LyX for many purposes Opportunities with LyX

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Outline

- Documents in general
- 2 Presentations
- Math
- 4 Music
- Software documentation





LyX is useful for writing many kinds of documents

- Letters
- Reports
- Books
 - can make camera-ready PDF for professional printing
- Handles hundreds of pages with ease
- Can split big documents over multiple files





Features making your documents look good

- LyX uses the LATEX typesetting software
- Automatic hyphenation, for most languages
- Advanced line breaking
 - straight margins without overly long spaces
- Advanced page breaking
 - never a heading at the bottom of a page!
- Uses advanced font features automatically
 - kerning
 - ligatures
 - small caps





Features making your documents look good

- Styles based, instead of "tweaking font parameters"
 - consistent style throughout long documents
 - little need for "finishing", saves time
- Structured documents
 - The table of contents is automatic, so it is never wrong
 - likewise for cross references, figure numbers
 - support for bibliographies & indexes
- Image support
 - many formats (jpeg, png, svg, fig, eps & more)
 - exact sizing avoids variations from drag-based sizing
 - floating and numbered figures





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 - such as this one
 - works with any pdf-viewer
- LyX strong points are available in presentations too
 - math
 - graphics
- Stepwise animations using tikz/pgf
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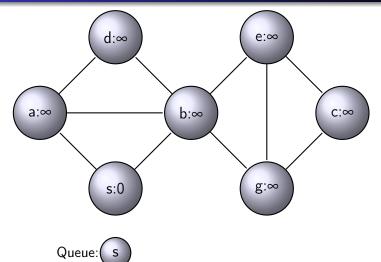




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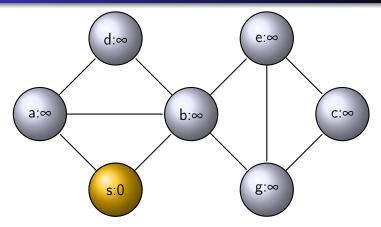




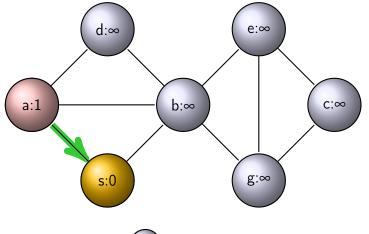






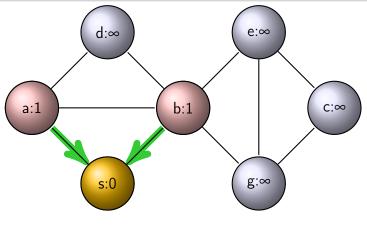






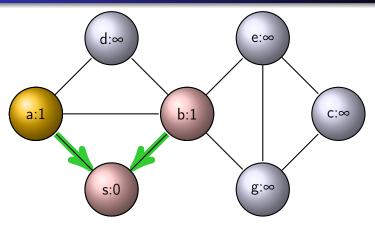






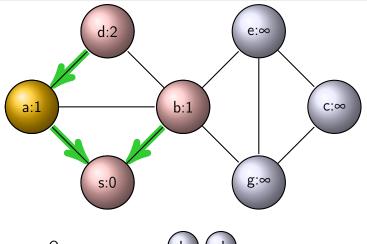






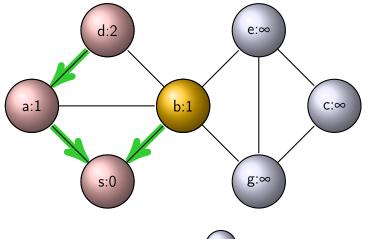




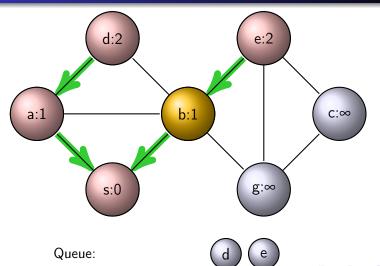


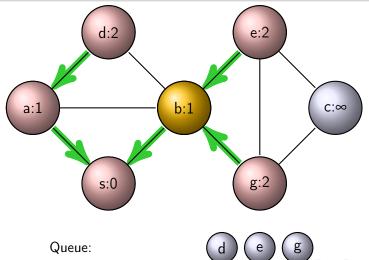


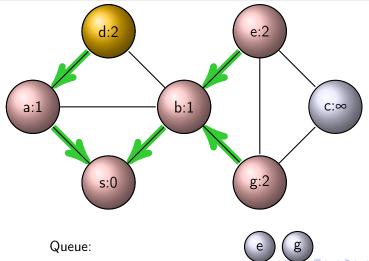


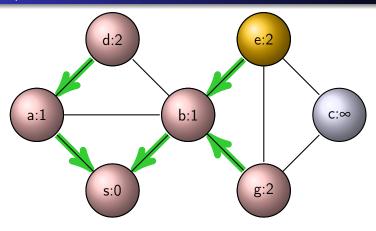






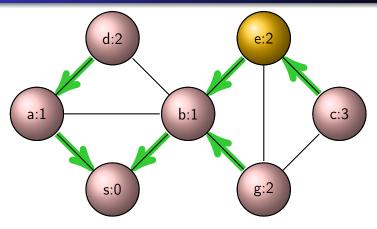






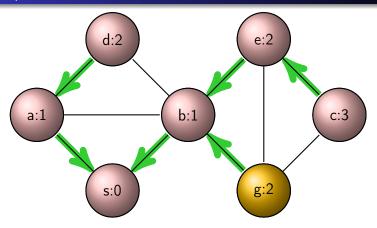






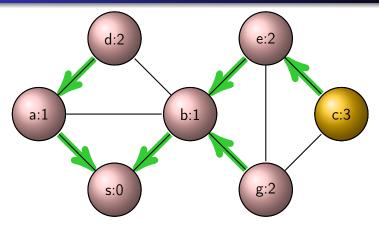














Math in LyX

LATEX makes formulas look good printed

$$\sum_{n=1}^{k} \frac{1}{n} > \int_{1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(k+1)$$

- LyX has the best formula editor there is
 - pick everything from menus, or
 - write TEX formulas directly
- Interfaces to computer algebra systems
 - example, using maxima to solve an integral:

$$\int \frac{1}{1-x} dx = -\log(1-x)$$

• the equals sign and the rest were filled in by maxima





Sheet music with LYX & Lilypond

- LYX can use the Lilypond music engraving software
- Small snippets such as
 - a scale: {g4 a b c d e f g}:
 - a chord: {<e g cis e>2}:

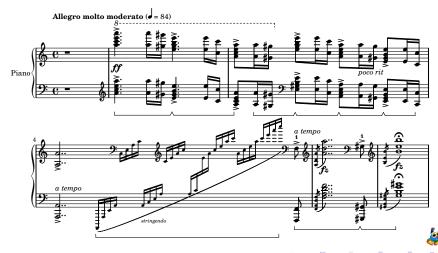


- Larger example on the following page
 - all entered in LyX





Grieg's concerto in A minor



Source code support

- Enter source code into LyX, or
- Reference source files directly
 - automatic document update when the source change
- Either way, automatic syntax highlighting
 - for any language
 - customizable, if needed

- Example on the following page
 - line numbers & highlighting done automatically





Source code example, count to 10 in C



