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\TeX Usage Survey Results

This document, and its companion [longresp.pdf](#), contain summary data gathered from the \TeX / \LaTeX Usage Survey, a survey that is ongoing. This document contains frequency counts to the multiple choice questions, while [longresp.pdf](#) is a listing of the extended reply questions.

The source code for this document, with its extensive JavaScript that extracted the data from its data base and populated the corresponding fields, is also freely available. D. P. Story

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TeX/L^ATeX. This first block of questions concerns your use of TeX/L^ATeX.

1. Experience using TeX/L^ATeX.

(a) How would you describe yourself in terms of experience using TeX/L^ATeX?

Novice	Intermediate	Experienced	Package Developer
No Response			

(b) I have used TeX/L^ATeX 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	No Response	

2. Approximately how many hours do you spend using TeX/L^ATeX in a typical week? On a per week basis, I use TeX/L^ATeX...

less than an hour	one to two hours	three to five hours	ten hours
> ten hours	No Response		

3. There are many TeX user's groups worldwide, are you a member of one or more?

Yes	No	No Response
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4. The following questions concern your preferred use of TeX.

(a) Which styles to you predominately use?

Plain TeX	L ^A TeX
ConTeXt	Other, please specify _____
No Reponse	

(b) Based on your response to (a), please explain why you made the choice you did. **Note:** Responses to this question are listed in [longresp.pdf](#).

(c) There are many TeX Systems available for use, commercial, shareware, freeware. Which one do you primarily use?

TeX Live System	teTeX	MikTeX	PCTeX
Y&Y TeX System	Textures	CMacTeX	TrueTeX
OzTeX	Other	No Response	

If Other, please specify _____

(d) What is your favorite TeX editor? Specify _____ **Note:** Responses to this question are listed in [longresp.pdf](#).

5. What operating systems (OS) do you use TeX?

(a) What operating system (OS) runs on the machine you most frequently use when working with TeX/L^ATeX? 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	No Response

(b) Some people work on multiple platforms, what is your secondary OS for working with T_EX/L^AT_EX?

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	No Response

Seeking Help.

6. These questions concern any problems you may have with T_EX/L^AT_EX and resources available to you.

(a) Do you struggle on alone (with T_EX/L^AT_EX) 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	No response

(b) Do you use on-line resources?

No	Yes	No Response
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If 'Yes', specify _____

(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
No Response	

7. The CTAN Archive.

(a) Do you know about CTAN (Central T_EX Archive Network)?

No	Yes	No Response
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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
No Response

8. The T_EX FAQ Resource.

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

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

No	Yes	No Response
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If yes, how often? _____ per year.

9. In terms of paper publications, what are the titles of the books you use for a reference to your work in T_EX/L^AT_EX? Please list titles/authors in the space provided below. **Note:** Responses to this question are listed in [longresp.pdf](#).

Print and PDF.

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

Adobe Distiller	ps2pdf (pdfwriter)	pdftex
dvipdfm	Other	No Response

If Other, please specify _____

11. Describe the reasons you create PDF document from a T_EX/L^AT_EX source. Is it for distribution over the Internet; to create interactive, high content materials; for business purposes? Please elaborate in the space provided below. **Note:** Responses to this question are listed in [longresp.pdf](#).

12. Do you use T_EX/L^AT_EX 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
No Response		

13. If you have any experience or knowledge of commercial publishing houses that use a T_EX/L^AT_EX or pdftex work flow for prepress typesetting, please list publishing houses and countries in the space provided below. **Note:** Responses to this question are listed in [longresp.pdf](#).

Population Demographics. The next set of questions concern you.

14. My gender is . . .

Male	Female	Prefer not to disclose
No Response		

15. I am _____ years old.

16. Which of the following best describes your status as an T_EX 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)
 No Response

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

United States of America	Japan
Canada	Hong Kong/Taiwan
Other Americas, specify: _____	China
United Kingdom	Other Asia, specify: _____
France	Australia
Germany	New Zealand
Sweden	Africa, specify: _____
Netherlands	No Response
Other Europe, specify: _____	

• If your company/organization uses T_EX/L^AT_EX/pdftex 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	No Response
50 - 99	3000 - 4999	

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

Aerospace	Military
Automotive	Pharmaceuticals/bio tech
Computer hardware	Professional services (documentation)
Computer software	Professional services (technical/IT/Internet)
Education	Printing and publishing
Engineering	Public and protective services (police, fire)
Financial services	Retail
Government	Telecommunications
Graphic design/fine art	Transportation
Healthcare/social services	Travel
Insurance	Wholesale
Legal	Other, please specify: _____
Manufacturing	No Response
Membership organizations - religious, non-profit, trade unions	

Improvements in T_EX.

20. What you most like to see improved in T_EX/L^AT_EX? Use the space provided below. **Note:** Responses to this question are listed in [longresp.pdf](#).