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This authoritative user's guide and reference manual for the LATEX computer typesetting system has been revised to document features now available in the new standard software release - LATEX2e. The new edition features additional styles and functions, improved font handling, and enhanced graphics capabilities. Other parts of the book have been revised to reflect user comments and suggestions. Selected sections have been rewritten to explain challenging concepts or functions, and the descriptions of both MakeIndex and BibTEX have been updated. New LATEX users will want to start with this book, and current users, particularly as they upgrade to the LATEX2e software, will be eager to obtain the most up-to-date version of its associated manual.

Features

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Richard says

When I first started out using Linux there just wasn't a good equivalent to word processors like Word. Abiword was available, but wasn't really stable and StarOffice (the software which would eventually become LibreOffice) was very slow and used inordinate amounts of memory. (It is worth pointing out that this was more than 15 years ago!).

Looking for a way to create documents I discovered LaTeX, a mark-up language which did the job. It has a steep learning curve, but the quality of the resultant files is worth the effort. At the time I learned what I needed to know from an older book, but as my knowledge expanded, and I wanted to be able to do more things the books I needed changed too. This book is now my first port of call, though I also refer to the LaTeX Companion books when I need to.

The subject matter is quite dry, but the style is easy going and quite readable, and with a useful, well constructed index it is easy to find what you need.

Logan says

The definitive guide to the document system, done by the creator (based on the underlying TeX program by Donald Knuth).

Maureen says

The book is great, the system seems overrated. Is this really going to save me time in the end? Let's hope that in three years when I've forgotten everything I'm writing about now, I'll be glad I used LaTeX.

Siddhant Shrivastava says

The book that changed publishing for the second time around in the analog-digital era. Lamport TeX, or LaTeX is one of the formats which are almost universally used in publishing houses today. If you're reading a nicely formatted book, chances are it was done by LaTeX. And it's the lifeblood of scholarly publishing. This is amazing to know even more so because the Computer Scientist behind the software (Leslie Lamport) was never a part of academia per se and yet he has had such a huge significance on publishing, Computer Science, and the world.

Robert says

My go-to reference for TEX.

Daniel says

How many of today's computer-related books will still be worth reading in 20 years? It's amazing how durable this one is. Even the puns and jokes are still fairly fresh.

Ryan says

Very nice reference material

Jule says

super Einführung und Nachschlagewerk für das weltbeste Textsatzsystem

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A. Merlocks says

In the late 80s and early 90s it was **the book** on LaTeX, a must-read. It is still very useful and I use it every other day as a quick reference, but there are many new features that are not covered by this book. In particular, do not look for multimedia-related material here.

Runar says

A great introduction to LaTeX, even though the book is a bit old.