The mla class*

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Abstract

In the United States, secondary and undergraduate students are generally expected to adhere to the format prescribed by the Modern Language Association (MLA) for typewritten essays, research papers and writings. Sadly, the tool of choice is usually Microsoft Word, even amongst those fluent with $T_E X$.

Though there *are* some templates and tools to aid in writing in the MLA format using LATEX, none fully met the expectations of the author. So *voilà*, there now exists an mla.cls proper: a simple, straightforward class for composing papers almost perfectly adherent to the MLA style guide¹.

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¹Modern Language Association of America. The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 8th ed. Modern Language Association of America, 2016. ISBN: 9781603292627.

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1 Initial code

The mla class uses the article class as its base. Thanks to this, macros such as \textit or \textsuperscript work as expected and won't have to be re-defined.

1 \LoadClass[letterpaper,12pt]{article}

 $\mbox{\label{lambdate}}$

The Handbook requires use of the day month year date format, not TEX's standard month day, year. The macro \mladate will format \today accordingly to be used as the default value for \date (see section 5.1).

```
2 \neq 2 
      \theta \
3
      \ifcase\the\month
4
5
          \or January
          \or February
6
          \or March
7
          \or April
8
          \or May
9
          \or June
10
11
          \or July
12
          \or August
13
          \or September
```

```
\or October
                     14
                                \or November
                     15
                                \or December
                     16
                            \fi
                     17
                            \the\year
                     18
                     19 }
                     The following are true/false switches to toggle certain features.
        \MLA@seven
        \MLA@eight
                     20 \newif\ifMLA@seven
     \MLA@eightalt
                     21 \newif\ifMLA@eight
      \MLA@figures
                     22 \newif\ifMLA@eightalt
        \MLA@notes 23 \newif\ifMLA@figures
                    24 \newif\ifMLA@notes
    \MLA@microtype
                     25 \newif\ifMLA@microtype
  \MLA@paperheader
                     26 \newif\ifMLA@paperheader
   \MLA@pageheader
                     27 \newif\ifMLA@pageheader
\MLA@plainheadings
                     28 \newif\ifMLA@plainheadings
     \MLA@fullpage
                     29 \newif\ifMLA@fullpage
```

2 Options

Some teachers and professors might still require using the seventh edition of the Handbook, while others will likely use the eighth edition. Which edition to implement can be explicitly specified with the mla7 and mla8 class options. The only difference this makes within the mla class itself is the citation format used by biblatex.

```
30 \end{ared} $1 \end{ared}
```

Some versions of biblatex-mla might not recognize the style=mla-new option for the eighth edition. In this case, one can specify mla8alt to the mla class.

```
{\tt 32 \ NeclareOption\{mla8alt\}{MLA@sevenfalse\ MLA@eightfalse\ MLA@eightfals
```

For those who do not plan on using figures and/or footnotes, some time (and dependency disk space) might be saved by using the nofigures and/or nonotes options, as they are enabled by default.

```
33 \MLA@figurestrue
34 \MLA@notestrue
35 \DeclareOption{nofigures}{\MLA@figuresfalse}
36 \DeclareOption{nonotes}{\MLA@notesfalse}
```

The microtype package can be optionally included with the microtype option to offset the pain of using the Times typeface.

```
37 \DeclareOption{microtype}{\MLA@microtypetrue}
```

For rare cases in which the paper and page headers are omitted or must be custom, the options nopaperheader and nopageheader may be used respectively, or noheaders to omit both.

```
38 \MLA@paperheadertrue
```

```
{\tt 39} \verb|\MLA@pageheadertrue|\\
```

- 40 \DeclareOption{nopaperheader}{\MLA@paperheaderfalse}

For professors and/or writers who desire to format the section headings manually and individually (and forego \titleformat{}, the plainheadings option may be used.

- 43 \MLA@plainheadingsfalse
- 44 \DeclareOption{plainheadings}{\MLA@plainheadingstrue}

Another edge case is in which a professor may require strict 24-line papers, i. e. explicitly allowing orphans and widows, enabled using the fullpage option¹.

- 45 \MLA@fullpagefalse
- 46 \DeclareOption{fullpage}{\MLA@fullpagetrue}

2.1 Processing

A friendly warning will be provided when an unknown option is provided.

```
47 \DeclareOption*{% 48 \ClassWarning{mla}{Unknown option '\CurrentOption'; ignoring} 49 }
```

By default, the eighth edition of the *Handbook* is used. To future-proof your documents for upcoming editions, however, it may be wise to explicitly specify mla8.

- 50 \ExecuteOptions{mla8}
- 51 \ProcessOptions\relax

3 Loading packages

The mla class requires the following packages²:

- 52 \RequirePackage{enumitem}
- 53 \RequirePackage{fancyhdr}
- 54 \RequirePackage{fullpage}
- 55 \RequirePackage{ragged2e}
- $56 \ensuremath{\mbox{\sc NequirePackage}} \{newtxtext\}$
- 57 \RequirePackage{titlesec}
- 58 \RequirePackage{xstring}

The following consists of prerequisites for biblatex-mla:

- 59 \RequirePackage[american]{babel}
- 60 \RequirePackage{csquotes}
- 61 \RequirePackage{hanging}

 $^{^{1}}$ In versions of mlacls prior to v0.9, disallowing widows and orphans was default behavior.

²All of the required packages are available for download on the Comprehensive TeX Archive Network (CTAN) if unavailable on your system: https://www.ctan.org/.

And finally, biblatex. The mla class options dictate what options are passed to biblatex, hence the *if-then* clauses.

```
\RequirePackage[style=mla7,noremoteinfo=false,
63
                       backend=biber]{biblatex}
64
65 \fi
66 \ifMLA@eight
       \RequirePackage[style=mla-new,noremoteinfo=false,
67
                       backend=biber]{biblatex}
68
69 \fi
70 \ifMLA@eightalt
      \RequirePackage[style=mla,noremoteinfo=false,
71
72
                       backend=biber]{biblatex}
73 \fi
   The caption, float and graphicx packages are loaded by default, but can be
disabled using the nofigures option.
74 \ifMLA@figures
      \RequirePackage{caption}
75
      \RequirePackage{float}
76
       \RequirePackage{graphicx}
77
78\fi
   Likewise, the enotez package can be disabled with nonotes.
79 \ifMLA@notes
      \RequirePackage{enotez}
80
81 \fi
   The microtype package is loaded if the microtype option is specified.
82 \ifMLA@microtype
83
       \RequirePackage{microtype}
84 \fi
   For some reason, common practice is to load hyperref last of all packages.
85 \RequirePackage{hyperref}
```

4 Document layout

86 \hypersetup{hidelinks,pdfusetitle}

4.1 Font

62 \ifMLA@seven

The newtxtext package was already loaded in section 3, and the font was set to 12pt when loading the article class in section 1. This should be metric-compatible with the infamous Times New Roman, the *de facto* standard of the MLA format¹.

¹According to the popular, oft-referenced Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html.

4.1.1 Microtype

The microtype package (if loaded as in section 3) will marginally offset the burden of using Times by correcting its ugly kerning and tracking. The vague activate=false below simply disables protrusion, maintaining original line and page breaks.

```
87 \ifMLA@microtype
88 \microtypesetup{activate=false}
89 \fi
```

4.2 Line breaking and spacing

The *Handbook* prescribes exact double-spacing, the definition of which varies between typesetters. With these parameters exact, LATEX produces 23 lines of text whereas the "industry standard" Microsoft Word¹ produces 24. To compensate, line spacing is set to *just enough*:

```
90 \linespread{1.905}
```

Though not explicitly denounced in the *Handbook*, most MLA-style papers don't hyphenate or adjust spacing for pretty typesetting.

```
91 \hyphenpenalty=10000
92 \pretolerance=10000
```

4.3 Paragraphing

The *Handbook* specifies half-inch first-line indentation for every paragraph and no extra spacing in between.

```
93 \setlength{\parindent}{0.5in}
94 \setlength{\RaggedRightParindent}{\parindent}
95 \setlength{\parskip}{0em}
96 \setlength{\topsep}{0em}
97 \setlength{\partopsep}{0em}
```

TeX does not indent the first paragraph after headings by default. Thankfully, the fix for this is simple.

```
98 \let\@afterindentfalse\@afterindenttrue 99 \@afterindenttrue
```

Orphans and widows are explicitly banned². For the odd case in which papers must be consistently 24 lines (i. e. explicitly allowing orphans and widows), the fullpage option may be used (see section 2).

```
100 \ifMLA@fullpage

101 \widowpenalty=0

102 \clubpenalty=0

103 \interlinepenalty=0

104 \else
```

¹Microsoft Word 97 through 2016, and likely following versions as well.

 $^{^2}$ According to the MLA itself: https://style.mla.org/orphaned-words/

```
105 \widowpenalty=10000
106 \clubpenalty=10000
107 \fi
```

As a heinous crime against the art of typesetting, the *Handbook* advises flush-left/ragged-right alignment. (This is acheived with the ragged2e package.)

```
108 \RaggedRight
```

noindent

The noindent environment doesn't work as expected in conjunction with ragged2e, hence the re-definition.

```
109 \renewenvironment{noindent}{%
110     \edef\tmpind{\parindent}
111     \setlength{\parindent}{0pt}
112 }{%
113     \setlength{\parindent}{\tmpind}
114     \undef{\tmpind}
115 }
```

4.4 Page layout

With few exceptions, the US uses "letter-size" paper. The paper size was already set when loading the article class in section 1.

Furthermore, the *Handbook* dictates uniform one-inch margins on said paper. This was already set by the fullpage package as loaded in section 3. The \textheight and \textwidth definitions are here just for good measure.

```
116 \setlength{\textheight}{9in}
117 \setlength{\textwidth}{6.5in}
```

4.5 Running head

The running head in MLA style is simply the author's surname (if defined) followed by the current page number, right-aligned, unless specified otherwise using the nopageheader option (see section 2). This is managed using the fancyhdr and xstring packages.

```
118 \fancypagestyle{norule}{%
        \renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{Opt}
119
120
        \renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{Opt}
121 }
122 \fancyhf{}
123 \pagestyle{headings}
124 \pagestyle{norule}
125 \ifMLA@pageheader
        \ifx\@author\@empty
126
127
            \fancyhead[RO]{\thepage}
128
            \fancyhead[RO]{{\StrBehind{\@author}{ }[\last]\last} \thepage}
129
130
       \fi
131 \fi
```

The following code is largely a hack to align the header in the middle of the one-inch margin above the body text.

```
132 \setlength{\headheight}{18pt}
133 \setlength{\headsep}{12pt}
134 \setlength{\voffset}{-34pt}
```

5 Document markup

5.1 The header

\title The \title, \author and \date macros work as expected. However, if your \author surname contains a space, you must contain the surname in braces as such: \date \author{Ludwig {van Beethoven}}. This keeps the full surname in the running head (see section 4.5).

The following header commands are unique to the mla class.

\professor The instructor who assigned the paper, i.e. Dr. Marjorie Stewart.

 $135 \ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{1}}} [1] \ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{0}}}} [2] \ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{0}}} [2] \ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{0}}} [2] \ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{0}}} [2] \ensuremath{\mbox{0}} [2] \ensuremat$

\course The course for which this paper was assigned, i.e. ENGL 101-02.

136 \newcommand*{\course}[1]{\gdef\@course{#1}}

To prevent undefined behavior, the internal macros used to store the above information are set empty, except for \date. (Note the use of \mladate; see section 1.)

```
137 \title{}
138 \author{}
139 \professor{}
140 \course{}
141 \date{\mladate}
```

\makemlaheader

This command finally prints out the standard four-line MLA header, as well as the title.

```
142 \newcommand{\makemlaheader}{%

143 \begin{noindent}

144 \ifx\Qauthor\Qempty\else\Qauthor\\fi

145 \ifx\Qprofessor\Qempty\else\Qprofessor\\fi

146 \ifx\Qcourse\Qempty\else\Qcourse\\fi

147 \ifx\Qdate\Qempty\else\Qdate\\fi

148 \ifx\Qtitle\Qempty\else\begin{center}\Qtitle\end{center}\fi

149 \end{noindent}

150 % for some reason, this blank line is necessary

151 }
```

For simplicity's sake, \maketitle is directly aliased to \makemlaheader.

 $152 \verb|\maketitle|{\makemlaheader}|$

Finally, the header will print at the beginning of every document unless specified otherwise using the nopaperheader option (see section 2).

```
153 \ifMLA@paperheader
        \AtBeginDocument{\maketitle}
154
155 \fi
```

5.2Sectioning

\section \subsection \subsubsection Section headings are neither defined nor discouraged in the Handbook, though commonly used in longer papers. Customary section headings are rather straightforward, consisting of the section number in Arabic numerals, a space, and the section name with no special decoration¹.

However, for the sake of clarity, the section headings in this class will be set in small-caps by default. Plain, unnumbered and entirely unformatted section headings can be acheived using the plainheadings option (see section 2). For custom headings other than these, refer to the fancyhdr package documentation.

```
156 \renewcommand{\thesection}{\@arabic\c@section}
157 \renewcommand{\thesubsection}{\thesection.\@arabic\c@subsection}
158 \renewcommand{\thesubsubsection}{\thesubsection.\@arabic\c@subsubsection}
```

Un-fancifying the headings is acheived using the titlesec package.

```
159 \ifMLA@plainheadings
       \titleformat{\section}[block]{\normalsize}{}{0pt}{}[]
160
161
       \titleformat{\subsection}[block]{\normalsize}{}{0pt}{}[]
162
       \titleformat{\subsubsection}[block]{\normalsize}{}{0pt}{}[]
163 \else
164
       \titleformat{\section}[block]{\normalsize\sc}{\thetitle.\enspace}{0pt}{}[]
165
       \titleformat{\subsection}[block]{\normalsize\sc}{\thetitle.\enspace}{0pt}{}[]
       \titleformat{\subsubsection}[block]{\normalsize\sc}{\thetitle.\enspace}{0pt}{}[]
166
167 \fi
168 \titlespacing*{\section}{0pt}{0pt}{0pt}
169 \titlespacing*{\subsection}{0pt}{0pt}{0pt}
170 \titlespacing*{\subsubsection}{0pt}{0pt}{0pt}
171 \titlelabel{}
172 \patchcmd{\ttl@select}{\strut}{}{}{}
173 \patchcmd{\ttlh@hang}{\strut}{}{}{}
174 \patchcmd{\ttlh@hang}{\strut}{}{}{}
```

5.3 Lists

itemize enumerate To the user, itemize and enumerate lists will function exactly as expected. However, the formatting of the lists must be modified as to preserve double-spacing and adhere to common practice²; these changes are acheived using the enumitem package.

According to the popular, oft-referenced OWL: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_ $\label{lem:citation_mla_style_mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html.} \\ ^2 According to the MLA itself: https://style.mla.org/vertical-lists-in-mla-style/. \\$

```
175 \setlist[itemize]{%
176
       parsep=0pt,
       itemsep=Opt,
177
       topsep=0pt,
178
        leftmargin=\parindent
179
180 }
181 \setlist[enumerate] {%
182
       parsep=0pt,
       itemsep=0pt,
183
       topsep=Opt,
184
        leftmargin=\parindent
185
186 }
```

5.4 Block quotation

blockquote

The *Handbook* dictates blockquotes be set flush a half-inch from the left margin with no extra space on the right. The existing blockquote environment is re-defined for this purpose.

```
187 \renewenvironment{blockquote}{%
188  \list{}{\leftmargin 0.5in}
189  \item[]
190  \setlength{\parindent}{0.5in}
191  \vspace{-\topsep}
192 }{%
193  \endlist
194  \vspace{-\topsep}
195 }
```

5.5 Figures and tables

The *Handbook* doesn't specify much of anything about the actual formatting of figures or tables or their captions, so the following is mostly based on the package author's personal preference and observations.

figure Centered figures with margins the equivalent of one line of text seems customary table and logical.

```
196 \ifMLA@figures
197   \setlength{\floatsep}{\baselineskip}
198   \setlength{\intextsep}{\baselineskip}
199   \setlength{\textfloatsep}{\baselineskip}
200   \g@addto@macro\@floatboxreset\centering
201 \fi
```

Thanks to a bug inherited from the here package which has remained unfixed since 1987¹, there is not only extra space after the figure but the inability to insert a figure within a paragraph. Miraculously, there is a fix for this².

¹See the \par on p. 11, line 249 of ltfloat.dtx from the LATEX kernel.

²See David Carlisle's answer on T_EX SE: https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/310793

```
202 \ifMLA@figures
203 \renewcommand{\float@endH}{%
204 \vspace{-12pt}
205 \@endfloatbox\vskip\intextsep
206 \if@flstyle\setbox\@currbox\float@makebox\columnwidth\fi
207 \box\@currbox\vskip\intextsep\relax\@doendpe
208 }
209 \fi
```

caption Un-fancifying the caption is acheived using the caption package.

```
210 \ifMLA@figures
        \captionsetup{%
211
            font={normalfont},
212
213
            labelformat=simple,
214
            labelsep=period,
215
            position=bottom,
216
            aboveskip=6pt,
            belowskip=-10pt
217
218
        }
219 \fi
```

In the author's personal experience, most MLA-style papers use Fig. and not Figure.

```
220 \ifMLA@figures
221 \captionsetup[figure] {name=Fig.}
222 \fi
```

5.6 Paper sections

5.6.1 Paper

paper The main content; the body. This environment exists only for a logical division and does nothing special.

223 \newenvironment{paper}{}{}

5.6.2 Endnotes

notes Endnotes can be typeset manually or with the supported enotez package¹.

```
224 \newenvironment{notes}{%
225 \newpage
226 \begin{noindent}
227 \pdfbookmark[0]{Notes}{notes}
228 \begin{center}Notes\end{center}
229 \end{noindent}
230 }{}
```

¹Refer to the **enotez** documentation for instructions.

To correctly format endnotes per common practice¹, a custom mlanotes list type will be created. This is acheived with the enumitem package.

```
231 \in MLA@notes
        \newlist{mlanotes}{description}{1}
232
233
        \setlist[mlanotes]{%
            parsep=0pt,
234
            itemsep=0pt,
235
            topsep=0pt,
236
            leftmargin=\parindent
237
       }
238
239 \fi
```

The following initializes the enotez package to use the mlanotes list format.

```
240 \ifMLA@notes
241 \DeclareInstance{enotez-list}{mla}{list}{%}
242 heading = {},
243 format = \normalsize\normalfont,
244 list-type = mlanotes
245 }
246 \setenotez{list-name={},list-style=mla,backref}
247 \fi
```

5.6.3 Bibliography

workscited The bibliography can be typeset manually or with the supported biblatex package².

The Handbook prescribes a half-inch hanging indent on all bibliography entries. This is achieved by setting the \bibhang length defined by the biblatex package.

256 \setlength{\bibhang}{\parindent}

A Example usage

Following is a basic LATEX document using the mla class. The document is composed of a text file, mla-example.tex, and a biblatex bibliography file, mla-example.bib.

¹According to the popular, oft-referenced OWL: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_endnotes_and_footnotes.

²Refer to the biblatex documentation for instructions.

A.1 mla-example.tex

\documentclass[mla8]{mla}

\title{Sample MLA Document}
\author{John Doe}
\professor{Dr.\ Suzie Que}
\course{\LaTeX\ 101}
\date{\mladate} % see docs for '\mladate'

% The .bib file (explained later) must be included in the preamble \addbibresource{mla-example.bib}

\begin{document}

\begin{paper}

This is an example document using ''mla.cls''.

The header is automatically printed upon using the ''paper'' class, which is why there is no ''\textbackslash{} maketitle''.

\section{Professors who prefer sections}

Sometimes, research papers can become unmanageably lengthy. In that case, section headings can help divide up the ideas to make it more accessible to the reader. Though this paper is short, section headings are employed as an example of the ''mla'' class' capabilities.

Some professors may explicitly require or denounce use of headings. Dr.\ Suzie Que of Anytown, PA requires they be used for anything longer than five pages:

\begin{blockquote}

John---so help me God---if you turn in another twenty-page research paper with no logical breaks I will hang you at the stake. Even though the MLA style guide doesn't say anything about section headings, they're not actually prohibited.

So, if you turn in \emph{anything} longer than five pages to me and there isn't a \emph{single} break or section heading, I will dock your grade to an F.

Capisce? \cite{que2019}
\end{blockquote}

Despite her language, she does have a point to say.

\subsection{Subsections}

```
Alongside regular top-level sections, one can use
''\textbackslash{}subsection'' commands too\endnote{Section commands
in ''mla.cls'' work identical to those of the ''article'' class. }.
\section{Lists}
Vertical lists are a rarity in MLA format, but if one so pleases,
they can be used.
The ''itemize'', ''enumerate'' and ''description'' lists
work just as expected, even with sublists.
\begin{itemize}
\item A bogus item
\item Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. This item has a bunch of text
just so it covers more than one line in the paper and shows
proper indentation.
\item Last item!
\begin{enumerate}
\item Just kidding; there's a subitem. And it's a number!
\end{enumerate}
\item Okay, now it's the last item.
\end{itemize}
\section{Figures}
On rare occasions, you might have to use figures or tables
in your paper.
Good news is the ''figure'' and ''table'' environments
work exactly as expected!
Just make sure to use ''\textbackslash{}begin\{figure\}[H]''
if you want the image to stay exactly where you put it.
\begin{figure}[H]
\includegraphics[width=0.5\linewidth]{mla-example-image}
\caption{A scene from atop Spruce Knob, West Virginia}
\end{figure}
And yes, I shamelessly used my own image.
\section{Using endnotes}
As one may notice, the above subsection used an endnote.
These can simply be cited with
''Yada yada text\textbackslash{}endnote\{more info\ldots\}.''
Endnotes can be easily printed in correct format by calling
''\textbackslash{}printendnotes'' within the
"'notes', environment.
```

```
\section{Using bibliographies}
Dr.\ Suzie Que was cited in the above blockquote.
The ins-and-outs of ''biblatex'' will not be explained in this
document, so please refer to online documentation such as the
"BibLaTeX Cheat Sheet".
Just as with the endnotes,
the bibliography can be easily printed in correct format by calling
''\textbackslash{}printbibliography[heading=none]', within the
"workscited" environment.
(The ''heading=none'' part is important; the ''workscited'' environment
already prints one.)
\end{paper}
\begin{notes}
\printendnotes
\end{notes}
\begin{workscited}
\printbibliography[heading=none]
\end{workscited}
\end{document}
A.2
      mla-example.bib
@article{que2019,
    author = {Suzie Que},
    title = {Notice to all students},
    journaltitle = {Anytown High School Homepage},
    publisher = {County Board of Education},
    date = \{2019-04-20\},
    howpublished = {Web},
    urldate = {2019-04-21}
}
@online{price2018,
    author = {Seth Price},
    title = {Spruce Knob Overlook},
    publisher = {Instagram},
```

```
date = {2018-07-20},
howpublished = {Web},
url = {https://www.instagram.com/p/Bleocv-hknc/},
urldate = {2019-05-29}
}
```

B Change history

v0.2	notes: Changed default endnotes
\makemlaheader: Changed date	format to mla 11
format to day month year 8	Changed endnotes list type to
\mladate: Added macro 2	custom mlaendnotes list 11
\section: Changed heading to	Removed extra \vspace 11
small-caps 9	itemize: Added list type 9
\subsection: Changed heading to	v0.4.1
small-caps 9	\makemlaheader: Changed date
Properly formatted 9	format back to whatever is
\subsubsection: Changed heading	inside \@date 8
to small-caps 9	v0.5
Properly formatted 9	General: Changed options parser to
General: Added support for PDF	use toggle-switch commands in
metadata 4	the style of default \LaTeX classes 3
Hid hyperlink boxes in PDF	Moved header-printing process to
output 4	$\verb \AtBeginDocument 1 9$
blockquote: Countered	paper: Removed \newpage 11
unexplained vertical space after	workscited: Moved \newpage to
environment 10	beginning of environment 12
workscited: Countered	notes: Moved \newpage to
unexplained vertical space after	beginning of environment 11
heading	v0.6
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v0.3	Explicitly set \partopset to 0pt 6
General: Added mla8alt option 3	table: Properly formatted 10
Improved options parsing to	caption: Properly formatted 11
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undefined behavior 3	v0.7
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with newtxtext 4	list 2
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· -	package to only load through
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24 lines per page 6	in other classes 3
Disabled microtype protrusion 6	Copied code from indentfirst to
enumerate: Added list type 9	reduce dependency count 6

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spacing from 16pt to 10pt 12 v0.8 General: Removed extraneous spacing and newlines in section headings 9 v0.9 \makemlaheader: Changed to ignore (not print) undefined header macros 8 Fix weird bug where paragraph immediately after	Added nopaperheader, nopageheader and noheaders options to enable omission of paper headers, page headers or both paper and page headers	
	respectively	3
	Added plainheadings option to forego small-caps and auto-numbering in section	
	headings	4
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