

# **iaria**

## An Unofficial IARIA LaTeX Class

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### **Abstract**

The **iaria**-class provides a convenient environment for writing IARIA scholarly publications. This version also implements full IARIA specifications for citation style, which can only be templated for a specific technological combination like latex/pdflatex in combination with biblatex using a biber backend.

## **1 Installation**

The `zip` or `tar.gz` file comes with a `iaria.ins` and a `iaria.dtx` file included which contains the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X stuff.

To extract the class files call:

```
$ latex iaria.ins
```

This call will extract all L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X specific files to the current directory. You can either use the files for a single cv project or you can integrate the files into your T<sub>E</sub>X installation.

If you just want to use **iaria** for a single curriculum vitae project, the simplest way is just to copy the generated files to the folder of the project.

If you want to integrate **iaria** into your T<sub>E</sub>X installation, create a directory `tex/latex/iaria` beneath your T<sub>E</sub>X installation (e.g. beneath `/usr/share/texmf`) and copy all files from the current directory there. Now call:

```
$ mktexlsr
```

to update the file-cache of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

Hint: The **iaria** distribution contains a sample docstrip configuration in `docstrip.cfg` via which files can be distributed automatically to their correct positions inside a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X installation. Feel free to adapt this file to your environment and afterwards call `latex iaria.ins` to install the package to its right place.

## 2 Templates

For a quick start the `iaria` distribution contains document templates. The templates can be found in the `iaria-example-ctan.zip` file.

Especially beginners should NOT start from scratch! Use the example file! The `iaria` package assumes that the latex user has former experience with IEEEtran! For example, the formatting of the author block is not documented here, please refer to the IEEEtran documentantion. For shared affiliations, there is a formatting option called “alternate long format”, which you can find in the well-known IEEEtran\_HOWTO.pdf; it is also the superior option for IARIA papers with shared affiliations.

BEWARE: If you are completely new to LaTeX, then do NOT use `iaria` class for your first LaTeX experiment, but please use the IARIA Word template. The same advice is true when you have no former IEEEtran experience and when you are not willing to acquire IEEEtran knowledge on your own.

DISCLAIMER: Using this package still requires that you additionally MUST read the IARIA formatting guide ([www.iaria.org/formatting.doc](http://www.iaria.org/formatting.doc)) as well as the IARIA editorial rules ([www.iaria.org/editorialrules.html](http://www.iaria.org/editorialrules.html)). Simply using this package does not relieve you of your responsibility! This applies to all aspects: IARIA style and LaTeX/BibTeX know how (like interfering packages) as well as IEEEtran implications (like conference mode, author block, shared affiliation, or cite compression). In case of doubt, you are required to understand the content of the `iaria.cls` file, because before this community-provided package you had to make all these adjustments yourself.

## 3 Documentclass

`documentclass iaria` This package provides the documentclass `iaria`. The documentclass supports the following options:

- `conference` Passed to IEEEtran (i. a., it suppresses page numbers)
- `a4paper` Passed to IEEEtran
- `subfig` Loads subfig package with IARIA style settings
- `subcaption` Loads subcaption package with IARIA style settings
- `flushend` Activate flushend package (compatible with arXiv build process)
- `pbalance` Activate pbalance package (incompatible with arXiv build process)

BEWARE: Usually, you will/must provide IEEEtran option “conference” to the `iaria` package, both for IARIA conferences AND for IARIA journals! Because for IARIA, the formatting rules are the same for conferences and journals – in contrast to IEEE. Its conference style is the base for IARIA formatting. The example file (see above) prominently applies this option.

A Remark about two-column document balancing on the last page: The `flushend` package is recommended, because it works within the arXiv automated build process. However, `flushend` has a major incompatibility with package `lineno`, which is, e.g., transitively loaded by package `mindflow`. Thus, in case when `flushend` does not have any effect, check whether one of your packages loads `lineno`. Usually you are stuck with your packages and, thus, will instead be forced to switch from `flushend` to `pbalance`. Please be aware that `pbalance` works great and has high compatibility, but unfortunately it will not have any effect within the arXiv automated build process. In case of both, a somehow needed `lineno` package and an intended arXiv upload, I recommend to do without two-column balancing on the last page and just to stay away from both `flushend` and `pbalance`, in order to ensure that your paper is layouted identically in IARIA submission and arXiv upload. I hope this remark proves helpful, it took me some nerve to find out.

There is also another important difference between `flushend` and `pbalance`: the handling of footnotes on the last page. `Flushend` provides a decent result, but the result of `pbalance` is incomprehensible. I strongly recommend avoiding footnotes on the last page. If you absolutely need footnotes on the last page, consider staying away from two-column balancing on the last page.

About subfigures: Both well-known packages `subfig` and `subcaption` can be used. However, they are not compatible with each other and we can either load one or the other. Both require dedicated style settings to be compatible with IARIA formatting rules. Thus, the document class provides options to load them for you with correct settings.

In order, to configure table/figure captions correctly for IARIA requirements, the package `caption` is used. There would be other options to achieve this, however, the `babel` package is disruptive to the table label – using package `caption` provides stability to the label configuration against `babel` intervention. There are minor downsides of using `caption` package: it results in a warning about unknown document class that cannot be suppressed, and if you do not use any tables or figures, `caption` package also results in a warning about “unused `captionsetup`” that cannot be suppressed, either.

There is an open issue about cite compression. Currently, `numeric-comp` is used instead of `ieee-comp`. This results in “[7-9]” for cite compression. IARIA would prefer IEEE-style cite compression “[7]-[9]”, which could be accomplished with `ieee-comp`, however, `ieee-comp` is currently not available on Overleaf. Due to the significance of Overleaf to many authors, this has been a hard choice. The cite compression is activated for `biblatex` with option `citestyle`, which must be given at package load time, and is not supported later on by command `ExecuteBibliographyOptions`. Thus, you are bound to my chosen compromise. In case of doubt, you might consider to use my alternative package `iarialite`, which allows you to adjust your bib stack.

## 4 Requirements

We instrument several other L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages for different purposes, which must be available under your installation.

- IEEEtran
- biblatex
- biblatex-ieee
- extdash
- floatrow
- flushend
- fontenc
- graphicx
- hyperref
- inputenc
- orcidlink
- pbalance
- subcaption
- subfig
- times
- url
- xcolor
- xpatch

## 5 The Code

```

1 @echo off
2
3 rem *****
4 rem * author: Christoph P. Neumann
5 rem *****
6 cd /d "%~dp0"
7
8 echo == ..\examples\* ==
9 for /D %%D in (..\examples\*) do (
10  echo == %%D ==
11  xcopy /Y ".\*.cls" "%%~D"
12 )
13
14 pause
15
16
17 % !TeX spellcheck = en-US
18 % LTeX: language=en-US

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19 % !TeX encoding = utf8
20 % !TeX program = pdflatex
21 % !BIB program = biblatex / biber
22
23 % DISCLAIMER: Only for latex/pdflatex in combination with biblatex using a
24 % biber backend. (And neither for XeLaTeX or LuaTeX nor for bibtex or natbib.)
25 % Because to set the required bibliography configuration, the biblatex
26 % package needs to be loaded.
27 % I also need to adjust formatting of ONLINE entries, thus, I have to make
28 % some assumptions to rely on. And inputenc must be loaded before biblatex.
29 % Thus, inputenc, fontenc and biblatex with backend=biber are hard coded part
30 % of this template.
31 % I could remove these from the cls and make this part of the example.tex,
32 % but then it would be less foolproof in my opinion.
33 % I apologize for this opinionated design decision to anyone who is
34 % jeopardised by it.
35 %
36 % I also had to decide whether to hardcode required usage of IEEEtran
37 % "conference" option into my class. I decided against it.
38 % Thus, it is required to use IARIA class like this:
39 % \documentclass[conference]{iaria}.
40 % The iaria class passes all class options (like "conference") to IEEEtran.
41 % The reasoning: There might be a future use case (speculatively) to pass
42 % IEEEtran options like "a4paper", for IARIA purposes (?)
43 % For now, IARIA requires IEEE "conference" option, only.
44
45 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
46
47 \ProvidesClass{iaria}[2026/02/24 IARIA template v0.9.1]
48
49 % Define marker counter for options (counter are global in latex):
50 \newcounter{iaria@subfigtracker}
51 \newcounter{iaria@subcaptiontracker}
52 \newcounter{iaria@pbalancectracker}
53 \newcounter{iaria@flushendtracker}
54
55 % Declare options:
56
57 \DeclareOption{subfig}{
58   \setcounter{iaria@subfigtracker}{1}
59   \typeout{iaria class: subfig option is set (use subfloat command).}
60 }
61 \DeclareOption{subcaption}{
62   \setcounter{iaria@subcaptiontracker}{1}
63   \typeout{iaria class: subcaption option is set (use subfigure command).}
64 }
65
66 % IEEE option onecolumn will be ignored
67 \DeclareOption{onecolumn}{\OptionNotUsed}
68
69 \DeclareOption{pbalance}{
70   \setcounter{iaria@pbalancectracker}{1}
71   \typeout{iaria class: pbalance option is set.}
72 }

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73 \DeclareOption{flushend}{
74   \setcounter{iarialflushendtracker}{1}
75   \typeout{iarial class: flushend option is set.}
76 }
77
78 % We'll pass any document class options along to the underlying class
79 % (required IEEE options: conference! For IARIA purposes.)
80 \DeclareOption*{%
81   \PassOptionsToClass{\CurrentOption}{IEEEtran}
82 }
83
84 % Now we'll execute any options passed in
85 \ProcessOptions\relax
86
87 % Instead of defining each and every little detail
88 % required to create a new document class,
89 % you can base your class on an existing document class.
90 \LoadClass{IEEEtran}
91
92 % Now paste your code from the preamble here.
93 % Replace \usepackage with \RequirePackage.
94 % (The syntax for both commands is the same.)
95
96 \RequirePackage{times} % Times New Roman
97
98 % inputenc must be loaded before biblatex
99 \RequirePackage[utf8]{inputenc}
100
101 % https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/664
102 % /why-should-i-use-RequirePackage1fontenc
103 % Has to be loaded AFTER any font packages.
104 % See https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/2869/9075.
105 \RequirePackage[T1]{fontenc}
106
107 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
108 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
109
110 \RequirePackage{url}
111 \RequirePackage{orcidlink}
112 \RequirePackage{hyperref}
113 \hypersetup{hidelinks,unicode}
114
115 % For cite compression: activated by citestyle, which
116 % must be given at package load time, and is NOT supported
117 % later on by \ExecuteBibliographyOptions
118 \RequirePackage[
119   style=ieee,
120   citestyle=ieee-comp, % by default, activate cite compression
121   backend=biber
122 ]{biblatex}
123 % TODO: numeric-comp results in "[7-9]" and ieee-comp in "[7]-[9]". IARIA requires IEEE-style
124 % However, ieee-comp is relatively new! From the perspective of Overleaf, it is only available
125
126 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires

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127 %   in bibliography: 6+ authors as first author et al.
128 %   in \citeauthor: any case of et al. with just first author et al.
129 % as preamble options of biblatex that may be given after load-time:
130 \ExecuteBibliographyOptions{
131   defernumbers=true,
132   hyperref,
133   maxnames=5,
134   minnames=1,
135   maxcitenames=2,
136   mincitenames=1,
137   %% IARIA requires format for "Accessed: " dates in YYYY-MM-DD
138   %urldate=iso8601, % DEPRECATED, use iso
139   urldate=iso, % iso requires also seconds=true
140   seconds=true
141 }
142
143 % Due to applied option defernumbers=true:
144 % Prevent citations in the references are being numbered as '0' in ArXiv
145 % https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/463556
146 % /all-the-citations-in-the-references-are-being-numbered-as-0-in-arxiv-while-upl
147 \makeatletter
148 \let\blx@rerun@biber\relax
149 \makeatother
150
151 % When using multiple citation keys in the same \cite command,
152 % change IEEEtran "[1], [5], [7]" to IARIA-required "[1][5][7]":
153 \renewcommand*{\multicitedelim}{[]} % for numeric-comp
154 \renewcommand*{\multicitedelim}{%} % for ieee-comp
155 \renewcommand*{\multiciterangedelim}{[]--[]} % only required for numeric-comp, not for ieee-comp
156
157 \renewcommand*{\bibfont}{\small}
158
159 % Zotero generates wrong language fields with wrong "en"
160 % instead of correct "english" option, thus, despite
161 % default biblatex clearlang, the "en" will incorrectly
162 % be printed out, even in english papers.
163 % Make "en" equivalent to "english" and/or its derivatives:
164 \DeclareRedundantLanguages{en}{english,american,british,
165   canadian,australian,newzealand,USenglish,UKenglish}
166
167 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires, for ONLINE entries,
168 % no point but a comma between author and title:
169 % For style=ieee
170 \DeclareBibliographyDriver{online}{%
171   \usebibmacro{bibindex}%
172   \usebibmacro{begentry}%
173   \usebibmacro{author/editor+others/translator+others}
174   \setunit{\labelnamepunct}\newblock
175   \usebibmacro{title}%
176   \newunit
177   \printlist{language}%
178   \newunit\newblock
179   \usebibmacro{byauthor}%
180   \newunit\newblock

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181 \usebibmacro{byeditor+others}%
182 \newunit\newblock
183 \printfield{version}%
184 \newunit
185 \printfield{note}%
186 \newunit\newblock
187 \printlist{organization}
188 \newunit\newblock
189 \usebibmacro{date}%
190 \newunit\newblock
191 \iftoggle{bbx:eprint}
192 {\usebibmacro{eprint}}
193 {}%
194 \newunit\newblock
195 \usebibmacro{url+urldate}%
196 \newunit\newblock
197 \usebibmacro{addendum+pubstate}%
198 \setunit{\bibpagerefpunct}\newblock
199 \usebibmacro{pageref}%
200 \usebibmacro{finentry}}
201
202 \makeatletter
203 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires non-abbreviated references:
204 \renewcommand{\fnum@figure}{Figure~\thefigure}
205 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires 14 point bold Times for the title
206 \renewcommand{\title}[1]{\renewcommand{\@title}{\bfseries\Large #1}}
207 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires "Keywords" instead of "Index Terms":
208 \renewcommand\IEEEkeywordsname{Keywords}
209 \makeatother
210
211 \RequirePackage{xpatch}
212 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires a hyphen after "Keywords"
213 % instead of an emdash:
214 \xpatchcmd\IEEEkeywords{---}{-}{-}{}
215
216 % Diferring from IEEE, IARIA requires also the keywords in Italic
217 % (and Bold)(and lower case!):
218 \let\oldIEEEkeywords\IEEEkeywords
219 \def\IEEEkeywords{\oldIEEEkeywords\itshape\ignorespaces}
220
221 \makeatletter
222 \renewcommand{\IEEEauthorblockN}[1]{%
223 % copied from IEEEtran.cls:
224 \relax\@IEEEauthorblockNstyle% set the default text style
225 \gdef\@IEEEauthorblockXinterlinespace{0pt}% disable strut for spacer row
226 \if@IEEEprevauthorblockincol\expandafter\@IEEEauthorblockNtopspaceline\fi
227 \global\@IEEEprevauthorblockincoltrue% we now have a block in this column
228 \gdef\@IEEEauthorblockXinterlinespace{\@IEEEauthorblockNinterlinespace}%
229 \large
230 #1%
231 \crcr}
232 \makeatother
233
234 % IARIA requires to bring the table caption

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235 % in the same line as label "TABLE I"
236 \usepackage{etoolbox}
237 \makeatletter
238 \patchcmd{\@makecaption}
239   {\}
240   {\.\ }
241   {}
242   {}
243 \makeatother
244
245 % caption is compatible with babel that intervenes with tablename
246 \RequirePackage{caption}
247 % IARIA requires table caption to be
248 % above, centered, with upper case label ('TABLE'), and small caps text.
249 % (note that the caption package is only controlling the look & feel of the captions,
250 % it does not control the placement of the captions.)
251 \captionsetup[table]{
252   style=base,
253   name=TABLE,
254   position=auto, % position option is NOT about forcing the label above/below, but ONLY about
255   justification=centering,
256   labelsep=period,
257   textfont={footnotesize, sc},
258   labelfont=footnotesize}
259 % IARIA requires figure caption to be
260 % below and centered
261 \captionsetup[figure]{
262   style=base,
263   position=auto, % position option is NOT about forcing the label above/below, but ONLY about
264   justification=centering,
265   labelsep=period,
266   font={footnotesize,rm}}
267 % For controlling the placement of the captions
268 % (table: top | figure: bottom), the package caption
269 % recommends to use package floatrow:
270 % (Without floatrow, the positioning is determined by
271 % the textual (!) position of command \label in relation to
272 % includegraphics/begin-tabular; a well-known latex aspect.)
273 \RequirePackage{floatrow}
274 \floatsetup[table]{capposition=top,captionskip=5pt}
275 \floatsetup[figure]{capposition=bottom,captionskip=8pt}
276
277 % IARIA subfigure captions require parentheses and footnotesize:
278 \ifnum\value{iaria@subfigtracker}=1
279   \typeout{iaria class: load subfig package (use subfloat command).}
280   \RequirePackage[caption=false,font=footnotesize]{subfig}
281 \fi
282 \ifnum\value{iaria@subcaptiontracker}=1
283   \typeout{iaria class: load subcaption package (use subfigure command).}
284   \RequirePackage{subcaption}
285   % IARIA requires subfigure caption to number them with
286   % parentheses around latin chars (like "(a)" and "(b)")
287   \captionsetup[subfigure]{labelformat=parens,font=footnotesize}
288 \fi

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289
290 % Balance/level columns at the last page / in bibliography
291 % DISCLAIMER: No solution is a 100%/perfect one!
292 % Mainstream option: pbalance (see https://ctan.org/pkg/pbalance)
293 % BUT: incompatible with arxiv automated process (!)
294 \ifnum\value{iaria@pbalancectracker}=1
295   \typeout{iaria class: load pbalance package.}
296   \RequirePackage{pbalance}
297 \fi
298 % Flushend => works with arxiv, but major incampatibility with lineno
299 % (and, thus, also with mindflow et al.)
300 \ifnum\value{iaria@flushendtracker}=1
301   \typeout{iaria class: load flushend package.}
302   \RequirePackage{flushend}
303 \fi
304
305 % =====
306 % Packages with recommendation to load them last:
307
308 % Allows to hyphenate a word that contains a dash:
309 % https://stackoverflow.com/questions/2193307
310 % /how-do-i-get-latex-to-hyphenate-a-word-that-contains-a-dash
311 % Use \-/ for a breakable dash that does not prevent the
312 % remainder of the word to be hyphenated.
313 \RequirePackage[shortcuts]{extdash}
314 % =====
315
316 % Finally, we'll use \endinput to indicate that LaTeX can stop reading
317 % this file. LaTeX will ignore anything after this line.
318 \endinput

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