



*In principio erat verbum: et verbum erat apud deum: et deus erat verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt: et sine ipso factum est nihil. Quod factum est in ipso vita erat: et vita erat lux hominum: et lux in tenebris lucet: et tenebre eam non comprehenderunt. Su-*

Typographic resetting of Gutenberg's 42-line bible of 1452-55, using modern Fraktur and decorative initial in METAFONT by Yannis Haralambous. The ability to control special characters like the insular ampersand (7) and unusual features like hanging punctuation makes L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X particularly well suited for typesetting critical and teaching editions. (*Beginning of St. John's Gospel.*)

# L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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## Where to get L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

- The T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group (TUG) distributes a free copy of the T<sub>E</sub>X Collection DVD with complete systems for major platforms and a copy of the entire CTAN archive to all members annually. Many local and national user groups also participate: check with your nearest group (see TUG Web site for addresses).
- You can buy a copy with commercial support from any of the vendors listed below.
- All the public-domain and open-source implementations are available for free download from CTAN.

## The T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group (TUG)

TUG membership is \$85 a year for individuals (\$55 for students, new graduates, seniors, and citizens of countries with modest economies) or \$95 for non-voting subscriptions (eg publications only). See <http://www.tug.org> for details of 'early-bird' rates and other charges. The institutional rate is \$500, which includes up to eight individual memberships. Membership includes the quarterly journal *TUGboat* and discounts on conference fees:

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2007 San Diego, CA	Pisa, Italy; Bachotek, Poland
2008 Cork, Ireland	—

## CTAN — the Comprehensive T<sub>E</sub>X Archive Network

CTAN is an online Internet archive of all free T<sub>E</sub>X and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X software. There are searchable indexes and catalogues at <http://www.ctan.org>, <http://www.tex.ac.uk/>, <http://www.dante.de>, and <http://www.ucc.ie/cgi-bin/ctan>.

## Online and other support

Internet-based support is available free of charge on the comp.text.tex Usenet newsgroup (available in German as de.comp.text.tex). There is also a two-monthly email newsletter, the *T<sub>E</sub>Xhax Digest*, and some extensive FAQs listed at <http://www.tug.org/tex-ptr-faq>.

## Vendors with commercial support

Blue Sky, Inc	Textures	Mac	<a href="http://www.bluesky.com">http://www.bluesky.com</a>
K-Talk, Inc	Converters	—	<a href="http://www.ktalk.com">http://www.ktalk.com</a>
MacKichan Software	Scientific Word	Win	<a href="http://www.mackichan.com">http://www.mackichan.com</a>
MicroPress, Inc	Visual T <sub>E</sub> X	Win	<a href="http://www.micropress-inc.com">http://www.micropress-inc.com</a>
Andrew Trevorrow	OzT <sub>E</sub> X	Mac	<a href="http://www.trevorrow.com/oztex/">http://www.trevorrow.com/oztex/</a>
PCT <sub>E</sub> X, Inc	PCT <sub>E</sub> X	Win	<a href="http://www.pctex.com">http://www.pctex.com</a>
Tom Kiffe	CMacT <sub>E</sub> X	Mac	<a href="http://www.kiffe.com/cmactex.html">http://www.kiffe.com/cmactex.html</a>
TrueT <sub>E</sub> X, Inc	TrueT <sub>E</sub> X	Win	<a href="http://trugetex.com">http://trugetex.com</a>

## Technical Requirements

### Operating systems

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X runs on all current computing platforms. The most common implementations are:

System	Implementation
Microsoft Windows	Free: ProT <sub>E</sub> Xt (MikT <sub>E</sub> X), XEMT <sub>E</sub> X Commercial: see vendor list
Linux/Unix	Free: T <sub>E</sub> X Live
Apple Mac	Free: MacT <sub>E</sub> X (T <sub>E</sub> X Live) Shareware: OZT <sub>E</sub> X, CMacT <sub>E</sub> X Commercial: Textures
All other	Contact the T <sub>E</sub> X Users Group

The T<sub>E</sub>X Collection DVD (from TUG: free to members) contains T<sub>E</sub>X Live, ProT<sub>E</sub>Xt, MikT<sub>E</sub>X, MacT<sub>E</sub>X, and a complete snapshot of the CTAN archive.

### Hardware

- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X will run even on old machines, but a 500MHz processor or above is recommended.
- You should have at least 512Mb of memory, more if you aim to do complex work or use very long documents.
- You need about 500Mb of hard disk space depending on the options you choose (minimal install is about 250Mb; full is about 1.2Gb).
- The finer your screen and printer resolution, the better quality you will be able to see and print. A fast inkjet printer or a laser printer is recommended.

### Software

- You need a good text editor for creating and maintaining documents: there is a selection included on the T<sub>E</sub>X Collection DVD.
- GhostScript and GSview are needed to view PostScript or PDF output (included on the T<sub>E</sub>X Collection DVD). Adobe's Acrobat Reader can be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.
- A graphics editor or converter is needed if you want to create or modify images (see *Figures*).

The ultimate in portable typesetting: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X runs on any computer and produces timely, accurate output in publication quality on your desktop printer or business typesetter.

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## What they say about L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

I was getting increasingly exasperated with the limitations presented by wordprocessing programs when L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X came into my life and allowed me to do all those things I previously could only dream of, from unusual symbols to complicated layout. I strongly recommend it to anybody interested in producing a professional-looking document! *Petra Hellmuth, Language Specialist*

I use pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and METAFONT not only because I need them to create my presentations, lecture notes and papers but also because it's fun! Entering a math equation in Powerpoint is a pain in the neck: with pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and METAPOST it is a lot easier because you can change the style of what is to be displayed. I have a lecture class from which I generate a lecture presentation and lecture notes all from the same source: I can add text which appears in one or both of the documents. *Marc van Dongen, Computer Scientist*

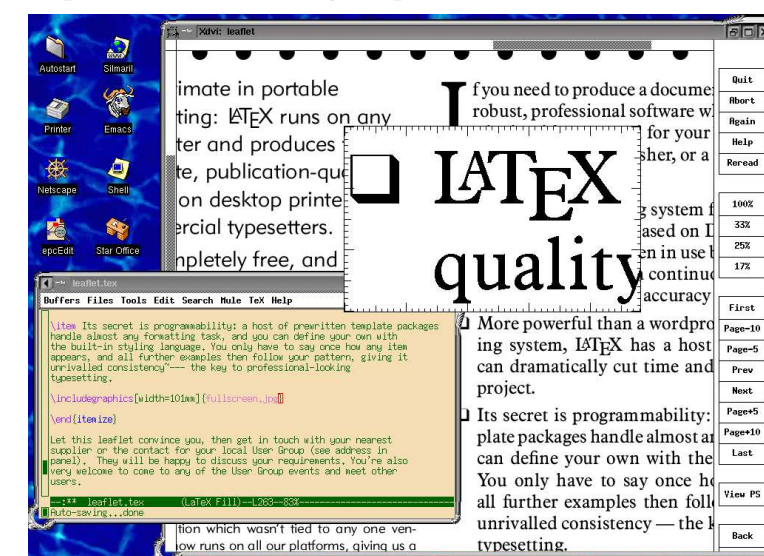
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is available in Ireland from

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<a href="http://silmaril.ie/">http://silmaril.ie/</a>	<a href="http://epu.ucc.ie">http://epu.ucc.ie</a>

The Irish T<sub>E</sub>X And L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Interest Community (ITALIC) has a mailing list which you can join at <http://listserv.heanet.ie/italic-1.html>

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- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is a document preparation system for producing high-quality output, based on Don Knuth's revolutionary T<sub>E</sub>X typesetting program. It's been used by millions since its launch in 1985, and has been continuously updated to bring you the state of the art in accuracy and flexibility.
- More powerful than a wordprocessor or desktop publishing system, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X has a host of unique features which can dramatically cut time and cost for any publishing project, especially for complex or long documents.
- Its secret is programmability: hundreds of prewritten templates (packages) to handle almost any formatting task — or you can define your own with the built-in styling language. You only have to say once how any item appears, and all further occurrences then follow your pattern, giving it unrivalled consistency: the key to professional-looking output.



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