

# The dictsym package for LaTeX

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The PostScript font ‘DictSym’ (designed by Georg Verweyen) provides a number of symbols commonly found in dictionaries. The macro package `dictsym` serves to use of this font with LaTeX. It provides the following commands to print the symbols of the font:

	<code>\dsarchitectural</code>		<code>\dsmathematical</code>
	<code>\dsbiological</code>		<code>\dsrailways</code>
	<code>\dschemical</code>		<code>\dstechnical</code>
	<code>\dsagricultural</code>		<code>\dsmilitary</code>
	<code>\ds heraldical</code>		<code>\dsaeronautical</code>
	<code>\dsjuridical</code>		<code>\dscommercial</code>
	<code>\dsliterary</code>		<code>\dsmedical</code>

By default, the symbols are typeset at the same nominal font size as the surrounding text. When the package is loaded with the option `[scaled=scale]`, the DictSym font will be scaled by the indicated factor. For instance,

```
\usepackage[scaled=1.1]{dictsym}
```

will enlarge the symbols by 10%. Thus, you can make the ‘dictionary symbols’ match exactly the optical appearance of the surrounding typeface. The above table shows the symbols at 150% of their natural size.