Document Classes and Packages Exercise

Guelma University LaTeX Course

October 28, 2024

Objective

Understand document classes and how to enhance documents with packages in LaTeX.

Tasks

1. Use Different Document Classes

Experiment with different document classes:

- article Suitable for shorter documents such as papers and articles.
- report Often used for longer documents, like reports or thesis work. It allows for chapters and additional sections.
- book Ideal for creating books, with chapters, sections, and advanced layout options.

Change the document class by modifying the \documentclass{} line in the preamble, and observe how each class affects the appearance of the document.

2. Add Packages to Modify the Document's Appearance

Enhance the document with packages to extend its functionality:

- amsmath Provides additional mathematical symbols and environments.
- graphicx Allows for inserting and scaling images.
- geometry Customize page layout, margins, and paper size.

Use the \usepackage{} command in the preamble to load each package.

Example Code

Below is example LaTeX code for this exercise:

\documentclass{report} % Try changing to article, report, or book

\usepackage{amsmath}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\usepackage{geometry}

```
\geometry{a4paper, margin=1in} % Adjust margins using geometry
\begin{document}
\title{Understanding Document Classes and Packages}
\author{Student Name}
\date{\today}
\maketitle
\chapter*{Introduction} % Chapter is available in report and book classes
This document demonstrates how different document classes and packages work in LaTeX.
\section*{Using Packages}
With \texttt{amsmath}, we can write more complex mathematical expressions:
\int_0^{\int_0^{\sin y} e^{-x^2} \, dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi^2}}{2}
Using \texttt{graphicx}, we can include images:
\begin{figure}[h!]
    \centering
    \includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{sample-image.jpg} % Replace with an actual image
    \caption{Sample image}
\end{figure}
\end{document}
```