Getting Started with \LaTeX

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1 What is \LaTeX?

\LaTeX is a document preparation system, more like a typesetting system than a word processor such as Microsoft Word. \LaTeX is used by nearly all mathematicians, most computer scientists and physicists and an increasing number of other scientists. Nearly everything you read in mathematics will have been produced using \LaTeX.

2 References

There are numerous books and articles about \LaTeX.
Recommended is The Not So Short Introduction to \LaTeX\,\textsuperscript{2ε} available from the CTAN archive:

http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/lshort/english

3 Web Resources

A good place to start is the \LaTeX Navigator:

http://tex.loria.fr

A comprehensive collection of \LaTeX resources is the CTAN archive:

http://www.ctan.org