

„You can (never) judge a book by its cover“ – Scientific typesetting with MS Word

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„You can never judge a book by its cover“. However, Sir Francis Darwin emphasized, that “In science, the credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not to whom the idea first occurs.” The design of scientific documents, including doctoral theses, is much more than a minor detail, nor is it trivial. A bad layout can affect adversely the impression a reader gets from your dissertation. Moreover, a clear and consistent design helps you in your writing process as well.

Many scientists rely on $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ to typeset their documents. However, Microsoft’s Word is the undisputed widespread standard. Lots of the legendary annoyances caused by Word can be traced back to an only rudimentary mastery of the software.

The workshop will give you some more insight into the general typographic design principles for complex scientific texts and will support you with hands-on advice, how to get the best out of MS Word. A special emphasis will be laid on the smooth integration with professional formula editing and reference management.