

# Welcome to LyX!

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## Top N Things to know when using LyX

1. LyX comes with excellent documentation—please use it! Start with the Help▷Introduction, which will give you a very brief introduction to the documentation. Then learn about using LyX with Help▷Tutorial.
2. LyX is what we call a “document processor.” By design, it is different from regular word processors—in a way that makes writing documents easier. But only a little different, so don’t be scared. The documentation will make it all clear<sup>1</sup>.
3. The output from LyX looks great! Select View▷DVI now to see for yourself.
4. Yes, LyX can mimic (almost) all L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X functionality. And yes, LyX can import L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X files. Experienced L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X users should skim the rest of the *Tutorial*, then read the “LyX for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Users” chapter. (Everyone else: don’t worry, you don’t need to know L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to use LyX.)
5. LyX has lots of features for people who read or write a language other than English. In addition, the keybindings, toolbars, and many other characteristics are highly configurable. See Help▷Customization for details.
6. The LyX home page is at <http://www.lyx.org/>. Get information about LyX, subscribe to the LyX mailing list(s), take the LyX Graphical Tour, and more.

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<sup>1</sup>Have we mentioned yet that you ought to read the documentation?