

# C User Groups

The [T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group \(TUG\)](#) was founded in 1980 for educational and scientific purposes: to provide an organisation for those who have an interest in typography and font design, and are users of the T<sub>E</sub>X typesetting system invented by Donald Knuth. TUG is run by and for its members and represents the interests of T<sub>E</sub>X users worldwide. There are many regional and sectoral user groups organised on a geographic, language, or topical basis: see the list at [www.tug.org/usergroups.html](http://www.tug.org/usergroups.html) for details.

## C.1 Conferences and meetings

TUG and many other user groups hold annual meetings where members, newcomers, and visitors can hear about new features, discuss developments, and learn about T<sub>E</sub>X, typography, and related topics. Full details of TUG-sponsored meetings are on the [TUG web site](#).

This list is maintained by the author, based on public announcements in mailing lists, web forums, and newsgroups. If you have details of a meeting which is not shown here, please [contact me](#). Previous meetings which have taken place are also included here for the record.

### Upcoming

**ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt 2023:** The 17th International [ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt](#) meeting will be held on September 10-16th, 2023, in Prague-Sibřina, Czech Republic.

**Future of Text vol IV:** The fourth annual Symposium on the Future of Text will be held in London (and online) on the 4th of October 2023. This is to announce 'The Future of Text' Vol IV which is now open for proposals (see below).

This year we are focusing on text to extend cognition in extended environments, from paper in notebooks to reams of paper across tables and onto walls, with screens, projections and head mounted devices, interacted with directly as well as through AI.

If you are able to attend on the day in London, please contact <mailto:frode@heglan.com> as soon as possible so that your name can be on the door for the venue.

- [The Symposium](#)
- [Invitation to attend](#)
- [Invitation to contribute](#)

You may choose to propose an article for the book, a presentation for the symposium or both.

**Declarative Amsterdam 5:** The fifth edition of [Declarative Amsterdam](#) will take place on 2 and 3 November 2023 at the Science Park, Amsterdam. It will be a hybrid conference with the opportunity to attend live or online, for both attendees and presenters.

Declarative techniques are a style of computing that expresses the purpose of computation without describing its control flow. It allows you to focus on the 'what', rather than the 'how'. While the conference is mainly focused on XML and related technologies, much of the underlying principle holds true for the [L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X](#) user interface also.

## Done and dusted

**Balisage 2023:** [Balisage](#) is the premier conference on the theory, practice, design, development, and application of markup.

We solicit papers on any aspect of markup and its uses, including XML, XSLT, xQuery, JSON, T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, and many others. The conference will run from 31 July to 4 August, and will be virtual again this year, so local watch-parties are encouraged.

Many aspects of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X markup are closely related to the use of XML markup and the handling of structured documents.

**TUG 2023:** Following the very successful online meetings of past years, the [T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group 2023](#) meeting will take place at the Hotel Collegium Leoninum, Noeggerathstrasse 34, 53111 Bonn, Germany from July 14–16, with a Tagged PDF developers' workshop on July 13; physically if possible but the conference will be streamed.

**DANTE 2023:** The 65th annual meeting of the [Deutschsprachige Anwendervereinigung T<sub>E</sub>X e.V.](#) (DANTE e.V.) will take place on July 13, 2023 in Bonn ([www.dante.de/veranstaltungen/dante2023/](http://www.dante.de/veranstaltungen/dante2023/)), immediately prior to the list item 'TUG 2023' section C.1.

**MarkupUK 2023:** [MarkupUK 2023](#): although primarily related to XML, all forms of markup are discussed. From 2022, Markup UK and XML Prague will be held in alternate years, starting with XML Prague. We are looking forward to meeting you in June 2022 in Prague and on 1–3 June 2023 at the Mile End campus of Queen Mary University of London.

**GuIT 2023:** The GuIT meeting 2023, the 19th Italian conference on T<sub>E</sub>X, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and digital typography, will be held in Rome on May 20, 2023. For further details: [www.guitex.org/home/en/meeting](http://www.guitex.org/home/en/meeting).

**BachoT<sub>E</sub>X 2023:** Jerzy Ludwichowski writes: The war in Ukraine is raging still, but none the less we decided to organize [BachoT<sub>E</sub>X 2023](#), and to make up for the lost time by keeping the same theme as the cancelled 2020 conference, "A model kit: modeling and implementing text typesetting in T<sub>E</sub>X and other systems". The dates are from 29th of April until 3rd of

May, 2023, at Bachotek near Brodnica, in the north-east of Poland. Registrations will be announced separately as soon as possible.

**Bachot<sub>ε</sub>X 2022:** Once again the Polish [Grupa Użytkowników Systemu T<sub>ε</sub>X \(GUST\)](#) Board and the Bachot<sub>ε</sub>X conference Organizing Committee decided to call it off because of the returning dangerous waves of SARS-CoV-2 infections.

Those of you who have been to Bachotek know that one of the main strengths of our conferences is the proximity of dozens like minded people during several days of intensive work and discussions, with almost no ways for evasion. This creates an environment for generating new ideas, gaining knowledge effortlessly as if by inhaling and — last but not least — supporting friendships. Citing Bogusław Jackowski: “ideas are created between heads”.

Unfortunately such physical conditions in the times of an epidemic are a serious weakness. Just try to imagine problems with even one case of an infection in such conditions...

For the future: Bachot<sub>ε</sub>X in 2023 will be, on standard dates, with the same leading theme as for 2020, “A model kit: modeling and implementing text typesetting in T<sub>ε</sub>X and other systems”. Keep fingers crossed!

**Balisage 2022:** The [Balisage](#) markup conference is the principal technical meeting specifically about markup, including XML, T<sub>ε</sub>X, Markdown, and many others. The 2022 meeting will be held August 1–5. We don’t yet know if it will be all virtual or hybrid, with some in-person component(s).

**TUG 2022:** Following the very successful online meetings in 2020 and 2021, the [T<sub>ε</sub>X Users Group 2022](#) meeting will also be held online, on 20–24 July via *Zoom*, under the auspices of the University of Adelaide, Australia.

## C.2 TUG membership benefits

Members of TUG help to support and promote the use of  $\TeX$ , METAFONT, and related systems worldwide. All members receive *TUGboat*, the journal of the  $\TeX$  Users Group, the  *$\TeX$  Live* software distribution (on DVD), and the CTAN software distribution (containing most of the CTAN archive).

In addition, TUG members can vote in TUG elections, and receive discounts on annual meeting fees, store purchases, and TUG-sponsored courses. TUG membership (less benefits) is tax-deductible, at least in the US. See the TUG Web site for details.

## C.3 Becoming a TUG member

Please see the forms and information at [www.tug.org/join.html](http://www.tug.org/join.html). You can join online, or by filling out a paper form. The Nederlandstalige  $\TeX$  Gebruikersgroep (NTG) (Dutch) and United Kingdom  $\TeX$  User Group (UKTUG) (UK) have joint membership agreements with TUG whereby you can receive a discount for joining both TUG and the local user group. To do this, please join via [www.ntg.nl/newmember.html](http://www.ntg.nl/newmember.html) (the NTG membership page) or [uk.tug.org/Membership/](http://uk.tug.org/Membership/) (the UKTUG page), respectively, and select the option for joint membership.

Each year's membership entitles you to the software and TUGboat produced for that year (even if it is produced in a subsequent calendar year, as is occasionally the case). You can order older issues of TUGboat and  $\TeX$  memorabilia through the TUG store ([www.tug.org/store](http://www.tug.org/store)).

The current (2015) TUG membership fee before March 31st is \$85 (US) per year for individuals and \$55 for students, new graduates, seniors, and citizens of countries with modest economies. Add \$20 to the membership fee after March 31 to cover additional shipping and processing costs. The current rate for non-voting subscription memberships (for libraries, for example) is \$105. The current institutional rate is \$500, which includes up to seven individual memberships.

## C.4 Privacy

TUG uses your personal information only to mail you products, publications, notices, and (for voting members) official ballots. Also, if you give explicit agreement, we may incorporate it into a membership directory which will be made available only to TUG members.

TUG neither sells its membership list nor provides it to anyone outside of its own membership.