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TeX and SGML*

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1. Setting the scene

Lifecycle-phases of documents

- preparation
- distribution
- reading
- storing (Paper? Electronically? Optically?)
- other usage, reuse?

SGML supports the *complete Lifecycle*, where FUTURE usage of the document is not necessarily restricted to printing.

TeX supports formatting and electronical exchange.

2. What is SGML?

It stands for

Standard Generalized
Markup Language

For the definition see, [20]. An introduction is [8], and courseware is [11]. A Dutch chapter of the SGML Users Group exists.¹

2.1. Purpose

To facilitate INFORMATION exchange

— Then and There —

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via a description LANGUAGE, where information is packed in documents, containing, text, graphics, ...

2.2. META LANGUAGE

SGML is a *META LANGUAGE* which can be used to define an arbitrary number of markup languages in a standardized way.

2.3. Markup

Formerly: (typeset) MARKS in the margin (Marks are bound to a version; no 'data-integrity')

Presently: Marks are integrated with copy (Note: Discriminate copy from MARKUP! Data-integrity is preserved.)

Markup $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ Term used to describe codes added to the electronically prepared document

2.4. Generalized

Formerly: (typeset)MARKS for *specific* 'here and now' printers

Presently: Marks are *generic* (Not specific to print/plot/photoset hardware)

Generalized $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ Abstraction from the specific to the general to describe the structure of a document and to specify intent without regard for appearance

2.5. Standard

Formerly: no consensus on mark-up ‘codes’ (wordperfect, wordstar, applewrite, ...; Scribe, TeX, LATEX, ...)

Presently: SGML ISO standard

Standard $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ It can be used to define an arbitrary number of markup languages in a *standardized* way.

Entails: general applicability, longer lifetivity, improved reusability, enhanced exchange possibilities.

2.6. Example markups

2.6.1. No markup

```
TeXAsystemforformattingtextTeX  
andtheaccompanyingmacropackage  
LaTeXprovidepowerfulmeans ...
```

2.6.2. Presentational markup

TeX:
A system for formatting text.

TeX and its accompanying macro package LaTeX provide powerful means of formatting text to be output on either
 - a simple matrix printer,
 - a laser printer or
 - a photo typesetter.

Nice in this context is poetry, e.g., Alice’s mousetail, [12], or DÉK’s favourite poem of Piet Hein, [24].

2.6.3. Procedural (LATEX) markup

```
\subsection{\TeX}  
A system for formatting text.  
\par  
  \TeX\ and its accompanying macro  
  package \LaTeX\ provide powerful means of  
  formatting text to be output on either  
  \begin{itemize}  
  \item simple matrix printer,  
  \item a laser printer or  
  \item a photo typesetter.  
  \end{itemize}
```

2.6.4. Descriptive (SGML) markup

```
<h>&TeX;  
<p>A system for formatting text.  
<p>&TeX; and its accompanying macro  
package &LaTeX; provide powerful means of  
formatting text to be output on either  
<li>  
<it> simple matrix printer,  
<it> a laser printer or  
<it> a photo typesetter.  
</li>
```

2.7. What is SGML not?

- No WYSIWYG (WYSIWY(A)G, ...) way of working
- Not a formatter, certainly not a standard formatter

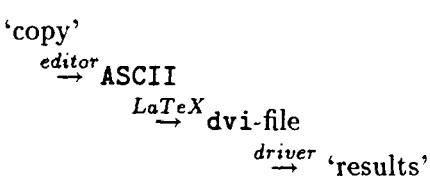
3. What is TeX?

TeX is a formatter for ‘making beautiful books’, developed by Knuth, [23]. An introduction is given in [14].

LATEX, [29], is a macro collection for simplified use of TeX, in the *procedural* markup way. A Dutch TeX Users Group exists.² Courseware is [10].

3.1. Processing LATEX

‘LATEX’ is processed in three steps



The more steps the more cumbersome is correction handling

²NTG: Nederlandse TeX Gebruikersgroep. Secretary: G.J.H. van Nes, ENR Postbus 1, 1755ZG, Petten. 02246-4185. e-mail: vannes@ecn.nl.

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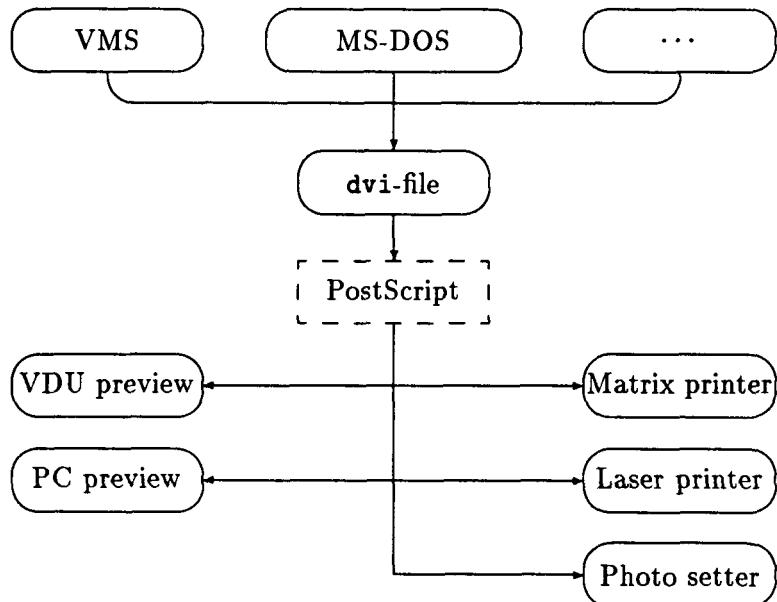
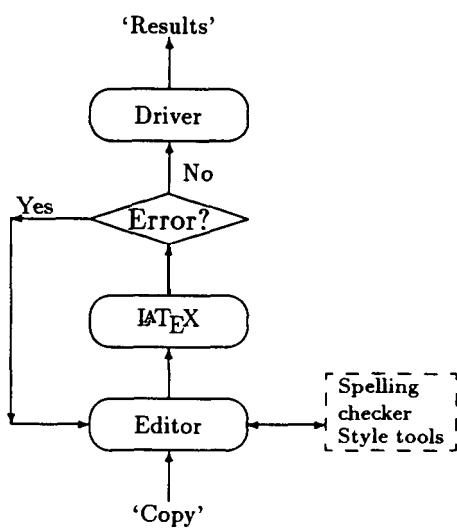


Figure 1: LATEX's use



3.2. Availability

TEx is available on many computers under various operating systems with a variety of drivers for the VDU (previewing), printer (hardly any), and photo setter. So documents written in (La)TEx can be ported. Sending documents via e-mail

is also generally possible except for the incorporated graphics. When graphics is part of the document TEx combined with Postscript is used within the TEx community. TEx is in the public domain. Drivers and in general added value by companies have to be paid for. See figure 1. See ads in [36].

4. Relationship: SGML, TEx and ...

The relationship of TEx, SGML and other applications is illustrated in the diagram in figure 2. The coupling — ‘converters’ — can be done in SGML, in TEx or via special ‘compilers’. An integrated³ implementation is Arbortext’s The Publisher on a SUN.

³Ikon’s user interface, SGML layer, TEx layer, Postscript handling (optionally); with SGML, TEx and dvi files as intermediate results

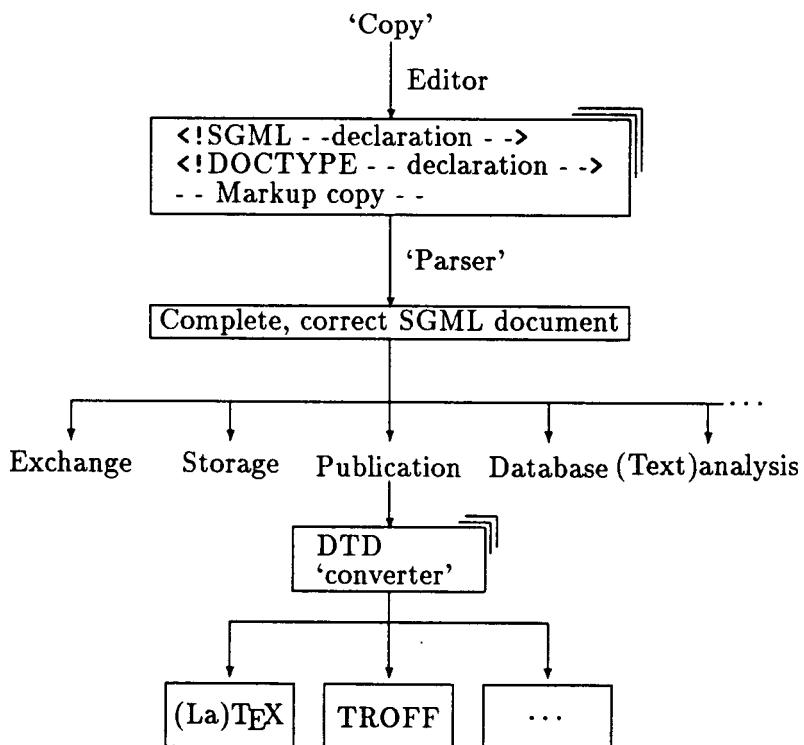


Figure 2: Relationship

5. Examples

5.1. Letter

5.1.1. Structure

- Background
Heading (Logo, address, phone, ...)
- Footer (numbering, ...)
- Context (running heads next pages, ...)
- Reference
- Your reference
- Date
- Addressee (name, company, address, zip code)
- Beginning (Dear...)
- Contents
- End matter (Salutation, name, position)
- Additions (PS, enclosure, cc)

5.1.2. Letter result

Because a sample *LATEX* letter could not be processed simultaneously in this context, the result is omitted. (Of course it could be pasted in, but that is not available electronically; it has been ‘pasted into’ the transparencies)

5.1.3. SGML markup

```

<!DOCTYPE letter PUBLIC
  -- DTD to be used --
  "-//NTG//DTD Letter//EN">
<letter -- start-tag -->
  <ref> CGL/Ba/B89-007
  <yourref> MC/L1/L89-001
  <date> 4 august 1989
  <address> Malcolm Clark
    Imperial College Computer Centre
    Exhibition Road
    London SW7 2BP, England
  %<email>
    janet: fps@uk.ac.ic.cc.vaxa
  
```

```
%</email>
<dear>Malcolm
<p> Thank you very much ...
..
<p> Some details about the course ...
..
<signed name=CGL>
</letter -- end-tag -->
```

5.2.1. L^AT_EX result

N/None	♠ J74	Deal:
	♥ AJ	demo
	♦ QJT2	
	♣ Q874	
♠ A3	♠ K86	
♥ K76	♥ T9542	
♦ 963	♦ 874	
♣ KJ952	♣ T3	



5.1.4. L^AT_EX specification

```
\documentstyle[12pt]{letter}
\address{%
  \begin{minipage}{12cm}
    C. G. van der Laan \\
    \ldots
  \end{minipage}
}
\signature{Kees}
\begin{document}
\Large % This size just for
% transparency
\begin{letter}{%
  \begin{minipage}{12cm}
    \begin{minipage}{6cm}
      \begin{minipage}{10cm}
        \begin{minipage}{10cm}
          \begin{minipage}{10cm}
            \begin{minipage}{10cm}
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                                                                                        \begin{minipage}{10cm}
              Thank you very much \ldots
            \end{minipage}
          \end{minipage}
        \end{minipage}
      \end{minipage}
    \end{minipage}
  \end{minipage}
}
\opening{Dear Malcolm}
\par
Thank you very much \ldots
\begin{quote}
\vdots
\end{quote}
Some details about the course
\ldots
\begin{quote}
\vdots
\end{quote}
\closing{Best regards}
% Handles signature
\ps, cc, enclosure all possible
\end{letter}
}
\end{document}
```

5.2. Bridge card deal

The L^AT_EX aspects have been published in [25]. An SGML elaboration has been done by Grootenhuis, [17].

5.2.2. SGML markup

```
<deal><vuln>N/None
  <comm>Deal: demo
<hand n>&spades;J74
  &hearts;AJ
  &diamonds;QJT2
  &clubs;Q874
<hand e>&spades;K86
  &hearts;T9542
  &diamonds;874
  &clubs;T3
<hand s>&spades;QT952
  &hearts;Q83
  &diamonds;AK5
  &clubs;A6
<hand w>&spades;A3
  &hearts;K76
  &diamonds;963
  &clubs;KJ952
</deal>
```

5.2.3. L^AT_EX specification

```
\crdim{N/None}{%
  \begin{minipage}[t]{\br}
    Deal:\demo
  \end{minipage}}%
{\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{minipage}[t]{\br} \hand{J74}{AJ}{QJT2}{Q874} \end{minipage} \\[-1ex]
 \begin{minipage}[t]{\br} \hand{K86}{T9542}{874}{T3} \end{minipage} \\[-1ex]
 \begin{minipage}[t]{\br} \hand{QT952}{Q83}{AK5}{A6} \end{minipage} \\[-1ex]
 \begin{minipage}[t]{\br} \hand{A3}{K76}{963}{KJ952} \end{minipage}
\end{array}}
```

5.2.4. L^AT_EX macros

```
\newcommand{\hand}[4]{%
  \begin{minipage}[t]{\br}
    \I chose \br=8em
    \begin{tabbing}
      \width of parbox equals:
    

```

```
%min{\br, max{string #1, ..., string #4}}
% (\spadesuit) \= #1 \\
% (\heartsuit) \> #2 \\
% (\diamondsuit) \> #3 \\
% (\clubsuit) \> #4
\end{tabbing}
\end{minipage} }%end \hand
%
\newsavebox{\NESW}
\savebox{\NESW}[4em]{%
\raisebox{-1.5\baselineskip}{%
\fbox{\small W
\raisebox{2.6ex}{N}
\hspace*{-1em}
\raisebox{-2.6ex}{S}
{E}}}
}
} }%end \NESW
%
\newcommand{\crdima}[6]{%
\begin{tabular}[t]{lcl}
#1 & #3 & #2 \\
#6 & \usebox{\NESW} & #4 \\
& #5 &
\end{tabular} }%end \crdima

```

5.2.5. SGML requirements

Declarations needed in DTD

```
<!ENTITY % ISOpub PUBLIC
  "ISO 8879-1986//ENTITIES Publishing//EN">
<!ELEMENT deal -- (vuln, comm?, hand*)>
<!ELEMENT (vuln|comm) - o CDATA>
<!ELEMENT hand - o (RCDATA, CDATA,
                    RCDATA, CDATA,
                    RCDATA, CDATA,
                    RCDATA, CDATA)>
<!ATTLIST hand nesw (n|e|s|w) #REQUIRED>
```

5.3. Some Math

5.3.1. L^AT_EX results

$$X \cap (A \cup B) = (X \cup A) \cap (X \cup B)$$

$$x \notin A \not\subset B$$

$$\|a(x + y)\| \leq |a|(\|x\| + \|y\|)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx = \log(1+\sqrt{1+x^2})$$

5.3.2. SGML markup

```
<fd>X\cap(A\cup B)=
(X\cup A)\cap(X\cup B)</fd>

<fd>x\notin A\subset B</fd>

<fd><fen d>a(x+y)\rp d></fen>\le;
<fen>a\ rp></fen>.(<fen d>x\ rp d></fen>
+<fen d>y\ rp d></fen>)
</fd>

<fd><in><opd><fr>1</><rad>1+
x^{sup/2}</rad><fr>dx</in>=
<rf>\log(1+\rad{1+x^{sup/2}})</rad>
</fd>
```

Note. DTD used is an adapted version of AAP's DTD by D.C. Coleman, [26].

5.3.3. L^AT_EX specification

```
X\cap(A\cup B)=(X\cup A)\cap(X\cup B)

x\notin A\subset B

\|a(x+y)\|\leq |a|(\|x\|+\|y\|)

\int\!\!\!-\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}dx
= \log(1+\sqrt{1+x^2})
```

6. Developments

A survey is given in [8].

6.1. Usage

- DOD (Automated Technical Order System)
- European Communities (FORmalised EXchange of Electronic Documents; office official publications)
- Publishers (AAP, British Library, KNUB-Elsevier, Kluwer, ...), ...)
- Her Majesty's Stationery Office (legal text)
- HP Technical documentation
- Oxford University Press (abridged forms, database applications)
- McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of Science and technology (CD-ROM)

- SGML Users Group (chapters in various countries)
- ...

6.2. Plans

- DOD (Computer-aided Acquisition and Logistic Support)

Object: To produce an integrated system in which information is held electronically, and which interfaces to CAD/CAM systems, electronic publishing systems and databases and those operated by the many defense contractors who supply the department, so that it will be possible to receive, distribute and use technical information in digital form.

6.3. Local work in progress

- Elsvier's experiment, [9]
- Examples tabular matter (\LaTeX and SGML)
- Coupling SGML to \LaTeX
- ...

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SGML to \LaTeX has been done yet by the author.

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