Introduction to LaTeX

for Word users

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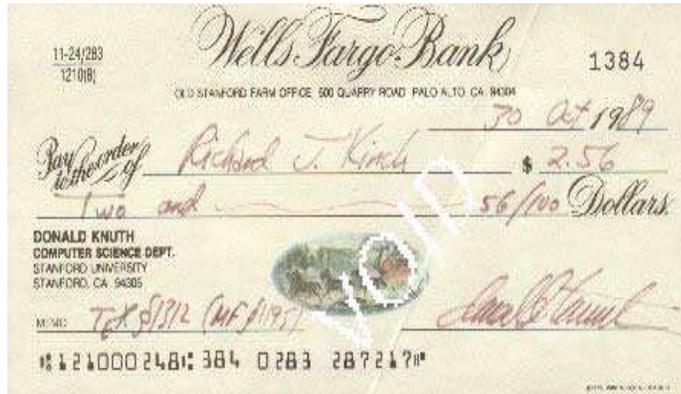■ No pressure to **UPGRADE NOW OR ELSE!**

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Producing a Simple Document

Simple Document

```latex
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}

\usepackage{...}
% ------------------------------------------------

\begin{document}
% ------------------------------------------------

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% ------------------------------------------------
\end{document}
```

Hello World

```
\documentclass {article}

\begin{document}
Hello World!
\end{document}
```

Author info

```latex
\title{A Sample Document}
\author{Karol Kowalik}
\date{...}
\maketitle
```

Document structure

```
\part{...}
\chapter{...}
\subsection{...}
\subsubsection{...}
\paragraph{...}
\subparagraph{...}
```

Necessary steps to produce a document

```
[keyboard] ==> [ TeX input file ] --TeX program--> [ DVI file ] --device driver--> [ output (paper, pdf, ps) ]
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LATEX file types

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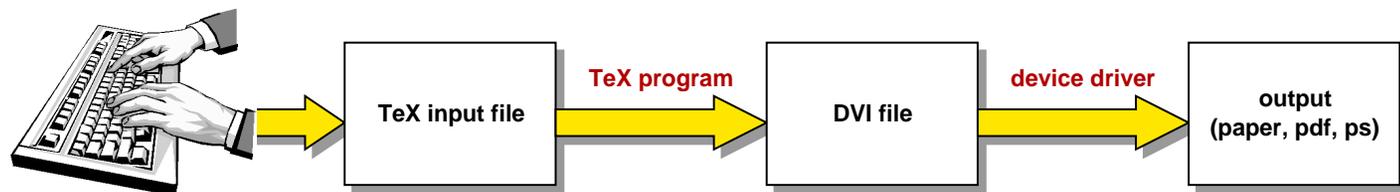
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- **BibTeX**

- Visual Thought

  `http://tersesystems.com/code/?overview=vt14`

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