

The `epigraph` Package

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Chapter 1

Introduction

There is no excellent beauty
that hath not some strangeness
in the proportion

Francis Bacon

Especially for books a motto after each chapter/section makes some sense. The Latex package `epigraph`, available at CTAN, gives support in different ways. The above motto from Francis Bacon was inserted with

```
\epigraph{There is no excellent beauty thathathnot  
some strangeness in the proportion}{Francis Bacon }
```

Chapter 2

Command/Environment

This is an example for the `epigraphs`-environment together with the `\qitem` command

created by L^AT_EX

Another more or less senseful text

from me ...

A third nonsense text

from an unknown party

There exist the command `\epigraph` and the environment `epigraphs`. For more explanations have a look at the documentation of `epiograph`. The above `epigraph`-environment looks like

```
\begin{epigraphs}
\qitem{This is an example for the \texttt{epigraphs}-environment together
      with the \texttt{\textbackslash qitem} command}{created by \LaTeX}
\qitem{Another more or less senseful text}{from me ...}
\qitem{A third nonsense text}{from an unknown party}
\end{epigraphs}
```

It's nearly the same like any other list.

Chapter 3

Placing

Es ist ein reichhaltiger
Widerspruch in den
Nationalkompositionen mit
Chaos, der soviel Metaphorik
provoziert und soviel Mystik
einer Wissenschaft

Bernd Mahr

By default the epigraphs are placed behind a chapter/section/... title. Chapters always starts on a new page, therefore the standard `\epigraph` command and `epigraphs` environment don't work here. The following chapter shows the use `\epigraphhead`.

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Chapter 4

Epigraphs before chapter/section/... titles

With the command

```
\epigraphhead[75]{\epigraph{Es ist ein reichhaltiger Widerspruch in den  
Nationalkompositionen mit Chaos, der soviel Metaphorik provoziert und sovie  
Mystik einer Wissenschaft}{Bernd Mahr}}
```

it's possible to place an epigraph anywhere on the page. The syntax of `\epigraphhead` is:

```
\epigraphhead[<distance in points>]{<Text>}
```

This is still not the best solution because the start of the chapter-title is always the same, so that there are some conflicts possible when your epigraph is a very long one! In this case use the command

```
\dropchapter{<length with unit>}
```

to drop down the chapter title, for example `\dropchapter{2cm}`. This command must be placed before the new **chapter**! It is valid until a

```
\undodrop
```

appears.



Chapter 5

Images

There is no difference in placing text or images as a epigraph.

Chapter 6

Problems

Placing epigraphs before a chapter overwrites the settings of the headings.