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Typographic reconstruction of Gutenberg's 42-line bible of 1452-55, using modern Fraktur and decorative initial designed in METAFONT by Yannis Haralambous. The ability to control special characters like the insular (Tironian) ampersand (7) and unusual features like hanging punctuation makes LATEX particularly well suited for typesetting critical and teaching editions. (Beginning of St. John's Gospel.)

# Where to get LATEX

□ The TFX Users Group (TUG) distributes a free copy of the TFX Collection DVD to all members annually, with complete installations for all major platforms and a copy of the entire CTAN archive.

Many local and national user groups also participate: check with your nearest group (see TUG Web site for addresses).

- □ You can buy a copy with business support from any of the vendors listed below.
- □ All the public-domain and open-source implementations are freely available for download from CTAN (below), including the DVD ISO image of the TEX Collection.

# The TEX Users Group (TUG)

TUG membership is \$85 a year (individual), \$55 (students, new graduates, seniors, and citizens of countries with modest economies), \$100 (non-voting, eg libraries), or \$500 (institutional, up to eight named memberships). See http:// www.tug.org/forms for details of 'early-bird' rates and other charges. Membership includes the triannual journal TUGboat and discounts on conference fees:

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## CTAN – the Comprehensive TEX Archive Network

CTAN is an Internet archive of all free TFX and LATFX software, packages, and documentation. There are searchable indexes and catalogues at http://www.ctan.org, http:// www.tex.ac.uk/, and http://www.dante.de

## Online and other support

Network-based support is freely available on the comp.text .tex Usenet newsgroup, the latexusersgroup@gmail.com mailing list and the tex.stackexchange.com web forum. There are many others, including the TEX FAQ, listed at www.tug.org/interest.html.

## Vendors with business support

Andrew Trevorrow	$OzT_EX$	Mac	http://www.trevorrow.com/oztex/
MacKichan Software	Scientific Word	Win	http://www.mackichan.com
MicroPress, Inc	Visual T <sub>E</sub> X	Win	http://www.micropress-inc.com
PCTEX, Inc	PCT <sub>E</sub> X	Win	http://www.pctex.com
Tom Kiffe	CMacT <sub>E</sub> X	Mac	http://www.kiffe.com
TrueTEX, Inc	TrueT <sub>E</sub> X	Win	http://truetex.com

# **Technical Requirements**

# **Operating systems**

ETFX runs on all current computing platforms. The most common implementations are:

System	Implementation	
Microsoft Windows	Free: <b>ТЕХ Live</b> , ProTEXt (MikTEX) <i>Commercial</i> : see vendor list	
Unix and GNU/Linux	Free: TEX Live	
Apple Macintosh OS X	Free: <b>MacTɛٟX</b> (Tɛ̯X Live) Shareware: OZTɛ̯X, CMacTɛূX	
Android	TEX for Android in the Google Play store TEX Live for Android at Google Code	
All others	Contact the T <sub>E</sub> X Users Group	

## Hardware

- LETFX will run even on old machines, but a 500MHz processor or above is recommended.
- □ You should have at least 512Mb of memory, more if you aim to do very complex work or use very long documents.
- □ You need about 500Mb of hard disk space depending on the options you choose (minimal install is about 250Mb; full is about 1.2Gb).
- The finer your screen and printer resolution, the better quality you will be able to see and print. A fast inkjet printer or a laser printer is recommended if you need printed output.

## Software for editing and reading documents

- □ You need a good text editor for creating and maintaining documents: there is a selection included on the TFX Collection DVD.
- □ You also need a PDF reader to view your typeset output (included on the TFX Collection DVD), eg GhostScript/GSview, Okular, Adobe Acrobat Reader, etc.
- □ You may need a graphics editor (eg GIMP) if you want to create or modify images (see Figures); and a vector editor (eg InkScape) if you use diagrams.

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# What they say about LATEX

I was getting increasingly exasperated with the limitations presented by wordprocessing programs when ETFX came into my life and allowed me to do all those things I previously could only dream of, from unusual symbols to complicated layout. I strongly recommend it to anybody interested in producing a professionallooking document! Petra Hellmuth, Language Specialist

I use pdfETFX and METAFONT not only because I need them to create my presentations, lecture notes and papers but also because it's fun! Entering a math equation in Powerpoint is a pain in the neck: with pdfETFX and METAPOST it is a lot easier because you can change the style of what is to be displayed. I have a lecture class from which I generate a lecture presentation and lecture notes all from the same source: I can add text which appears in one or both of the docu-Marc van Dongen, Computer Scientist ments.

## LATEX is available in Ireland from

Silmaril Consultants Bishopstown, Cork latex@silmaril.ie 3.19 Kane Building http://silmaril.ie http://epu.ucc.ie/latex/

UCC Computer Centre Electronic Publishing Unit

The Irish TFX And LATEX Interest Community (ITALIC) has a mailing list which you can join at http://listserv.heanet.ie/italic-l.html

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If you're convinced, or if you are not, get in touch with your nearest supplier, or contact your local User Group (see addresses in panel). They will be happy to discuss your requirements. You're also very welcome to come to any of the User Group events and meet other users.

□ LATEX is a document preparation system for producing high-quality output, based on Don Knuth's revolutionary TEX typesetting program. It's been used by millions since its launch in 1985, and has been continuously updated to bring you the state of the art in accuracy and flexibility. □ More powerful than a wordprocessor or desktop publishing system, LATEX has a host of unique features which can dramatically cut time and cost for any publishing project, especially for long or complex documents.

□ Its secret is programmability: hundreds of prewritten templates (packages) to handle almost any formatting task or you can define your own with the underlying style language. You only have to define a pattern once, and all further occurrences then follow that style, giving it unrivalled consistency: the key to professional-looking output.