

# TEX Clinic

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## Abstract

The TEX Clinic is a project, started last year, which takes place at the conference in Bachotek. It's open to anyone who is planning or writing a document and needs assistance with typesetting. Even if "the Patient" doesn't know TEX or L<sup>A</sup>TEX very well, our Doctors will help him or her to prepare it or to repair it. The result will be a typographically correct document or at least a prescription for how to meet his or her needs.

### 1 How does it work?

A group of TEXnicians, willing to help, will show you how to begin or will advise you if you aren't able to go on. The main principle of the Clinic is: you typeset your document by yourself, but you can—anytime—count on the advice and help of the experienced "Doctors".

### 2 What do I need?

- Willingness is the first thing you should bring.
- Then you will also need **the text of your document** or at least a small part of it. If you have already started to write it in another program, such as MS Word, we can also help you to convert it to TEX or L<sup>A</sup>TEX.
- If you are using a special format, please contact the Team before the conference, to arrange the best way of preparing your work for the conversion.
- It would be good if you could bring your own **computer** (a laptop or even a desktop PC). But if you don't have one or can't bring it to the conference, that won't be a problem. There is a PC room at the conference which everyone can use.

### 3 Do I have to have TEX installed on my computer?

The answer is: yes and no. Of course it would be better if you had it; we can then start immediately with your questions about your work. But you can also count on our TEXnicians to help with installing TEX on your system on your own during the conference.

We will also have some DVDs with diverse TEX distributions, so you can borrow one from us to install it on your computer.



by Toni Walter

### 4 TEX? L<sup>A</sup>TEX? ConTEXt? Maybe X<sub>Y</sub>TEX?

Among the various Doctors are experts on every topic with TEX inside, and also some non-TEX topics, such as graphics or Emacs. If you have specific questions, better let us know before the conference, to give the Doctors time to prepare. But mostly there shouldn't be a problem with answering any spontaneous questions on the spot.

If you don't know what is the difference between the TEX flavours mentioned in the head, feel free to ask our Team!

### 5 Do I have to sign up in advance?

It is not necessary, but would be helpful so we can estimate how many "patients" to expect. See section 7.

### 6 Does it cost anything?

No, you don't have to pay anything aside from the normal conference fee.

## 7 Who are the experts?

These are the people, who we know somehow (for example from earlier conferences), who are willing to help others, and who have good knowledge in any topic connected with  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  or other referring to graphics or typesetting.

Below you will find the current list of our experts. In brackets are the languages spoken by that Doctor.

- Maciej Jan Głowacki –  $\text{M}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  [Polish]
- Jean-Michel Hufflen –  $\text{B}_{\text{I}}\text{B}_{\text{T}}\text{E}_{\text{X}}$  [French, German, English]
- Paweł Jackowski – Non-Conventional Methods [Polish, English]
- Jonathan Kew –  $\text{X}_{\text{T}}\text{E}_{\text{X}}$  [English]
- Jacek Kmiecik –  $\text{C}_{\text{O}}\text{N}_{\text{T}}\text{E}_{\text{X}}\text{T}$ ,  $\text{M}_{\text{E}}\text{T}_{\text{A}}\text{P}_{\text{O}}\text{S}T$ ,  $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  [Polish]
- Adam Kolany –  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ,  $\text{M}_{\text{E}}\text{T}_{\text{A}}\text{P}_{\text{O}}\text{S}T$  [Polish]
- Ryszard Kubiak – Psychiatrist with the specialisation Emacsphobia [Polish]
- Krzysztof Leszczyński –  $\text{M}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ,  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  [Polish]
- Bogusław Lichoński – graphics,  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  [Polish]
- Jerzy Ludwichowski – General Practitioner [Polish, English, German, Russian]
- Mojca Miklavec –  $\text{C}_{\text{O}}\text{N}_{\text{T}}\text{E}_{\text{X}}\text{T}$  Specialist [Slovenian, English, German]
- Grzegorz Murzynowski –  $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ , possibly  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  [Polish, English]
- Wojciech Myszka –  $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and pictures [Polish]
- Joanna Ludmiła Ryćko – Co-Ordinator,  $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  Diagnostician and Surgeon [Polish, German, English]
- Marek Ryćko –  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ologist [Polish, English]
- Grzegorz Sapieżko –  $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ,  $\text{p}_{\text{D}}\text{F}_{\text{L}}\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and all connected with  $\text{P}_{\text{D}}\text{F}$  [Polish]
- Andrzej Tomaszewski – typography [Polish]
- Zofia Walczak –  $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  [Polish, English]
- Staszek Wawrykiewicz – Surgeon of  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  implantations [Polish, English]

All our Doctors will have special ID cards at the conference, in a distinguished colour, to make it easier to notice them. On those ID cards we will write their specialisations and spoken languages to help you choose the right one.

### How can I contact the clinic doctors?

There is an e-mail address which works 365 days a year; feel free to ask your questions there:

[klinika@gust.org.pl](mailto:klinika@gust.org.pl)

If you have any organisational questions or you want to inform us about your specific needs, please contact me directly:

[jrycko@gust.org.pl](mailto:jrycko@gust.org.pl)

Current information on the clinic can be found on the Internet:

<http://www.gust.org.pl/projects/klinika>

### Will the Clinic also take place at next year's (2008) Bacho $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ conference?

Of course! There are always people willing to help and another who need the answers to their questions. So if you are asking yourself whether it will be possible to visit the Clinic next time, the answer is “yes”. All you need to do is to prepare yourself and your document.