NAME
latex, pdflatex, xelatex, lualatex, dvilualatex, cslatex, pdfcslatex, platex, uplatex, lamed – structured text formatting and typesetting

SYNOPSIS
latex [first-line]

DESCRIPTION
This manual page is a mere skeleton.
The LATEX language is described in the book LATEX - A Document Preparation System. \LaTeX{} is a \TeX{} macro package, not a modification to the \TeX{} source program, so all the capabilities described in tex(1) are present.
The \LaTeX{} macros encourage writers to think about the content of their documents, rather than the form. The ideal, very difficult to realize, is to have no formatting commands (like “switch to italic” or “skip 2 picas”) in the document at all; instead, everything is done by specific markup instructions: “emphasize”, “start a section”.
The primary source of documentation for \LaTeX{} is the \LaTeX{} manual referenced below.
\lualatex{}, \pdflatex{}, \pdfcslatex{}, \xelatex{} are \LaTeX{} formats based on the respective engines. All output PDF by default.
\platex{}, \uplatex{} are Japanese \LaTeX{} formats based on e-p\TeX{} and e-up\TeX{} (DVI output).
\lamed{} is the Aleph-based \LaTeX{} format (DVI output).
\dvilualatex{} is Lua\TeX{}-based and outputs DVI.
\cslatex{} is cs\TeX{}-based (primitives integrated into pdf\TeX{}) and outputs DVI.

On some systems \latex209{} and \slitex{} may still be available for compatibility with older versions of \LaTeX{}. These should not be used for new texts.

SEE ALSO
amstex(1), luatex(1), pdftex(1), ptx(1), tex(1), xetex(1).


The \LaTeX{} home page is http://latex-project.org.
A list of some \LaTeX{} tutorials is at http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=man-latex.
An unofficial reference manual for \LaTeX{} is at https://ctan.org/pkg/latex2e-help-texinfo.