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Technical Writing and Communications

Research — Evaluate — Clarify — Document — Communicate

BD TECH CONCEPTS LLC provides technical writing and communications services, including:

- Technical editing for books, monographs, white papers, case studies, journal submissions, and engineering/business proposals.
 - (See: [Technical Editing](#))
- Document design, layout, editing, and proofing.
 - (See: [Book & Monograph Design](#))
- Diagrams and illustrations.
 - (See: [Diagrams](#))
- Document conversion.
 - (See: [Printed Document to PDF Conversion](#))
- Owner's manuals for real-world devices.
 - (See: [Owner's Manuals and Procedures](#))
- Software documentation.
 - (Example: [L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the lwarp package](#))
 - (Also: [L^AT_EX tocdata package](#))
- Patent applications with diagram callouts linked to the text.
- Software test procedures and state-machine analysis.
 - (See: [Software-Related Documentation](#))

Specialties:

- L^AT_EX — programmable advanced document-creation and typesetting system.
- Real-time embedded software engineering — industrial controls.

Also see: [About Us](#).

Improved Technical Communications

Marketing

- Create a great impression by improving your technical and marketing documents. Potential customers, purchasing managers, and applications engineers are influenced by the quality of your technical literature.
- Publish nicely edited, formatted, and typeset technical books, white papers, case studies, and journal submissions.

Sales

- Remove objections, avoid misunderstandings, and create superior proposals by including thorough documentation, including user-interface and operating-logic design illustrations and state diagrams.

Engineering

- Free your staff to work on developing new products instead of worrying about polishing documentation to publication quality.
- Improve product design through user-interface and operating-logic analysis and diagramming.
- Develop software from a full specification, including outlier conditions.
- Preserve institutional memory to speed the design of subsidiary products and survive personnel turnover.
- Re-publish quality journal articles on your own company's home page, with improved technical editing and typesetting.

Production

- Develop multilingual training aids with documentation which has been designed for clear translation.
- Help ensure employee safety with clearly presented warnings.
- Improve performance with easy-to-locate information.

Quality Control

- Work from clear and complete specifications, including full software test procedures.

Customer Service

- Reduce returns and support costs through clear customer communications.

Legal

- Improve patent applications with professional typesetting to USPTO requirements, and quality diagrams automatically and permanently cross-referenced to the text.
- Reduce legal issues and negative press by providing complete, clear, and consistent documentation and warnings.

Technical Editing

Applications for Technical Editing

- Books, Monographs, Texts
- White Papers
- Case Studies
- Journal Articles
- Patent Applications
- Engineering Proposals
- Catalogs and Brochures
- Operating Manuals

Improved Technical Content

- Improved typesetting of mathematics, tables, units, fractions, and user-interface controls.
- Mathematics typeset according to math or engineering standards, as appropriate.
- Consistent formatting of dimensions v.s. quantities, and ranges of numbers with units.
- Improved diagrams and photos. Suggestions for additional diagrams or illustrations to clarify content.
- Consistent and improved labeling of warnings, cautions, and notes. Suggested additions or change of importance.
- Consistency checks between different statements in different sections of the document.
- Catch missing exponents, units, labels, specifications.
- Verify unit conversions.
- Verify significant digits.
- Verify trademark v.s. copyright.
- Consistent type-case for brand and product names.
- Define any undefined acronyms.
- Clarify procedural instructions to reduce misinterpretation.
- State-machine tables or diagrams to clarify and specify all possible user-interface interactions.
- Highlighted description lists or paragraph headings to quickly locate and identify important content.
- Repeated text is factored to a common source to avoid minor differences between instances.
- Diagram labels may be converted to numbered “pins” and an accompanying table. The pins take less space on the diagram, and the table allows easier translation or updates since text is not placed directly on the diagram. Patent applications require numbered diagram pins, and references to these pins are automatically maintained and updated as changes occur, permanently maintaining the link between the diagram and the text. See [Labels, pins, call-outs, patent-application diagrams](#).

Improved Text

- Spelling
- Grammar
 - Dropped articles
 - Insure / ensure / assure, effect / affect, etc.
 - Simplification and rearrangement of complex sentences for improved clarity.
- Punctuation
 - Hyphenation of compound adjectives.
 - Hyphen / number range / minus sign / en-dash / em-dash
 - Opening / closed quote marks / inch mark / angular seconds / double prime
 - Apostrophe / foot mark / angular minutes / prime
 - End-of-sentence space / flexible-width inter-word space / fix-width unbreakable space / short unbreakable space
 - Serial comma, Harvard comma, Oxford comma
 - × vs x (“times” vs “lower-case x”)
- Structural organization
 - Sectioning
 - Cross-references with active hyper-links.
 - Footnotes and end-notes
 - Figures and captions
 - Equations
 - Table-of-Contents, List-of-Figures, List-of-Tables
 - Indexes
 - Glossaries
 - Bibliography
 - PDF meta-data

Repair of Broken Documents

- Conversion from bitmaps and scanned images to real text, tables, equations, and vector diagrams.
- Repair and establish consistent labels, units, and captions.
- Prevent diagrams, illustrations, and photos from overlapping nearby text.
- Re-organize out-of-order or broken section, figure, or equation numbering.
- Correct broken itemized, enumerated, and description lists.
- Strip and reapply formatting to fix inconsistent styling.
- Fix or verify inconsistent or obsolete contact information and hyperlinks.

Book & Monograph Design

“... if you have a technical-writing project that is stalled, or one that needs a new look, Brian Dunn at BD TECH CONCEPTS can help you.”

Sprucing Up Content
GEAR TECHNOLOGY MAGAZINE

Be the expert

Prove your professional authority by self-publishing your own technical book or monograph. Whether available for free download, or printed and sent ahead to prospective clients, the fact that you literally “*wrote the book*” means instant recognition and credibility. An early investment in authoring your own book can yield results for years to come.

“[Writing the book] has served me well over the past 28 years. Initially it got me job interviews (22 interviews out of 25 copies sent out in 1989) and as late as last month I used it as material in a training class in Texas.”

Charles D. Schultz, p.e.
BEYTA GEAR SERVICE

Example Technical Book Design

Figure 1 shows an example book project, single-sourced from one L^AT_EX document-system source to create a printed version, a tablet version, and an HTML website version.

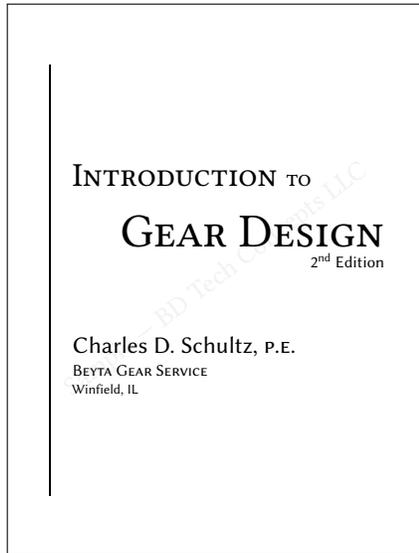
Downloadable samples include:

- Formatted for screen and print: [Introduction to Gear Design — Print — PDF](#)
- Formatted for hand-held tablet: [Introduction to Gear Design — Tablet — PDF](#)
- HTML website: [Introduction to Gear Design — Website — HTML](#)

Converted from an old scanned printout, this book now has all-new diagram conversions along with improved editing, numbering, typesetting, internal/external hyperlinks, and formatting for print, tablet, or HTML. Used with permission.

“Both versions look good ... I very much like the work you have done ... Thanks for your hard work.”

Charles D. Schultz, p.e.
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INTRODUCTION TO GEAR DESIGN CH. 4 — WHAT SHOULD THEY LOOK LIKE?

Table 4.9: Popular Tooth Forms
Dimensions shown are for 1 NDP.
For other sizes, divide dimensions shown by NDP needed.

Tooth Form	Normal Pressure Angle	Whole Depth	Addendum	Dedendum	Fillet Radius	Circular Pitch
Full Depth	14.5°	2.157	1.00	1.157	0.21	3.1416
Full Depth	20°	2.157	1.00	1.157	varies	3.1416
Full Fillet	20°	2.250	1.00	1.250	0.30	3.1416
Pre-Shave or Pre-Grind	20°	2.350	1.00	1.350	0.30	3.1416
Stub	20°	1.800	0.80	1.000	0.20	3.1416
Full Depth	25°	2.250	1.00	1.250	0.25	3.1416
Full Fillet	25°	2.300	1.00	1.300	0.30	3.1416
Fellows Stub (S ² /y)	20°	2.25/y	1.00/y	1.25/y	varies	3.1416/x
Nuttall	20°	1.728	0.79	.943	varies	3.1416

Notes:
1 Fellows stub is also called "combination pitch."
2 Nuttall system should not be used for new designs.

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INTRODUCTION TO GEAR DESIGN CH. 5 — HOW SHOULD THEY BE MADE?

Table 5.4: Minimum Number of Teeth to Avoid Undercutting

Normal Pressure Angle	Whole Depth @ 1 NDP	Helix Angle								
		0°	10°	15°	20°	25°	30°	35°	40°	45°
14.5°	2.157	32	31	30	29	27	25	23	20	17
20°	1.8	15	14	14	13	12	12	11	10	8
20°	2.25	18	18	17	17	16	15	13	12	11
25°	2.25	13	12	12	11	11	10	9	8	8

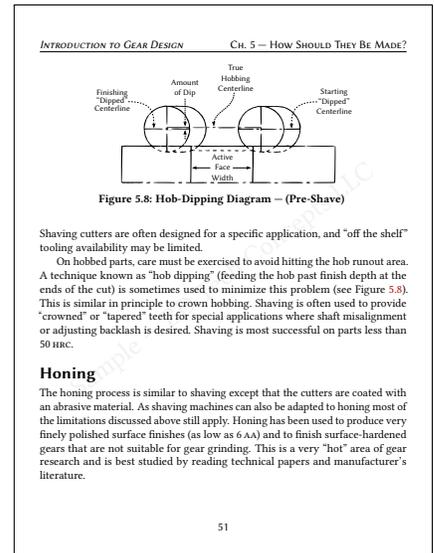
Undercut tooth:

Relative tooth shape – Same NDP:

the strength of the tooth. This problem is usually corrected by changing to a higher pressure angle, increasing the number of teeth (with a corresponding reduction in tooth size), or "enlarging" the pinion teeth and "contracting" the gear teeth (also called the "long and short addendum" system). If the number of teeth on your part is less than that shown on Table 5.4, you may want to read the information on undercutting found in the books listed in the reference section of this guide.

Hobbing is used to produce spur, helical, and double-helical gears. The helix angle of helical gears necessitates larger approach, overrun, and clearance allowances. For double-helical gears there is the additional complication of determining the "gap width" required to avoid the hob cutting one side of the gear from damaging the other side when it reaches the end of its cut (see Figure 5.4). The analysis of these situations is quite complex. Several different methods are detailed in the reference books, including graphical techniques that

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Hyperlinks are colored, including in-text Figure and Table references, and each entry in the Table of Contents, List of Figures, and List of Tables.

Figure 1: Book Design — Introduction to Gear Design

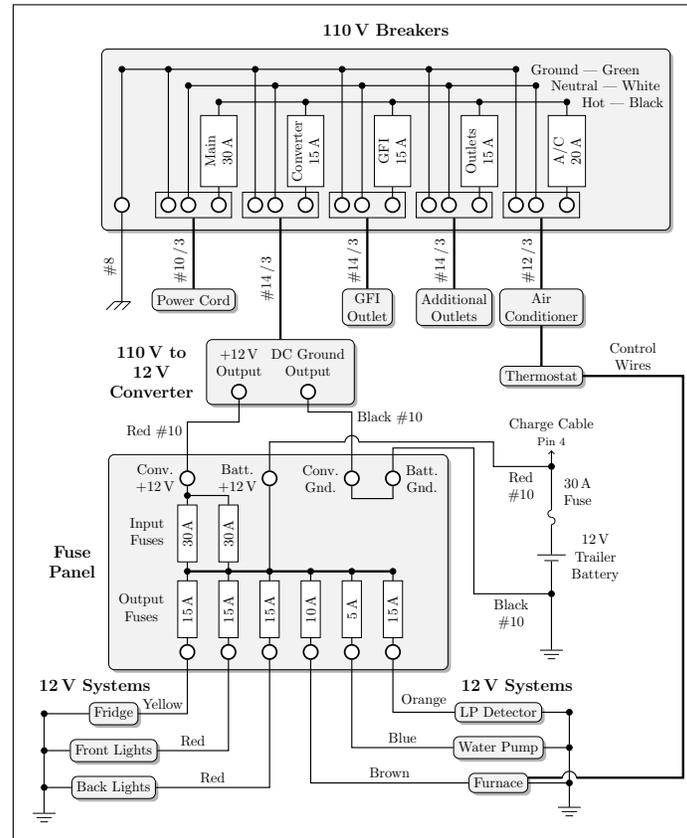


Figure 2: Wiring Diagram — Camping Trailer Electrical System

Owner's Manuals and Procedures

A reformat of your product's owner's manuals can create a great impression for potential customers.

A third-person editorial review of your owner's manuals can result in a cleaner document, better-informed customers, and reduced service calls.

Improved cross-references, enhanced diagrams, additional notes and explanations, and an outsider's perspective on the operation of your product — all help bring your product manuals up to a professional standard.

Examples

- Real-world products and devices:
 - Sample: Camping trailer owner's manual:
 - [Camping Trailer Manual — PDF](#), including Figure 2, a sample wiring diagram.
 - [Camping Trailer Manual — HTML](#) (This is a sample conversion from L^AT_EX to HTML via the [L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the *lwrap* package](#).)
 - Sample: Automatic door-closer installation manual:
 - [Automatic Door Closer Installation Manual — PDF](#)
- Figure 3 show a side view of one possible installation, along with the door and frame. See the manual for additional installation options and diagrams.

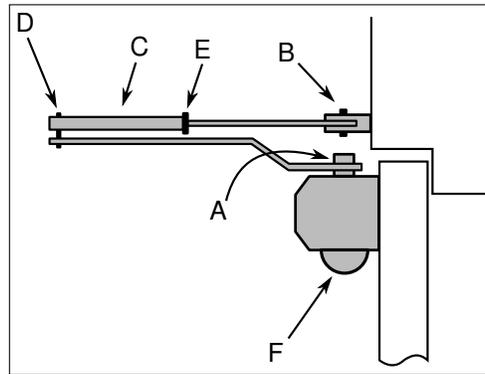


Figure 3: Parts Diagram — Automatic Door Closer — Side View

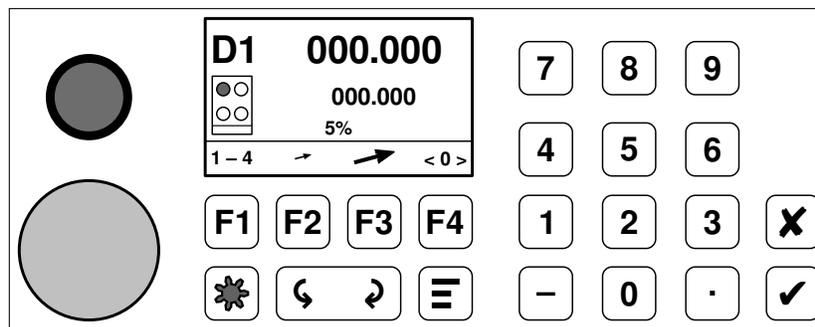


Figure 4: Control Box — Front Panel

- Industrial controls and related software:

- Sample: CNC Control Box:

[CNC Control Box — Setup Instructions — PDF](#)

A redesigned CNC sub-component control-box front panel is shown in Figure 4. The new panel includes international key and display icons, a more intuitive key placement, and an accompanying operating-logic redesign which provides a simpler and more consistent user experience.

- Sample: Fryer user's manual:

[Fryer — User's Manual — PDF](#)

Figure 5 is a diagram from the fryer's user's manual. An all-new operating logic and improved key icons resulted in a superior product design. See [State machines](#) for a discussion of the benefits provided by this product-design process.

- Single-source documentation suite — information factoring and re-use:

Documentation integrity and ease of updates are each improved by the proper factoring and automated re-use of common blocks of information. When done at too fine of a level, context is lost, and when done at too coarse of a level, re-usability is lost.

- Sample:

[Initial Specification — PDF](#)

[Final Operating Specification — PDF](#)

[Software Test Procedure — PDF](#)

[Fryer — User's Manual — PDF](#)

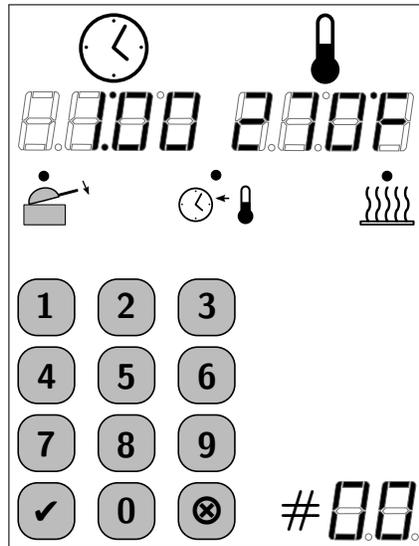


Figure 5: Fryer — Front Panel

Software-Related Documentation

User’s Manual and Source-Code Documentation

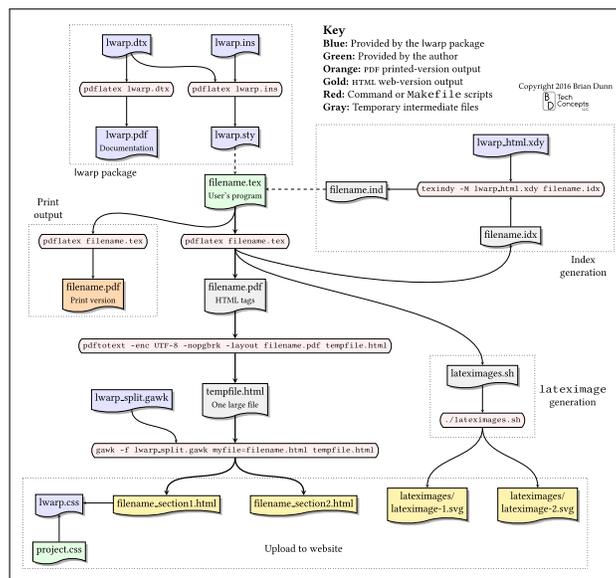


Figure 6: Lwarp Manual — Sample Diagram

Figure 6 is an excerpt from a prior version of the [Lwarp v0.901 Manual](#) (2.5 MB PDF). This manual is a combined user’s manual and source-code documentation, an example of “literate programming”.

For more information, see [L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the lwarp package](#).

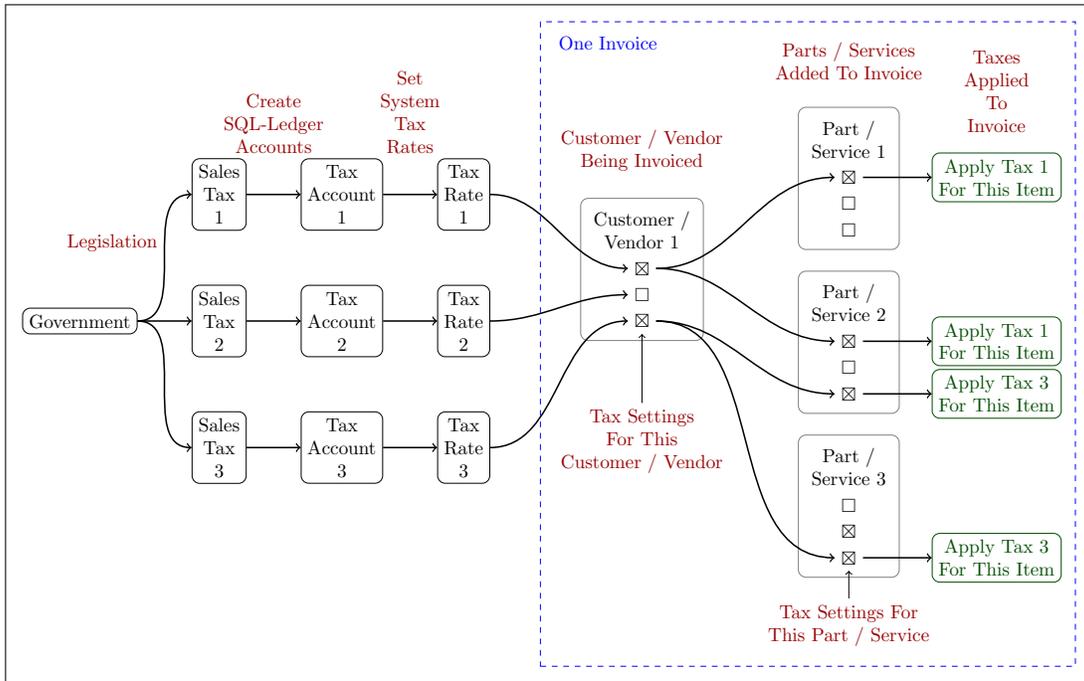


Figure 7: Conceptual Logic — SQL-LEDGER — Handling Sales Taxes

Operating Procedures

- Elaborate software operating procedures benefit from the inclusion of additional diagrams to help explain the logical connections of the various functions and processes which are involved. Typesetting is used to indicate user-interface functions, and screen images are used to highlight important selections.
 - Sample: How to set up sales-tax handling in the SQL-LEDGER® double-entry accounting system:
[SQL-LEDGER — Handling Sales Taxes — PDF](#)
 Figure 7 demonstrates a conceptual-logic diagram, showing the relationship between the various legislated sales-taxes, their software accounts, their software tax-rate settings. Also shown is how several at a time may be selected/deselected for a particular customer/vendor account, and also for a collection of parts/services on a particular invoice. The flowing arrows show the application of individual sales taxes through the various accounts and selections for each individual item on the invoice.
- Diagrams are also used to illustrate the changing state of the system as a the user progresses through the required operations. Typesetting is used to highlight user-entry typing, display, warnings and notes.
 - Sample: How to move the Debian operating system to a new harddrive:
[Moving Debian “Wheezy” and grub2 to a New Drive — PDF](#)
 Copying an entire operating system to a new harddrive can involve several steps, during which entire groups of directories are added and removed at different times. Figure 8 is one of several which help the user keep track of what is going where during the transfer process.

Test procedures

Each time software is changed, it should be validated for proper operation before being released for general use. This important function must be carefully thought out. A thorough test procedure will test each software function, including

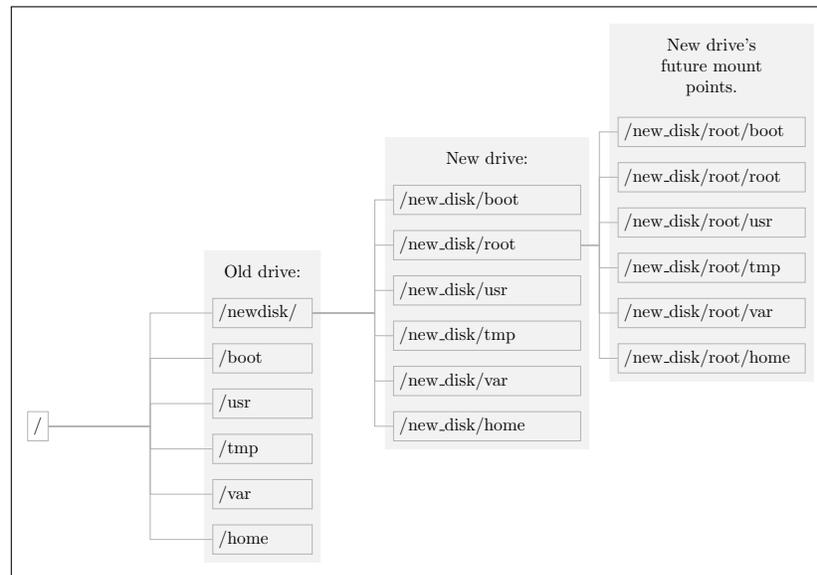


Figure 8: Directory Tree — OS Transfer to a New Drive

all hardware interfaces plus associated noise and error handling conditions, and the proper software response to each possible input given each possible current state.

- Sample: Software test procedure:

[Fryer — Software Test Procedure — PDF](#)

Illustrated in the PDF and in Figure 9 are:

- an overview of the product,
- the use of a state machine in tabular form (also see Figure 10 for the same information in diagram form,)
- statements of specification,
- a checklist for each state's actions,
- additional tests to perform where necessary,
- ESD noise and power-loss recovery testing, and
- typeset user-interface buttons and displays.

State machines

It is useful to create a state machine including every possible combination of input, output, and software state. The creation of this state machine can, in itself, reveal design flaws or force decisions about combinations which nobody had thought of before.

The state machine, if created and incorporated into the initial design process, can be used as a guide for the software engineers to ensure that they have a complete description of the correct action of the program.

When described in graphical format, the state machine makes a valuable part of the software test procedure, describing in an easy-to-use visual format the correct operation of the program.

When converted to a table format, the state machine may be implemented in software, resulting in an easily maintained piece of code, readily adaptable to design changes or future product versions. A software state machine also avoids the nightmare of large blocks of heavily nested conditional code and its associated mysterious functional glitches.

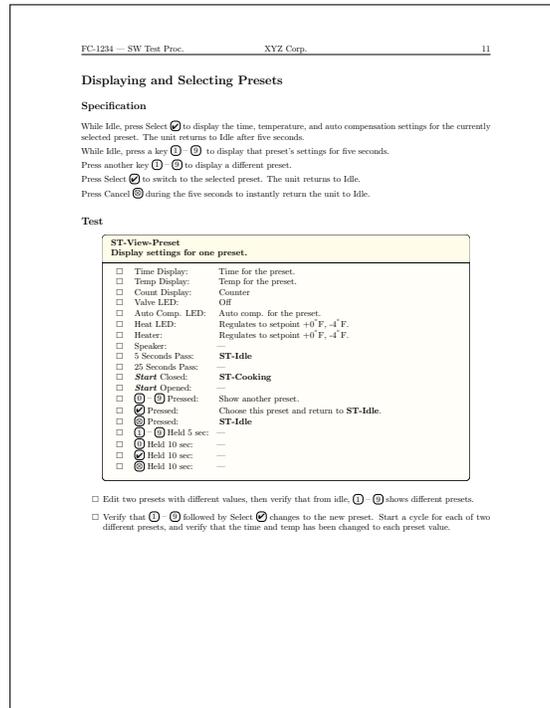


Figure 9: Software Test Procedure

- Sample: State machines and user-interface:
[Fryer — Final Operating Specification — PDF](#)

A sample state machine in diagram form is in Figure 10. States are in shown in green, machine actions in red, and movement to/from other states is in blue. Key icons or text show the user-initiated or other actions required to move to another state. The same information may be presented in tabular form, as shown previously in Figure 9.

Design reviews

During the process of creating a state machine to describe a piece of software, certain functional and user-interface design improvements can become evident, especially in embedded software with minimal front-panel interfaces, resulting in a cleaner and easier-to-use product.

Universal icons instead of English-language text, consistent state-transition actions, simpler key combinations and editing methods, more meaningful visual and audible feedback, unplanned special-case situations, error handling, and in some cases a reduction in the total number of keys or feedback LEDs — all are possible improvements from a full design review.

Even something as simple as a change of the icon on a key's label can make it more obvious what that key does — such as converting a right arrow into a curved clockwise arrow to illustrate that the key causes something to rotate, or using a small arrow icon for a key which produces smaller changes, and a larger arrow icon for a key which produces larger changes.

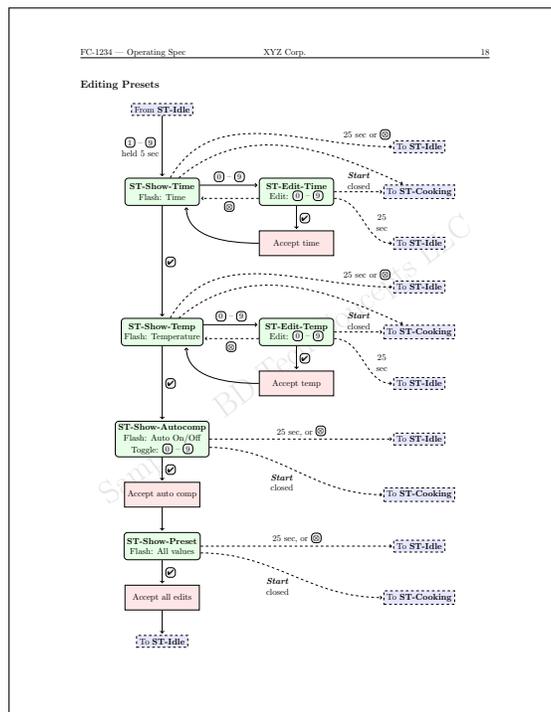


Figure 10: State Machine — Editing Presets

Sales Literature

Load Cells

Load cells are physical transducers used to convert a force into an electrical signal, and have many industrial and scientific applications.

Sample load cells white paper A white paper serves to educate your customers, showing them *how* and *why* a product may benefit them, whereas a data sheet or catalog shows them *which* product to use.

A white paper may include a theory of operation, authoritative references to external sources, technical diagrams, math, algorithms, test results, and other science- or engineering-related information.

Sample: [Load Cells — Introduction and Applications — White Paper — PDF](#)

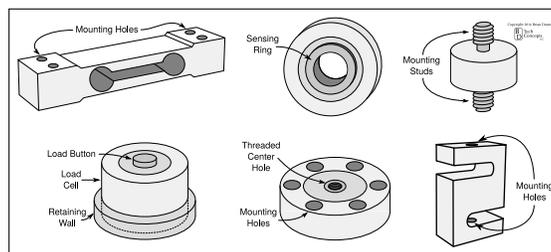
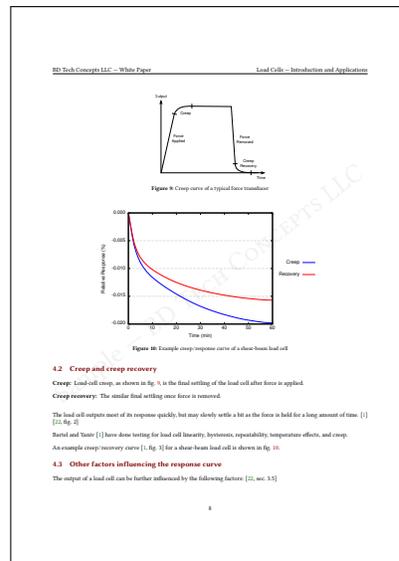


Figure 11: Load Cells — White Paper

Roboshop Conveyors

“Looks great! You obviously know what you’re doing. You’ve cleaned up the problems that you advised me about and I like what you did. The separation of the pictures, the slanted background, the improved text and general arrangement is much better. The size is great and it does matter!”

FG.
ROBOSHOP, INC.

Sample Roboshop sales brochure [Roboshop Sales Brochure — PDF](#)

Cleaned up an original document, making it 15% of its original file size. Reformat and layout. Improved contrast and brightness in some of the images. Optical character-recognition conversion from image to text. Light editing, including improved formatting of fractions and units. See Figure 12.

Original text and images ©Roboshop, Inc.



Figure 12: Sales Brochure — Roboshop, Inc.

Terminal Block Enclosure

Sample specification sheet Terminal Block Specification Sheet — PDF

Figure 13 shows a specification sheet for a 4-pole terminal block. (See the PDF for a high-quality image.)

- The layout has been reformatted to place the more general information near the top, and the specific details near the bottom.
- Proper contrast is used in the title, making the brochure easy to identify when mixed with others of the same style.
- Benefits are highlighted.
- Fractions, units, and numeric ranges are correctly typeset.
- Proper inch marks are used (v.s. quote marks).
- Backgrounds have been added for the heading and the main body.
- Sufficient page margin/bleed is provided to allow for printer crop/margins or A4/letter format printing.

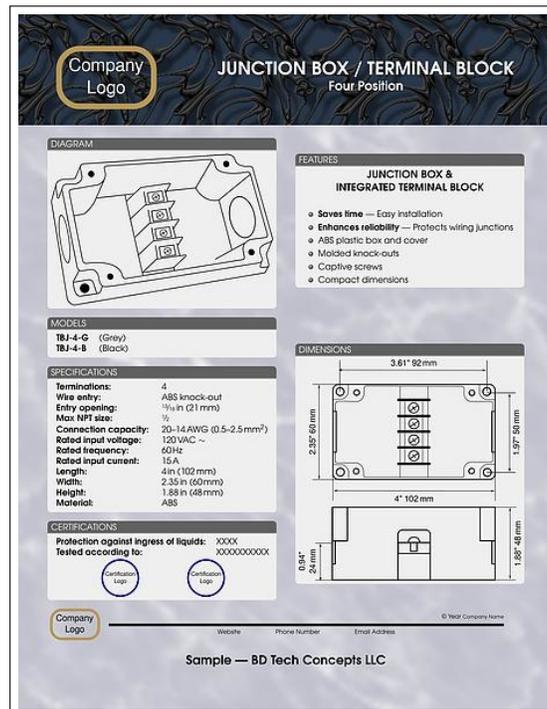


Figure 13: Specification Sheet — Terminal Block

Lamp and Resistor Order Form

Sample order form [Lamp Order Form — PDF](#)

Figure 14 shows an order form for a lamp and resistor combination. (See the [PDF](#) for a high-quality image.)

- Diagram has been re-rendered from a hand-drawn original.
- Options have re-organized for consistency.
- Dimensions have been adjusted for more specificity.

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[A website](#)

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NAME _____

NEON LAMP & RESISTOR ASSEMBLY
SPECIFICATIONS SHEET

Part number: _____

Supply voltage: 110/130 V.ac 220/240 V.ac

Lamp brightness: Standard High

Resistor: _____

Wattage: _____

Lamp / Resistor Joint: Weld Solder Crimp

Est. Annual Qty. (EAU): _____

Qty. per order: _____

The diagram shows a side view of a neon lamp assembly. A lamp tube is connected to a resistor. Dimension A is the height of the lamp. Dimension B is the length of the lamp. Dimension C is the total length of the assembly. Dimension D is the length of the resistor. Dimension E is the length of the resistor. Labels 'Joint' and 'Resistor' are placed near their respective components.

	A	B	C	D	E
Dimensions:	_____				
Tolerance:	_____				

Figure 14: Order Form — Lamp and Resistor

American Go Association

Thousands of years old, *go* (also known as *wei-qi* and *baduk*) is the oldest board game still played in its original form. A very small number of simple rules allow even young children to learn the game, and yet generations of study are still yielding new strategies. It was only very recently that a computer was finally able to beat the strongest human players.



Katsushika Hokusai — From the series, *Uma Zukushi*.

Figure 15: Lacquer Go Board



The **American Go Association** is the official national organization of American go players, cooperating with similar national organizations around the world.

The AGA logo and the following brochures were updated for the AGA with new editing, layout, and typesetting.

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AGA logo The AGA logo has been converted from a high-resolution scan of the original 1982 version, which was created by hand on a drafting board using pre-fabricated lettering and ink drawings. This scan was cleaned for dust, converted to a vector line drawing, then given additional custom editing to produce an optimal result while preserving the human touch and historical feel of the original.

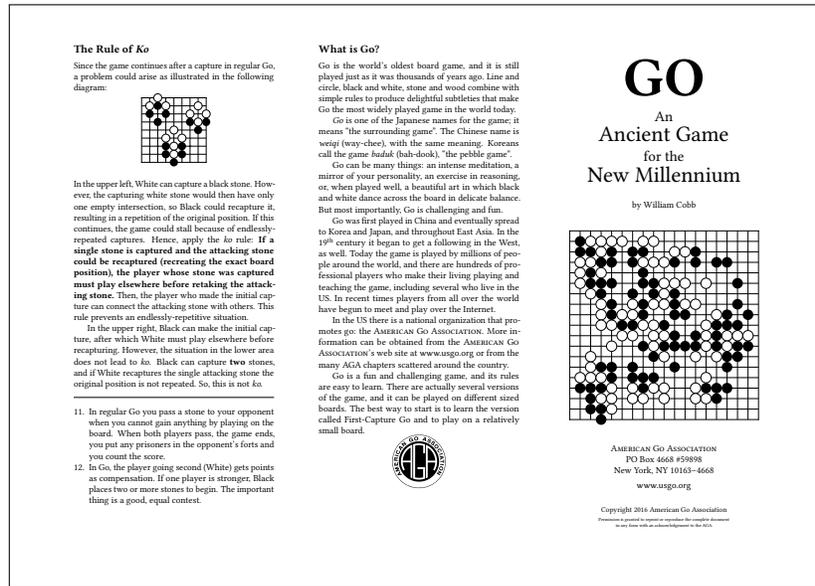


Figure 16: Promotional Brochure — American Go Association

AGA promotional brochure [AGA Promotional Brochure — PDF](#)

Formatted as a two-sided tri-fold brochure, this document (fig. 16) serves as an introduction to the game of *go*.

Technical terms are in *italics*, the board layouts are typeset with pre-existing tools, and space is reserved for local club contact information. Full justification and carefully selected margins form an elegant tri-fold layout.

AGA rules brochure [AGA Rules Brochure — PDF](#)

Formatted as a single-sided letter paper printout, this brochure (fig. 17) presents the basic rules of traditional *go* with several example positions and associated explanations.

A fully-justified multi-column layout is used, and again space is reserved for local club contact information.

Go

The Ancient Game

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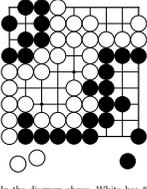
Rules of Go

1. The board is initially empty.
2. Black plays first.
3. On a turn, either place a stone on a vacant intersection or pass (giving a stone to the opponent to keep as a prisoner).
4. Stones may be captured by tightly surrounding them. Captured stones are taken off the board and kept as prisoners.
5. It is illegal to make a suicidal move.
6. It is illegal to repeat a board position. (This is the ko rule).
7. Play continues until both players have passed consecutively and white has passed last.
8. At the end of the game, score one point for each intersection you have surrounded, minus one point for each of your stones held prisoner. The high score wins.

These are the American Go Association rules. Rules vary slightly from one country to another. See www.ago.org for more information.



Scoring Example



In the diagram above, White has 8 points in the center and 7 points at the upper right. Two white stones (shown below the board) are prisoners. White's score is $8 + 7 - 2 = 13$. Black has 3 points at the upper left and 9 at the lower right. One black stone is a prisoner. Black's score is $3 + 9 - 1 = 11$. White wins.

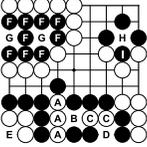
next to it. Block A has one liberty, at B. If black plays at B, the three white stones are removed. The two stones labeled C are not captured, because they have another liberty at D.

It would be suicidal (and hence illegal) for white to play at E, because the block of four white stones would have no liberties. Could black play at E? It looks like a suicidal move, because the black stone would have no liberties, but it would occupy the white block's last liberty at the same time; the move is legal and the white stones are captured.

The black block F can never be captured. It has two internal liberties (eyes) at the points marked G. To capture the block, white would have to occupy both of them, but either move would be suicidal and therefore illegal.

Suppose white plays at H, capturing the black stone at I. (Notice that H is not an eye.) Black is not allowed to play back at I, recapturing the white stone, because if this were allowed it could go back and forth forever. The ko rule says that a full board position can never be repeated. Black could recapture at I on a later turn after something had changed elsewhere on the board.

Capturing Examples



Stones are captured in blocks of one or more stones. A block is a contiguous group of stones connected along the lines on the board; diagonals don't count. In the diagram above, the three stones marked A form a block.

A block is captured when there are no empty intersections (called liberties)

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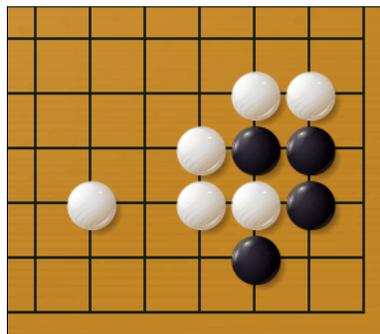
You can ignore these until you've played a few games.

The full board is 19x19, compared with the 9x9 board shown here.

White is given 7.5 extra points, called komi, as compensation for having to move second.

Between players of uneven strength, black is given some extra stones on the board at the beginning of the game. In such handicap games, white plays first and komi is reduced to 0.5 (so white wins ties).

Figure 17: Rules Brochure — American Go Association



Problem 1-2, from *Gokyo Shumyo* — Hayashi Genbi

Figure 18: The Corner Challenge

Diagrams

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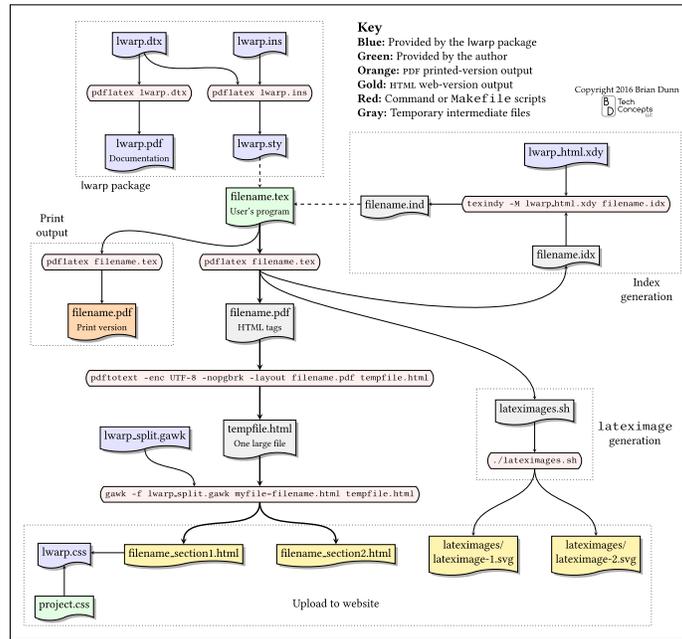


Figure 19: Lwarp Package — File Structure

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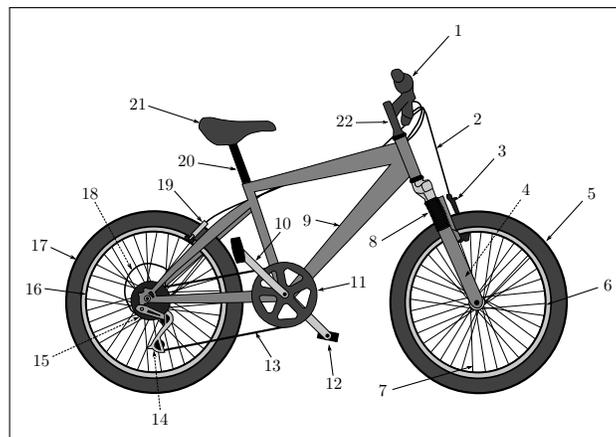


Figure 20: Diagram Label Pins — Mountain Bicycle

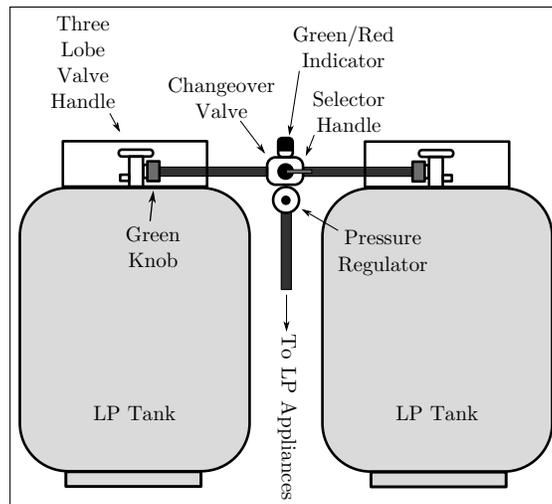


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Mathematical and dimensional figures

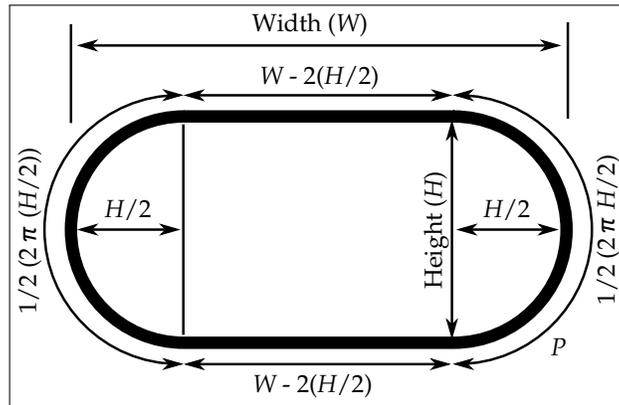


Figure 22: Flat-Oval Pipe Dimensions

Connection diagrams

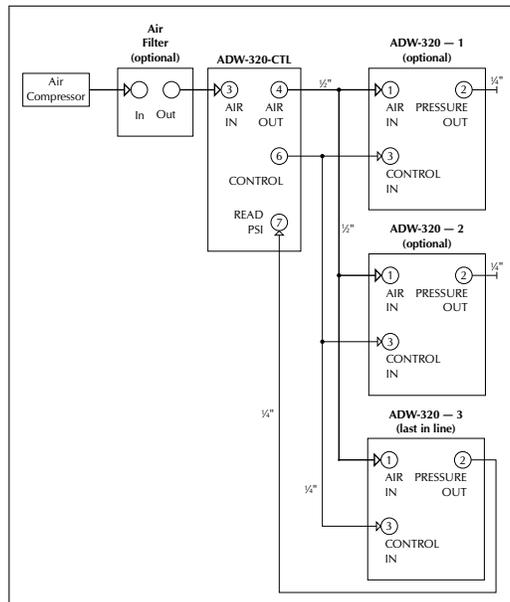


Figure 23: Pressure-Control Air Connections

Processes, relationships, and state machines

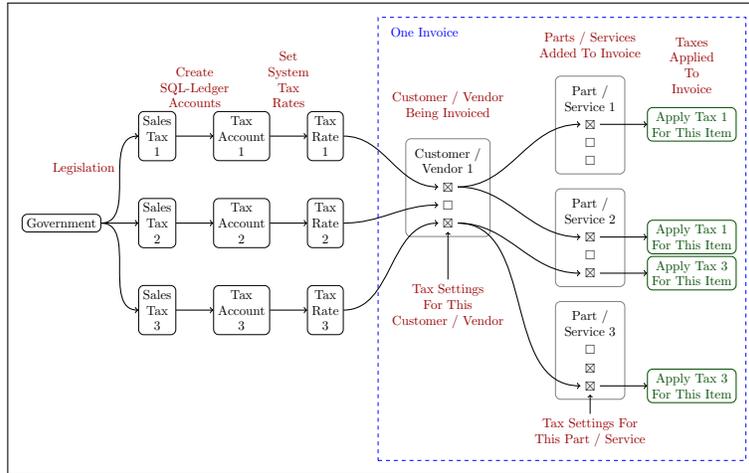


Figure 24: SQL-Ledger Tax Overview

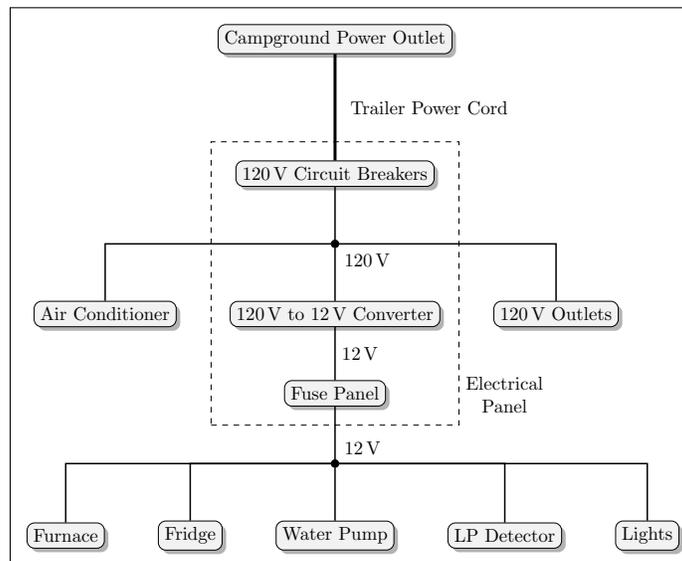


Figure 25: Electrical System Overview

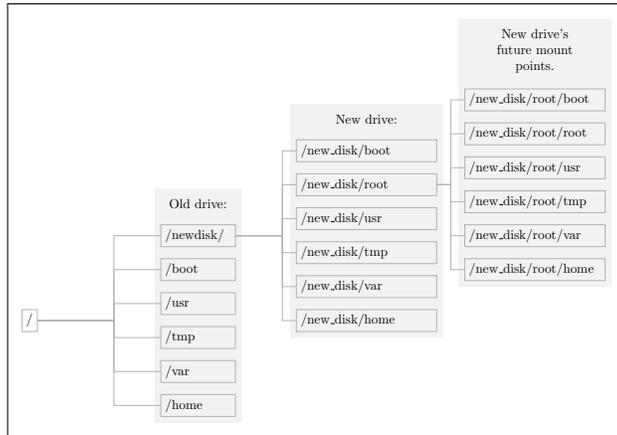


Figure 26: Directory Structure

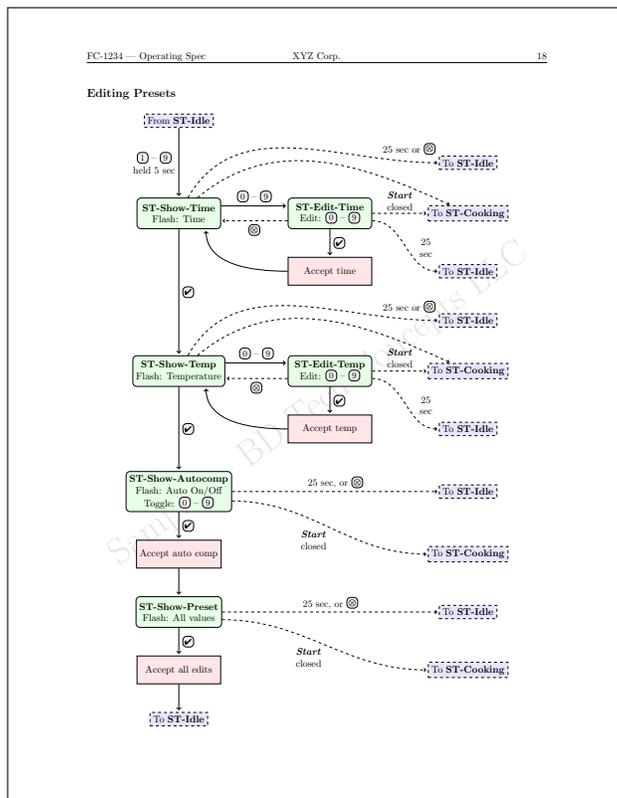


Figure 27: State-Machine Diagram

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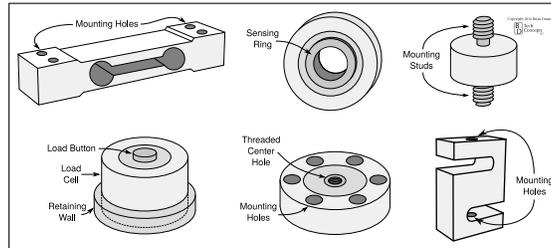
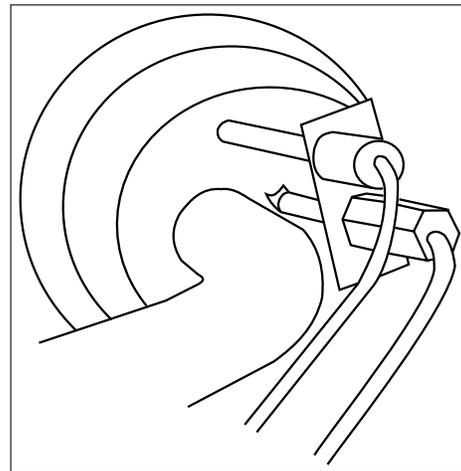
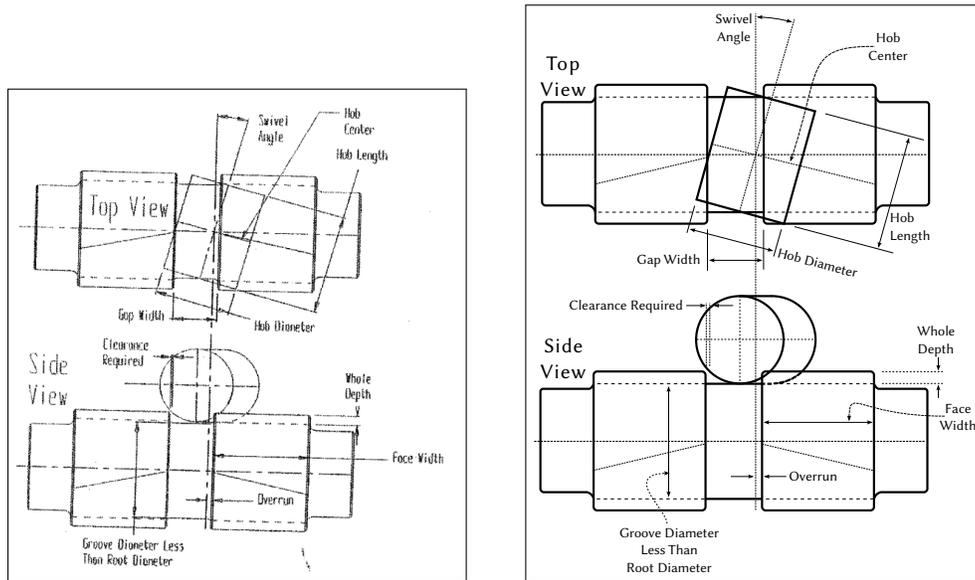


Figure 28: Load Cell Diagrams — Vector Conversions



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Figure 29: Gas and Sensor Lines — Vector Conversion



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Figure 30: Double-Helical Gap-Width Diagram — Vector Conversion

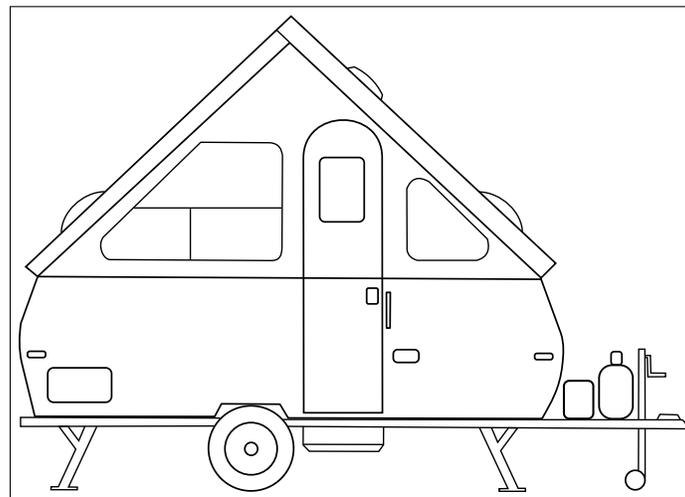


Figure 31: Camping Trailer — Side View — Line Drawing

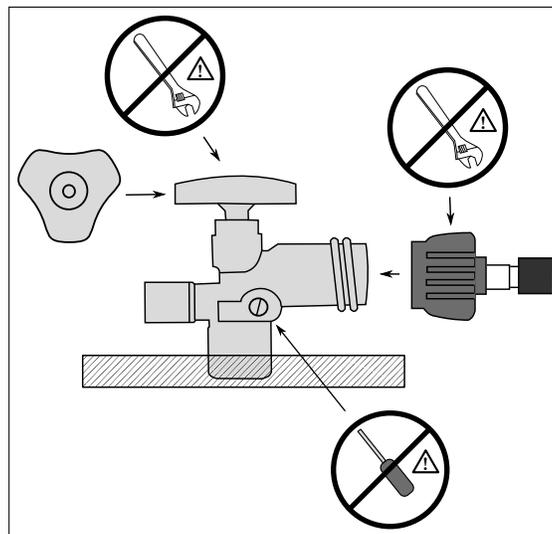


Figure 32: LP Tank Valve — Handle and Connection — Line Drawing

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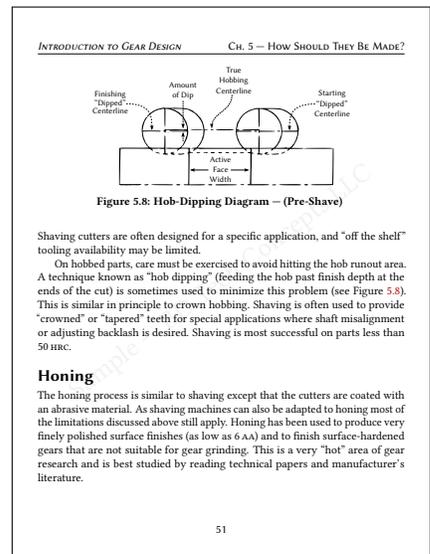
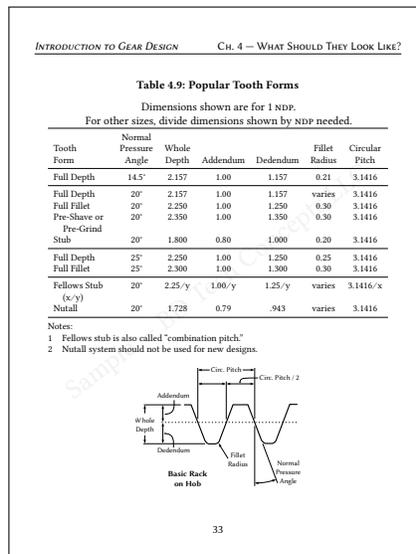
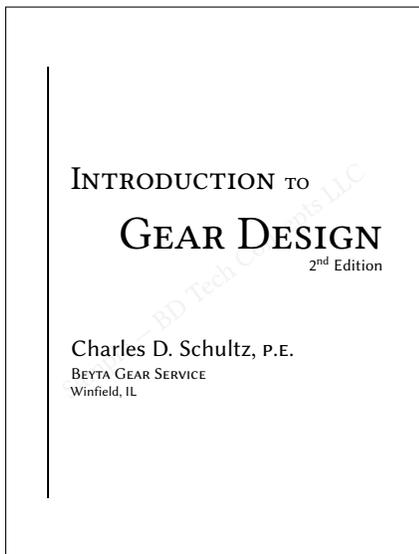


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Figure 34: PDF Conversion — *Slide Rule Guide* — Before

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4. Multiply: Move bin to C9-2-5.
5. Read under *HLN*, D2-4-1.

ANS: 24.1

Figure 35: PDF Conversion — *Slide Rule Guide* — After

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Table 4.9: Popular Tooth Forms
Dimensions shown are for 1 NDP.
For other sizes, divide dimensions shown by NDP needed.

Tooth Form	Normal Pressure Angle	Whole Depth	Addendum	Dedendum	Fillet Radius	Circular Pitch
Full Depth	14.5°	2.157	1.00	1.157	0.21	3.1416
Full Depth	20°	2.157	1.00	1.157	varies	3.1416
Full Fillet	20°	2.250	1.00	1.250	0.30	3.1416
Pre-Shave or Pre-Grind	20°	2.350	1.00	1.350	0.30	3.1416
Stub	20°	1.800	0.80	1.000	0.20	3.1416
Full Depth	25°	2.250	1.00	1.250	0.25	3.1416
Full Fillet	25°	2.300	1.00	1.300	0.30	3.1416
Fellows Stub (c,y)	20°	2.25/y	1.00/y	1.25/y	varies	3.1416/x
Nuttall	20°	1.728	0.79	.943	varies	3.1416

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1 Fellows stub is also called "combination pitch."
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Figure 36: Gear-Tooth Forms

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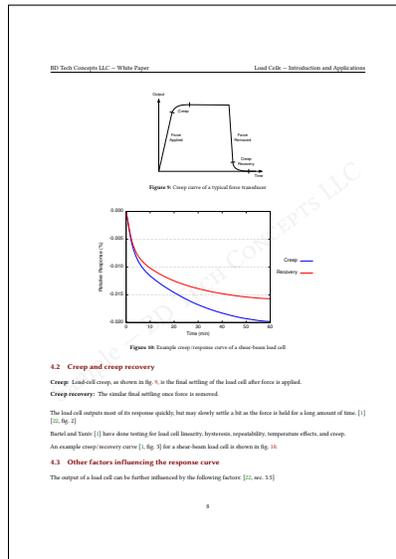


Figure 37: Load Cells — Creep Recovery

Front Panel Illustration and Call-Outs

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Call-outs are identifiers used to specify the specific user-interface elements being discussed in the text. In this example, each call-out is used to point to a piece of information in the display, is used again in a small table of descriptions of each element, and yet again in the accompanying text.

Company Name
CNC-CB 1234 Control Box Setup

Additional Keys

While in Idle Mode, the numeric keypad, the keys **F2-F4** and the jog keys **← →** are inactive.

Program Mode

Entering Program Mode

Program Mode is used to set the "work-zero" positions of each drive to match a new part which is to be cut.

- From Idle Mode, press and hold the **⏻** key for four seconds.
- The display changes to the programming display, shown here.

Figure 2: Program Mode — Display

While in Program Mode, the display continues to show the selected drive and its angle relative to work-zero, but it also displays the drive's absolute angle relative to "up" **A**, and the speed or step size **B** which the drive will move when using the jog keys. Icons above the keys **F2-F4** indicate that these keys are now active.

Selecting the Drive

- Select a drive with **F1**.
- The display changes to the next the drive and shows that drive's relative angle and absolute angle.

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Figure 38: Front-Panel Illustration and Call-Outs

Diagram Call-Outs and Installation Sequence

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Diagram call-outs (“pins”) may refer to the same part in several views at the same time. As seen in the PDF document, these views are repeated in mirror-image to assist with left/right opening doors. Each installation is on its own set of pages, with the same instructions and callouts repeated again for each set. Repeating these instructions in mirror-image reduces confusion and helps to avoid improper installations.

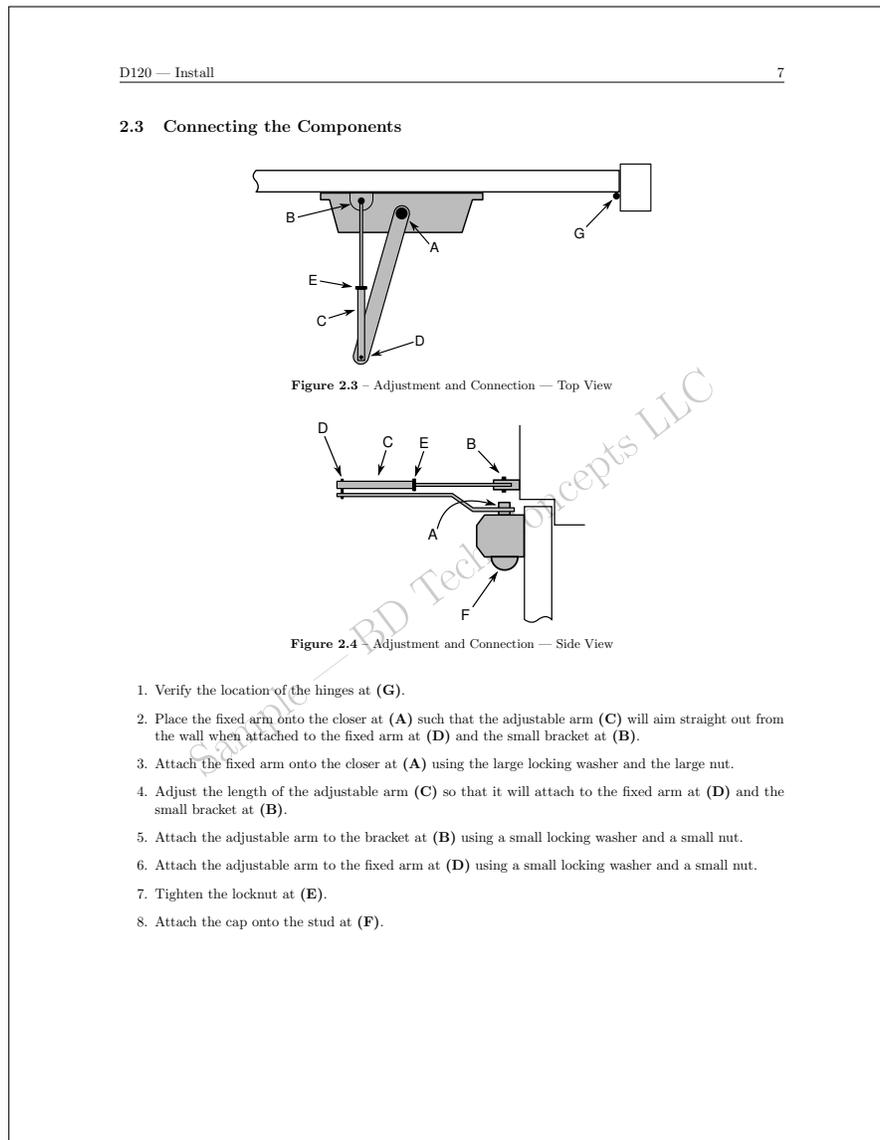


Figure 39: Connection Instructions — Automatic Door Closer

Operating Sequences and Inline Key/Display Icons

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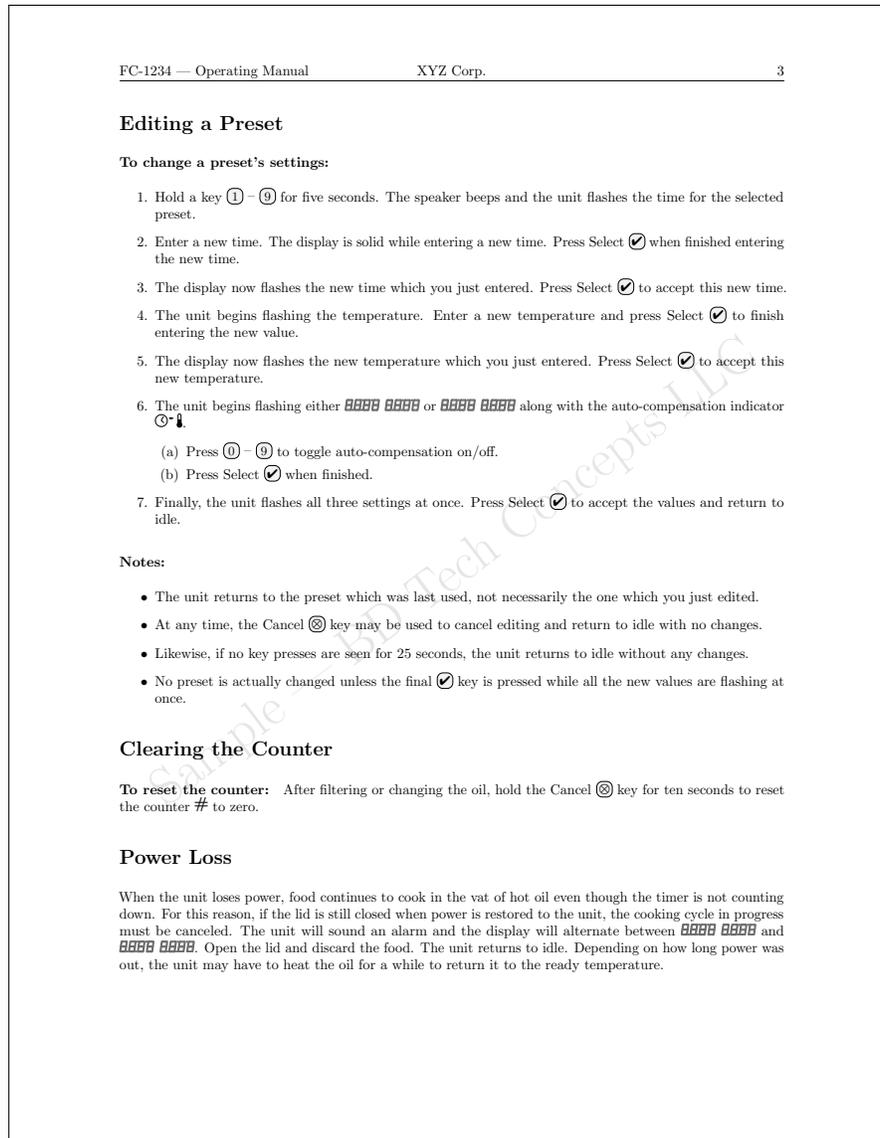


Figure 40: Display and Key Representations

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Figure 41: Problem Example and Mathematics

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Chapter XVI

TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

XVI-A SCALES

The *S* scale for sines and cosines; the *T* scale for tangents (or cotangents) and the *ST* scale for the sine or tangent of small angles.

XVI-B READING THE SCALES

Angles (θ) measured in degrees, are indicated by the numbered marks. On many slide rules, the *S* and *T* scales have two angles associated with the numbered marks: θ (values of θ increase from left to right) and $(90^\circ - \theta)$; values of $(90^\circ - \theta)$ increase from right to left and are sometimes printed in red.

Ex: On the *S* scale, mark: $\underline{70|20}$ represents both $\theta = 20^\circ$ and $(90^\circ - \theta) = 70^\circ$.

Angles not numbered on the scale are positioned by counting the number of primary marks in the space between labeled angles.

Ex: 24° is located on the fourth primary mark between labeled angles 20° and 25° .

Fractions of angles are located between primary marks and may be expressed either in tenths of degrees or minutes (60 min. = 1 deg.) depending upon the make of the slide rule.

	DEGREES			MINUTES		
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Value of space	0.5	0.2	0.1	30'	20'	10'

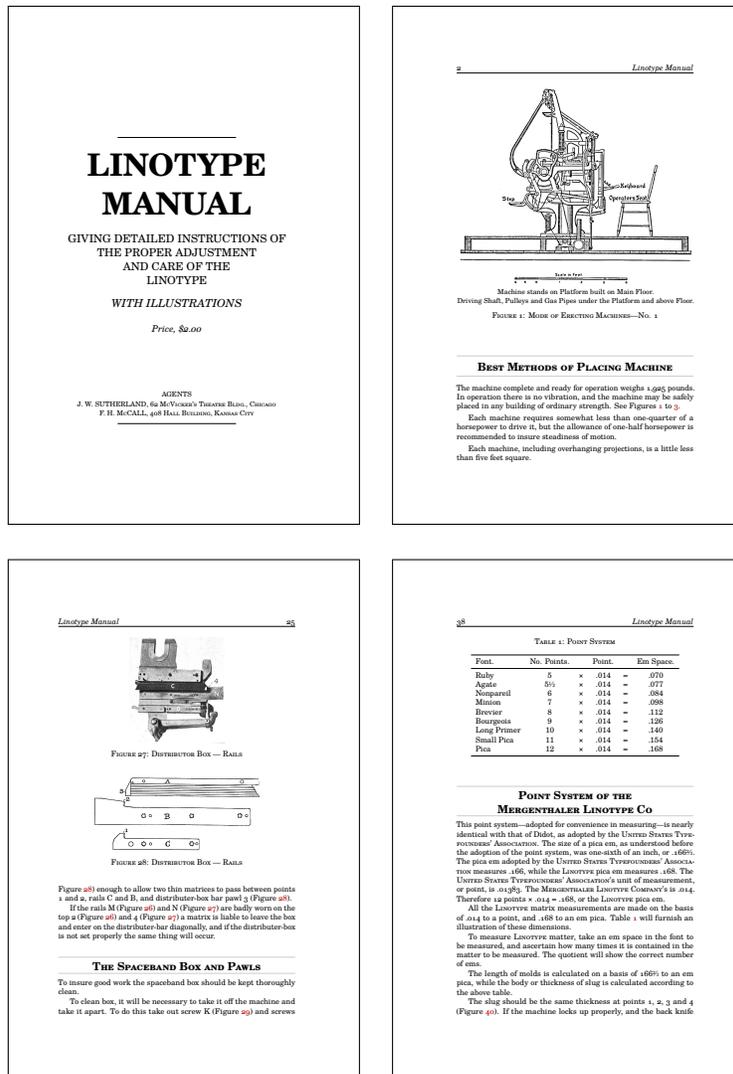
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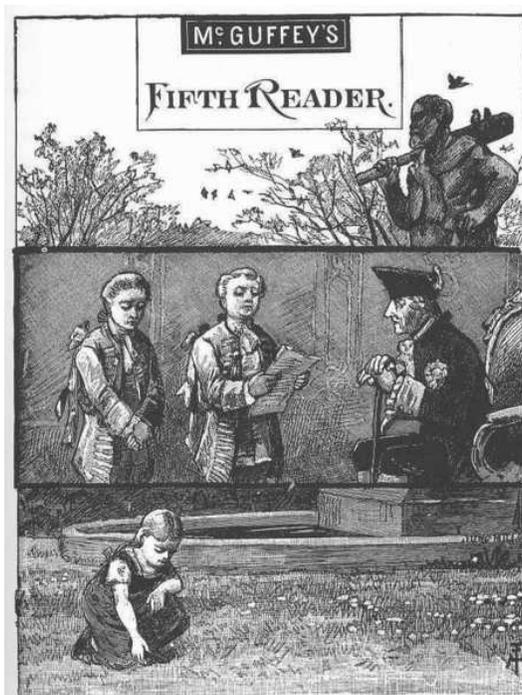
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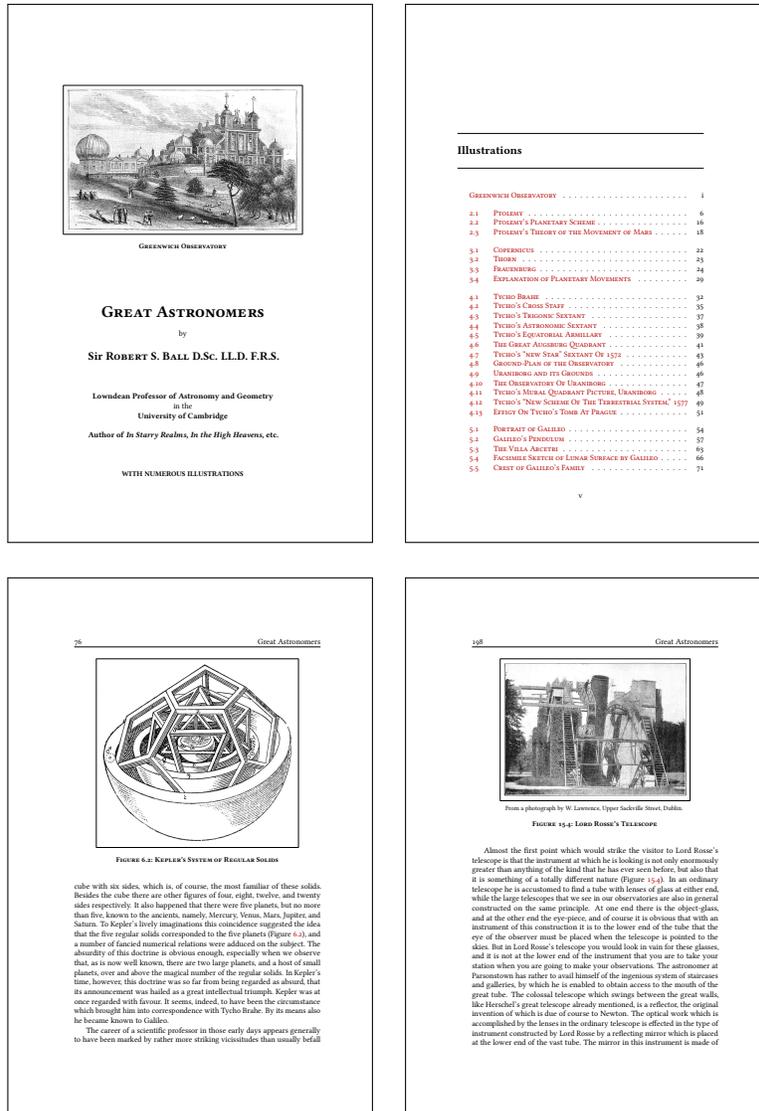
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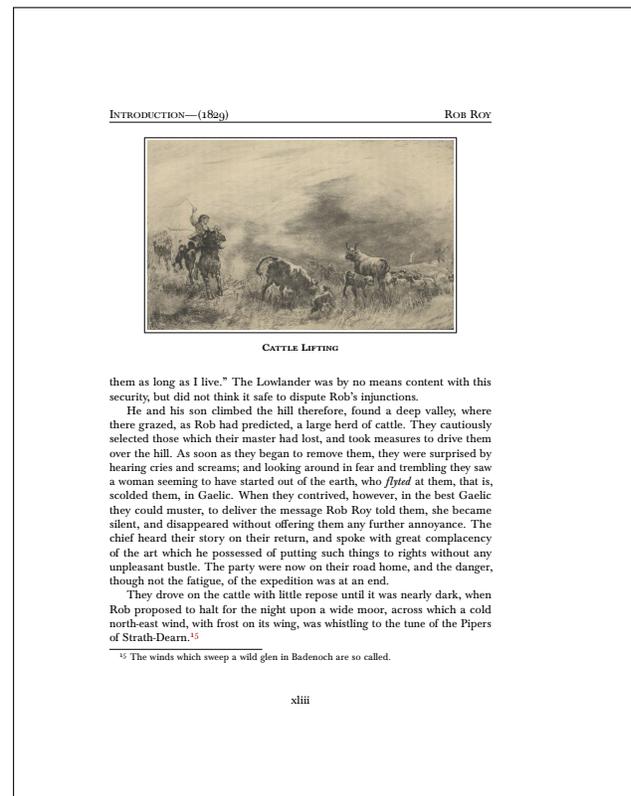
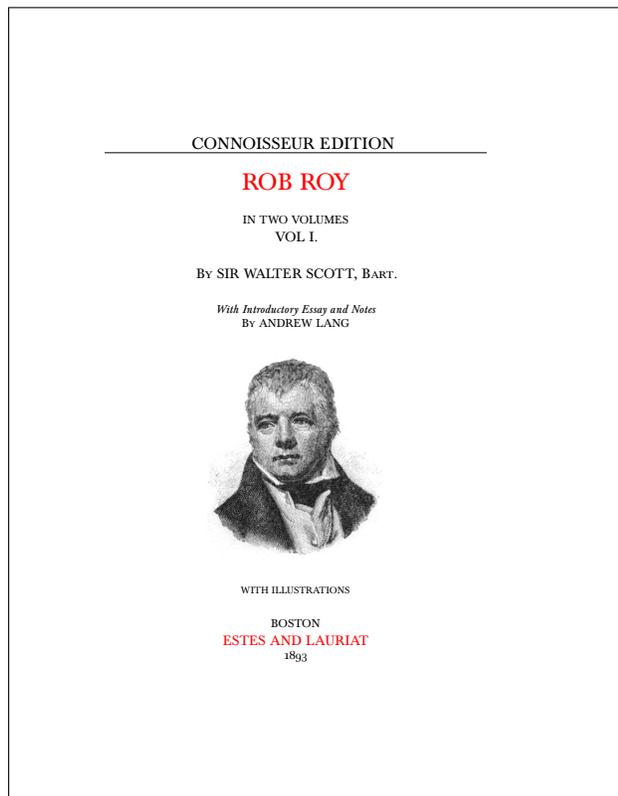
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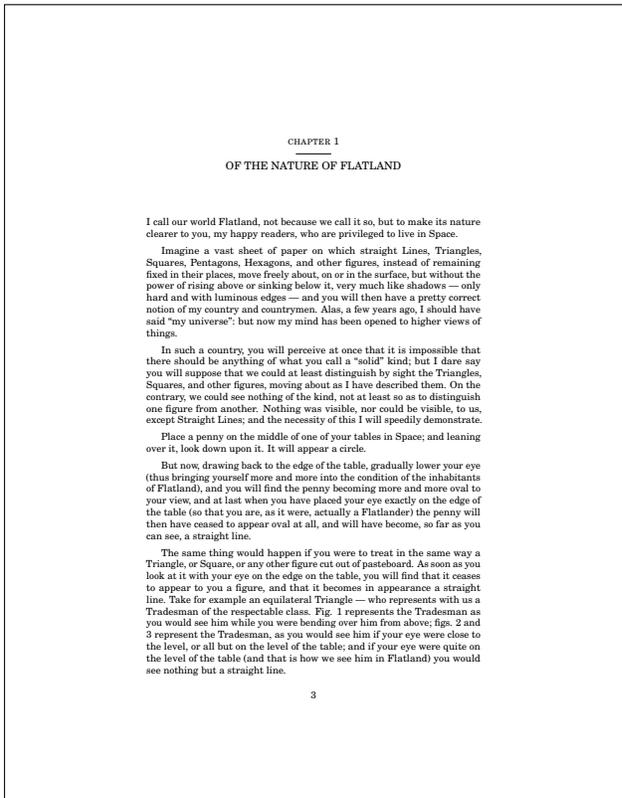
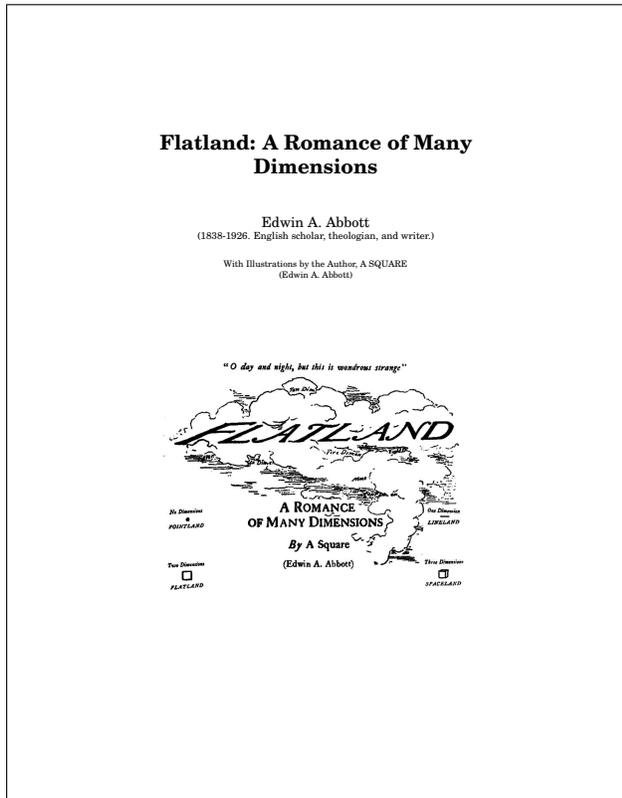
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Chapter 2
MEDIEVAL

MEDIEVAL PAINTING, FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA TO THE RENAISSANCE.

The paintings of the catacombs date from the third and fourth centuries after Christ. The catacombs, or burial-places of the early Christians, consist of long, narrow, subterranean passages, cut with regularity, and covering each other like streets in a city. The graves are in the sides of these passages, and there are some larger rooms or chambers into which the narrow passages open. There are about sixty of the catacombs in and near Rome; they are generally called by the name of some saint who is buried in them. The paintings are in the chambers, of which there are sometimes several quite near each other. The reason for their being in these underground places was that Christians were so persecuted under the Romans, that they were obliged to do secretly all that they did as Christians, so that no attention should be attracted to them.

The principal characteristics of these pictures are a simple manner and a certain amount of their pictures are not a mere representation of the subject, but a simple statement of the fact. The pictures are not intended to be looked at as works of art, but as simple statements of the fact. The pictures are not intended to be looked at as works of art, but as simple statements of the fact.

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Figure 71: The Marriage Contract. No. 1 of the Marriage is Made by Memling. In the National Gallery.

... were led to state at the Royal Academy, and then turned in St. Paul's Cathedral, near the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren.

It is to be regretted that the colors used by Sir Joshua Reynolds are now much faded in many of his pictures. There is in the National Gallery, in London, one however, in good preservation. Naturally, since so many of his pictures were portraits they are in the collection of private families in England, and but few of them are seen in European galleries. There is an excellent opportunity to study his manner in the pictures at the South Kensington Museum, where there are several portraits, some pictures of children, and the "Sisters Descending a Staircase of Hippocrates."

It is very satisfactory to think of a great artist as a good and happy man, who is true to his friends, and has full, rich life outside of his profession. Such is the case with Sir Joshua Reynolds, and one writer says of him: "They made him a knight, this famous painter, they buried him with an emperor's honorifics; but nothing better has been done than the 'false English dictionary of the last revision' which Johnson set to him in his will. The dictionary that prescribes Gainsborough place as the 'Inventor of Oil-Painting' has the same which five years after his death even better could not be better to read over his memory."

Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788) was born in Sudbury, in Suffolk, and when still quite young went to London, and studied under Francis Hayman, who was not an eminent painter. Gainsborough became one of the most important masters of the English school, especially in landscape painting and the representation of rural figures. His pictures were not so good in color as those of the Joshua Reynolds; they have a bluish-grey hue in the flesh tints; but they are more graceful and charming. The landscapes are not like those of any other master. They are not exact in the detail of leaves and flowers; a painter could find many faults in them; but they are like nature as it really seems to have the air blowing through them, they are fresh and dewy when it is morning in them, and quiet and peaceful when evening comes under his brush. So many of his pictures are for a time and a while animal.

His rustic figures have the true country life in them; they seem to have felt upon the air, and warmed themselves in the sun until they are glowing and as country folk and laborers should be. His best genre pictures are the "Cottage Girl," the "Woodman and Dog in a Cottage," the "Cottage Door," and the "Shepherd Boy with a Cocker." He painted a picture of a "Girl and Pig," for which Sir Joshua Reynolds paid him one hundred guineas.

In distance Gainsborough was so attractive, though somewhat contradictory in his mood. He was generous and genial, frank and affectionate; he was also entire, disloyal and impulsive; not to say capricious. His world and his had had guests which they verified in the way. When Gainsborough had spoken to her intimately he would quickly repeat, and write a note to her, and address it to his wife's general called "Erasmus," and sign it with the

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Document Formats

L^AT_EX Document-Typesetting System See [L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the `lwarp` package](#) for information about a new native L^AT_EX-HTML5 generation package.

Advantages of L^AT_EX:

- Publication-quality document-creation and typesetting system.
- Easy-to-use commands for common actions.
- Full support for cross-referencing, indexing, bibliography, book-sized documents, and technical information.
- Excellent typesetting of mathematics.
- Extensive documentation and community support.
- Heavily used in the fields of science and engineering.
- Often used “behind the scenes” to generate well-typeset output for other programs.
- Stable document format — The first widely-used version was L^AT_EX 2.09, released in 1985. The next, and current, version is L^AT_EX 2_ε, released in 1994. Work continues on L^AT_EX 3, designed to be backwards-compatible, much of which is available for use in L^AT_EX 2_ε right now.
- Updated with thousands of packages, covering every area of technical documentation.
- Programming language — L^AT_EX is a token-based macro-expansion virtual machine, with an emphasis on document design and typesetting. LuaL^AT_EX has been also been developed, allowing user-programmable Lua code, integrated into L^AT_EX internals.
- Plain-text document source:
 - Document contents and structuring commands may be manipulated via regular-expression search/replace. This is especially powerful when working on document format conversions.
 - Easy version control and source management.
 - Crash-proof safety. No document corruption or losses.
 - Age-resistant accessibility. No frequently-changed proprietary format breaking your documents.
 - Explicit and visible control tags. No hidden behaviors changing things behind the scene.
 - L^AT_EX code is easily produced by external programming, including simple shell scripts or `awk` code.
- Available on every major platform and operating system.

$$\int z^n \arctan z \, dz = \frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1} \arctan z - \frac{1}{n+1} \int \frac{z^{n+1}}{1+z^2} \, dz \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$i^n \operatorname{erfc} z \sim \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{e^{-z^2}}{(2z)^{n+1}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (2m+n)!}{n! m! (2z)^{2m}} \quad \left(z \rightarrow \infty, |\arg z| < \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$$

- Website mathematics are typeset by L^AT_EX, then converted to SVG format for website display, or are displayed via MathJax. HTML *ALT* tags carry the L^AT_EX source for the math expression. (Copy/paste the above expressions into a text editor to see the L^AT_EX source.)
- SVG format output scales and prints beautifully for everything from hand-held display to full-page PDF. (Change the font or window size in your browser to watch the formulas scale smoothly, and print this website to see full-resolution mathematics on the printout, subject to browser support.)
- Avoids the typesetting limitations of MathML format.
- SVG format has wider e-reader and browser support than MathML.
- MathJax display is optional, allowing widespread browser support so long as network access is available, or where MathJax is installed locally.

OpenOffice / LibreOffice Suite

- Open Document Format (ODF) has been adopted by numerous world-wide government agencies.
- May be converted to DOC format.

Output Formats

- PDF formatted for full-page documents — Extra margin for binding. Full table of contents, index, cross-references, diagrams, mathematics.
- PDF formatted for tablet or hand-held — Reduced page size, no paper margins, increased font size. Preserves table of contents, index, cross-references, diagrams, and mathematics.
- HTML5 with SVG diagrams and mathematics, or MathJax mathematics.
- ODT and related — Open Document word-processing text and related formats, for stability and portability.

Projects

BD TECH CONCEPTS LLC is currently or recently has been involved in the following projects:

L^AT_EX lwrap package — Native L^AT_EX to HTML5 generation: Using the L^AT_EX lwrap package, academic and technical authors may produce the best possible L^AT_EX documents with full control over exact formatting and typesetting, while still easily generating a web version from the same source. Native L^AT_EX is used all the way to the final generation of HTML5 tags, allowing the author to use a deeper set of packages and custom macros compared to other methods, along with all *pdf_latex* graphics types. Math is converted to svg images for smooth display scaling, accompanied by its L^AT_EX source stored in the *ALT* tag, allowing copy/paste of L^AT_EX math into other applications. The MathJax tools may also be used to display math. See [L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the lwrap package](#).

L^AT_EX keyfloat package: Provides a key/value interface for L^AT_EX floats, subfloats, and rows of floats. See [L^AT_EX keyfloat package](#).

L^AT_EX tocdata package: Adds information such as an author or artist to each line of a Table of Contents or List of Figures entry, as well as section headings and figures. Support is provided for the titletoc and tocloft packages. See [L^AT_EX tocdata package](#).

L^AT_EX dtxdescribe package: For L^AT_EX package authors. Adds `\DescribeCounter`, `\DescribeBoolean`, etc. for describing additional object types, with enhanced index options. Also provides environments for generating examples, displaying source code, displaying user interfaces, and sidebars. Also provides formatting for L^AT_EX object names. See [L^AT_EX dtxdescribe package](#).

L^AT_EX docsurvey package: A survey of documentation for L^AT_EX programmers. See [Publications](#).

Native L^AT_EX to AsciiDoc generation: A previous iteration of the lwrap package used native L^AT_EX macros to generate AsciiDoc markup, which was then converted to DocBook or XHTML output. See [L^AT_EX to AsciiDoc / DocBook / XHTML Conversion](#) for more details.

Inconsolata LGC Markup — A font for editing document-markup languages: A modified version of the popular Inconsolata font, previously enhanced by others to add Greek and Cyrillic, plus bold and italic variants (useful for syntax highlighting). Slightly enhanced to more clearly distinguish between glyphs commonly used in the markup of text documents. See [Inconsolata LGC Markup — Font](#) for details, or to download the font.

DejaVu Markup — A font for editing document-markup languages: A modified version of the DejaVu San Mono font. Slightly enhanced to more clearly distinguish between glyphs commonly used in the markup of text documents. See [DejaVu Markup — Font](#) for details, or to download the font.

Also see [Publications](#).

L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the `lwarp` package

Lwarp

L^AT_EX HTML5

The `lwarp` package converts L^AT_EX to HTML by using L^AT_EX to process the user's document and directly generate HTML tags. External utility programs are only used for the final conversion of text and images. Math may be represented by SVG images or MathJax. More than 500 L^AT_EX packages and classes are supported, of which more than 60 also support MATHJAX.

Documents may be produced by DVI or PDF L^AT_EX, LuaL^AT_EX, XeL^AT_EX; by several CJK engines, classes, and packages; or by customized systems such as `perltex` and `pythontex`. A `texlua` script automates compilation, index, glossary, and batch image processing, and also supports `latexmk`. Configuration is semi-automatic at the first manual compile. Support files are self-generated. Print and HTML versions of each document may coexist.

Assistance is provided for HTML import into EPUB conversion software and word processors.

Requirements include the commonly-available POPPLER utilities (included with M_IK_TE_X) and PERL. Detailed installation instructions are included for each of the major operating systems and T_EX distributions.

A quick-start tutorial is provided, as well as extensive documentation for special cases, a general index, and a troubleshooting index. Automatic testing of package load order and image generation offers useful advice for resolving errors.

SVG math and many other generated images include L^AT_EX expressions in the `alt` tags. MATHJAX may be used with advanced equation numbering under the direct control of `lwarp`.

Complicated tables are supported, which copy/paste well into LIBREOFFICE WRITER.

Supported classes and packages include `memoir` and `koma-script`, `cleveref`, `caption`, `mdframed`, `siunitx`, and many popular packages for tabulars, floats, graphics, theorems, the title page, bibliography, indexing, footnotes, and editorial work.

T_EX is a self-modifying tokenized macro-expansion language. Since `lwarp` is written directly in L^AT_EX, it is able to interpret the document's meaning at a deeper level than external conversions which merely approximate T_EX. HTML5 and CSS3 are leveraged to provide advanced features such as `booktabs trim`, `multicolumns`, `side-by-side minipages`, and JAVASCRIPT-free navigation.

Lwarp technology white paper

For an introduction to the technology used by the `lwarp` package to convert HTML to L^AT_EX, please see the publication [*Producing HTML directly from L^AT_EX: the lwarp package*](#).

Latest News

- v0.901:** Improved tabular columns, `\newcolumnstyp`. Improved float caption CSS. Added new MATHJAX 3.2 packages.
- v0.900:** Updates for `amsmath`, changes, `froufrou`, `lipsum`.
- v0.899:** Minor improvements for graphics, `keyfloat`, `multicol`.
- v0.898:** Produces fewer underfull `\hbox` warnings. Improves `wrapfig` and `keyfloat`.

- v0.897:** Added rollback for siunitx v2. Improved fixme, float. Added centerlastline, decorule, fancypar, froufrou, pbalance. Verified works as-is with fnpct.
- v0.896:** Many fixes and improvements. Now prints theorem footnotes next to theorems. Accessibility improvements. Improved citation back references. Updated chemfig, bigdelim, xetexko. Added ccicons, classicthesis, orcidlink, enotez. Verified support for doi, doipubmed.
- v0.895:** Updated multirow, acro, fancyhdr, changes. Improved epsfig, rotating. Greatly improved MATHJAX emulation for siunitx. Added MATHJAX emulation for isomath, mattens, maybemath, skmath, tensor. Added epsf, impnattypo, isotope, lpic, luavlna, mdwmath, pinlabel, rlepsf, tikz-image-labels, xeVlna. Verified to work as-is: tensind.
- v0.894:** Improved warning messages for MATHJAX. Added MATHJAX emulation for backnaur, colortbl, nicematrix. Improved MATHJAX for booktabs. Updated menukeys.
- v0.893:** Fixed pstricks pspicture*. Fixed tikz font macros. braket: Now uses the MATHJAX extension. Added esvect, fixmath, keystroke, mathastext, menukeys, picinpar, plimsoll, repltext, selectp, seqsplit, simplebnf, statistics, swfigure. Added MATHJAX emulation for mathspec. Verified to work as-is for apxproof, syntaxdi, venndiagram.
- v0.892:** Added MATHJAX `\left` and `\right` support for additional delimiters for fourier, libertinust1math, newpxmath, newtxmath, newtxsf, unicode-math. Updated textpos. xcolor: Fixed optional args for `\fcolorbox` and related. Added fvextra, minted.
- v0.891:** Fixed alltt and verbatims with L^AT_EX lists. Fixed fancyvrb, listings, babel-french. Added MATHJAX textmacros extension. Added back page references for biblatex and hyperref. Added Greek options for mathdesign, mathpazo, mathptmx, newpxmath, newtxmath. Improved MATHJAX for colonequals, mathdesign, mathdots, mathfixs, mathtools, multiobjective, nicefrac, shuffle, units. unicode-math: Added Greek macros, as well as macros for the first several categories listed in *texdoc unimath-symbols*. Improved symbol shape macros with Greek. Improved documentation. Added bussproofs, cmbright, fourier, kpfonts, kpfonts-otf, libertinust1math, scalerel, txgreek.
- v0.89:** Adapted to upcoming L^AT_EX kernel changes. Improvements for MATHJAX. Updated caption, thmtools. Improved MATHJAX for centernot, mathtools, mismath, Slunits, siunitx, statmath. Added MATHJAX emulation for accents, hepunits, hhtensor, mathalpha, mathdesign, mathpazo, mathptmx, mleftright, newpxmath, newtxmath, newtxsf, pxfonts, shuffle, txfonts, upgreek, ushort. Verified to work as-is: authoraftertitle.
- v0.88:** Fixed `\ref*`, `\chaptername`, starred macros for cleveref and varioref, xfakebold. Improved varioref. Added option for various ways to display index links. Added gindex, xindex. Verified to work as-is with varindex. Added fbox, shadethm, tcolorbox, termcal, thmbox, thmtools.
- v0.87:** MATHJAX improvements for physics, mathtools, nccmath, mhchem, cancel. Added citeref, drftcite, jurabib, multibib, splitbib. Verified to work as-is with bibtopic, collref, mciteplus.
- v0.86:** MATHJAX: Updated to v3. Fixed forward references. Improved equation numbering. Added support for starred macros, and starred macros for mathtools, nccmath, physics. Improved filename generation. Fixed labels in eqnarray and lateximage. Fixed nccmath, xcolor.
- v0.85:** Fixed fontspec for non-Latin languages. Fixed idxlayout, mathtools, titlesec, url.
- v0.84:** Added optional previous/next page links. Numerous fixes.
- v0.83:** Fixes for memoir, update for physunits.
- v0.82:** Improved footnotes with MATHJAX. Added MATHJAX emulation for endnotes, marginnote, nccfoots, pagenote, parnotes, sidenotes. xpinyin: Added pinyin with modern HTML. luatexko: Added `\dotemph`, `\ruby`, `\uline`, etc. Fixed amsmath, soul, ulem, endnotes. Updated chemfig, draftwatermark. Verified to work as-is with tocvsec2, tableof. Added etoc (nullified).

- v0.81:** Improved MATHJAX emulation processing speed. Added MATHJAX emulation for accsupp, axessibilty, colonequals, decimal, dotlessi, econometrics, engtlc, multiobjective, physunits, Slunits, stackrel, statmath. Updated axessibility to 2020/01/08 version. Updated gridset to v0.3. Fixed Slunits for math mode. Added DotArrow, nolbreaks, luaamplib, returntograd, statex2, tagpdf. Verified to work as-is with icomma, mathpunctspace, textualicomma.
- v0.80:** biblatex and url now create hyperlinks. Added docs and warning messages about slow MATHJAX. Added MATHJAX emulation for accessibility, autobreak, centernot, extarrows, fouridx, gensymb, leftidx, mathcomp, mathdots, mathfixs, mismath, nccmath, noitcrul, pdfcomment, relsize, rmathbr, subsubscripts, xfrac. Improved MATHJAX emulation for unicode-math. Added fewerfloatpages, ghsystem, hpline, mismath, nccmath.
- v0.79:** Now supports nested tabulars. Added or improved MATHJAX emulation for amsmath, ar, arydshln, bm, bigdelim, bigstrut, booktabs, braket, mathtools, multirow, physics, siunitx, slashed, unicode-math, xfakebold. Fixed minor issues with graphicx, caption, multirow, siunitx, booktabs, transparent, subcaption, floatrow. Updated epigraph, xurl. Added widetable, witharrows, steinmetz, awesomebox, catoptions, svg, supports svg-extract, parcolumns, pdfcolparcolumns, parallel, pdfcolparallel, pdfcol, pdfcolfoot, pdfcolmk.
- v0.78:** Fixed support files, graphics alt tags, babel-french hyperlinks, media9, media15, and multimedia. Added accessibility.
- v0.77:** Updated booktabs, chemformula.
- v0.76:** Updated MATHJAX, xr, xr-hyper, acro. Verified to work as-is with xcite. Improved documentation regarding multiple projects in the same directory.
- v0.75:** Fixes for \normalcolor, minipage \linewidth. Fixes for keyfloat and wrapfig.
- v0.74:** Added to tutorial. Improved support for HTML alt text. Improved svg math. Improved lyluatex. Tested to work as-is with mathspec, unicode-math.

Sample Output

This website:

- Check the HTML code of these web pages for examples of the lwrap generator's output.
- Download a 7 MB PDF [print version](#) of this website, to compare with the online HTML version.

Technical book conversion:

Print PDF: [Introduction to Gear Design — Print — PDF](#)

Tablet PDF: [Introduction to Gear Design — Tablet — PDF](#)

HTML version: [Introduction to Gear Design — Website — HTML](#)

Sample camping trailer manual:

PDF print version: [Camping Trailer Manual — PDF](#)

HTML version: [Camping Trailer Manual — HTML](#)

Download

Download the lwrap package from the [lwrap page on CTAN](#) — the Comprehensive T_EX Archive Network, or use your T_EX distribution's update tools.

The [lwrap v0.901 manual](#) is also available here.

Supported L^AT_EX Packages Table 1 lists some of the various L^AT_EX features which may be used. Hundreds of packages have been adapted for l^warp, and many more work without modification.

Package names are colored according to their support level:

name: Supported as-is.

name: Modified to work with HTML output, and also as print output in `svg math` or `lateximage` environments.

name: Emulated for HTML output.

name: Ignored for HTML output, but provides source-level compatibility.

MJ: Supported as-is for MATHJAX, subject to limitations.

MJ: Emulated for MATHJAX using custom macros, subject to limitations.

MJ: Ignored by MATHJAX, but may be used in the document source.

Table 1: L^AT_EX l^warp package — Supported features

Category	Status and supported features.
Engines: Compiling:	dvi L ^A T _E X, pdfL ^A T _E X, X _Y L ^A T _E X, LuaL ^A T _E X, upL ^A T _E X <i>latexmk, perltex, pythontex, make, etc.</i>
Classes:	article, book, report, scrartcl, scrbook, screpr, memoir, CJK-related as listed below.
Koma-script:	scxend , scrhack, scrlayer . Others as listed below.
Memoir:	memhfixc
Languages:	babel , ckjpunct , impnatty, luavl , polyglossia , xeCJK , xevl .
Chinese:	CT _E X, ctex , upzhk , xpinyin , zhlineskip, zhspacing.
Japanese:	upL ^A T _E X, LuaL ^A T _E X-ja, gentombow, lltjext, plarray, plarydshln , plautopatch, plext , plextarray , plextarydshln , plextcolortbl , plextdelarray , p _x atbegshi, p _x -everyshi, p _x ftnright, p_xgentombow , p_xjahyper , p_xpdfpages , p_xpgfrcs , p_xpgfmark , tascmac , zxjatype . bxjsarticle and related, ltsarticle and related, luatexja , luatexja-fontspec , ujarticle and related, utarticle and related.
Korean:	kotex , luatexko , xetexko .
Page layout:	2in1, 2up, a4, a4wide, a5comb, addlines, anysize, atbegshi , balance, blowup, booklet, bophook, bounddvi, bxpapersize, canoniclayout, centerlastline, changelayout , changepage , chngpage, clrdblpg, continue, draftcopy, draftfigure, draftwatermark, ebook, everyshi, fancyhdr , fancytabs, flippdf, fullmini-page, fullpage, fwlw, geometry, gmeometric, grid, grid-system , gridset, layaureo, layout, layouts, leading, lscape, ltxgrid, nccfancyhdr, notespages, nowidow, pagegrid, pagesel, parallel , parcolumns , pbalance, pdfcolparallel, pdfcolparcolumns, pdfcrypt, pdfscape, pdfprivacy, preview, ragged2e , returto-grid, rmpage, scrlayer-scrpage , scrpage2 , setspace , selectp, textarea, threadcol, thumb, thumbs, titleps, tocenter, turnthepage, twoup, typearea, underlin, vmargin, watermark, widows-and-orphans, zwpage-layout.

lwrap Supported Functions — continued

Category	Status
Sectioning:	Adds <code>FileDepth</code> for splitting the HTML output. Files may be numbered sequentially or named according to section name. Common short words and punctuation are removed from the filenames. <code>anonchap</code> , <code>bsheaders</code> , <code>decorule</code> , <code>fncychap</code> , <code>froufrou</code> , <code>hypbmsec</code> , <code>indentfirst</code> , <code>quotchap</code> , <code>section</code> , <code>sectionbreak</code> , <code>secdot</code> , <code>sectsty</code> , <code>titlesec</code> , <code>tocvsec2</code> .
Table of contents, figures, tables:	Supported, with hyperlinks. <code>etoc</code> , <code>minitoc</code> , <code>multitoc</code> , <code>shorttoc</code> , <code>tableof</code> , <code>title-toc</code> , <code>tocbasic</code> , <code>tocbibind</code> , <code>tocdata</code> , <code>tocloft</code> , <code>tocstyle</code> , <code>tocvsec2</code> .
Title page:	<code>\maketitle</code> , <code>titlepage</code> , <code>authblk</code> , <code>authoraftertitle</code> , <code>titling</code> .
Front & back matter:	<code>abstract</code> , <code>appendix</code> .
Indexing:	<code>makeindex</code> , <code>xindy</code> , and <code>xindex</code> are supported, with hyperlinks. <code>gindex</code> , <code>hindex</code> , <code>idxlayout</code> , <code>imakeidx</code> , <code>index</code> , <code>makeidx</code> , <code>repeatindex</code> , <code>splitidx</code> , <code>varindex</code> , <code>xindex</code> .
Glossary:	<code>gloss</code> , <code>glossaries</code> and <code>xindy</code> , <code>nomencl</code> .
Bibliography:	<code>babelbib</code> , <code>bibtopic</code> , <code>backref</code> , <code>biblatex</code> , <code>bibunits</code> , <code>chapterbib</code> , <code>cite</code> , <code>citeref</code> , <code>coll-ref</code> , <code>drftcite</code> , <code>hypernat</code> , <code>jurabib</code> , <code>mcite</code> , <code>mciteplus</code> , <code>multibib</code> , <code>natbib</code> , <code>notes2bib</code> , <code>splitbib</code> , <code>showtags</code> .
Cross-references:	<code>bookmark</code> , <code>breakurl</code> , <code>cleveref</code> , <code>fancyref</code> , <code>hypdestopt</code> , <code>hyperref</code> , <code>perpage</code> , <code>pre-tyref</code> , <code>titleref</code> , <code>url</code> , <code>varioref</code> , <code>xcite</code> , <code>xr</code> , <code>xr-hyper</code> , <code>xurl</code> , <code>zref</code> .
Margin notes:	<code>marginal</code> , <code>marginfit</code> , <code>marginfix</code> , <code>scrlayer-notecolumn</code> , <code>versonotes</code> .
Footnotes:	Adds <code>FootnoteDepth</code> to print footnotes at section breaks. MATHJAX emulation for <code>\footnote</code> , and also as marked in the following: <code>bigfoot</code> , <code>dblfnote</code> , <code>endheads</code> , <code>endnotes^{MJ}</code> , <code>enotez^{MJ}</code> , <code>fixfoot</code> , <code>fnbreak</code> , <code>fnpara</code> , <code>fnpct</code> , <code>fnpos</code> , <code>footmisc</code> , <code>footnote</code> , <code>footnotebackref</code> , <code>footnoterange</code> , <code>footnpag</code> , <code>many-foot</code> , <code>marginnote^{MJ}</code> , <code>nccfoots^{MJ}</code> , <code>pagenote^{MJ}</code> , <code>parnotes^{MJ}</code> , <code>pdfcolfoot</code> , <code>pfnote</code> , <code>sepfootnotes</code> , <code>sidenotes^{MJ}</code> , <code>tablefootnote</code> .
Math:	Converted to SVG images with HTML <code><alt></code> tags containing the L ^A T _E X source for the math expression. MATHJAX supported as an alternative. <code>amsmath^{MJ}</code> : $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}$ environments are supported. User-defined macros are available during conversion, due to native L ^A T _E X processing.
Theorems:	Native L ^A T _E X theorems, <code>amsthm</code> , <code>apxproof</code> , <code>ntheorem</code> , <code>shadethm</code> , <code>theorem</code> , <code>thmbox</code> , <code>thmtools</code> .

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Category	Status
Additional math:	Math fonts via svg images, accents ^{MJ} , amscd ^{MJ} , amscdx, autobreak ^{MJ} , autonum, backnaur ^{MJ} , bm ^{MJ} , braket ^{MJ} , breqn ^{MJ} , bussproofs ^{MJ} , cases ^{MJ} , centernot ^{MJ} , cmbright ^{MJ} , colonequals ^{MJ} , decimal ^{MJ} , delarray, DotArrow ^{MJ} , dotlessi ^{MJ} , dotlessj ^{MJ} , esvect ^{MJ} , extarrows ^{MJ} , fixmath ^{MJ} , fouridx ^{MJ} , fourier ^{MJ} , guass, hhtensor ^{MJ} , icomma ^{MJ} , isomath ^{MJ} , jkmath, kpfonts ^{MJ} , kpfonts-otf ^{MJ} , leftidx ^{MJ} , libertinustlmath ^{MJ} , mathalpha ^{MJ} , mathastext ^{MJ} , mathcomp ^{MJ} , mathdesign ^{MJ} , mathdots ^{MJ} , mathfixs ^{MJ} , mathpazo ^{MJ} , mathptmx ^{MJ} , mathpunctspace ^{MJ} , mathspec ^{MJ} , mathtools ^{MJ} , mattens ^{MJ} , maybemath ^{MJ} , mdwmath ^{MJ} , mismath ^{MJ} , mleftright ^{MJ} , multiobjective ^{MJ} , nccmath ^{MJ} , nicematrix ^{MJ} , noitcrul ^{MJ} , newpxmath ^{MJ} , newtxmath ^{MJ} , newtxsf ^{MJ} , pb-diagram, px-fonts ^{MJ} , resizgather ^{MJ} , rmathbr ^{MJ} , scalerel ^{MJ} , shuffle ^{MJ} , skmath ^{MJ} , stackrel ^{MJ} , statex2 ^{MJ} , statistics, statmath ^{MJ} , subsupscripts ^{MJ} , tensind, tensor ^{MJ} , textualcomma ^{MJ} , txfonts ^{MJ} , txgreek ^{MJ} , unicode-math ^{MJ} , upgreek ^{MJ} , ushort ^{MJ} , witharrows ^{MJ} , xfakebold ^{MJ} , xy. Many others work as-is.
Display math with <code>\displaymath</code> or <code>\other</code> :	Complicated math objects in display math, such as tikz-cd, etc.
Units and fractions:	nicefrac ^{MJ} , Slunits ^{MJ} , siunitx ^{MJ} , units ^{MJ} , unitsdef, xfrac ^{MJ} .
Floats:	Appear where declared. capt-of, caption, cutwin, dblfloatfix, endfloat, few-erfloatpages, fix2col, flafter, float, floatflt, floatrow, fltrace, ftcap, hypcap, keyfloat, morefloats, multicap, newfloat, nonfloat, picinpar, placeins, rotfloat, stfloats, subcaption, subfig, subfigure, subfloat, swfigure, topcapt, trivfloat, wrapfig.
Tabular:	tabular environment, array ^{MJ} , arydshln ^{MJ} , bigdelim ^{MJ} , bigstrut ^{MJ} , booktabs ^{MJ} , colortbl ^{MJ} , ctable, dcolumn, diagbox, hhline ^{MJ} , longtable, ltatex, ltxtable, multirow ^{MJ} , supertabular, tabularx, tabulary, threeparttable, threeparttablex, widetable, xtabular, xtab.
Graphics:	graphics and graphicx. <code>\includegraphics</code> supports width, height, origin, angle, and scale tags, and adds class. References to PDF files are changed to svg, other image types are accepted as well. <code>\rotatebox</code> and <code>\scalebox</code> are supported as well as HTML can handle. rotating is emulated but all objects are unrotated in HTML. picture, tikz, and xy are converted to an svg image. asymptote, curves, datatool, eepic, epsf, epsfig, epstopdf, figsize, fitbox, grffile, lpic, luamplib, media9, movie15, multimedia, overpic, pict2e, pinlabel, psfrag, psfragx, pst-eps, pstool, pstricks, rlepsf, rviewport, svg, svg-extract, tikz, tikz-3dplot, tikz-image-labels, xy
xcolor:	Full package color names, any color models, and mixing. <code>\textcolor</code> , <code>\colorbox</code> , <code>\fcolorbox</code> . Enhanced for HTML compatibility.
Lists:	Standard L ^A T _E X environments, enumerate, enumitem, eqlist, hang, list-liketab, paralist.
Environments:	Standard L ^A T _E X environments.
Paragraphs, minipage, <code>\parbox</code> :	Some HTML5-imposed limitations. Nested minipages are supported. eq-parbox, fancypar, minibox, pbox, shapepar.
Quotations:	copyrightbox, csquotes, epigraph, quoting, verse.

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Category	Status
Verbatim:	<code>fancyvrb</code> , <code>fvextra</code> , <code>moreverb</code> , <code>shortvrb</code> , <code>verbatim</code> .
Frames:	<code>boxedminipage</code> , <code>boxedminipage2e</code> , <code>fancybox</code> , <code>fbox^{MJ}</code> , <code>framed</code> , <code>mdframed</code> , <code>niceframe</code> , <code>shadow</code> , <code>tcolorbox^{MJ}</code> , <code>vertbars</code> .
Multi-columns:	<code>adjmulticol</code> , <code>multicol</code> , <code>multicolrule</code> , <code>vwcol</code> .
Margins:	<code>fullwidth</code> , <code>hanging</code> , <code>midpage</code> .
Line numbering:	<code>fnlineno</code> , <code>lineno</code> .
Direct formatting:	<code>\emph</code> , <code>\textsuperscript</code> , <code>\textbf</code> , etc are supported. <code>\bfseries</code> , etc. are only supported in some cases. <code>cancel^{MJ}</code> , <code>ellipsis</code> , <code>embrac</code> , <code>enparen</code> , <code>hyphenat</code> , <code>lettrine</code> , <code>lips</code> , <code>lua-check-hyphen</code> , <code>luacolor</code> , <code>magaz</code> , <code>moresize</code> , <code>nolbreaks</code> , <code>normalcolor</code> , <code>pdfcol</code> , <code>pdfcolmk</code> , <code>pdfrender</code> , <code>realscripts</code> , <code>relsize^{MJ}</code> , <code>scalefnt</code> , <code>seqsplit^{MJ}</code> , <code>soul</code> , <code>soulpos</code> , <code>soulutf8</code> , <code>stackengine</code> , <code>textfit</code> , <code>thinsp</code> , <code>trimclip</code> , <code>truncate</code> , <code>ulem</code> , <code>umoline</code> , <code>underscore</code> , <code>uspace</code> , <code>xellipsis</code> .
Acronyms:	<code>acro</code> , <code>acronym</code> .
Ordinals:	<code>engord</code> , <code>fmtcount</code> , <code>nth</code> .
Text ligatures:	Ligatures for symbols are supported. Ligatures for f, q, t are intentionally turned off because many simpler browsers do not display them correctly. Modern full-featured browsers re-create these ligatures on-the-fly.
Horizontal space:	HTML output for <code>thin-unbreakable</code> , <code>unbreakable</code> , <code>\enskip</code> , <code>\quad</code> , <code>\qqquad</code> , <code>\hspace</code> .
Rules:	<code>\rule</code> with width, height, raise, text color.
HTML reserved characters:	<code>\&</code> , <code>\textless</code> , and <code>\textgreater</code> are converted to HTML entities.
Fonts:	Used as-is. Appear in SVG math expressions or embedded image environments. <code>fontaxes</code> , <code>nfssect-cfr</code> , <code>slantsc</code> , <code>tabfigures</code> . Tested to work as-is: Special font macros in <code>cfr-lm</code> and others which use <code>nfssect-cfr</code> . Also see the math section for math and MATHJAX support for math font packages.
Symbols:	Native L ^A T _E X diacriticals, <code>academicons</code> , <code>amssymb^{MJ}</code> , <code>bbding</code> , <code>ccicons</code> , <code>chemgreek</code> , <code>dingbat</code> , <code>euro</code> , <code>eurosym</code> , <code>fontawesome</code> , <code>fontawesome5</code> , <code>gensymb^{MJ}</code> , <code>latexsym^{MJ}</code> , <code>marvosym</code> , <code>metalogo</code> , <code>metalogoX</code> , <code>pifont</code> , <code>textalpha</code> , <code>textcomp^{MJ}</code> , <code>textgreek</code> , <code>typicons</code> , <code>xunicode</code> .
Files:	<code>attachfile</code> , <code>attachfile2</code> , <code>hyperxmp</code> , <code>inputtrc</code> , <code>intopdf</code> , <code>pdfpages</code> , <code>pdfx</code> , <code>xmpincl</code> .
Science and engineering:	<code>algorithm2e</code> , <code>algorithmicx</code> , <code>ar^{MJ}</code> , <code>askmaps</code> , <code>axodraw2</code> , <code>bitpattern</code> , <code>blochsphere</code> , <code>bodegraph</code> , <code>bohr</code> , <code>bytefield</code> , <code>chemfig</code> , <code>chemformula</code> , <code>chemgreek</code> , <code>chemmacros</code> , <code>chemnum</code> , <code>circuitikz</code> , <code>econometrics^{MJ}</code> , <code>elements</code> , <code>engtlc^{MJ}</code> , <code>fast-diagram</code> , <code>gh-system</code> , <code>hepnicenames</code> , <code>heppennames</code> , <code>hepunits^{MJ}</code> , <code>isotope^{MJ}</code> , <code>karnaughmap</code> , <code>karnaugh-map</code> , <code>keystroke</code> , <code>listings</code> , <code>listingsutf8</code> , <code>linop</code> , <code>menukeys</code> , <code>mhchem^{MJ}</code> , <code>minted</code> , <code>pgfgantt</code> , <code>phfquit</code> , <code>physics^{MJ}</code> , <code>physunits^{MJ}</code> , <code>plimsoll^{MJ}</code> , <code>qccircuit</code> , <code>register</code> , <code>simplebnf</code> , <code>simpler-wick</code> , <code>slashed^{MJ}</code> , <code>steinmetz^{MJ}</code> , <code>structmech</code> , <code>struktex</code> , <code>syntaxdi</code> , <code>tikz-karnaugh</code> , <code>tikzcodeblocks</code> , <code>venndiagram</code>
Arts and humanities:	<code>foreign</code> , <code>forest</code> , <code>lylutex</code> , <code>musicography</code> , <code>nameauth</code> , <code>octave</code> , <code>phonrule</code> , <code>piano</code> , <code>schemata</code> , <code>semantic-markup</code> , <code>tikz-dependency</code> , <code>vowel</code> , <code>xpiano</code>

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Academic:	academicons , classicthesis , doi , doipubmed , orcidlink^{MJ} , termcal
Admonitions:	awesomebox , notes .
Editorial:	changebar , changelog , changes , easy-todo , easyReview , ed , errata , fixme , fixmetodonotes , pdfcomment^{MJ} , pdfmarginpar , todo , todonotes , tram , xexchangebar .
Accessibility:	accessibility^{MJ} , accsupp^{MJ} , axessibility^{MJ} , pdfcomment^{MJ} , repltext^{MJ} , tagpdf .
Package handling:	catoptions .
Debug:	chkfloat , cmdtrack , dprogress , lipsum , lua-visual-debug , mwe , refcheck , sr-cltx , srctex , vpe , xbmks .
Working as-is:	Various utility, calculation, file, and text-only packages, such as calc , fileerr , somedefs , trace , xspace . Also, most math-only packages, including specialized typesetting for various fields of science and engineering.

L^AT_EX keyfloat package

The keyfloat package provides a key/value user interface for quickly creating figures, or custom float types, with a single image each, figures with arbitrary contents, tables, subfloats, rows of floats, floats [H]ere, in the [M]argin, or with text [W]rapped around them.

Key/value combinations may specify a caption and label, a width proportional to `\linewidth`, a fixed width and/or height, rotation, scaling, a tight or loose frame, an `\arraystretch`, a continued float, additional supplemental text, and an artist/author's name with automatic index entry. When used with the `tocdata` package, the name also appears in the List of Figures.

Floats may be placed into a row environment, and are typeset to fit within the given number of columns, continuing to the next row if necessary. Nested sub-rows may be used to generate layouts such as two small figures placed vertically next to one larger figure.

Subfloats are supported by two environments. As an example, a typical command to include a figure with a framed image of half `\linewidth` could be:

```
\keyfig[hbp]{f,lw=.5,c={A caption},l={fig:label}}{image}
```

Keyfloat introductory white paper

For an introduction to the keyfloat package, please see the publication [A key/value interface for generating L^AT_EX floats: the keyfloat package](#).

Latest News

v2.01: Added keyfloats and keysubfloats [M] and [W]. Fixed KomaScript, font and color. Improved vertical space.

v2.00: Added custom float types and float authors.

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The [keyfloat v2.01 manual](#) is also available here.

A \keyparbox describing something.
With several paragraphs.

\raggedright text

Figure 9: First in a group

Figure 10: Third in a group

Figure 11: Fourth in a group

Figure 12: Fifth in a group

Figure 13: Sixth in a group

Table 9: Seventh in a group

A	B	C
D	E	F

Some Text

a: First Subfigure

b: Second subfigure

c: Third subfigure

d: Fourth subfigure

e: Fifth subfigure

Figure 14: Subfigures

2.3.3 Subfloats

Example 16: Subfigures — keysubfigs environment

```
\begin{keysubfigs}{3}{c=Subfigures,l=fig:subfigs}
\keyfig{lw=1,f,c={First Subfigure},
l=fig:firstsubfig,t={Some Text}}{image}
\keyfig{lw=1,f,r=90,c={Second subfigure},
l=fig:secondsubfig,
t={Lots of lots of lots of lots of text.}}
{image2}
\begin{keyfloats}{1}
\keyfig{lw=1,f,c={Third subfigure},l=fig:thirdsubfig}{image}
\keytab{c={Fourth subfigure},l=fig:fourthsubfig}{\testtable}
\keyfig{lw=.5,f,c={Fifth subfigure},l=fig:fifthsubfig}{image}
\end{keyfloats}
\end{keysubfigs}
```

Figure 14

Figures 14a to 14e are in the fig. 14 keysubfigs environment. The \keysubtabs environment is similar. Mixed types have the type of their container, as shown with fig. 14d.

Subfloats are associated floats (a, b, ...) collected together into one common float

Figure 49: keyfloat Samples

L^AT_EX tocdata package

Anthologies may be printed with the author alongside each title in the table of contents. Many commonly-recommended methods for doing this with L^AT_EX place the author above or below the title and page number, but seldom on the same line.

The tocdata package provides some basic infrastructure to help add some information to a line in the table of contents.

This function requires the use of either the titletoc or tocloft packages.

Additionally, user-level macros are provided which add the author's name to a chapter or section, and add the artist's name and optional additional text to a figure. Author and artist names are also added to the index.

tocdata works with the TOC/LOF formatting of the default L^AT_EX classes, memoir, koma-script, and with titletoc, tocloft, tocbasic, and tocstyle.

Latest News

v2.03: Fix for starred sections, supports additional classes and packages.

v2.02: Fix for section name formatting.

v2.01: Fix for L^AT_EX core section entries.

v2.00: Adds custom float types and float authors.

v0.12: Adds improved spacing, improved paragraph handling, and optional text alignment.

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Download the tocdata package from the [tocdata page on CTAN](#) — the Comprehensive T_EX Archive Network, or use your T_EX distribution's update tools.

The [tocdata v2.03 manual](#) is also available here.

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Figure 50: tocdata Samples

L^AT_EX dtxdescribe package

The `doc` package includes tools for describing macros and environments in L^AT_EX source `.dtx` format. The `dtxdescribe` package adds additional tools for describing booleans, lengths, counters, keys, packages, classes, options, files, commands, arguments, and other objects. `dtxdescribe` also works with the regular document classes, for those who do not wish to use the `ltxdoc` class and `.dtx` files.

Each item is given a margin tag similar to `\DescribeEnv`, and is listed in the index by itself and also by category. Each item may be sorted further by an optional class. All index entries except code lines are hyperlinked.

The `dtxexample` environment is provided for typesetting example code and its results. Contents are displayed verbatim along with a caption and cross-referencing. They are then input and executed, and the result is shown.

Environments are also provided for displaying verbatim or formatted source code, user-interface displays, and sidebars with titles.

Macros are provided for formatting the names of inline L^AT_EX objects such as packages and booleans, as well as program and file names, file types, internet objects, the names of certain programs, a number of logos, and inline dashes and slashes.

`dtxdescribe` works with the `ltxdoc` class, but also works with the standard classes as well, except that the `macro` and `environment` environments are not supported. Either `makeidx` or `splitidx` may be loaded by the user. `makeidx` will be used by default.

Download

Download the `dtxdescribe` package from the [dtxdescribe page on CTAN](#) — the Comprehensive T_EX Archive Network, or use your T_EX distribution's update tools.

The [dtxdescribe v1.02 manual](#) is also available here.

<code>dtxdescribe</code>	12		
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Example 4: Booleans and Counters			
<i>Code:</i>			
<code>\DescribeBoolean[examples](sampleboolean) Some description.</code>			
<code>\DescribeCounter[examples](samplecounter) Some description.</code>			
<i>Results:</i>			
<code>Bool examples sampleboolean</code>	Some description.		
<code>Ctr examples samplecounter</code>	Some description.		
	Most of the new <code>\Describe_____</code> macros behave like the new <code>\DescribeEnv</code> , placing a tag in the margin, an index entry by name, and another index entry by group.		
<hr/>			
Example 5: Lengths			
<i>Code:</i>			
<code>\DescribeLength[photograph](\photowidth) Some description.</code>			
<i>Results:</i>			
<code>Len photograph \photowidth</code>	Some description.		
	Lengths have a leading backslash, but are otherwise described the same as the rest of the objects.		
<hr/>			
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Figure 51: dtxdescribe Samples

L^AT_EX to AsciiDoc / DocBook / XHTML Conversion

- A previously-written tool chain: L^AT_EX → AsciiDoc → DocBook → XHTML
- L^AT_EX directly generates AsciiDoc output.
- Scalable vector graphics (svg) diagrams and mathematics.
- Format and content which responds to viewing media type (hand-held, tablet, screen, print).
- css customization
- Superseded by: [L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the lwarp package](#).

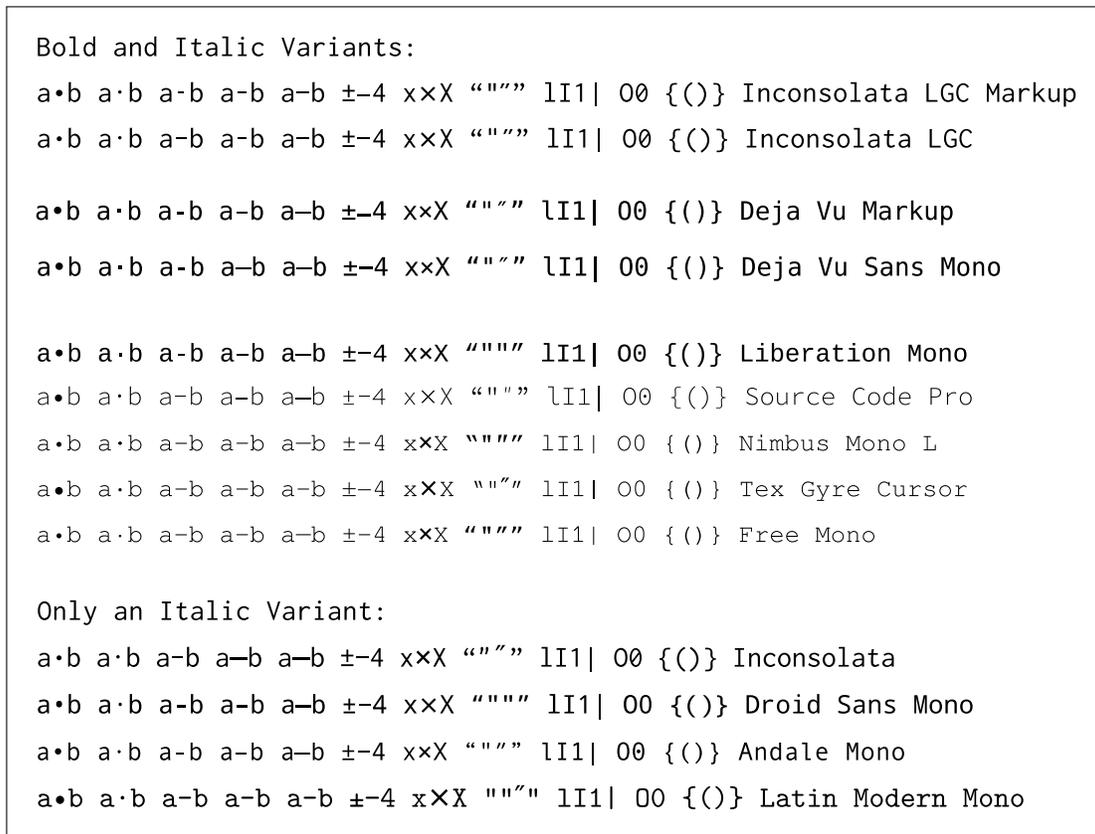


Figure 52: Mono-spaced Font Comparison — Inconsolata

Inconsolata LGC Markup — Font

The popular Inconsolata font is a mono-spaced font commonly used by programmers, and it already provides a clear differentiation between most glyphs, such as 0 and 0 for example.

Others have added Greek and Cyrillic glyphs, along with bold and italic versions useful for syntax highlighting, thus forming the Inconsolata LGC font.

Text-document markup languages (such as L^AT_EX, AsciiDoc, or markdown) have additional requirements. The ability to distinguish between the various kinds of quote marks and dashes becomes important. Most mono-spaced fonts do not clearly distinguish between each of these look-alike characters, as seen in Figure 52.

The following changes have been made to create the Inconsolata LGC Markup font:

- Shortened the hyphen to distinguish from the en-dash and em-dash.
- Lowered the minus to distinguish from the en-dash.
- The upright apostrophe and quote are replaced with simple vertical shapes, distinguishing from the text quotes and prime characters.
- Bolder bullet to distinguish from the center dot / multiply character.
- Numerous additional glyphs were corrected to pass font verification.

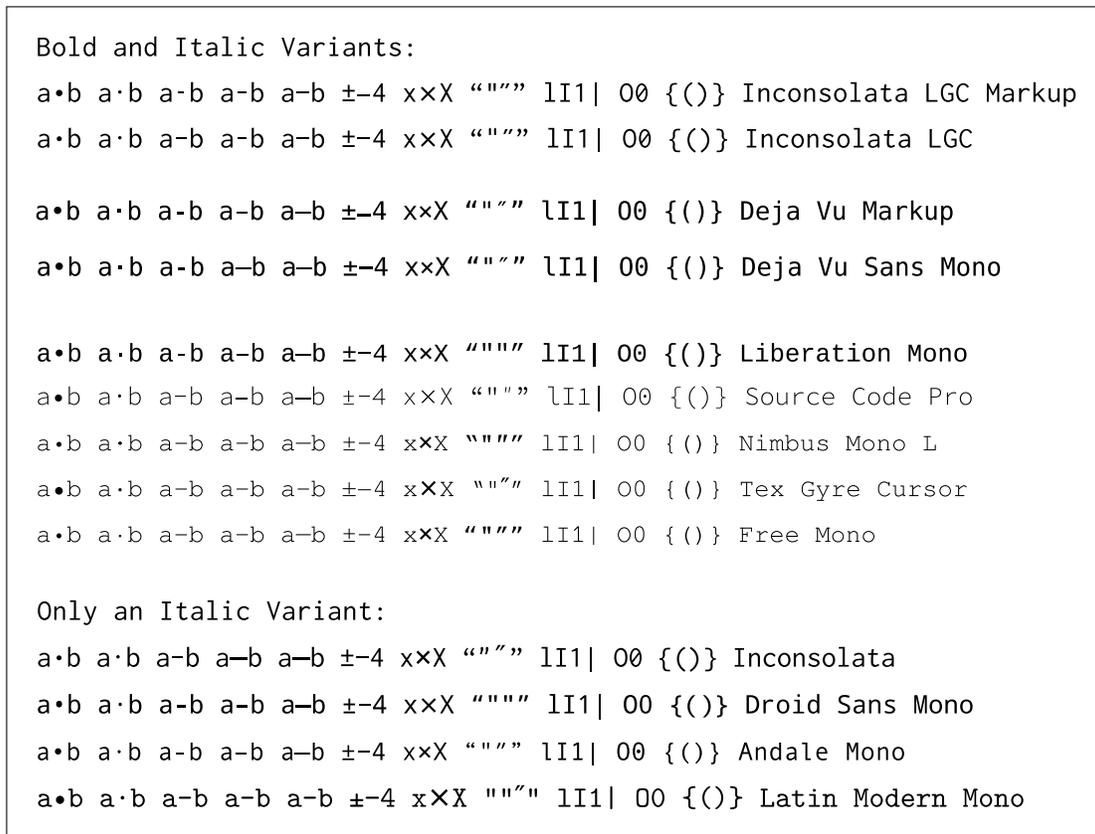


Figure 53: Mono-spaced Font Comparison — DejaVu

Visit the [Inconsolata LGC Markup](#) font's web page at the [Font Library](#).

Or, directly download the [Inconsolata LGC Markup ZIP](#) file right here.

Also see the [DejaVu Markup — Font](#).

DejaVu Markup — Font

DejaVu Sans Mono is a mono-spaced font useful for programmers, and it already provides a clear differentiation between most glyphs, such as 0 and 0 for example. Compared to Inconsolata, DejaVu has a wider range of glyphs and a slightly cleaner design.

Text-document markup languages (such as L^AT_EX, AsciiDoc, or markdown) have additional requirements. The ability to distinguish between the various kinds of quote marks and dashes becomes important. Most mono-spaced fonts do not clearly distinguish between each of these look-alike characters, as seen in [Figure 53](#).

The following changes have been made to create the DejaVu Markup font:

- Shortened the endash to distinguish from the hyphen and em-dash.
- Lowered the minus to distinguish from the en-dash.

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Load Cells — Introduction and Applications:

A sample white paper.

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Tech Notes

The following are technical notes of interest to the users of L^AT_EX, general markup languages, the Linux operating system, and so on.

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L^AT_EX notes

Transparency and colors

When including a PNG file with transparency, L^AT_EX may distort the rest of the colors on the same page due to a conflict between RGB and CMYK color spaces. The methods mentioned online for fixing this color shift for lualatex are slightly out of date now with lualatex having made some recent changes.

To fix the color shift, place the following near the start of the document preamble. This code works with pdflatex, xelatex, and recent versions of lualatex. Older versions of lualatex will not need the line below which is commented as “for new versions”.

% to fix colors while transparency is in use:

```
\usepackage{iftex}
\ifXeTeX
  \usepackage{eso-pic}
  \AddToShipoutPicture{%
    \makeatletter%
    \special{%
      pdf: put @thispage <</Group << /S /Transparency /I true /CS /DeviceRGB>> >>}
    \makeatother%
  }
\else
\ifLuaTeX
  \edef\pdfpageattr {\pdfvariable pageattr}% for newer versions
  pdfpageattr {/Group << /S /Transparency /I true /CS /DeviceRGB>>}
\else% pdf latex
  \pdfpageattr {/Group << /S /Transparency /I true /CS /DeviceRGB>>}
\fi
\fi
```

Editor fonts

See [DejaVu Markup — Font](#) and [Inconsolata LGC Markup — Font](#) for monospaced editor fonts which have been slightly adjusted from their originals to more clearly distinguish between the various dashes, quotes, apostrophes, primes, bullet, and center dots/multiply. These fonts may be useful to anyone using a text markup language such as L^AT_EX, AsciiDoc, markdown, or pandoc, especially when marking up text where there is an important difference in meaning between the various dash lengths, or scientific literature where a prime mark should not be a quote mark.

TeX-Live installation on Linux — PATH to texbin

The “vanilla” [Tex Live](#) install recommends setting *PATH* to point directly to the Tex Live binaries, but some recommend an indirect symbolic link through */opt* instead:

in /opt, each time a new install occurs: `ln -s /usr/local/texlive/20xx/bin/x86_64-linux /opt/texbin`

in ~/.cshrc, once only: `setenv PATH $HOME/bin:/opt/texbin:$PATH`

in ~/.bashrc, once only: `PATH=/opt/texbin:$PATH` (at the end)

Likewise for root's *.bashrc* and *.cshrc*.

Multiple versions of TeX Live may be installed, selecting one at a time simply by changing the single symbolic link in */opt*.

TeX-Live fonts

TeXLive has so many fonts that they can really slow down the font-selection boxes in graphics editors. Many fonts are available both as Type-1 and also OpenType or TrueType. To have Linux only use OT or TT fonts, skipping Type-1:

1. Copy the *texlive-fontconfig.conf* file to */etc/fonts/conf.d/09-texlive.conf*.
2. Comment out Type-1 fonts: `<!-- ...type1.. -->`
3. Run `fc-cache -fsv` to inform Linux of the new fonts.

To keep Type-1 fonts but remove the most problematic:

1. `tlmgr remove --dry-run -no-dependends collection-fontsextra`
2. `tlmgr remove --dry-run allrunes`
3. `tlmgr remove --dry-run drm`
4. etc.

Use `-dry-run` to preview the results, and remove `-dry-run` to make the changes. Run `fc-cache -fsv` to inform Linux of the new fonts.

Package-writing tools

Of interest to those using the *.dtx* format of literate programming:

Dating a package revision:

```
\changes{v0.00}{2016/01/01}{\ 2016/01/01}
```

The forced space before the date causes the change log to sort the date to the front of the “General” category. While the next version is in-progress, the new version’s date can be entered as “PENDING”.

Describing packages, files, options, booleans, etc: The $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ *doc* and *ltxdoc* tools provide $\backslash\text{DescribeMacro}$ and $\backslash\text{DescribeEnvironment}$ which typeset the name in the margin and create index entries, both for the name of the macro or environment, and also under the category “environments” as needed. Additional tools may be useful to describe other objects:

```
\newcommand{\DescType}[1]{\raggedleft{\scriptsize#1}\quad}

\newcommand{\DescribePackage}[1]{%
\leavevmode%
\marginpar{\DescType{Pkg}\bfseries\textsf{#1}}%
\index{#1 (package)}%
\index{packages:>#1}%
\ignorespaces%
}
```

Similar for (operating-system) command, file, option, boolean, length, and counter, each of which will appear in the index under its own name, and also under each category. A more advanced version of these functions is found in the $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ *dtxdescribe package*, which also adds sorting objects by class.

Margin tags: Useful to draw attention to the destination of cross-references, for example.

```
\newcommand{\margintag}[1]{%
\marginpar{\textcolor{blue!70!black}{#1}} %
}
```

Warning tags: To print a warning symbol and text tag in the margin:

```
\makeatletter
\newcommand{\watchout}[1]{}%
\@bsphack%
\marginpar{\textcolor{blue!70!black}{#1}}
\hspace*{\fill}\includegraphics[height=3ex]{symbol_warning.pdf}
\@esphack%
}
\makeatother
```

Typesetting package and environment names: To make names for packages and environments stand out:

```
\newcommand{\pkg}[1]{\textsf{#1}}
\newcommand{\env}[1]{\texttt{#1}}
```

Likewise for BRAND names, *Publications*, ACR acronyms, and so on.

Linux notes

Font rendering

If your Linux fonts look ugly, check the following:

Ref: https://wiki.archlinux.org/index.php/Font_Configuration

File (Debian): `~/.config/fontconfig/fonts.conf`

Compose keys, keyboard repeat, mouse acceleration

To directly enter characters such as the em-dash or ä:

Place in `.cshrc`, `.bashrc`, `.icewm/startup`, and any other desktop/windowing startup locations on your system:

```
setxkbmap -option compose:lwin
```

`lwin` selects the left “windows” key as the compose key. When this key is pressed, followed by other special keys, a final character is sent to the operating system. Examples include `<compose>---` for the em-dash and `<compose>"a` for ä.

This is also a good place to set the keyboard repeat and mouse acceleration, for those window managers which may not provide their own tools to do so:

```
xset r rate 300 20
xset m 3/2
```

KDE debug messages

Bothered by extraneous KDE debug messages?

```
kdebugdialog
```

While this may be used to stop KDE messages, other warning messages may still appear in the console, and would have to be dealt with separately.

Apache2 configuration

Changes have been made to the Apache2 configuration files.

Later versions of the Apache2 web server have changed the management of its configuration files. This can affect web applications served from your own machine, even when only used by yourself on your own local machine.

`httpd.conf` is no longer used.

To add a configuration file:

1. Add `filename.conf` to `/etc/apache2/conf-available/`
2. `a2enconf <filename>` to activate the additional configuration file.
3. `service apache2 reload` to restart the server.

Kmail migration to Claws Mail

While there are a few scripts which try to help change from Kmail’s email format to Claws Mail’s MH format, Kmail has a few features which can cause problems. In particular, Kmail allows mail folders in either of two formats: `maildir` or `mbox`. The claws-mail conversion scripts tend to work only with the `maildir` format.

1. Ensure each Kmail folder is in `maildir` format instead of `mbox`:

In the file system, look in the `Mail` file directory for a subdirectory for each Kmail mail folder, in which case that folder is in `maildir` format. If the Kmail mail folder does not exist as a filesystem subdirectory, then that Kmail

folder is in *mbox* format, and it must be converted to *maildir* instead. Do so by using Kmail to rename the current *mbox* format Kmail folder, such as by appending “_old” to its name. Create a new Kmail mail folder, being sure that the new folder is in *maildir* format. Copy the messages from the old to the new folder, then delete the old.

2. Remove any spaces from each Kmail folder name, possibly replacing each by an underscore.
3. Possibly flatten the folder tree.
4. Try the conversion script from <http://users.claws-mail.narkive.com/vHT2008Y/migration-from-kmail> by Hanno Böck.

About Us

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I'm a software engineer and technical writer with excellent skills in the art and science of document typesetting and in the field of embedded industrial controls programming. I provide services for companies making real-world products who wish to save time and resources by outsourcing the final design of their technical documentation and literature.

Documentation is an important part of programming, and unlike many other programmers I actually enjoy producing inline code documentation and external software test procedures, state diagrams, user-interface descriptions, and so on. I also want these documents to look great, since they'll be seen by current users trying to learn how to use the product, as well as potential customers doing their research before deciding what to buy. Clarity, completeness, organization, visual appeal, and grammar — these are things which matter.

Products which I have programmed include industrial controllers for time and temperature, product conveyor motors and solenoids, various display and key interfaces, and industrial networking. These are used in applications such as large dust-control factory air filters, numerous grills and ovens, an automated coffee maker for the railroad industry, a medical uv-treatment light timer, and test equipment such as a pulse-width timer. Each of these has been coded to allow them to survive real-world environments, including power interruption, noise injection, faulty sensors and controls, and programming/memory corruption.

Product documentation (manuals and/or literature) which I have written, edited, or reformatted and typeset include applications such as CNC bearings, mounts, and control

software, HVAC equipment, metal-working shear, metal-working lathes, vacuum-testing equipment, a parts washer, pumps, mixers, heat-transfer coils, test equipment, food-production equipment and conveyors, motor speed limiters, an automatic door closer, a fryer control, PLC controller and industrial computer installations, RFID hardware, and a camping trailer user's manual.

Scientific white papers which I have typeset have been for industries such as vacuum testing, hardness testing, optics, robotic control, and HVAC ducts, heat-transfer, and heat-storage units. I have also re-typeset a book about mechanical gear design.

In the process of doing all the above, I have also improved or redesigned a variety of diagrams and illustrations — both as simple as converting a low-resolution scan into a proper line drawing, and as complicated as explaining the logic behind a concept.

Having run a portrait photography business on the side (ref: the above image), I am also able to apply image-processing skills to technical documentation, greatly improving customer-supplied photography and logos as needed. Additional skills include business management, marketing, and accounting principles.

Finally, still being a programmer, I have recently been expanding the L^AT_EX document-creation system to generate HTML code directly from a L^AT_EX document, allowing the creation of a high-quality print version accompanied by an accurate HTML version of the same document for publication on the Internet.

Business Description

- Providing services in the area of technical writing and communications.
- Illinois-registered Limited Liability Company (LLC).
- Federal tax number (EIN) registered with the IRS.
- Fixed-price invoicing via 1099, based on units of output, billed according to a standard price schedule.

Background

- Decades of programming experience, including assembly, C, and FORTH languages.
- Embedded industrial-controls software engineering:
 - Microcontrollers — Assembly and C languages.
 - A wide range of commercial products.
 - Real-world survivability — adapting to power loss, electrostatic discharge, memory corruption, sensor malfunction, etc.
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 - State-machine logic.
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 - **L^AT_EX to HTML Converter — the `lwarp` package** — HTML generated directly by L^AT_EX.
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 - * Automated assembly of modular directories of pieces of code and images into final document, converted to an HTML website.
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