

# mindflow, write your ideas in a clear way

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The mindflow package provides you a way to write your ideas and annotations clearly. For example, with the options `linenumber` and `rightmarker`, you will get something like:

```
1 What to write next: *
2     • usage: the initialization, options and configuration; *
3     • an example; *
4     • some word on the line numbering feature; *
5     • some internal macros; *
6     • the complete code. *
```

## 2. USAGE

### 2.1 Initialization

Simply load the package with

```
\usepackage{mindflow}
```

There are a few options available, which are listed in the next subsection.

### 2.2 Options

By default, the environment has no line numbers or markers. You can use the following options (they can be specified directly, like `off`, or as a boolean optional, like `off=false`):

<code>linenumber</code>	Same as <code>leftlinenumber</code>
<code>leftlinenumber</code>	Enable left line numbers
<code>rightlinenumber</code>	Enable right line numbers
<code>leftmarker</code>	Enable left marker, by default it is a “*”
<code>rightmarker</code>	Enable right marker, by default it is a “*”
<code>incolumn</code> or <code>twocolumn</code>	The separation line would fit in the column ( <i>automatically applied in two-column documents</i> )
<code>off</code> , <code>on</code>	Turn the mindflow environments <i>off</i> or <i>on</i>

`{mindflow}` Then you can use the mindflow environment as

```
\begin{mindflow}
  <text>
\end{mindflow}
```

### 2.3 The configuration

`\mindflowset` You can use `\mindflowset{<configuration>}` to configure the mindflow environment. The following keys are provided:

<code>left</code>	The left marker
<code>right</code>	The right marker
<code>textcolor</code>	Color of the text
<code>numcolor</code>	Color of line numbers
<code>markercolor</code>	Color of the markers
<code>linecolor</code>	Color of the separation line

<code>textfont</code>	Font of the text
<code>numfont</code>	Font of line numbers
<code>markerfont</code>	Font of the marker
<code>lineheight</code>	Height of the separation line

Additionally, all the options mentioned in the previous section can be set with `\mindflowset`.

### 3. AN EXAMPLE

With the following settings:

```
\mindflowset{
  leftlinenumber, rightlinenumber,
  leftmarker, rightmarker,
  linecolor = green!50!black,
  textcolor = blue!50!cyan,
  numcolor = red!50!orange,
  markercolor = orange,
  textfont = \footnotesize\sffamily\itshape,
  numfont = \small\footnotesize\ttfamily,
  markerfont = \footnotesize\sffamily,
  left = \hspace{1em}\(\succ\),
  right = \(\prec\)\hspace{1em},
  lineheight = 1pt
}
```

One will have something like this:

7	>	<i>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Etiam lobortis facilisis sem. Nullam nec mi et neque pharetra</i>	<	7
8	>	<i>sollicitudin. Praesent imperdiet mi nec ante. Donec ullamcorper, felis non sodales commodo, lectus velit ultrices augue, a</i>	<	8
9	>	<i>dignissim nibh lectus placerat pede. Vivamus nunc nunc, molestie ut, ultricies vel, semper in, velit. Ut porttitor. Praesent</i>	<	9
10	>	<i>in sapien. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Duis fringilla tristique neque. Sed interdum libero ut</i>	<	10
11	>	<i>metus. Pellentesque placerat. Nam rutrum augue a leo. Morbi sed elit sit amet ante lobortis sollicitudin. Praesent blandit</i>	<	11
12	>	<i>blandit mauris. Praesent lectus tellus, aliquet aliquam, luctus a, egestas a, turpis. Mauris lacinia lorem sit amet ipsum.</i>	<	12
13	>	<i>Nunc quis urna dictum turpis accumsan semper.</i>	<	13

### 4. ABOUT THE LINE NUMBERS

1 You can also add line numbers to the other part of your document in the usual way. For  
 2 example, line numbers have been turned on for this paragraph with `\linenumbers`.

14 Line numbers within the mindflow environments are independent from those of the main text. \*

3 *(I recommend that you put an empty line before and after the mindflow environments, i.e. make the*  
 4 *mindflow environment a paragraph of its own. This way, your paragraph structure won't get changed*  
 5 *when you use the off option.)*

The feature of line numbering is provided by the package `lineno`. You can read its documentation to learn more about it. Notice that, by default, displayed equations are not numbered. You can add the following line before `\usepackage{mindflow}`:

```
\PassOptionsToPackage{mathlines}{lineno}
```

to enable the line numbers for displayed equations.

15	$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$	*
16	$(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$	*

## 5. SOME T<sub>E</sub>XNICAL DETAILS

<code>\mindflowTextFont</code>	The font for text, line numbers and markers within the <code>mindflow</code> environments can be specified by redefining <code>\mindflowTextFont</code> , <code>\mindflowNumFont</code> and <code>\mindflowMarkerFont</code> . By default, they are defined as:
<code>\mindflowNumFont</code>	
<code>\mindflowMarkerFont</code>	
	<hr/> <pre>\newcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize} \newcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily} \newcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}</pre> <hr/>
<code>\mindflowLeft</code> <code>\mindflowRight</code>	The left and right markers is defined by <code>\mindflowLeft</code> and <code>\mindflowRight</code> . Both have the default value <code>""</code> .
<code>\mindflowLineHeight</code>	The height of the separation lines is a length macro named <code>\mindflowLineHeight</code> , with default value <code>0.4pt</code> . You can change this with <code>\setlength</code> .
<code>mindflowLine</code> <code>mindflowText</code> <code>mindflowNum</code> <code>mindflowMarker</code>	And finally, the colors for the separation lines, text, line numbers and markers within the <code>mindflow</code> environments are called <code>mindflowLine</code> , <code>mindflowText</code> , <code>mindflowNum</code> and <code>mindflowMarker</code> , respectively. By default, they have the same color as the context, with opacity 30% for the separation lines, text and markers, and 8% for the line numbers.

## 6. THE SAME EXAMPLE

With option `leftlinenumber`, `rightlinenumber`, `leftmarker`, `rightmarker` and the following settings:

---

```
\colorlet{mindflowLine}{green!50!black}
\colorlet{mindflowText}{blue!50!cyan}
\colorlet{mindflowNum}{red!50!orange}
\colorlet{mindflowMarker}{orange}
\renewcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize\sffamily\itshape}
\renewcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\small\footnotesize\ttfamily}
\renewcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\footnotesize\sffamily}
\renewcommand{\mindflowLeft}{\hspace{1em}\(\succ\)}
\renewcommand{\mindflowRight}{\(\prec\)\hspace{1em}}
\setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{1pt}
```

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One will get the same result as in the previous example.

## 7. IMPLEMENTATION

Below is the complete source code of this package.

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```
1 \RequirePackage{kvoptions}
2 \SetupKeyvalOptions{%
3     family = @mindflow,
4     prefix = @mindflow@
5 }
6 \DeclareBoolOption[true]{on}           % Turn on mindflow
7 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{off}        % Turn off mindflow
8 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{leftmarker} % Left marker
9 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{rightmarker} % Right marker
10 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{linenumber} % Left line numbers
11 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{leftlinenumber} % Left line numbers
12 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{rightlinenumber} % Right line numbers
13 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{twocolumn} % Two column
```

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14 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{incolumn}           % Separation line fits in column
15
16 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*\relax
17
18 \if@mindflow@on
19   \@mindflow@offfalse
20 \fi
21 \if@mindflow@twocolumn
22   \@mindflow@incolumntrue
23 \fi
24 \if@mindflow@linenumber
25   \@mindflow@leftlinenumbertrue
26 \fi
27
28 %%=====
29 %% Initialization
30 %%=====
31 \RequirePackage{lineno}
32 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
33
34 \colorlet{mfSavedColor}{.}
35 \colorlet{mindflowLine}{mfSavedColor!30}
36 \colorlet{mindflowText}{mfSavedColor!30}
37 \colorlet{mindflowMarker}{mfSavedColor!30}
38 \colorlet{mindflowNum}{mfSavedColor!8}
39
40 \newcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize}
41 \newcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
42 \newcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
43 \newcommand{\mindflowLeft}{*}
44 \newcommand{\mindflowRight}{*}
45 \newlength{\mindflowLineHeight}
46 \setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{0.4pt}
47
48 %%=====
49 %% The mindflow environment
50 %%=====
51 \RequirePackage{nowidow}
52 \RequirePackage{verbatim}
53 \newif\ifLNturnsON
54 \newcommand*{\mfSepLine}{%
55   \parskip=0pt
56   \nowidow[3]\par\nobreak%
57   \LNturnsONfalse%
58   \ifLineNumbers\LNturnsONtrue\fi\nolinenumbers%
59   \vspace*{-.5\baselineskip}%
60   \if@mindflow@incolumn%
61     \makebox[\linewidth]{\color{mindflowLine}\rule{\linewidth}{\mindflowLineHeight}}%
62   \else%
63     \hspace*{-\paperwidth}%
64     \makebox[\linewidth]{\color{mindflowLine}\rule{4\paperwidth}{\mindflowLineHeight}}%
65   \fi%
66   \nowidow[3]\par\nobreak%
67   \ifLNturnsON\linenumbers\fi%

```

```

68 }
69
70 \newcounter{recordLN}
71 \newcounter{mfLN}
72 \setcounter{mfLN}{1}
73
74 \let\mindflowOFF=\comment
75 \let\endmindflowOFF=\endcomment
76
77 \def\mindflowON{%
78   \medskip%
79   \setcounter{recordLN}{\value{linenumber}}%
80   \setcounter{linenumber}{\value{mfLN}}%
81   \LNturnsONfalse%
82   \ifLineNumbers\LNturnsONtrue\fi\nolinenumbers%
83   \mfSepLine%
84   \normalfont\mindflowTextFont\color{mindflowText}%
85   \linenumbers%
86   \renewcommand{\makeLineNumber}{%
87     \hss%
88     \if@mindflow@leftlinenumber%
89       \normalfont\mindflowNumFont\color{mindflowNum}\LineNumber\hspace{1em}
90     %
91     \fi%
92     \color{mindflowMarker}%
93     \if@mindflow@leftmarker%
94       \normalfont\mindflowMarkerFont\mindflowLeft\hspace{1em}%
95     \fi%
96     \rlap{\hskip\textwidth%
97       \if@mindflow@rightmarker%
98         \hspace{1em}\mindflowRight%
99       \fi%
100      \if@mindflow@rightlinenumber%
101        \hspace{1em}%
102        \normalfont\mindflowNumFont\color{mindflowNum}\LineNumber%
103      \fi%
104    }%
105  }%
106 \def\endmindflowON{%
107   \mfSepLine%
108   \ifLNturnsON\linenumbers\fi%
109   \setcounter{mfLN}{\value{linenumber}}%
110   \setcounter{linenumber}{\value{recordLN}}%
111   \medskip%
112 }
113
114 \if@mindflow@off
115   \let\mindflow=\mindflowOFF
116   \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowOFF
117 \else
118   \let\mindflow=\mindflowON
119   \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowON
120 \fi
121
122 %%=====

```

```

123 %% \mindflowset
124 %%=====
125 \define@key{mindflow}{on}[true]{%
126   \csname @mindflow@on#1\endcsname%
127   \if@mindflow@off%
128     \let\mindflow=\mindflowOFF%
129     \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowOFF%
130   \else%
131     \let\mindflow=\mindflowON%
132     \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowON%
133   \fi%
134 }
135 \define@key{mindflow}{off}[true]{%
136   \csname @mindflow@off#1\endcsname%
137   \if@mindflow@off%
138     \let\mindflow=\mindflowOFF%
139     \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowOFF%
140   \else%
141     \let\mindflow=\mindflowON%
142     \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowON%
143   \fi%
144 }
145 \define@key{mindflow}{leftmarker}[true]{\csname @mindflow@leftmarker#1\
  \endcsname}
146 \define@key{mindflow}{rightmarker}[true]{\csname @mindflow@rightmarker#1\
  \endcsname}
147 \define@key{mindflow}{linenumber}[true]{\csname @mindflow@linenumber#1\
  \endcsname}
148 \define@key{mindflow}{leftlinenumber}[true]{\csname
  @mindflow@leftlinenumber#1\endcsname}
149 \define@key{mindflow}{rightlinenumber}[true]{\csname
  @mindflow@rightlinenumber#1\endcsname}
150 \define@key{mindflow}{twocolumn}[true]{\csname @mindflow@twocolumn#1\
  \endcsname}
151 \define@key{mindflow}{incolumn}[true]{\csname @mindflow@incolumn#1\
  \endcsname}
152 \define@key{mindflow}{linecolor}{\colorlet{mindflowLine}{#1}}
153 \define@key{mindflow}{textcolor}{\colorlet{mindflowText}{#1}}
154 \define@key{mindflow}{numcolor}{\colorlet{mindflowNum}{#1}}
155 \define@key{mindflow}{markercolor}{\colorlet{mindflowMarker}{#1}}
156 \define@key{mindflow}{textfont}{\renewcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{#1}}
157 \define@key{mindflow}{numfont}{\renewcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{#1}}
158 \define@key{mindflow}{markerfont}{\renewcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{#1}}
159 \define@key{mindflow}{left}{\renewcommand{\mindflowLeft}{#1}}
160 \define@key{mindflow}{right}{\renewcommand{\mindflowRight}{#1}}
161 \define@key{mindflow}{lineheight}{\setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{#1}}
162 \newcommand{\mindflowset}[1]{%
163   \setkeys{mindflow}{#1}%
164   \if@mindflow@twocolumn%
165     \@mindflow@incolumntrue%
166   \fi%
167   \if@mindflow@linenumber%
168     \@mindflow@leftlinenumbertrue%
169   \fi%
170 }
171

```

```

172 %%=====
173 %% lineno patch
174 %%=====
175 \ifdefined\linenomathpatch\else
176   \RequirePackage{amsmath}
177   \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
178   \newcommand*\linenomathpatch[1]{%
179     \cspreto{#1}{\linenomath}%
180     \cspreto{#1*}{\linenomath}%
181     \csappto{end#1}{\endlinenomath}%
182     \csappto{end#1*}{\endlinenomath}%
183   }
184   \newcommand*\linenomathpatchAMS[1]{%
185     \cspreto{#1}{\linenomathAMS}%
186     \cspreto{#1*}{\linenomathAMS}%
187     \csappto{end#1}{\endlinenomath}%
188     \csappto{end#1*}{\endlinenomath}%
189   }
190   \expandafter\ifx\linenomath\linenomathWithnumbers
191     \let\linenomathAMS\linenomathWithnumbers
192     \patchcmd\linenomathAMS{\advance\postdisplaypenalty\linenopenalty}{}{}{}{}
193   \else
194     \let\linenomathAMS\linenomathNonumbers
195   \fi
196   \linenomathpatch{equation}
197   \linenomathpatchAMS{gather}
198   \linenomathpatchAMS{multline}
199   \linenomathpatchAMS{align}
200   \linenomathpatchAMS{alignat}
201   \linenomathpatchAMS{flalign}
202 \fi

```