

Demo/Poster Abstract: Sample Abstract for ACM SenSys 2009

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Abstract

This paper provides a sample of a \LaTeX document for ACM Sensys. It complements the document *Author's (Alternate) Guide to Preparing ACM SIG Proceedings Using \LaTeX and BibTeX*. This source file has been written with the intention of being compiled under \LaTeX and BibTeX.

To make best use of this sample document, run it through \LaTeX and BibTeX, and compare this source code with the printed output produced by the dvi file.

Categories and Subject Descriptors

H.4 [Information Systems Applications]: Miscellaneous; D.2.8 [Software Engineering]: Metrics—Complexity Measures, Performance Measures

General Terms

Delphi Theory

Keywords

ACM Proceedings, \LaTeX , Text Tagging

1 Introduction

The *proceedings* are the records of a conference. ACM seeks to give these conference by-products a uniform, high-quality appearance. To do this, ACM has some rigid requirements for the format of the proceedings documents: there is a specified format (balanced double columns), a specified set of fonts (Arial or Helvetica and Times Roman) in certain specified sizes (for instance, 9 point for body copy), a specified live area (18×23.5 cm [$7'' \times 9.25''$]) centered on the page, specified size of margins (2.54cm [$1''$] top and bottom and 1.9cm [$.75''$] left and right; specified column width (8.45cm [$3.33''$]) and gutter size (.083cm [$.33''$]).

The good news is, with only a handful of manual settings¹, the \LaTeX document class file handles all of this.

2 The Body of The Paper

Typically, the body of a paper is organized into a hierarchical structure, with numbered or unnumbered headings for sections, subsections, sub-subsections, and even smaller

¹Two of these, the `\numberofauthors` and `\alignauthor` commands, you have already used; another, `\balancecolumns`, will be used in your very last run of \LaTeX to ensure balanced column heights on the last page.

sections. The command `\section` that precedes this paragraph is part of such a hierarchy.² \LaTeX handles the numbering and placement of these headings for you, when you use the appropriate heading commands around the titles of the headings. If you want a sub-subsection or smaller part to be unnumbered in your output, simply append an asterisk to the command name. Examples of both numbered and unnumbered headings will appear throughout the balance of this sample document.

2.1 Type Changes and Special Characters

We have already seen several typeface changes in this sample. You can indicate italicized words or phrases in your text with the command `\textit`; emboldening with the command `\textbf` and typewriter-style (for instance, for computer code) with `\texttt`. But remember, you do not have to indicate typestyle changes when such changes are part of the *structural* elements of your article; for instance, the heading of this subsection will be in a sans serif³ typeface, but that is handled by the document class file. Take care with the use of⁴ the curly braces in typeface changes; they mark the beginning and end of the text that is to be in the different typeface.

2.2 Math Equations

You may want to display math equations in three distinct styles: inline, numbered or non-numbered display. Each of the three are discussed in the next sections.

2.3 Citations

Citations to articles [1, 3, 2, 4], conference proceedings [3] or books [6, 5] listed in the Bibliography section of your article will occur throughout the text of your article. You should use BibTeX to automatically produce this bibliography; you simply need to insert one of several citation commands with a key of the item cited in the proper location in the `.tex` file [5]. The key is a short reference you invent to uniquely identify each work; in this sample document, the key is the first author's surname and a word from the title.

²This is the second footnote. It starts a series of three footnotes that add nothing informational, but just give an idea of how footnotes work and look. It is a wordy one, just so you see how a longish one plays out.

³A third footnote, here. Let's make this a rather short one to see how it looks.

⁴A fourth, and last, footnote.



Figure 1. A sample black and white graphic (.pdf format) that has been resized with the `includegraphics` command.

This identifying key is included with each item in the `.bib` file for your article.

The details of the construction of the `.bib` file are beyond the scope of this sample document, but more information can be found in the *Author's Guide*, and exhaustive details in the *L^AT_EX User's Guide*[5].

2.4 Tables

Because tables cannot be split across pages, the best placement for them is typically the top of the page nearest their initial cite. To ensure this proper “floating” placement of tables, use the environment `table` to enclose the table's contents and the table caption. The contents of the table itself must go in the `tabular` environment, to be aligned properly in rows and columns, with the desired horizontal and vertical rules. Again, detailed instructions on `tabular` material is found in the *L^AT_EX User's Guide*.

Immediately following this sentence is the point at which Table 1 is included in the input file; compare the placement of the table here with the table in the printed dvi output of this document.

Table 1. Frequency of Special Characters

Non-English or Math	Frequency	Comments
∅	1 in 1,000	For Swedish names
π	1 in 5	Common in math
\$	4 in 5	Used in business
Ψ ₁ ²	1 in 40,000	Unexplained usage

To set a wider table, which takes up the whole width of the page's live area, use the environment `table*` to enclose the table's contents and the table caption. As with a single-column table, this wide table will “float” to a location deemed more desirable. Immediately following this sentence is the point at which Table 2 is included in the input file; again, it is instructive to compare the placement of the table here with the table in the printed dvi output of this document.

3 Figures

Like tables, figures cannot be split across pages; the best placement for them is typically the top or the bottom of the page nearest their initial cite. To ensure this proper “floating” placement of figures, use the environment `figure` to enclose the figure and its caption.

This sample document contains examples of `.pdf` files to be displayable with L^AT_EX. More details on each of these is

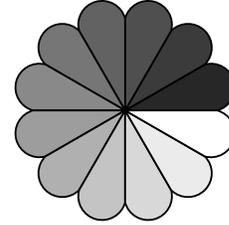


Figure 2. A sample black and white graphic (.df format) that has been resized with the `includegraphics` command.

found in the *Author's Guide*.

A Caveat for the T_EX Expert

Because you have just been given permission to use the `\newdef` command to create a new form, you might think you can use T_EX's `\def` to create a new command: *Please refrain from doing this!* Remember that your L^AT_EX source code is primarily intended to create camera-ready copy, but may be converted to other forms – e.g. HTML. If you inadvertently omit some or all of the `\defs` recompilation will be, to say the least, problematic.

4 Conclusions

This paragraph will end the body of this sample document. Remember that you might still have Acknowledgments or Appendices; brief samples of these follow. There is still the Bibliography to deal with; and we will make a disclaimer about that here: with the exception of the reference to the L^AT_EX book, the citations in this paper are to articles which have nothing to do with the present subject and are used as examples only.

5 Acknowledgments

This section is optional; it is a location for you to acknowledge grants, funding, editing assistance and what have you. In the present case, for example, the authors would like to thank Gerald Murray of ACM for his help in codifying this *Author's Guide* and the `.cls` and `.tex` files that it describes.

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