The Joys of LaTeX

A $\leq$45 minute lecture, with examples, introducing the world's standard typesetting language.

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http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~vadim/latex-reu13.pdf
http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~vadim/latex-reu13.tex

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What is LaTeX?

LaTeX is not:

- Word processor
- Editor
- Computer program

LaTeX is:

- Language in which documents are specified in a logical (not physical) manner

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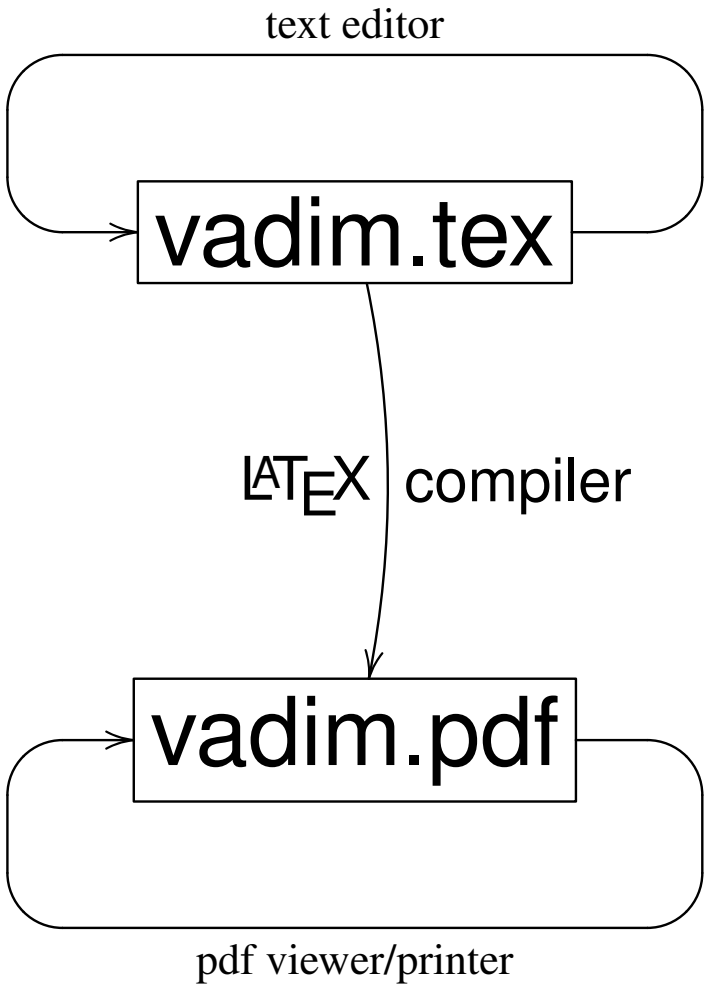
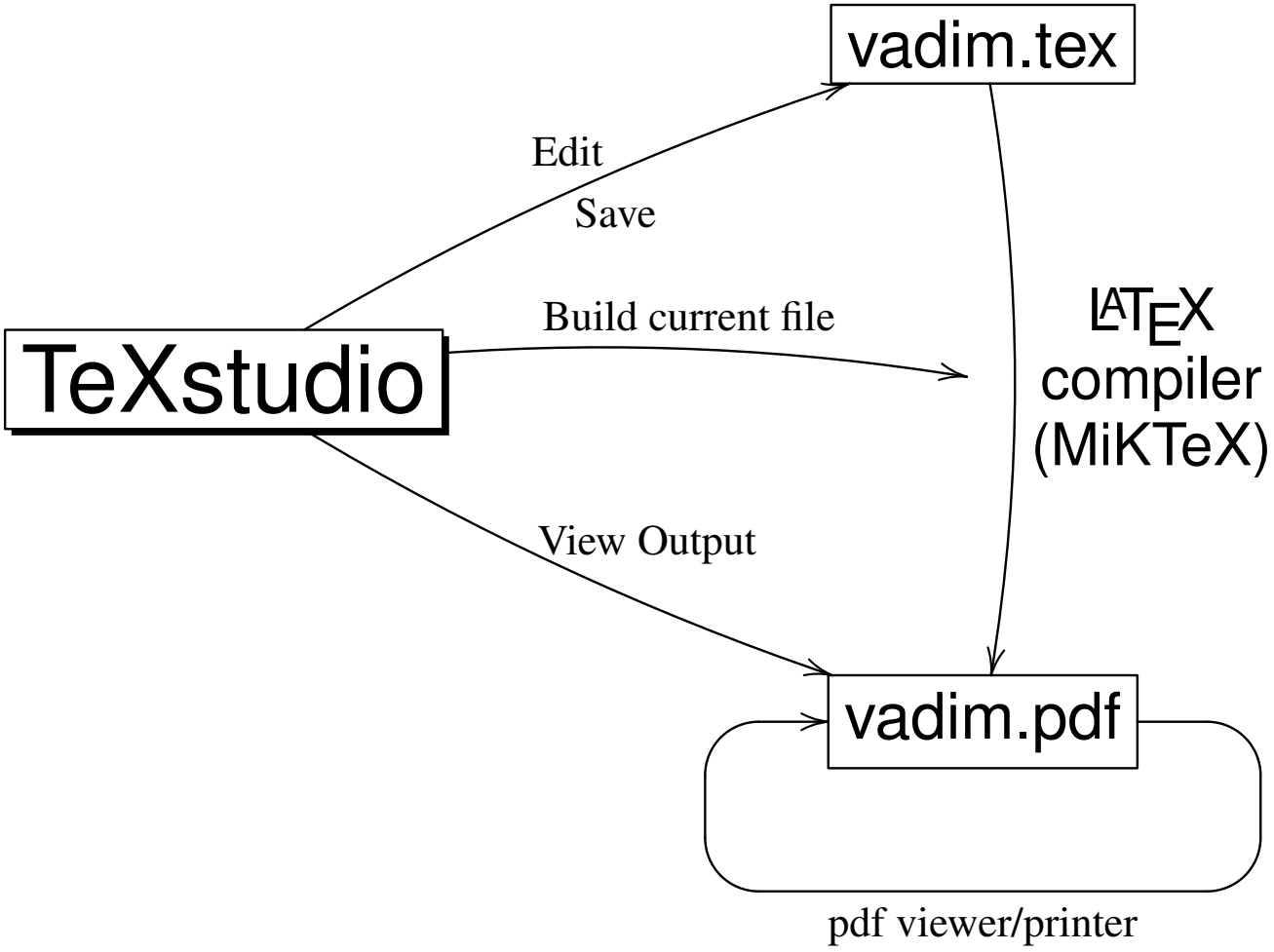


Less Simplified Usage



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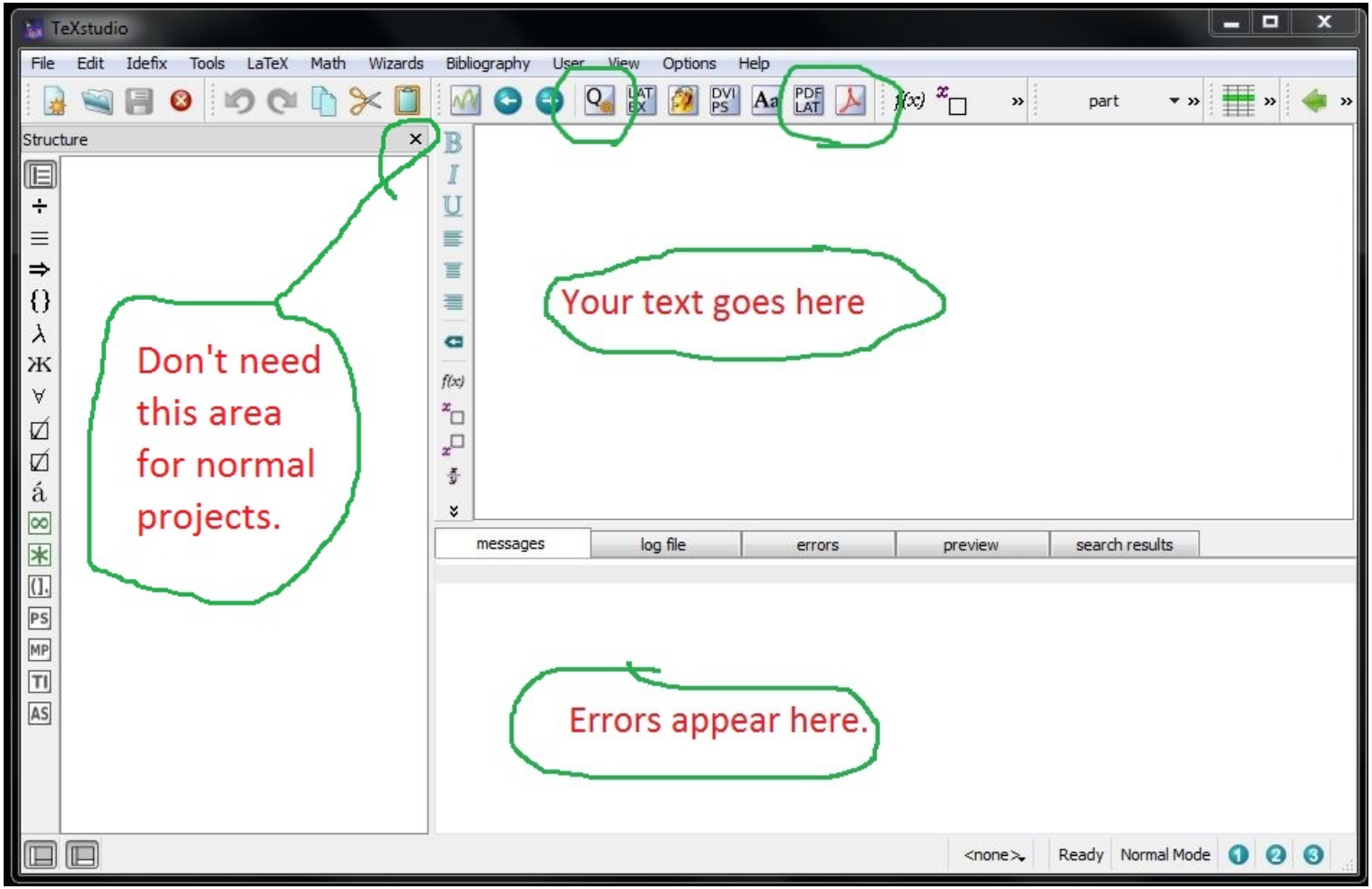

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Example 1

```
\documentclass[12pt]{letter}
\begin{document}
Don't worry  about    spaces or
line breaks; they are handled for you. %Comments
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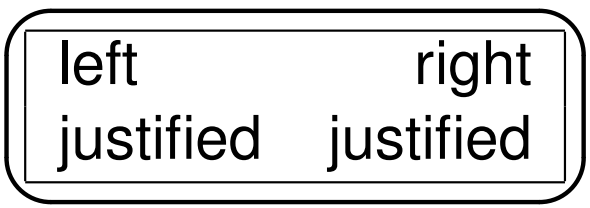
Example 2

```
\usepackage{fancybox}
\begin{document}
\Ovalbox{
  \begin{tabular}{|lr|}
  \hline  left & right \\
  justified & justified \\
  \hline \end{tabular}
}
\end{document}
not compiled
```



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Example 4

```
\newtheorem{vthm}{Theorem}
\begin{vthm}good theorem\label{good}\end{vthm}
\begin{proof}blah, blah\end{proof}    (amsthm)
\begin{vthm}great theorem\label{great}\end{vthm}
We now generalize Theorem \ref{good}
and Theorem \ref{great}.
```

Theorem 1. *good theorem*

Proof.
blah, blah □

Theorem 2. *great theorem*
We now generalize Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

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Example 5

```
$\sum_{i=1}^73i \hspace{1in}
\underset{i=1}{\overset{7}{\sum}}3i \hspace{1in}
\underset{x\rightarrow\infty}{\lim} x^2$\\
\vspace{3.6mm}
```

$\sum_{i=1}^{7} 3i$ $\sum\limits_{i=1}^{7} 3i$ $\lim\limits_{x\rightarrow\infty} x^2$

Use ‘ and ’; avoid the sweet temptation of "

Other units: `in`, `cm`, `pt`, weird ones like `bp`(=1.00375pt), `\textwidth`, `\pagewidth`

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Example 6

```
\section{Introduction}\label{yes_you_can}
\subsection{Numbered}
\subsection*{Not Numbered}
\subsubsection{You don't need these}
\newcommand{\vadim}[2]
{\overset{#2}{\underset{#1}{\sum}}}
$\left(  \vadim{i=0}{5}  \right)\!\!\!x$
```

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BibTeX

```
\cite{lamport}
\bibliography{vadim} \bibliographystyle{plain}
```

```
@BOOK{lamport,
    author = "Leslie Lamport",
    title = "{\LaTeX:} {A} Document ...",
    publisher = "Addison-Wesley",
    year = 1986 }
```

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http://www.ams.org/mathscinet/search

Other Resources

The Not So Short Introduction to LaTeX2ϵ, Oetiker et al,
`http://tobi.oetiker.ch/lshort/lshort.pdf`

Online tutorial:
`http://www.tug.org/tutorials/tugindia/`

Mac users:
`http://www.cs.wright.edu/~jslater/mac-tex/mac-tex-intro/mactexintro.html`