation templates are available on line
  - Google "latex sth" e.g. "latex citation", "latex table".

# Reference Cards

## AMS-LATEX Reference Card #1

See the T<sub>E</sub>X Reference Card for additional commands. Required packages are indicated as (package).

### Document Structure

```
• Preamble
```

\documentclass[option(s)]{class} \usepackage[option(s)]{package(s)}

## \begin{document} • Body

• Front Matter (\frontmatter in book classes)

```
    Top Matter
```

\title{...}
\title[running head]{...} alternative headline

\date{...} \date{\today} gives current date

\author{...}

\maketitle (not in book classes)

· Additional items - ams classes only

```
\translator{...}
```

\dedicatory{...} \address[optional name]{...}

\curraddress{...}

\email[optional name] {...} \thanks{...}

\subjclass{Primary: XXX; Secondary: XXX} \keywords{...}

\thanks{...}

\tableofcontents \chapter{Introduction} (in book classes)

• Abstract (not in book classes)

\begin{abstract}...\end{abstract}
• Main Matter (\mainmatter in book classes)

\chapter{...}
\section{...}

\subsection{...} \appendix

Back Matter (\backmatter in book classes)

\begin{thebibliography}{99}...\end{...} \end{document}

### Page Style

\pagestyle{style} set page style to one of:

plain empty header, page number in footer
empty header and footer
headings header filled by doc class, empty footer
myheadings empty footer, fill header with info in
\text{\markboth{lefthead}{righthead}}

## Bibliography (see also BIBTEX)

\begin{thebibliography} {99}...\end{...}
bibliography with widest label specified
\bibitem{name} named bibliography item
\bibitem[label]{name} with alternative label to print
\bysame use long line for same author
\renewcommand{\bibname} {title} use custom title
\cite{name} print number of named bib item
\cite[text]{name} with extra text

## Classes and Packages

\documentclass[option(s)]{class} \usepackage[option(s)]{package(s)} \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]

•Document Classes

article, book, letter, report, slides amsart, amsbook, amsproc (all autoload amsmath)

### •Useful Packages

amsmath,amsthm,amscd,amssymb
latexsym,graphics
fancyheadings allows custom headers and footers
alltt all teletype, even \,{,}
makeidx,showidx create index, show in margin
graphics inclusion of graphics
enumerate extends the enumerate environment
layout shows page layout of doc class
multicol flexible multicolumn typesetting
showkeys print label keys in margin

#### verbatim extends verbatim environment •Document and Package Options

Font Size 8pt, 9pt, 10pt, 11pt, 12pt Paper Size

a4paper,a5paper,b5paper,legalpaper,letterpaper

Document Preparation draft, final, notitlepage, titlepage

Page Formatting

onecolumn, twocolumn, oneside, twoside, openany, openright Equation Numbering

fleqn,leqno,reqno,centertags,tbtags Equation Limits

intlimits, sumlimits, nonamelimits

AMS (Postscript) Fonts psamsfonts, no amsfonts

### Cross Referencing and Numbering

\label{name} assign label name to numbered item \ref{name} print number of named item

## Sectioning and Table of Contents

### • Sectioning commands

\command{title} sectioning command with title \command[head]{title} with alternative running head \command\*{title} with number supressed

\part \section \paragraph \chapter \subsection \subparagraph \subparagraph

\appendix start appendix

#### • Table of Contents

\tableofcontents create and print contents
filename.toc contents associated to filename.tex

\addcontentsline{toc}{section}{line to add} \addtocontents{toc}{material to add}

### Tables and Figures

\begin{table} ... \caption{text} \label{name} \end{table} \listoftables create and print list of tables \begin{figure} ... \caption{text} \label{name} \end{figure} \includegraphics{filename} include image (graphics) \scaledbox{.5}{\includegraphics{filename}} scaled graphi \listoffigures create and print list of figures

### Lists

\item \ item within list \ item [label] \ item with label \ begin{enumerate}...\end{...} \ numbered items \ begin{itemize}...\end{...} \ bulleted items \ begin{description}...\end{...} \ captioned items \ enumerate package \ extends enumerate

### Displayed Text Material

\begin{center}...\end{...} centered matrial \begin{flushright}...\end{...} flush right matrial \begin{flushleft}...\end{...} flush left matrial \begin{quote}...\end{...} short quote \begin{quotation}...\end{...} long quote \begin{verse}...\end{...} poetry \begin{verbatim}...\end{...} verbatim material \verb|...| verbatim material \verb\*|...| verbatim with spaces marked verbatim package extends verbatim

## Footnotes, Comments, Other Stuff

\footnote{text} numbered footnote
% comment out a line
\begin{comment}...\end{...} long comment (verbatim)
\typeout{text}
print to terminal