

How to use this thesis

Introduction

This template is based on the excellent Acadia Computer Science template, a copy of which is available from that department. The modifications introduced are:

- Changed citation style to textual citations.
- Added commented lines in **header.tex** to produce either print or electronic versions of the thesis.
- Fixed the mentions of Department of Computer Science to use the department defined in **preliminaries.tex**
- Added includes for the **tikz** library.

Files

Files in the thesis are:

header.tex Contains all of the package includes, user-defined commands, and has some commented options to generate either print or electronic versions of your thesis.

thesis.tex Contains the include statements for each component file. This is the file you should run through **pdflatex** or your compiler of choice to generate the final thesis.

preliminaries.tex Defines a large number of variables and macros. Once you edit this once, you probably don't need to do it again.

Quickstart

To get started quickly, do the following:

1. Edit the **preliminaries.tex** file, and update it with your defense committee, title, defense date, abstract, and acknowledgements.
2. Create a new file for each chapter and appendix.
3. Add includes for chapter and appendix files in **thesis.tex**
4. Update your bibliography (I recommend using <http://jabref.sourceforge.net/>, an excellent open-source reference management tool)
5. Place plots and figures in the **figures/** directory.

Notes

1. Use `\citet` for an in-text citation, and `\citep` for a parenthetical citation.
2. Use `equation`, `align`, `table`, and `figure` environments. See the example code in the thesis.