

For all of you using MiKTeX for your LaTeX papers, here are a couple of hints for formatting your documents. Thanks to Tabish Mustafa and the MechE Haptics lab for passing these on.

Have you ever had the problem that your printed document doesn't look quite like what you specified? To give yourself total control over page margins and to make the pdf be properly formatted to 8.5" x 11", follow the steps below:

Find your 'texmf' installation directory – this is where LaTeX is installed. Open up this file in a text editor:

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texmf\dvipdfm\config\config
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Change the line that says "p A4" to "p letter" and save. Then go to "MiKTeX Options" in your start menu, and click "Update Now".

The last step is to make sure your DVI viewer is configured correctly. Open up a DVI image, then click view, then options, then display. Make sure the paper size is set to "Letter".

Another nice feature is the ability to add a table of contents to your pdf document. This also gives you the ability to click on any equation number, section number, reference, etc., and go right to it. This is especially good for large documents (theses).

Just paste this in the preamble of your document:

```
\usepackage[dvipdfm,  
  pdftitle={Your Document Title},  
  pdfauthor={Your Name},  
  bookmarks,  
  pdfborder=(0 0 0),  
  pdfpagemode=UseOutlines,  
  pdfstartview=FitH  
{hyperref}
```

Good luck!