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Announcing Two Reports from the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

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Two reports on topics related to L^AT_EX have been issued recently by the Computer Center of the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. Copies of these reports can be obtained by writing to the publisher at this address:

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SGML-L^AT_EX

C.G. van der Laan, D.C. Coleman, J.R. Luyten (1989):

SGML-L^AT_EX 1. Mathematical formulas.
(English version)
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The text of the foreword follows.

Within the Dutch SGML and T_EX user groups the question arose to what extent SGML and L^AT_EX are related. A working group comprised of J. Bleeker, H. Dekker, R. Doornebal, C.G. van der Laan, and D. van Wijnen, was formed in order to consider the question.

It was recognised that extensive copy with complex document elements, not extensive copy with simple structures nor copy of limited size with complex structures, is the issue that has to be addressed.

We gathered qualitative information about how people practise 'electronic publishing' by means of a (mini) inquiry.

Some relevant document element categories were selected such as mathematical formulas, tables, and illustrations. The original aim was to work out some representative examples and bundle these in one report. In the course of the project it appeared more practical to report in parts.

The first reports to see the light of day were the specifications of card distributions in BRIDGE. The L^AT_EX aspects are published in [1].

This report concerns mathematical formulas. The L^AT_EX specifications have been worked out by J.R. Luyten, while the SGML work has been done by D.C. Coleman. After the Dutch version of this report emerged, Grootenhuis [2], has been engaged in coupling the SGML descriptions to the L^AT_EX specifications.

References

- [1] C. G. van der Laan, "Typesetting Bridge via L^AT_EX." *TUGboat* 10, no. 1, pp. 113-116.
- [2] J. Grootenhuis, personal communication.

Journal Style Guidelines:

A Report on a New L^AT_EX Style

L. Steemers & C.G. van der Laan
Journal Style Guidelines
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Rekencentrum RUG

This report is a worked-out example of how the general article style can be adapted towards a specific journal. Since it is not the intention of the authors that people redo the same work for another journal, we would like to share our experiences with our readers. The next thing we are considering is Generic Journal Style Guidelines, with the aim that targeting a specific journal can be accomplished within hours instead of months.

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