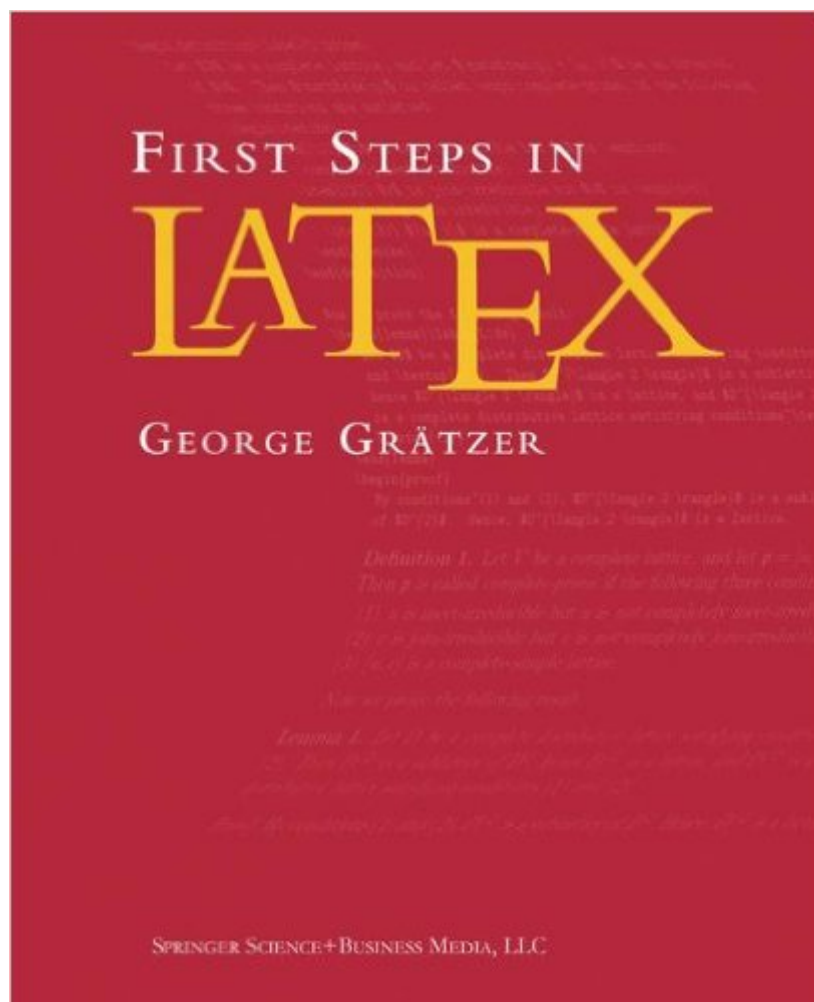


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# First Steps In LaTeX



## Synopsis

Are you in a hurry? A friend received a letter from the American Mathematical Society (AMS) informing him that his paper had been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the AMS. If he submitted it as a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document, it would be published in 20 weeks; any other format would take almost a year before the appearance in print of the article. The friend had  $\text{\LaTeX}$  installed on his computer on Friday, borrowed the manuscript of this book, and mailed a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  version of his article to the AMS on Monday. First Steps in  $\text{\LaTeX}$  is for the mathematician, physicist, engineer, scientist, or technical typist who needs to quickly learn how to write and typeset articles containing mathematical formulas. A quick introduction to  $\text{\LaTeX}$  and the AMS enhancements is provided so that you will be ready to prepare your first article (such as the sample articles on pages 53-54 and 67-69) in only a few hours. Specific topics can be found in the table of contents, the Quick Finder, or the index. While the index is  $\text{\LaTeX}$ -oriented, the Quick Finder lists the main topics using terminology common to wordprocessing applications. For example, to find out how to italicize text, look under italics in the Quick Finder. Setting the stage Watch someone type a mathematical article in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . You will see how to type the document using a text editor to create a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  source file.

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book manuscript--a dubious claim that could not possibly be true except for the simplest of articles--it is still a nice first book on the macro language. In a lot of ways it is like "Learning LaTeX" and has similar coverage. I like that one too. If given the choice, I'd have to pick one of these two or Diller's book to start. Diller, though longer and more comprehensive, is just as easy to understand and may be the choice for the person with needs more ambitious than producing that weekend article.

This is basically just a subset of Gratzner's larger book. Not to say this book isn't good, but it's worth spending a few extra dollars to get the complete book.

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