A Very Quick Introduction To LaTeX

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Outline

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There exist mobile apps capable of producing LaTeX documents, and you can also produce LaTeX documents using a web browser with Overleaf (and others).

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Although this produces a document, it has very minimal formatting and isn't very attractive. Let's consider an example with some more structure.

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\documentclass{article}

% We define an Author, Title and Date
\author{Sam Fearn}
\title{A Very Quick Introduction To \LaTeX{}}
\date{March 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2019}

\begin{document}
% Create a title from our Author, Title and Date
\maketitle
\section{Introduction}
Some introductory text goes here
\section{Content}
The main content goes here
\end{document}
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With very little effort we have a nicely formatted document.

Typesetting Mathematics In LaTeX

LaTeX is very good at typesetting mathematical formulae:

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You don't have to learn everything about LaTeX initially, just start trying to write in LaTeX and you'll figure it out as you go!

Questions?

Activities:

- Try to reproduce the worksheet as closely as possible.
- Type up some of your discrete report in LaTeX.
- Explore and modify the tex file for this talk.