Introduction to Programming and Computing for Scientists

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Tutorial 2a: writing a document using LaTeX

You need a text editor and a LaTeX distribution

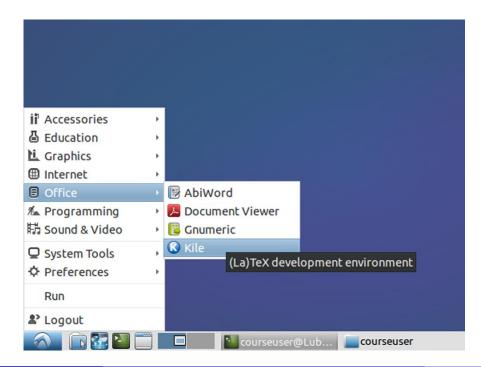
- LaTeX files are simple ASCII files, like any program code
- They can be edited on any platform (Linux, Windows, anything) using any text editor
- These days everybody prefers to have the result in PDF
 - This was not the case 20 years ago, so by default LaTeX produces DVI files
 - All modern LaTeX systems can build PDF as well (pdflatex command in Linux)
- There are different LaTeX distributions, all based on the same LaTeX2e version

Platform	LaTeX distribution		
Ubuntu, Debian	texlive, texlive-base, texlive-full		
RedHat, CentOS, Fedora, SuSE	texlive, texlive-base, texlive-latex		
Linux	tetex - not supported since 2006		
Windows	MiKTeX		
Mac OS	MacTeX		

 There are many packages not included in the typical distributions, but they always can be added later

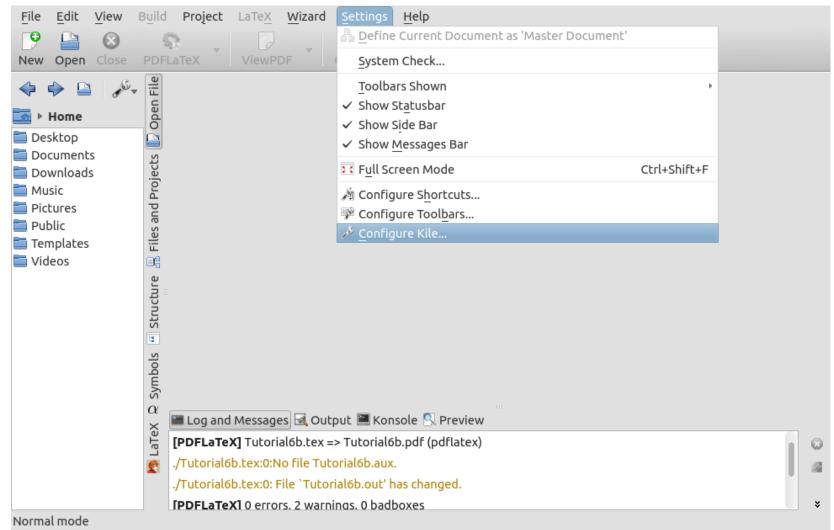
Highly recommended way: use a LaTeX IDE

- LaTeX IDFs can:
 - Edit the text, highlighting elements and environments
 - Assist in typing the environments and tags
 - Offer menus for most common environments, tags, symbols etc
 - Offer single-click interface to build and view LaTeX files
- Many such IDEs exist, today we will use Kile
 - Find it in the menu, or type **kile** in "Run"

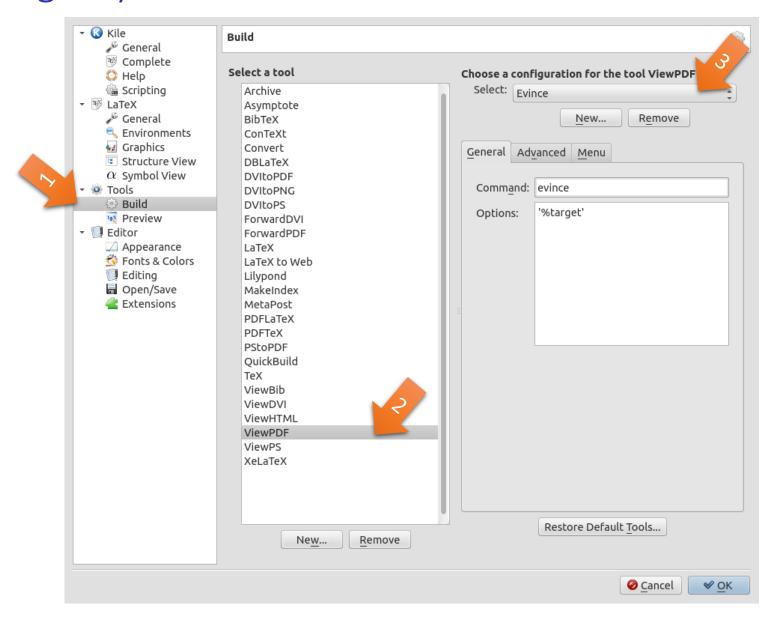


Configure your Kile

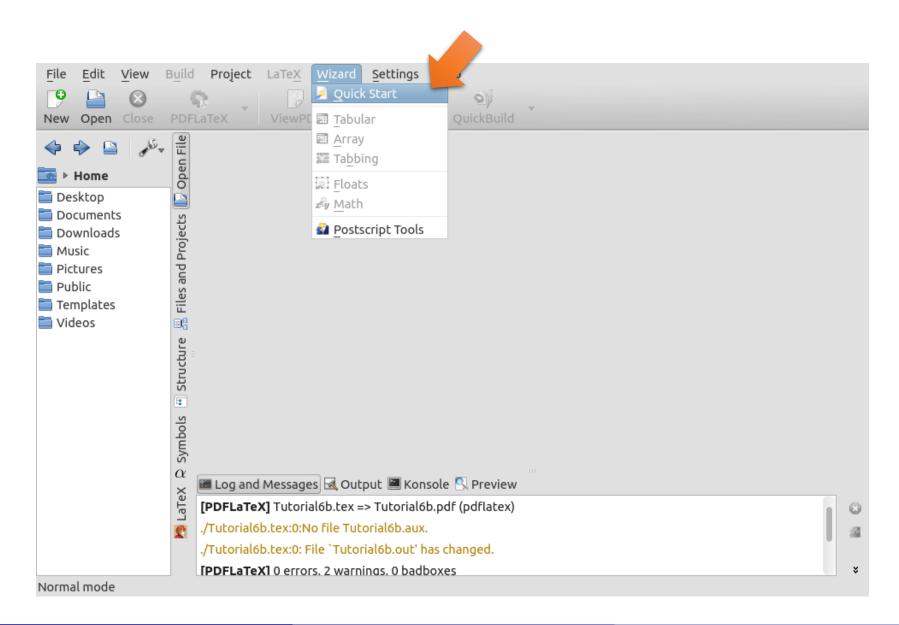




Configure your Kile: select Evince as PDF viewer

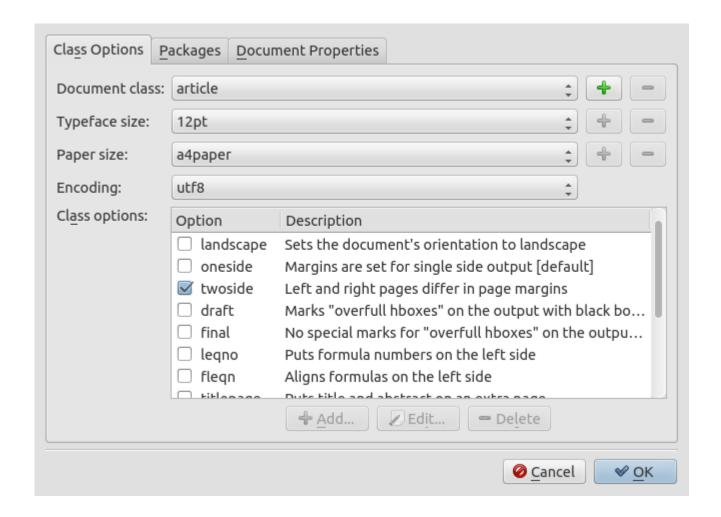


Quick-start the new document using Kile Wizard



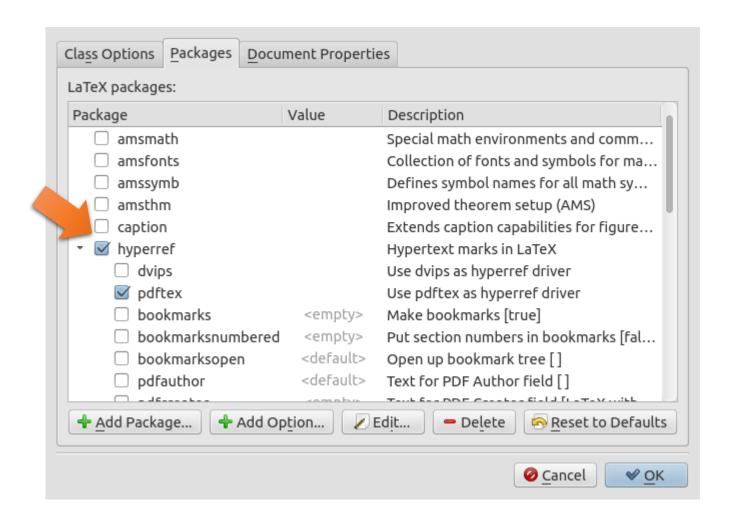
We will make an article for a two-sided A4 printing

Don't click OK yet, let's go to the Packages tab



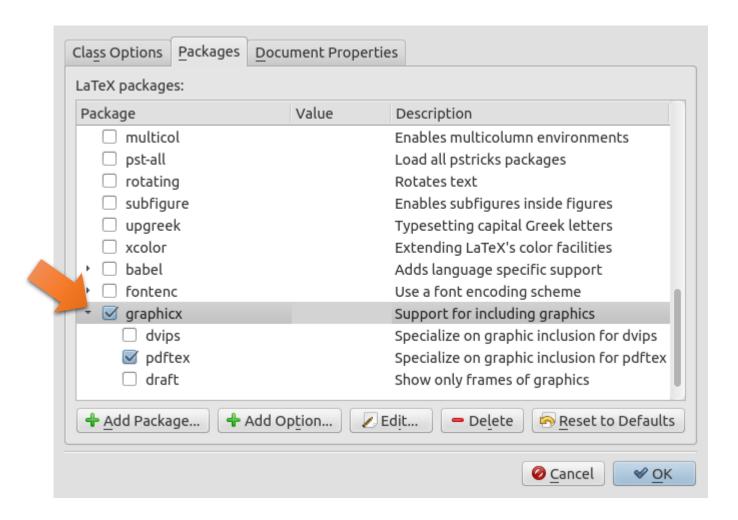
Let's pick some useful LaTeX packages

hyperref with pdftex will make PDF files with clickable cross-references

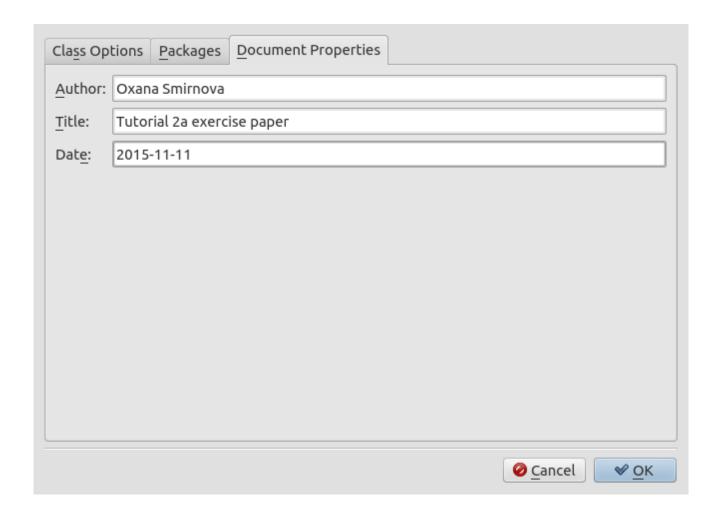


More useful packages

graphicx with **pdftex** will allow to insert raster graphics (JPG, PNG etc)

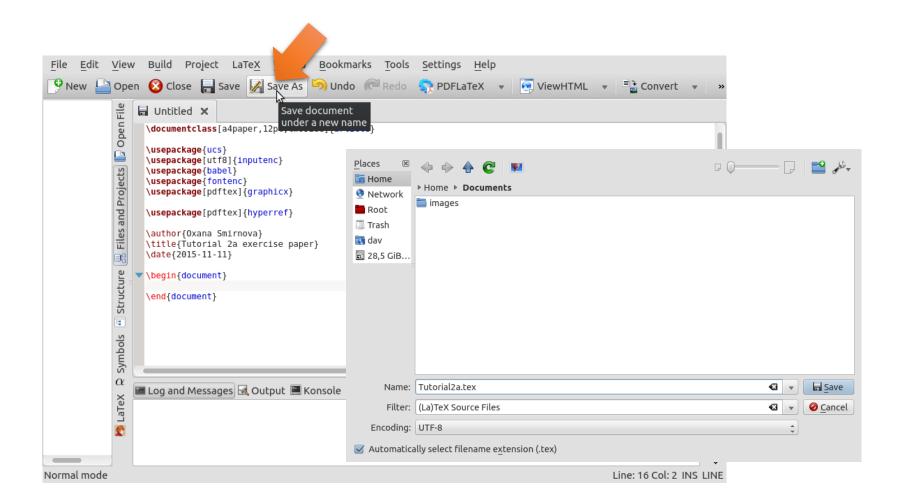


And now some metadata



Now it is OK to click OK

Time to save the file

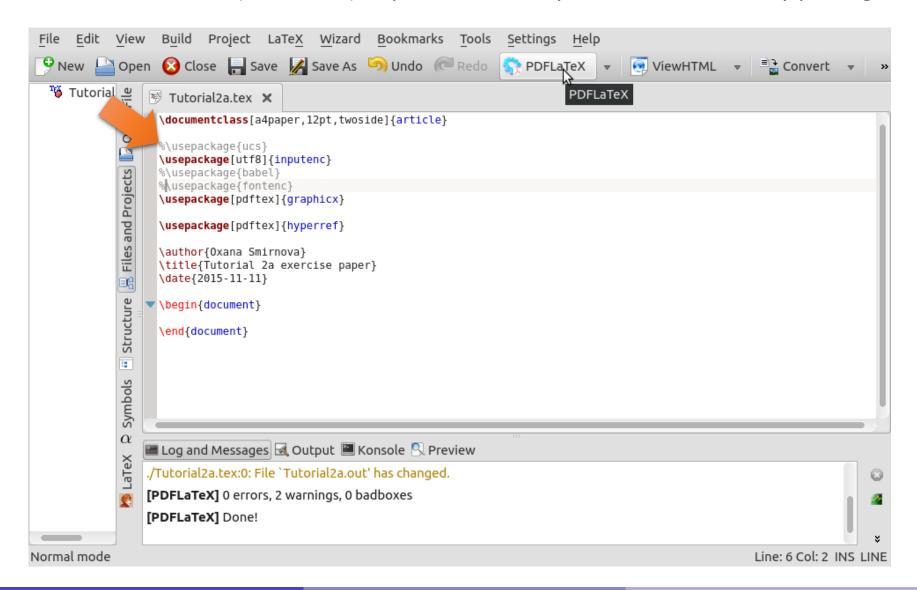


And now let's build it

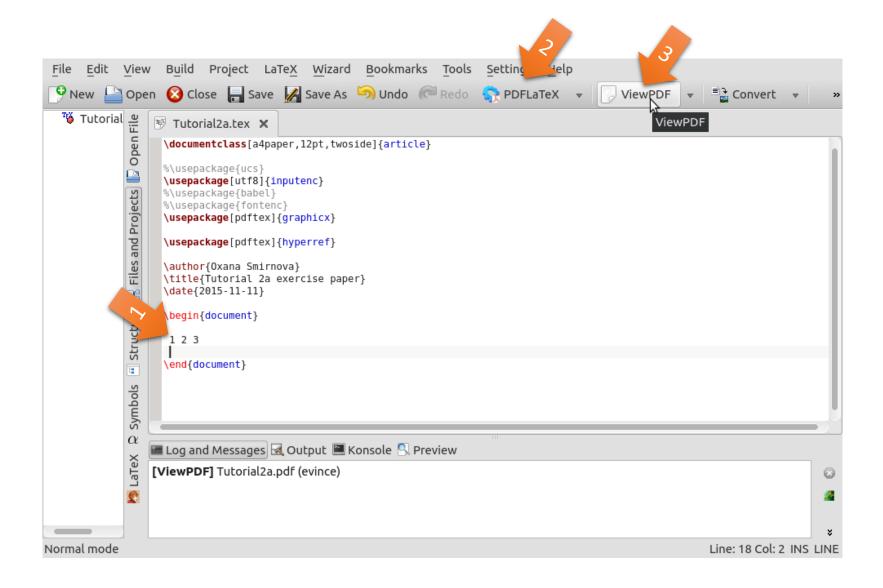


Whatever, we don't need this package, comment it out

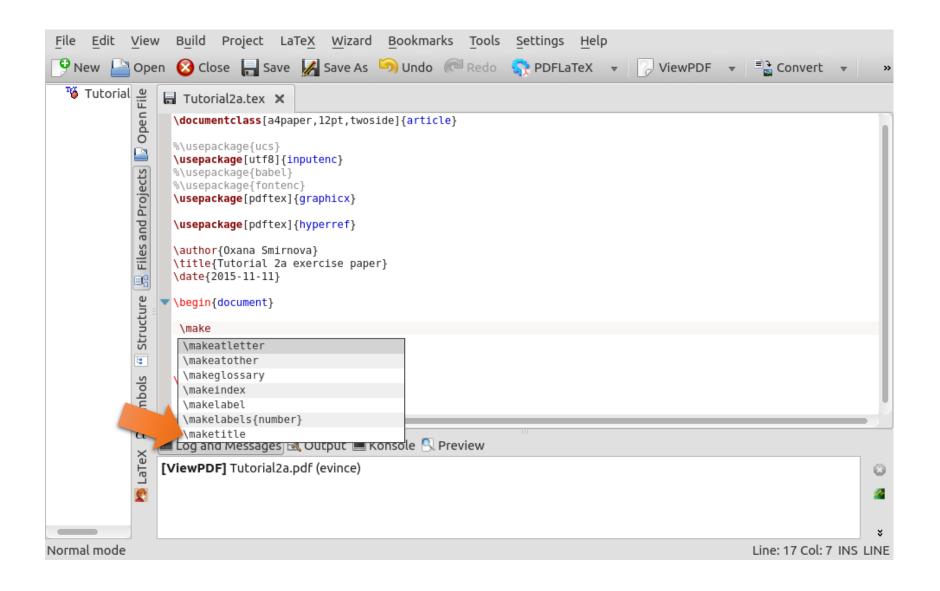
Use % to comment (inactivate) any line in LaTeX; you can turn off many packages



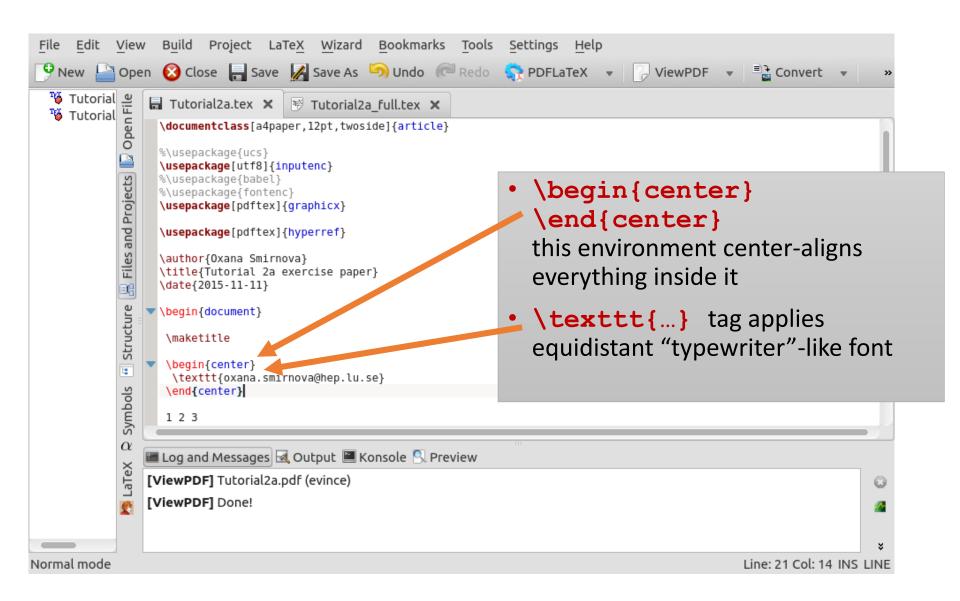
Add some text, build and view the result



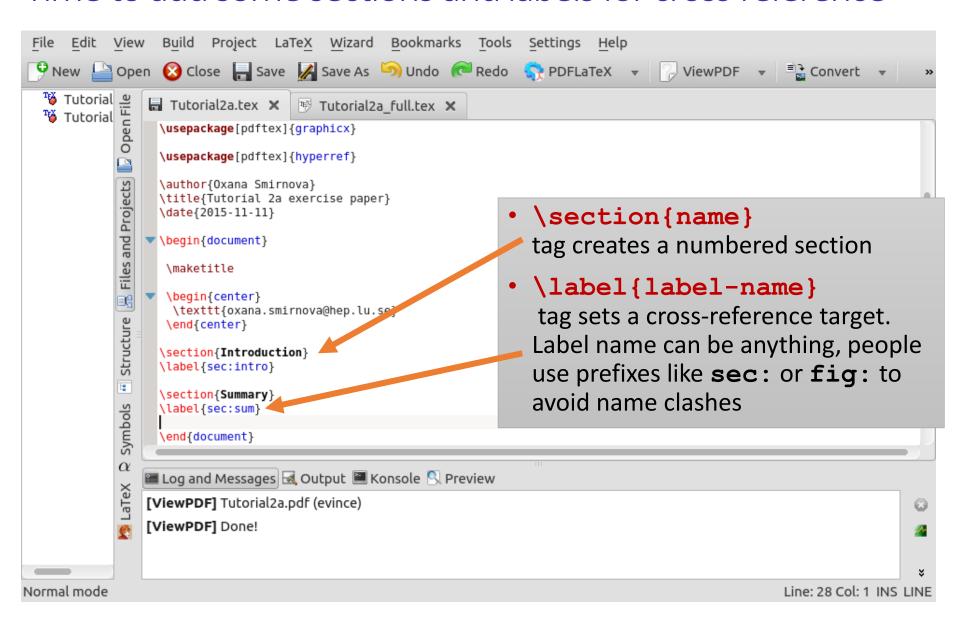
Where's the title? Let's make it: \maketitle



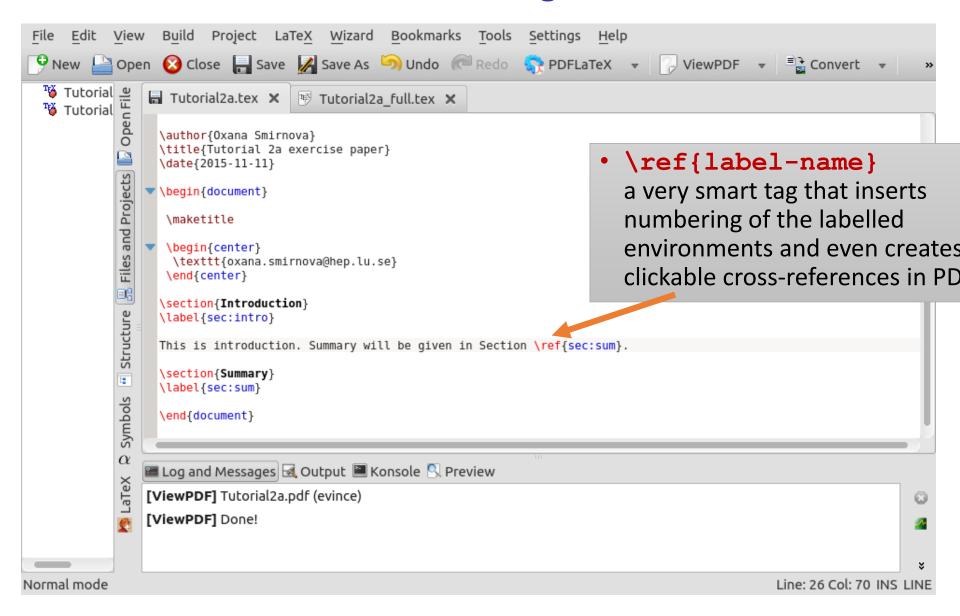
Would be nice to add e-mail, centered



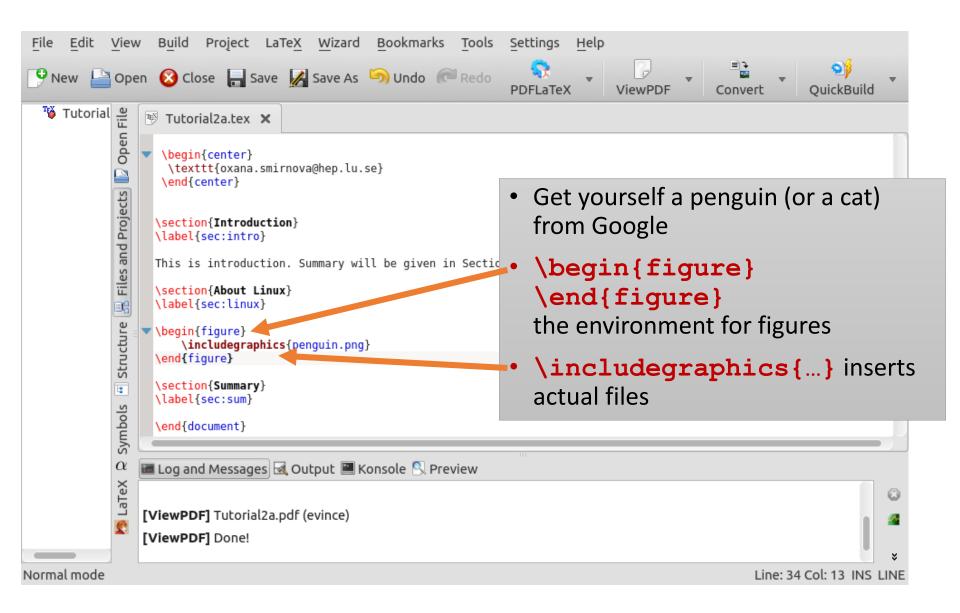
Time to add some sections and labels for cross-reference



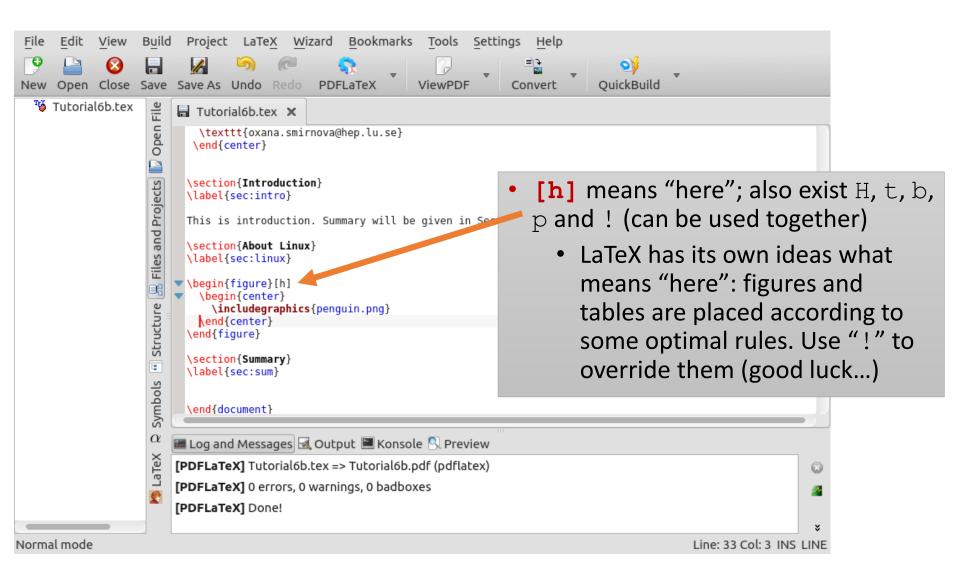
So how do we do cross-referencing?



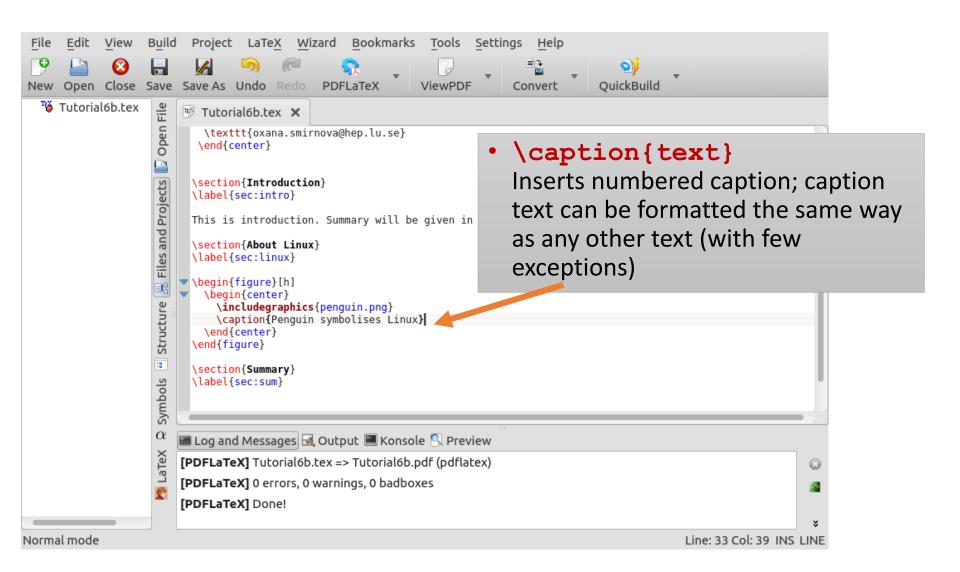
Let's add a picture



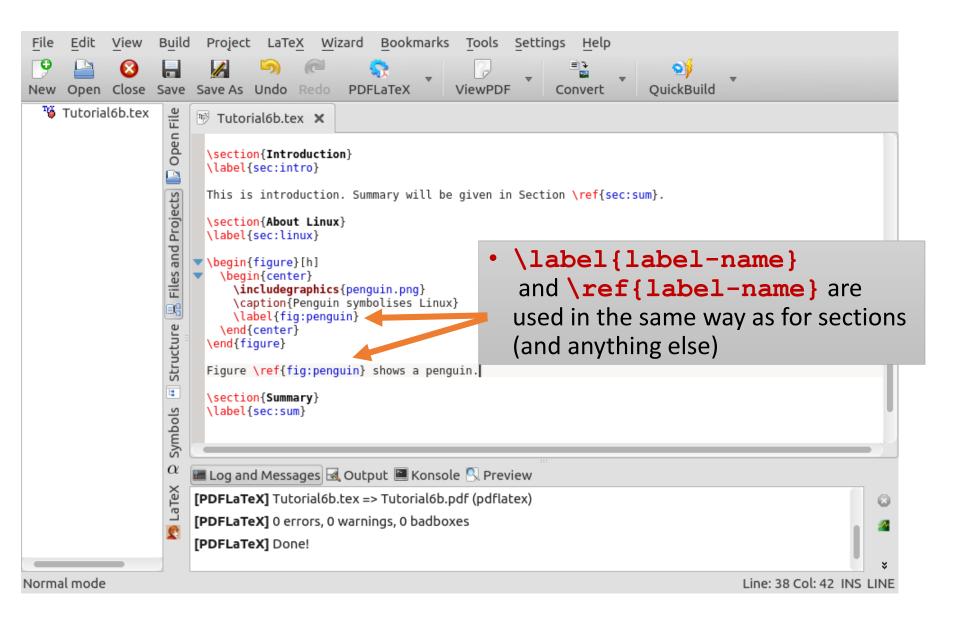
This looked ugly, let's pin it and center it



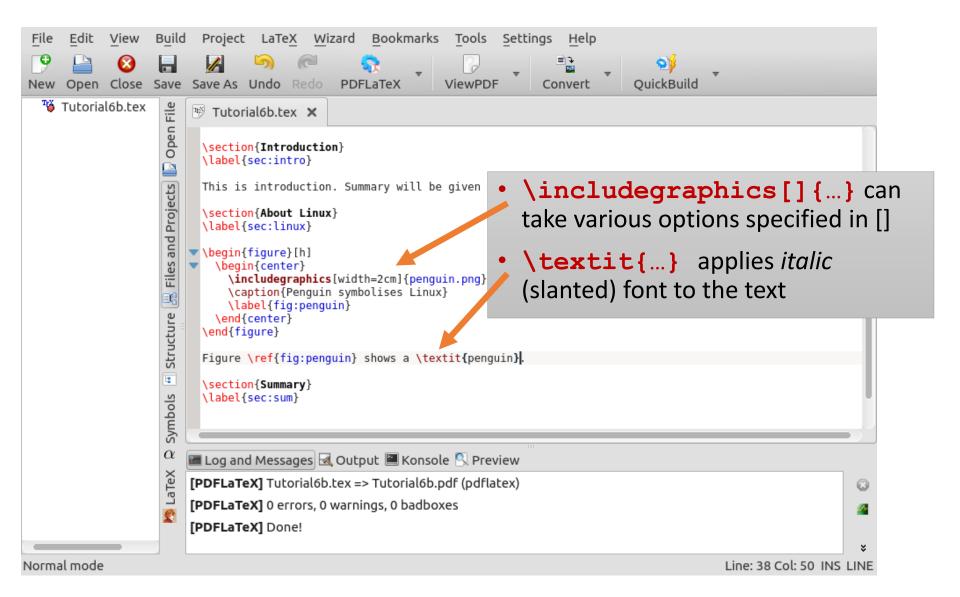
Every figure needs a caption



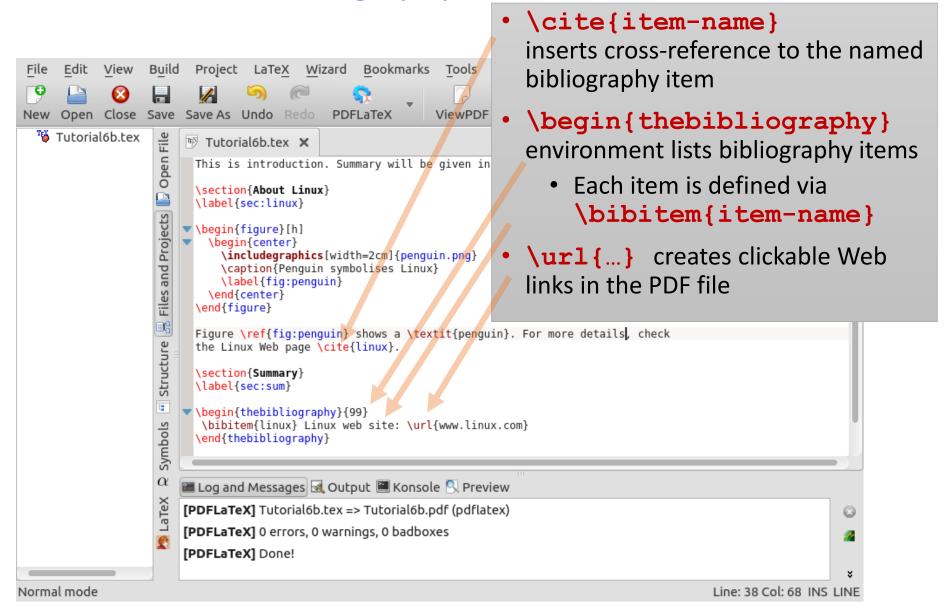
We also want to cross-reference figures



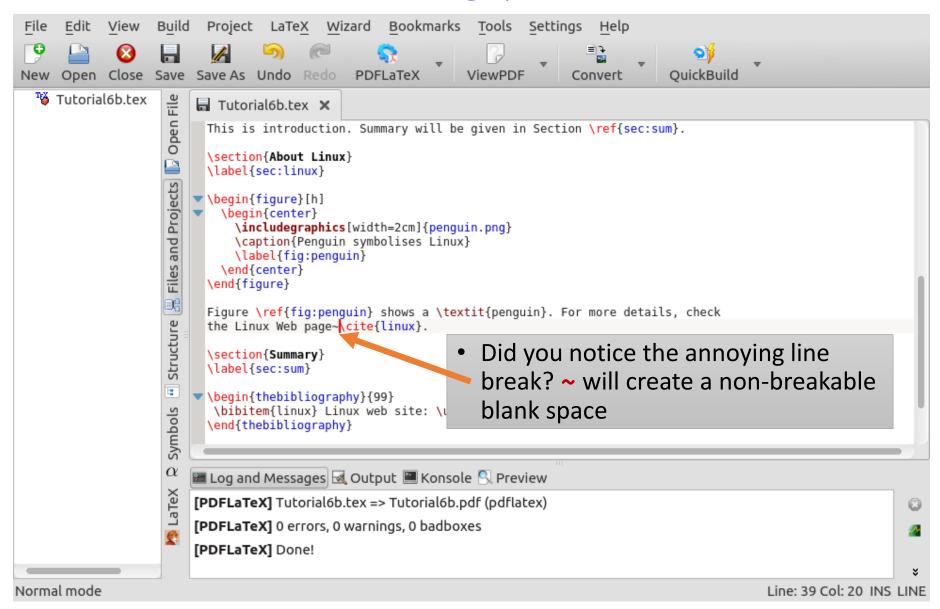
Final adjustments



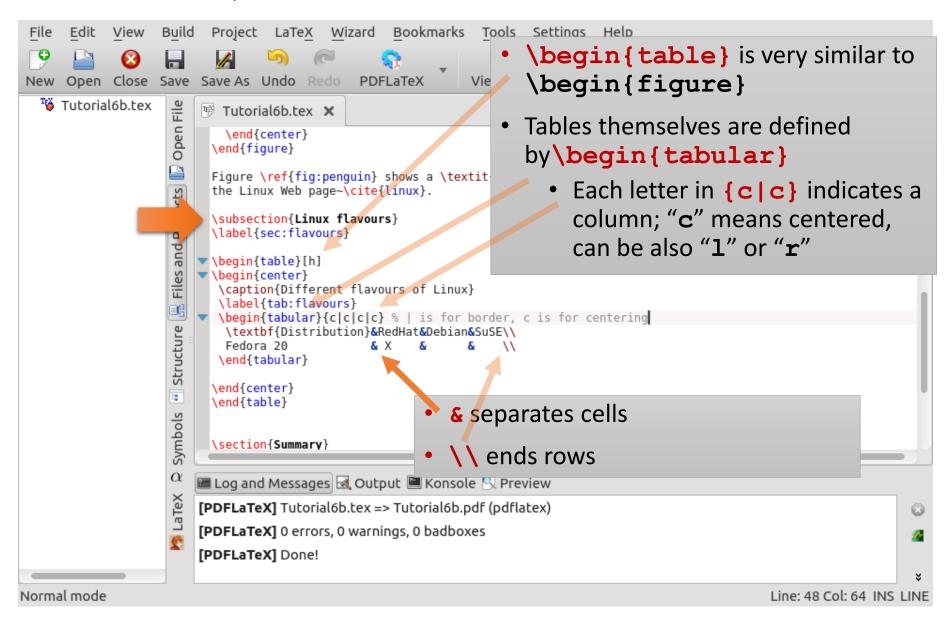
We have to cite bibliography reference now



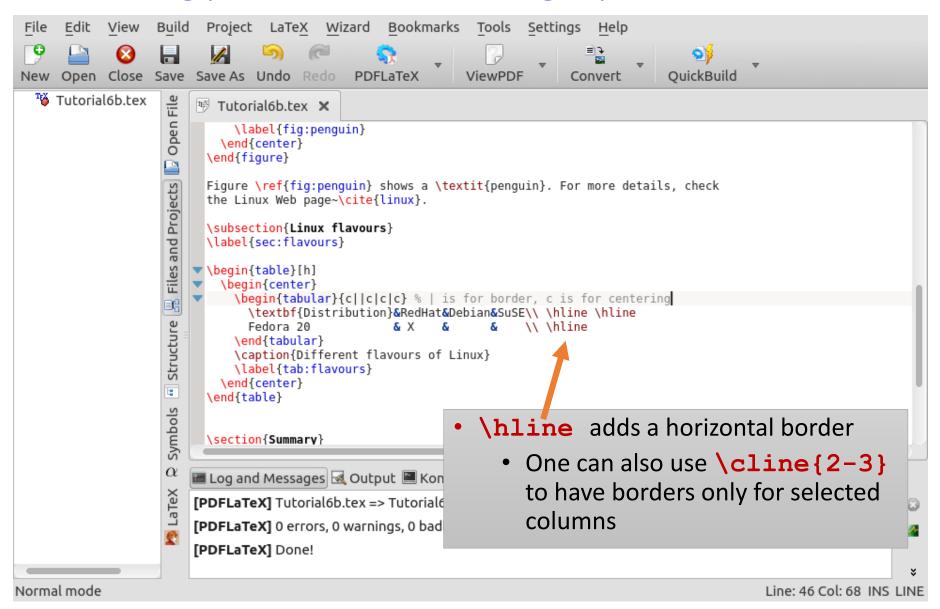
One small detail: non-breaking space



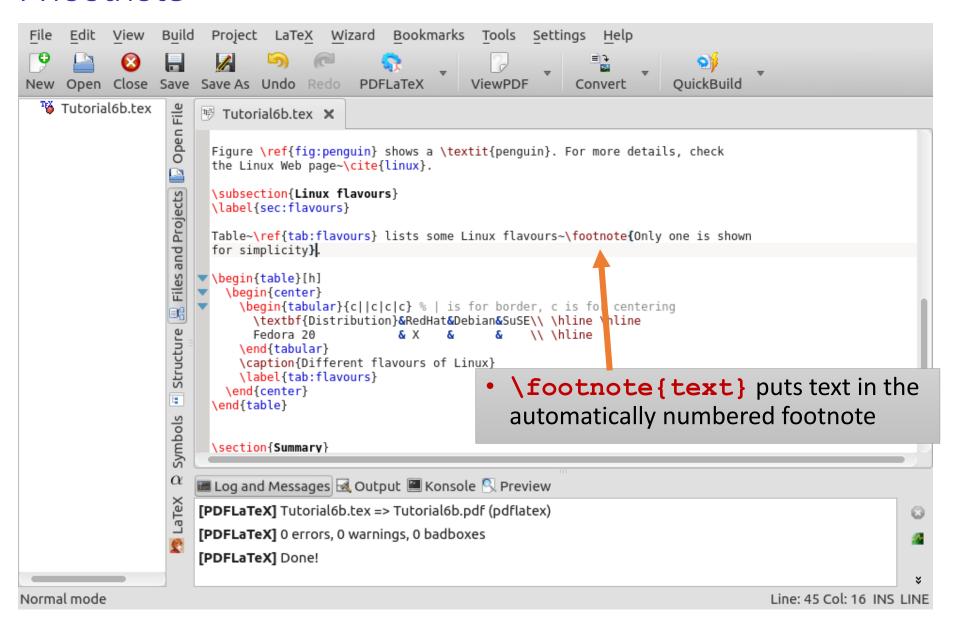
Make a new \subsection and a table



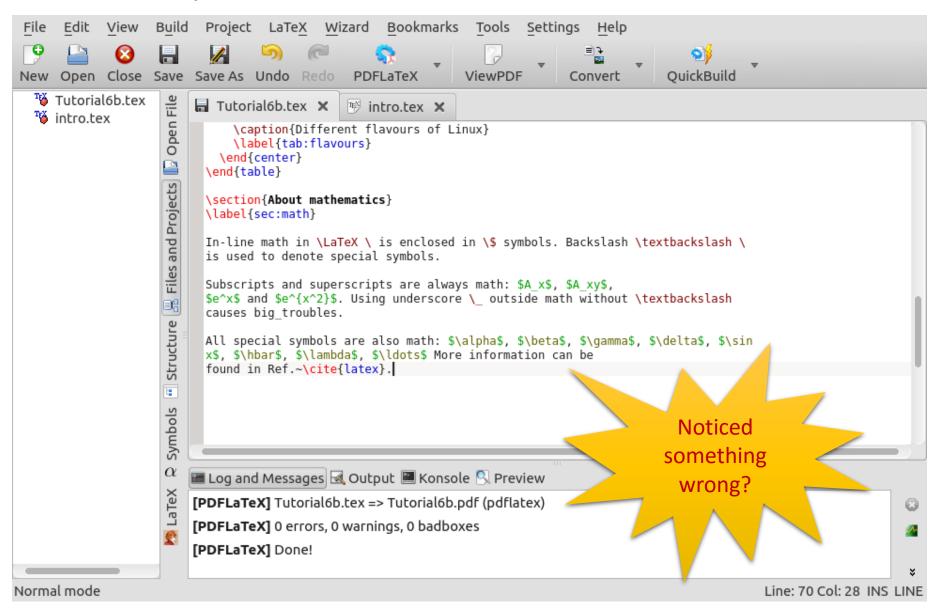
It was an ugly table, let's make it slightly better



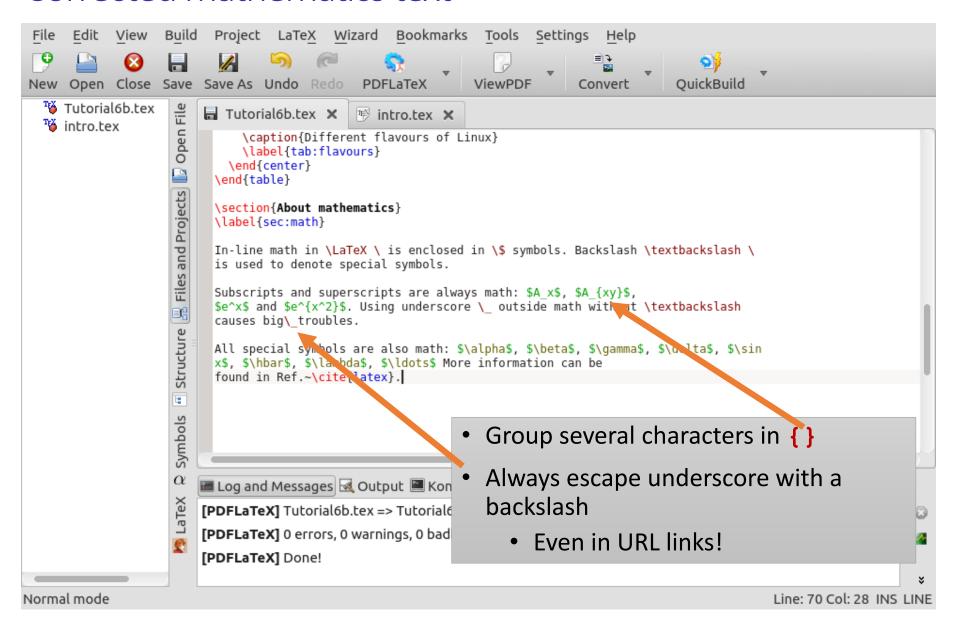
A footnote



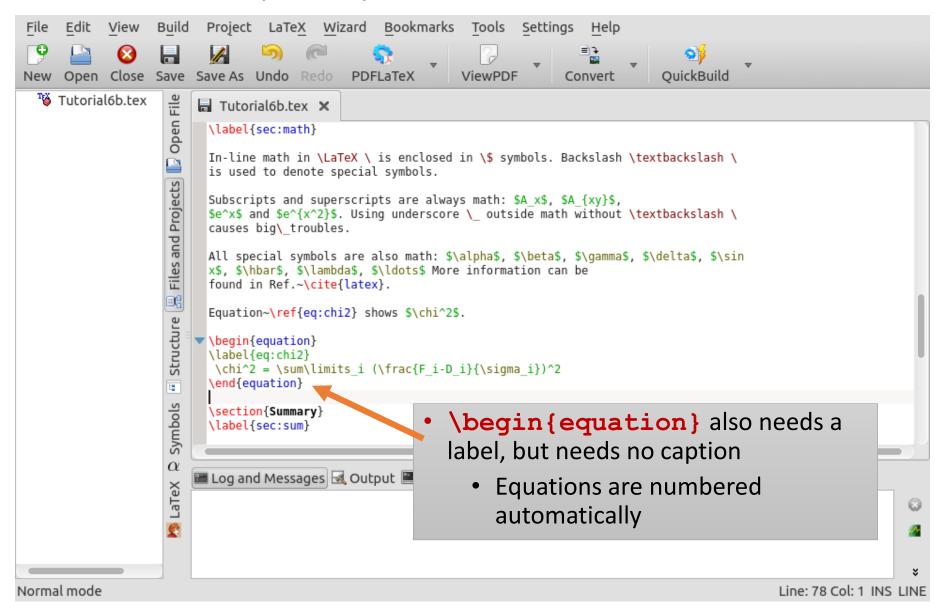
Now let's try mathematics in a new section



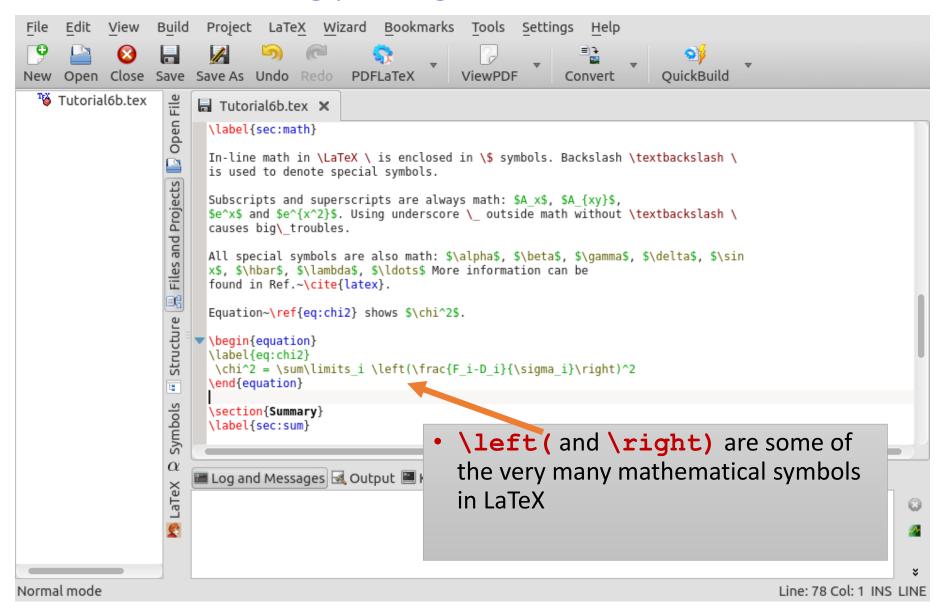
Corrected mathematics text



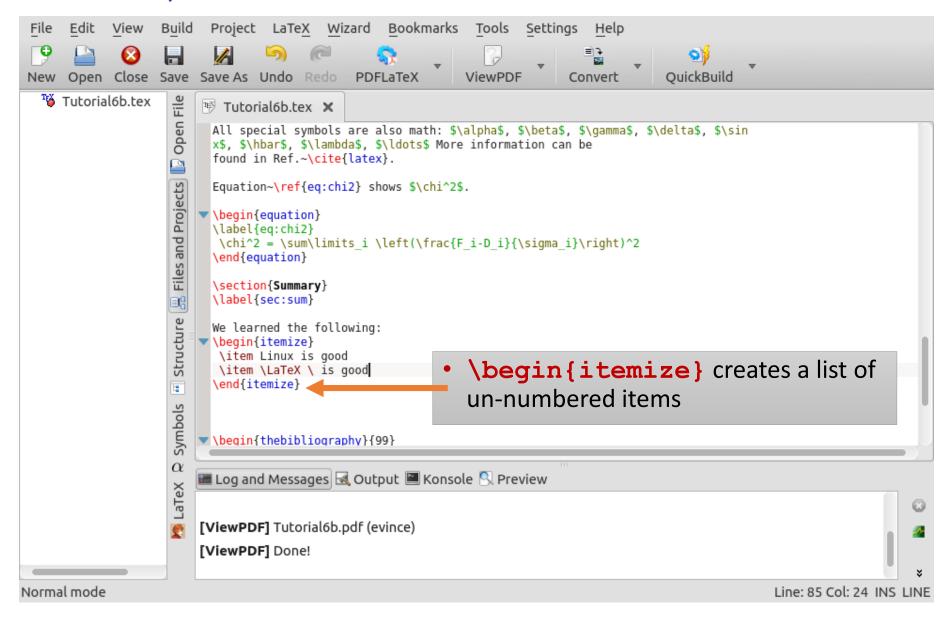
And now let's try an equation



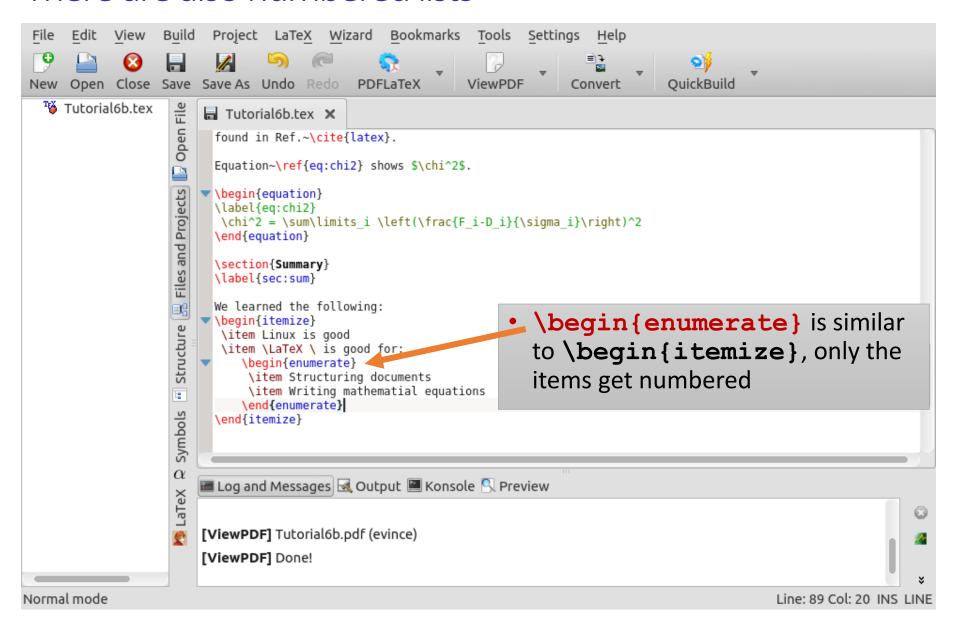
Oh, that was also ugly. Fixing...



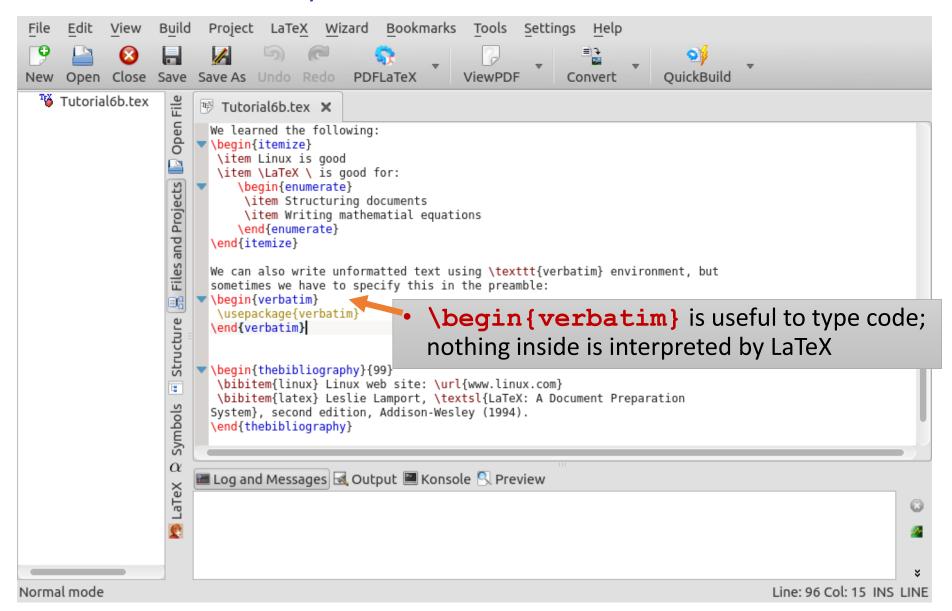
And finally, some bulleted lists



There are also numbered lists



Last, but not least: you can have unformatted text, too



And the result should look like this:

Tutorial 2a exercise paper

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1 Introduction

This is introduction. Summary will be given in Section [4]

2 About Linux



Figure 1: Penguin symbolises Linux

Figure 1 shows a penquin. For more details, check the Linux Web page 11

2.1 Linux flavours

Table I lists some Linux flavours

Distribution	RedHat	Debian	SuSE
Fedora 23	X		

Table 1: Different flavours of Linux

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3 About mathematics

In-line math in \LaTeX is enclosed in $\$ symbols. Backslash \backslash is used to denote special symbols.

Subscripts and superscripts are always math: A_x , A_{xy} , e^x and e^{x^2} . Using underscore $_$ outside math without \setminus causes big_troubles.

All special symbols are also math: α , β , γ , δ , $\sin x$, \hbar , λ , ... More information can be found in Ref. [2].

Equation 1 shows χ^2 .

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \left(\frac{F_i - D_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \tag{1}$$

4 Summary

We learned the following:

- · Linux is good
- LYTEX is good for:
 - 1. Structuring documents
 - 2. Writing mathematial equations

We can also write unformatted text using verbatim environment, but sometimes we have to specify this in the preamble:

\usepackage{verbatim}

References

- [1] Linux web site: www.linux.com
- [2] Leslie Lamport, LaTeX: A Document Preparation System, second edition, Addison-Wesley (1994).

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¹Only one is shown for simplicity

Concluding notes

- There are many more LaTeX tags and environments
- Those tags and environments we tried have many different options
- Every tag and environment can be modified and tailored to your needs
- There is no way you can remember all the tags; get yourself a book (many good books exist), or use any of the multiple online references
 - Wikibooks: http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX
 - LaTeX Reference Manual: http://home.gna.org/latexrefman/
- All serious scientific journals have official LaTeX templates and styles, usually complete with instructions
- Homework: upload the document (and the picture) you have just created to the Training portal, HW2A
 - (http://training.lunarc.lu.se/mod/assign/view.php?id=338)
 - If you did not finish it in today, please complete it at home
 - Deadline: TOMORROW!