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eqExam Demo  
T<sub>E</sub>X Usage Survey

**Instructions:** First, thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this survey of T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X usage. I will summarize the results, and make them publicly available. The survey has not been commissioned by TUG (T<sub>E</sub>X User's Group), but is a demo of some of capabilities of my new L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package eqExam.

When you have finished, click on the "Submit" button to record your responses.

**Note:** The [Adobe Reader](#), or an [Acrobat](#) application (version 5.0 or later) is required to submit this survey. D. P. Story

# T<sub>E</sub>X Usage Survey

An eqExam Demo

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**T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** This first block of questions concerns your use of T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**1. Experience using T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.**

(a) How would you describe yourself in terms of experience using T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X?

Novice                      Intermediate                      Experienced                      Package Developer

(b) I have used T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for...

less than a year                      one to two years                      two to five years  
five to ten years                      ten to fifteen years                      fifteen to twenty years  
more than twenty years

**2. Approximately how many hours do you spend using T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X in a typical week? On a per week basis, I use T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X...**

less than an hour                      one to two hours                      three to five hours                      ten hours  
more than ten hours

**3. There are many T<sub>E</sub>X user's groups worldwide, are you a member of one or more?**

Yes                      No

**4. The following questions concern your preferred use of T<sub>E</sub>X.**

(a) Which styles to you predominately use?

Plain T<sub>E</sub>X                      L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt                      Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Based on your response to (a), please explain why you made the choice you did.

(c) There are many T<sub>E</sub>X Systems available for use, commercial, shareware, freeware. Which one do you primarily use?

A T<sub>E</sub>X Live System                      teT<sub>E</sub>X                      MikT<sub>E</sub>X                      PCT<sub>E</sub>X  
Y&Y T<sub>E</sub>X System                      Textures                      CMacT<sub>E</sub>X                      TrueT<sub>E</sub>X  
OzT<sub>E</sub>X                      Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

(d) What is your favorite T<sub>E</sub>X editor? Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What operating systems (OS) do you use T<sub>E</sub>X?**

(a) What operating system (OS) runs on the machine you most frequently use when working with T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X? Select one.

Windows XP                      Macintosh OS 9  
Windows ME                      Macintosh OS 8  
Windows NT                      Macintosh OS 7 or earlier  
Windows 2000                      Unix or Linux  
Windows 98                      Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
Windows 95                      Don't know  
Macintosh OS X

(b) Some people work on multiple platforms, what is your secondary OS for working with T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X?

Windows XP	Macintosh OS 9
Windows ME	Macintosh OS 8
Windows NT	Macintosh OS 7 or earlier
Windows 2000	Unix or Linux
Windows 98	Other, please specify _____
Windows 95	Don't use two systems.
Macintosh OS X	

### Seeking Help.

6. These questions concern any problems you may have with T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and resources available to you.

(a) Do you struggle on alone (with T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X) if things are going wrong, or do you seek help?

Struggle on along	Seek help from a friend or colleague	Seek help from a public forum
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(b) Do you use on-line resources?

No	Yes, I use _____
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(c) Do you seek help from `comp.text.tex`?

No	Yes, I read the postings occasionally	Yes, I read the postings regularly
Yes, I even ask questions	Yes, I answer questions on occasion	Yes, I regularly answer questions

7. The CTAN Archive.

(a) Do you know about CTAN (Comprehensive T<sub>E</sub>X Archive Network)?

No	Yes
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(b) If you answered "Yes" to question (a), approximately, how often do you use this archive?

Once or twice a month	three to five times per month	More than five times per month
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8. The T<sub>E</sub>X FAQ Resource.

(a) Do you know there is a T<sub>E</sub>X FAQ online resource? (<http://www.tex.ac.uk/faq>)

No	Yes
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(b) If you answered "Yes" to question, (a) have you ever used the FAQ?

No	Yes, how often? _____ per year.
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9. In terms of paper publications, what are the titles of the books you use for a reference to your work in T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X? Please list titles/authors in the space provided below.

**Print and PDF.**

10. What application do you use to create PDF? Adobe Distiller, ps2pdf, other.

Adobe Distiller                                      ps2pdf (pdfwriter)                                      pdftex  
 dvipdfm    Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

11. Describe the reasons you create PDF document from a T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X source. Is it for distribution over the Internet; to create interactive, high content materials; for business purposes? Please elaborate in the space provided below.

12. Do you use T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X primarily for creating printable documents, or for creating a PDF document suitable for publication on the Internet, or distribution to a colleague?

Exclusively for print                                      Mostly for PDF                                      About half and half

13. If you have any experience or knowledge of commercial publishing houses that use a T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X or pdftex work flow for prepress typesetting, please list publishing houses and countries in the space provided below.

**Population Demographics.** The next set of questions concern you.

14. My gender is ...

Male                                      Female                                      Prefer not to disclose

15. I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

16. Which of the following best describes your status as an T<sub>E</sub>X user today? Select one:

- Use as a student
- Use as an educator/trainer
- Use at home for personal use or as a hobby
- Use for a home-based business
- Use in a company or business (non-home based)

17. What is your country of residence? Select one:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| United States of America       | Other Europe, specify: _____ |
| Canada                         | Japan                        |
| Other Americas, specify: _____ | Hong Kong/Taiwan             |
| United Kingdom                 | China                        |
| France                         | Other Asia, specify: _____   |
| Germany                        | Australia                    |
| Sweden                         | New Zealand                  |
| Netherlands                    | Africa, specify: _____       |

• If your company/organization uses T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X/pdf<sub>te</sub>x in their business work flow, please answer questions 18 and 19.

18. How many employees work at your company including all sites? Select one:

- |                |             |              |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| One/work alone | 100 - 499   | 5000 or more |
| 2 - 9          | 500 - 999   | Don't know   |
| 10 - 49        | 1000 - 2999 |              |
| 50 - 99        | 3000 - 4999 |              |


19. What is your company/organization's PRIMARY industry? Select one:

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| Aerospace                  | Membership organizations - religious, non-profit, trade unions |
| Automotive                 | Military   |
| Computer hardware          | Pharmaceuticals/bio tech                                       |
| Computer software          | Professional services (documentation)                          |
| Education                  | Professional services (technical/IT/Internet)                  |
| Engineering                | Printing and publishing  |
| Financial services         | Public and protective services (police, fire)                  |
| Government                 | Retail   |
| Graphic design/fine art    | Telecommunications   |
| Healthcare/social services | Transportation   |
| Insurance                  | Travel   |
| Legal                      | Wholesale  |
| Manufacturing              | Other, please specify: _____                                   |

**Improvements in T<sub>E</sub>X.**

20. What you most like to see improved in T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X? Use the space provided below:

**Thank You** once again for participating in this survey.

 Click on the left arrow to return to the first page to submit your responses.