

Confessions of a teenage \TeX user

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Abstract

In this presentation I will tell the audience a bit about how I use \TeX for my everyday school work. I will explain what tools I use, how my father convinced me to try it, and finally if I like it or not. Of course there will be plenty of time for questions of how it came thus far.

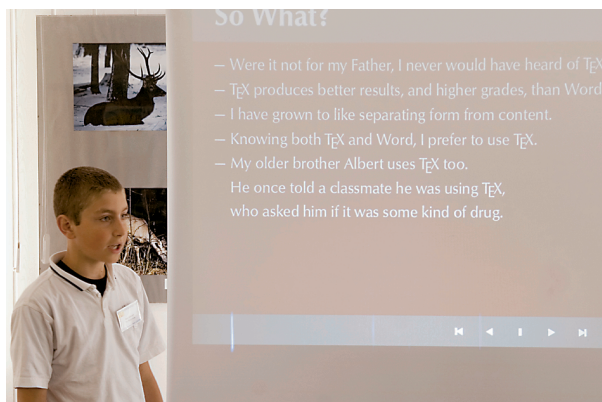


Figure 1: Sam Guravage — the youngest ever to present at Euro \TeX

Unlike the other articles in these proceedings, this note (except for the abstract) was written not by the author but by one of the members of the audience, who had the happy opportunity to be there to see Sam’s presentation (fig. 1),¹ the youngest ever to give a talk at a Euro \TeX conference, a representative of those who are just starting on the “Paths to the Future”.

In a very matter-of-fact, straightforward and confident (but not overly so) manner (fig. 3, right) he told us why and for what he uses \TeX , what he finds easy and what hard to do with \TeX and how he benefits from using \TeX .

At the end of the presentation we received an insight into the future of the young generation of the Guravage family: they have the potential to become \TeX dealers. Those who are puzzled are encouraged to look at Sam’s slides, available from the “presentations” folder at <http://www.gust.org.pl/BachoTeX/EuroBachoTeX2007>. What I especially

¹ Photographs: 1, 2, and the right part of 3 are by Andrzej Odyniec; the left part of 3 is by Volker RW Schaa.

like about them is that they were completely — form and content — done by Sam.

“Next slide, please”: Sam was watched by his, perhaps a bit skeptical, but surely very proud father, who also gave him a hand (fig. 2).

During conference closing, Sam was awarded a diploma for the best presentation (fig. 3, left).

We surely hope that he will be returning and others will follow.



Figure 2: Under parental supervision.



Figure 3: Left: with the diploma; right: self-confident