

Session 13/14: L^AT_EX/Markdown CV Workshop



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L^AT_EX

L^AT_EX Recommendations

Packages

- ▶ fullpage; or geometry to reduce margins
- ▶ longtable or ltablex for tables across page breaks
- ▶ enumitem to customize lists (e.g. spacing)
- ▶ fancyhdr for page headers
- ▶ hyperref for hyperlinks

Environments

- ▶ section
- ▶ tabularx
- ▶ enumerate, itemize
- ▶ multicols or minipage

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\hangafter1\raggedright\arraybackslash}X}
```

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itemize in tabularx

Enclose in minipage:

```
\begin{tabularx}{\textwidth}{lX}
  \begin{minipage}[t]{\linewidth}
    \begin{itemize}[nosep,after=\strut] % requires `enumitem`
      \item ... % package
    \end{itemize}
  \end{minipage}
\end{tabularx}
```

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Set Font Size/Padding for Headings

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```
\usepackage{titlesec}
```

```
\titleformat*{\section}{\Large\bfseries}
```

```
\titleformat*{\subsection}{\large\bfseries}
```

```
\titleformat*{\subsubsection}{\normalsize\bfseries\itshape}
```

Adjust size and style as required; see [WikiBooks](#).

Pandoc Markdown

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- ▶ Or set titling options in your header-includes:

```
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  \`\`{=latex}  
  \usepackage{titling}  
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  \`\`\`
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The latter also reduces the distance between title block elements.

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We can neutralize these commands in `header-includes` as follows:

```
header-includes: |
  \`\`{=latex}
  \renewcommand{\toprule}{}
  \renewcommand{\midrule}{}
  \renewcommand{\bottomrule}{}
  \`\`\`
```


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In some use cases, definition lists may be preferable:

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: MA English Philology, Göttingen University

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L^AT_EX environments like `multicols` only take L^AT_EX formatting, unless you clone the `\begin` and `\end` commands along these lines:

```
header-includes: |
  ```{=latex}
 \usepackage{multicol}
 \newcommand{\stealth}[1]{#1}
 \stealth{
 \let\Begin\begin
 \let\End\end
 }
  ```
```

Then use `\Begin{multicols}{2}` and `\End{multicols}`; you can now use Markdown inside the `multicols` environment.

Recommended Reading

Cone, Matt. *Markdown Guide*. Accessed January 6, 2019.
<https://www.markdownguide.org>.

“LaTeX,” n.d. <https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX>.

MacFarlane, John. “Pandoc User’s Guide.” Accessed January 6, 2019.
<http://pandoc.org/MANUAL.html>.