Introduction to LaTeX

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Let's do an example!

- Download and open files
- www.prism.gatech.edu/~gte449i/latex/files.zip

Setup document

- `\documentclass[twocolumn,10pt]{article}`
- `\begin{document}`
- `\end{document}`

Add title page

- To preamble:
  - `\title{George P. Burdell: Tech's Mystery Man}`
  - `\author{David R. Reid \thanks{Thank sponsors}}`
  - `\date{\today}`
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  - paragraphs (need blank line between each paragraph)
  - quotation marks (use tick mark for leading quote marks)
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