

An Example Paper

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Abstract

This is a short example to show the basics of using the ENTCS style macro files. Ample examples of how files should look may be found among the published volumes of the series at the ENTCS Home Page <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/entcs>.

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1 Introduction

This short note provides a guide to using the ENTCS macro package for preparing papers for publication in your conference *Proceedings*. The *Proceedings* may be printed and hard copies distributed to participants at the meeting; this is an option to Conference Organizers may choose to exercise. The *Proceedings* also will be par of a volume in the series *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science* (ENTCS), which is published under the auspices of Elsevier Science B. V., the publishers of *Theoretical Computer Science*. It's home page is <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/entcs>

The ENTCS macro package consists of two files:

`entcs.cls`, the basic style file, and

`entcsmacro.sty`, a macro file containing the definitions of some of the theorem-like environments and a few other tidbits.

The formatting these style files impose should *not* be altered – the reason for using them is to attain a uniform format for all papers in the *Proceedings* of which your paper is a part.

Additional macro files can be added using `\usepackage{...}`. The file `entcsmacro.sty` *must* be included in the list, as is done at the start of the source file for this paper.

The ENTCS package requires a relatively up-to-date L^AT_EX system in order to be successfully used. This is reflected in two other packages that are called by `entcs.cls`, which must be available on your machine. These are:

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- The `hyperref` package. This package allows the use of hyperlinks in files prepared using L^AT_EX2e, one of the main features of Adobe’s Acrobat[®] Reader software. Be sure that you have at least version 6.69d of this package.
- The `ifpdf` package. This is used by `hyperref` to differentiate between the use of pdfL^AT_EX and L^AT_EX2e, followed by dvips and then ps2pdf.

The file `instraut.dvi` contains information about the use of L^AT_EX to prepare files for online publication by Elsevier. This file refers to the older version of L^AT_EX that is no longer supported, and that is inadequate for preparing .pdf files for online publication. Reading this file should answer most of the basic questions about L^AT_EX that might arise.

2 Frontmatter

The biggest difference between a “usual” L^AT_EX style such as `article.sty` and the ENTCS package is that the ENTCS macro package requires the title, author’s name or names, abstract, keywords and “thanks” all to be included within the `frontmatter` environment. At the beginning of the source file for this paper, you’ll notice this. Also, you’ll notice that the usual `\maketitle` is absent; it no longer is needed. The ENTCS style package automatically generates the title, author’s name and address, and related material at the beginning of the paper. Note also that `hyperref` has been disabled in this part of the `entcs.cls` file, so references to footnotes aren’t linked to the appropriate footnotes or addresses. This is an old problem with L^AT_EX, involving the fact that the references within the `frontmatter` aren’t passed cleanly to the linking software.

For those who have used the ENTCS package before, the one new thing to note is the inclusion of *Keywords*; these are now required by Elsevier – they’re also required by ACM’s *Computing Reviews* which reviews ENTCS publications.

The ENTCS macro package provides two alternatives to listing authors names and addresses. These are described in detail in the file `instraut.dvi`. Basically, listing each author and his or her address in turn, is the simplest method. But, if there are several authors and two or more share the same address (but not all authors are at this address), then the method of listing authors first, and then the addresses, and of referencing addresses to authors should be used.

Also, notice that acknowledgment of support (the contents of `\thanks`) should be done by a separate listing of `\thanks[NSF]{To the NSF}` with the optional argument – [NSF] – being used for `\thanksref` which is attached to those authors acknowledging such support. It is important that the `\thanks` not be included within the scope of `\author{}` or of `\title{}`, but it must be within the scope of the environment `frontmatter`.

More details about added terms such as `\collab` can be found in `inst.dvi`, if they are needed.

Also, notice that the command `\lastname{My Lastname}` has been included *before* the `frontmatter` begins. This command should contain the last names of the authors of the paper. If there are no more than three authors, then they should be listed with the word “and” between the last two; if more than three authors collaborated on the paper, then the first author only should be listed, together with `\emph{et al}`. This command creates the headline for each page after page 1.

Finally, please be sure to include an abstract for your paper.

3 Sectioning and Environments

Since ENTCS is published through the auspices of Elsevier Science B. V., their style files have been used to create the ENTCS macro package. Here’s a proof that this package is not much different than most of the ones one encounters:

Definition 3.1 A file is *derived* from another if it is obtained with only a few modifications from the original file.

Theorem 3.2 *The file `entcs.cls` is derived from `elsart.sty`.*

Proof. This is clear from the similarity of the output to the output from Elsevier’s style files. □

If one wants to start a proof with a descriptive word, such as “sketch”, then one can use the `\begin{proof*}... \end{proof*}` environment, as in

Proof (Sketch) This can be derived from simple observations. □

The main differences between the file `entcs.cls` and the `elsartr.cls` file used by Elsevier are the more precise format we use – Elsevier’s generic files are meant for preliminary editing, and more precise formatting is imposed using a macro file designed for the specific Elsevier journal in which the paper will eventually appear.

The `entcs.cls` and `entcsmacro.sty` files format papers uniformly so that they all are easily recognizable as being from the series *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science*.

All of the usual features of L^AT_EX are available with these style files – it is only the formatting that has been rigorously defined. Thus, one has available the sectioning commands `\section`, `\subsection`, `\paragraph` and `\subparagraph`. The numbering scheme used is one under which Theorem 1.2.3 is the third numbered item in second subsection of the first section of the paper. In order to facilitate cross-references, all of the named environments given below are numbered, and all use the same number scheme.

The file `entcsmacro.sty` contains additional information that is needed to typeset a paper. It also has the definitions of the *AMS* `euler` and `blackboard bold` fonts builtin. If you want to use symbols for the natural numbers, the reals, etc., then we prefer that you use the blackboard bold fonts, and not plain bold fonts. This is accomplished by using the `\mathbb` font, as in \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{R} .

The names of theorem-like environments are provided in `entcsmacro.sty`. With the exception of the environment `Algorithm`, the names of all of these are full name, rather than a shortened version. The environments provided and their names are

- `\begin{theorem} ... \end{theorem}` for Theorems,
- `\begin{lemma} ... \end{lemma}` for Lemmas,
- `\begin{corollary} ... \end{corollary}` for Corollaries,
- `\begin{proposition} ... \end{proposition}` for Propositions,
- `\begin{criterion} ... \end{criterion}` for Criteria,
- `\begin{alg} ... \end{alg}` for Algorithms,
- `\begin{definition} ... \end{definition}` for Definitions,
- `\begin{conjecture} ... \end{conjecture}` for Conjectures,
- `\begin{example} ... \end{example}` for Examples,
- `\begin{problem} ... \end{problem}` for Problems,
- `\begin{remark} ... \end{remark}` for Remarks,
- `\begin{note} ... \end{note}` for Notes,
- `\begin{claim} ... \end{claim}` for Claims,
- `\begin{summary} ... \end{summary}` for Summary,
- `\begin{case} ... \end{case}` for Cases, and
- `\begin{ack} ... \end{ack}` for Acknowledgements.

For example,

Algorithm 1 *Step 1: Write the paper*

Step 2: Format it with the ENTCS macro package

Step 3: Ship the whole thing to the Guest Editors

4 References and Cross-references

All the cross-referencing facilities of L^AT_EX are supported, so one can use `\ref{}` and `\cite{}` for cross-references within the paper and for references to bibliographic items. As is done in this note, the **References** section 6 can be composed with `\begin{thebibliography} ... \end{thebibliography}`. Alternatively, Bib_TE_X can be used to compile the bibliography. Whichever one is used, the references are to be numbered consecutively, rather than by author-defined acronyms. Of course you can use your own acronyms for easy reference to each of the items in the bibliography, as has been done with the listing for this short note.

However, note that the references should *not* be started with a new `\section` command.

The package `hyperref` is automatically loaded by `entcs.cls`, and this makes all the cross-references within the document “active” when the pdf file of the paper is viewed with Adobe’s Acrobat[®] Reader. The format for including a link is simple: simply insert `\href{URL}{text}` where *URL* is the URL to which you want the link to point, and *text* is the text you want to be highlighted, which when clicked upon will bring up the desired web page.

4.1 Particulars about .pdf files

We now require that .pdf files be provided for publication online. A .pdf file is viewable by Adobe’s Acrobat[®] viewer, which can be configured to load automatically within a browser. Viewing a properly formatted .pdf

file with Acrobat[®] allows the cross-references and links to URLs to be active. In fact, Elsevier utilizes .pdf files in order to take better advantage of the web's capabilities.

But one point we want to emphasize is that you should be sure to use Type 1 fonts when you typeset your L^AT_EX source file. These fonts are scalable, meaning that they carry information that allows the device viewing the final output to scale the fonts to suit the viewer being used – from an onscreen viewer such as Adobe's Acrobat[®] Reader, to printing the file on a printer. You can tell if you have used the right fonts by viewing the final output on your machine. If the fonts look grainy, then you have not used Type 1 fonts. They can be located at the CTAN archive <http://www.ctan.org> – they are public domain fonts, and don't cost anything to add them to your system.

Assuming you have Type 1 fonts available, then there are three methods for producing .pdf files.

Using dvips and ps2pdf

We list this option first since it appears to be the most reliable and the easiest to use, especially if you include embedded PostScript graphics (.eps files) in your source file. Simply run L^AT_EX2e on your source file, then apply dvips to produce a PostScript file, and finally apply ps2pdf to obtain a .pdf file.

The DVIPDFM utility

Another easy method for producing acceptable .pdf files is via the utility dvipdfm. This utility is included in distributions of MikT_EX, which runs on Windows machines, but it probably needs to be added to your teT_EX distribution, if you are running L^AT_EX on a UNIX machine. The utility and precise information about installing it on your system can be found at the web page <http://gaspra.kettering.edu/dvipdfm/>. In essence, this utility converts a .dvi file into a .pdf file. So, one can first prepare the .dvi file using L^AT_EX, and then apply the utility dvipdfm to produce the needed .pdf file.⁴ This utility makes inclusion of graphics particularly simple – those that are included in the L^AT_EX source file are simply converted to the .pdf format. As we note below, things are not so simple with the second alternative, which is to use pdfL^AT_EX.

pdfL^AT_EX

An alternative to the first possibilities to produce .pdf files is to process the source file with pdfL^AT_EX. This format is available from the standard CTAN sites <http://www.ctan.org>. It appears that pdfL^AT_EX and hyperref have some problems when used together. It is necessary to use pdfL^AT_EX version 14d or later in order to minimize these issues. If your system has an earlier version (most teT_EX distributions have version 13d), then you can update your system by retrieving the latest version of pdfL^AT_EX from <ftp://ftp.cstug.cz/pub/tex/local/cstug/thanh/pdftex/>. Even if the recent versions are used, pdfL^AT_EX has the same dealing with references embedded with the frontmatter section described above for L^AT_EX.

But there is one aspect of pdfL^AT_EX that creates problems. Many authors include EPS⁵ files within their papers. While this is fairly straightforward with L^AT_EX, there are a couple of points to note when attempting this with pdfL^AT_EX.

To include a PostScript image in a .pdf file produced with pdfL^AT_EX, you first have to convert the image to a .pdf file, and then it can be included using the same command sequence as above. The conversion can be accomplished most easily using Ghostscript; you can simply view the file in Ghostview and then print the image to a .pdf file using the pdfwriter option within Ghostview. The result for a standard chess board that is part of the Ghostview distribution is the following image: Here as well is a copy of a color image. While pdfL^AT_EX can handle image files in other formats, L^AT_EX can only handle .eps images reliably.

It also should be noted that we have included two separate source files for this example file – one for L^AT_EX and one for pdfL^AT_EX – because we want to illustrate how to insert graphics images into the file. If your paper does not include such images, then the same source file can be formatted by either L^AT_EX or by pdfL^AT_EX.

Using ENTCS Macros with Mac OS X

Of course, if your file doesn't require .eps or other PostScript files, then you can create the required .pdf file using any of the standard T_EX implementations for the Macintosh. If you need to include PostScript files, and if you are using T_EXShop, then you can specify to use dvips and ghostview in processing your file, and then you can apply ps2pdf to create the needed .pdf file. Alternatively, the Mac OS X operating system is based on UNIX, so it supports the use of teT_EX as described above.

⁴ Beware! The utility dvipdf does *not* produce acceptable .pdf files, and should not be used. Only dvipdfm should be used to produce .pdf files.

⁵ EPS stands for *embedded PostScript*, which affords a mechanism for including pre-prepared PostScript files within a L^AT_EX document.

5 Summary

The ENTCS macro package is relatively easy to use and provides a uniform layout for all the papers that appear in ENTCS.

Problem 5.1 *Finish your paper and get it to your Program Chairman on time!*

When you have finished preparing your paper, send a copy of the *source file*, together with any macro files that are needed to your Program Chairman. If the files are extensive, you can place copies in the `pub/incoming` sub-directory of the ftp directory on the machine indicated by your Program Chairman using anonymous ftp. If you do this, please send me email to alert me that the file(s) are here.

Assigning Volume / Issue Numbers

One additional point worth mentioning is that ENTCS is moving to ScienceDirect, Elsevier's main platform for publishing electronic series. Because ScienceDirect must publish entire volumes at the same time, we have changed the procedure for preparing final versions so that volume numbers will not be assigned until the final versions are ready. Guest Editors will now have to receive the final version of all papers in their *Proceedings* before a volume and issue number will be assigned for the *Proceedings*. Even with the move to ScienceDirect, the reference scheme already used for publications in ENTCS – <http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/entcs/NNnn.html> remains the valid way to cite papers published in ENTCS, where NN denotes the number of the volume, and nn denotes the issue number. Publications consisting of an entire volume should use 1 as the issue number.

Copyright Transfer Forms

One result of the move to ScienceDirect is that the corresponding author of each paper published in ENTCS must complete an online Copyright Transfer Form. Information about this is sent to the corresponding author shortly before the paper is published online.

Publication of Final Versions

Because ScienceDirect cannot easily accommodate changes to published material, the Proceedings in its entirety must be ready before it can be published. This is one reason why the volume and issue number is not assigned until the final versions of all papers have been sent to the Guest Editors for final processing.

6 Bibliographical references

ENTCS employs the `plain` style of bibliographic references in which references are listed in alphabetical order, according to the first author's last name, and are sequentially numbered. Please utilize this style. We have a BibTeX style file, for those who wish to use it. It is the file `entcs.bst` which is included in this package. The basic rules we have employed are the following:

- Authors' names should be listed in alphabetical order, with the first author's last name being the first listing, followed by the author's initials or first name, and with the other authors names listed as *first name, last name*.
- Titles of articles in journals should be in *emphasized* type.
- Titles of books, monographs, etc. should be in quotations.
- Journal names should be in plain roman type.
- Journal volume numbers should be in boldface type, with the year of publication immediately following in roman type, and enclosed in parentheses.
- References to URLs on the net should be "active" and the URL itself should be in typewriter font.
- Articles should include page numbers.

The criteria are illustrated in the following.

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