

# A One-Page Guide to Using noweb with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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## The noweb file foo.nw

### Documentation

@ in column 1 of a line by itself starts a documentation chunk.

Text is in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; use `[[...]]` for embedded code fragments.

noweave automatically wraps file in

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{noweb}
\begin{document}
:
\end{document}
```

To avoid wrapper, put `\documentclass` and `\usepackage` in your source and use `noweave -delay`.

*For emacs users:* A first line of `% -*- mode: Noweb; noweb-code-mode: c-mode -*-` is useful (to set editing mode for code chunks). The Unix teTeX distribution comes with helpful Info files that cover L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and dvips.

### Code

`<<... name of chunk...>>=` in column 1 of a line by itself starts a code chunk.

Code is in any language; use `<<...>>` to include other code chunks by reference.

*You can write multiple code chunks with the same name; they are concatenated.*

Name chunks inside functions with verbs, e.g., *<copy all lines from in to out, adding markup>*.

Name chunks holding declarations with nouns, e.g., *<private function prototypes>* or *<definitions of exported functions>*.

Name top-level “root” chunks after the files they are to represent, e.g., `<<foo.c>>=` or `<<foo.h>>=`.

## Typical Commands

```
notangle -L -Rfoo.c foo.nw > foo.c
notangle -Rfoo.h foo.nw | cpif foo.h
noweave -filter l2h -index -html foo.nw > foo.html
noweave -x foo.nw > foo.tex
latex foo; latex foo
latex '\scrollmode \input foo'
dvips -o foo.ps foo
```

Extract file `foo.c`, with `#line`  
Extract file `foo.h` if it has changed (without `#line`).  
Create HTML, converting documentation from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.  
Create L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document with cross-reference, no index.  
Process L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X into “device-independent” (dvi) file.  
Alternate L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X command for use in Makefile.  
Convert `foo.dvi` into PostScript.

## Minimal L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### Special characters

Not to be typed in text; OK in code

```
% \ { } $ & # ^ _ ~
```

### Escapes for specials

```
\% $\backslashslash$ \{ \} \$ \& \# \_
```

Blank line is new paragraph.

Write “quotes” to get “quotes.” Never "quotes".

*Titles*    `\title{...}`  
          `\author{...}`  
          `\maketitle`

*Sectioning*    `\section{...}`  
                 `\subsection{...}`  
                 `\subsubsection{...}`

*Fonts*    `\emph{emphasis}`  
          `\textbf{bold}`  
          `\texttt{typewriter}`  
          `\textit{italics}`  
          `\textsf{sans serif}`  
          `\textsc{SMALL CAPS}`

*Lists*    List of items                    List of items  
          `\begin{itemize}`  
          `\item one`                      • one  
          `\item two`                     • two  
          `\item three`                   • three  
          `\end{itemize}`

Also `\begin{enumerate}` for numbered lists.

Get the right version; you want L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\epsilon$ , not L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2.09.