

Using L^AT_EX

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Helpful Hints

- L^AT_EX may not like spaces in filenames. For example, `Agron 183.tex` is bad, but `Agron_183.tex` is good. Stick to just letters and numbers and underscores (`_`).
- If you download a template or example file more than once, each download will be given a new file name, and this new file name may have spaces in it or other bad characters. Learn how to change the filename on your computer, or change the filename after uploading the file to Overleaf.
- You must click on the name of your L^AT_EX file to highlight it in order for it to show up in the editor, and for you to “Recompile” it to create a `.pdf` file. See Figure 1.
- Figure files must be uploaded to Overleaf just like your L^AT_EX file. See Figure 1.
- Click on “Recompile” after you’ve made a change to your L^AT_EX file and want to see what the new `.pdf` looks like. See Figure 1. Be sure to “Recompile” before you download your `.pdf` file to make sure you have the latest version!

References

- A “reference” means using the `\label{}` and `\ref{}` commands to, for example, allow L^AT_EX to automatically adjust the number of a figure or table. See Figure 2. (I just used the `\ref{}` command!) Look in the corresponding `.tex` file to see that there is a `\label{}` command somewhere between `\begin{figure*}` and `\end{figure*}`. In the argument of `\label{}` there is an “identifier” and it can be anything you want it to be. The identifier in Figure 2 is “fig:exp.” Use that particular identifier in the argument of the `\ref{}` command anytime you want to reference that figure.
- Use a “sticky-space,” the `~` character, between “Figure” and your `\ref{}` command. This prevents the word “Figure” from being on a separate line from the appropriate number in your `.pdf` file. The sticky-space always keeps them together.

Comments

- Text that follows a “`%`” is called a “comment” and does not show up in your `.pdf`. You can use comments to “document” your L^AT_EX file so others understand your code.

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Figure 1: A screenshot of Overleaf.

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78 - \begin{figure*}[t]
79   \centering
80   \noindent\includegraphics[width=\hsize]{boprie.jpg}
81   \caption{This is a picture of me with David Boprie,
82   a good friend at the University of Michigan
83   who helped make my dissertation experiment work.
84   Note my sweatshirt!}
85   \label{fig:exp}
86   \end{figure*}
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88   For my doctoral dissertation,
89   I~made remote sensing and in situ measurements
90   in a corn field in southeastern Michigan
91   (yes, they grow a lot of corn in that part of the
92   state).
93   See Figure~\ref{fig:exp}.
94   When a job opened up at Iowa State,
95   I applied, but didn't get it.
96   I was disappointed,

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Figure 1: This is a picture of me with David Boprie, a good friend at the University of Michigan who helped make my dissertation experiment work. Note my sweatshirt!

When I visited the University of Michigan, it clicked. I was visiting with a professor and told him that I liked electromagnetics (the study of electromagnetic radiation) but also wanted to do environmental research. He told me about "remote sensing" and it turned out to be *exactly* what I wanted to do.

For my doctoral dissertation, I made remote sensing and in situ measurements in a corn field in southeastern Michigan (yes, they grow a lot of corn in that part of the state). See Figure 1. When a job opened up at Iowa State, I applied, but didn't get it. I was disappointed, but it was a great learning experience. After an interview at the University of Texas (I did not get that job, either), I applied to another job in the Department of Agronomy at Iowa State, and this time I was ready! I got the job (the same one I have today) and became an agronomist!

Figure 2: An example of using a label and a reference.