

Linux Foundation L^AT_EX Formatting and Style CheatSheet
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**Very Important**

This document is not a substitute for thoroughly reading the Full Documentation in [LF_COURSEWARE.pdf](#). It supplements that by giving an abbreviated set of examples.

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1 Informational Boxes

All the following box-making macros are used in the form:

```
\begin{boxname}
  any useable content
\end{boxname}
```

The all have a default label and icon at the top left. You can override the label. So compare

```
\begin{info}
  Some useful information to take note of
\end{info}
```

 **Please Note**
Some useful information to take note of

with

```
\begin{info}[Only Morons Would Fail to Note]
  Some useful information to take note of
\end{info}
```

 **Only Morons Would Fail to Note**
Some useful information to take note of

The only exception is the `lfbox` which has no default title or icon, but a title is often added.

1.1 Information Boxes

`lfbox`



Kernel Version Note

`kvnote`

 **Please Note**

`info`

 **Very Important**

`important`

 **Don't do this**

`dontdothis`

 **How it works**

`howitworks`

 **Question**

`question`

 **make menuconfig**

`configbox`

 **You could also get this upstream from git**

`gitbox`

 **Video Demonstration Resources**

`videobox`

1.2 Location Boxes

 **On the Web**

`webbox`

 **On the command line**

`cli`

 **On Your Laptop**

`onlaptop`

 **On Your Server**

`onserver`

**On Your Virtual Machine**

onvm

**On Gentoo**

gentoobox

**On Linux Host Machine**

onhost

**On Linux Mint**

linuxmintbox

**On Embedded Target**

ontarget

**On RedHat**

redhatbox

**On the Serial Console**

serialbox

**On RedHat, Centos, or Fedora**

redhatfamilybox

**On Container**

oncontainer

**On RedHat, Centos, Fedora, or openSUSE**

rpmfamilybox

1.3 Distro boxes

**On Arch Linux**

archlinuxbox

**On openSUSE**

opensusebox

**On CentOS**

centosbox

**On Ubuntu**

ubuntubox

**On Debian**

debianbox

1.4 Boxes that show file content



filebox

**On Debian, Ubuntu, or Linux Mint**

debianfamilybox

**Shell code**

shbox

**On Fedora**

fedorabox

1.5 Distros

\archlinux	 Arch Linux
\centos	 CentOS
\debian	 Debian
\debianfamily	 Debian ,  Ubuntu , or  Linux Mint
\fedora	 Fedora
\gentoo	 Gentoo
\linuxmint	 Linux Mint
\redhat	 RedHat
\redhatfamily	 RedHat ,  CentOS , or  Fedora
\rpmfamily	 RedHat ,  CentOS ,  Fedora or  openSUSE
\opensuse	 openSUSE
\ubuntu	 Ubuntu

2 File Listing Boxes

2.1 File Type Specific Listings:

For each type of file for which there is specific support, there are two related macros that can be used. As an example you can do:

```
\cfile{lab_foo.c}
```

where `lab_foo.c` is an included file, which might give:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <unistd.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     printf("Hello LF Course Maintainer\n");
8     exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
9 }
```

As a very useful variation you can put a title in as in

```
\cfile[\texttt{lab\foo.c}]{lab_foo.c}
```

lab_foo.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <unistd.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     printf("Hello LF Course Maintainer\n");
8     exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
9 }
```

where you should note the optional title comes **before** the file name, and we have used `verb?_?` for the special character in the file title, but do not to do for the name.



Very Important

These macros do syntax highlighting and parse the code encapsulated. If you give incorrect or incomplete code, you may get \LaTeX errors that can be hard to fix. In that case you would be better off just using a simpler verbatim environment, such as `\kcode`

If you want to place the file in line instead of in a separate code you would use the related `clst` environment as in:

```
\begin{clst}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{ }
\end{clst}
```

```
1 int main(int argc, char **argv)
2 { }
```

```
\begin{clst}[\texttt{lab\foo.c}]
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{ }
\end{clst}
```

lab_foo.c

```
1 int main(int argc, char **argv)
2 { }
```

To save repetitive space, we will just give the list here without showing examples. You should experiment and see how you like them and if they are useful to you.

- **Any File**
fromfile() and filelst
- **C, C++**
cfile{} and clst
- **Device Tree**
fdtfile{} and fdtlst
- **\LaTeX**
latexfile{} and latexlst
- **Makefile**
frommakefile{} and makelst
- **Bash Shell Script**
shfile{} and shlst
- **YAML**
yamlfile{} and yamllst
- **JSON**
jsonfile{} and jsonlst
- **Python**
pytonfile{} and pythonlst

2.2 Location-Specific (and other) Listings:

There are some other variations which look like location boxes, but differ in that they are verbatim environments. Compare:

```
\begin{onlaptop}  
some code with \LaTeX macros and commands  
\end{onlaptop}
```



On Your Laptop

some code with \LaTeX macros and commands

with

```
\begin{onlaptoplst}  
some code with \LaTeX macros and commands  
\end{onlaptoplst}
```



On Your Laptop

some code with \LaTeX macros and commands

2.3 Variations

- **Laptop**
onlaptopfile{ } and laptoplst
- **Server**
onserverfile{ } and serverlst
- **VM**
onvmfile{ } and vmlst
- **Target**
ontargetfile{ } and targetlst
- **Host**
onhostfile{ } and hostlst
- **Serial**
onserialfile{ } and seriallst
- **CLI**
clifile{ } and clilst
- **Git**
gitfile{ } and gitlst

3 Verbatim Environments

3.1 Environments that Do Not Interpret commands: `cmd`, `response`, `kcode`

There are many cases where you want to insert text which is not interpreted by \LaTeX , and where you want to use a monospace font. This is always useful for commands and output etc

This is also used for short or syntactically incomplete listings to display literal code and text without boxing and titles etc as we have shown up to now.

The basic ones to use are:

- `cmd`
Used for commands typed at terminal
- `response`
Used for output on terminal in response to commands
- `kcode`
Used for anything else that you want literal

These differ in colors, which may change at some point in the future. **Examples:**

```
\begin{cmd}           rendering
$ wc /etc/passwd
\end{cmd}             $ wc /etc/passwd
\begin{response}
52 122 2952 /etc/passwd 1 52 122 2952 /etc/passwd
\end{response}
```

Notice the change in color between `cmd` and `response`.

If you do not want to have a change in color or use for other things `kcode` is just fine and was used above to show the `cmd` and `response` dialogue.

```
\begin{kcode}        renders as
anything you want
\end{kcode}          anything you want
```

3.2 Environments That Interpret Commands: `cmdtt`, `responsett`

Sometimes you want a command interpreted inside a verbatim-like environment. For that we use some custom environments similar to the `alltt` one in standard \LaTeX . Compare

```
\begin{cmd}           rendering
$ echo This is \mycourse
\end{cmd}             $ echo This is \mycourse
```

with

```
\begin{cmdtt}        rendering
$ echo This is \mycourse
\end{cmdtt}          $ echo This is LFD999
```

Note that in the `cmdtt` environment there can be subtle differences. For example, if you just use `\` instead of `\textbackslash` it will probably put everything on one line and drop the backslash! So you have to inspect output and may have to deal with special characters.

One also has a `responsett` environment which is not used anywhere near as much.



Indentation & Vertical Spacing

These environments can be sensitive to horizontal indentation. If `\begin{. .}` or `\end{. .}` for `cmd`, `cmdtt`, `response`, or `responsett`, begin at the beginning a line, sometimes the vertical spacing afterwards gets compressed. This is probably a bug not a feature we hope to fix at some point.

3.3 Including Entire Verbatim files

These macros do not interpret \LaTeX coding. interpretation of any commands within. Most common will be `rawoutfile{}` macro to show the output of a command or process.

```
\rawcmdfile{somefile}
gives a sequence of command line input in blue
```

```
\respfile{somefile}
give a series of output lines in purple
```

The only difference in these forms here is font color.

You can always use one of the other previously discussed macros if you want to put the output in a box or use a title for it