

The **nuc** package, v0.1

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`nuc.sty` is provided by Neal Davis (davis68@illinois.edu). This package provides automatic notation for nuclear isotopes. Isotopes which have Z with more digits than A require special spacing to appear properly. `nuc.sty` is released under the LaTeX Project Public License.

This is an early draft (v0.1) of this package.

It is invoked in the usual way, `\usepackagenuc` and each element and isotope is indicated by `\(element name)\{element weight\}`. For instance, `\Pa{231}` produces $^{231}_{91}\text{Pa}$; `\O{18}` produces $^{18}_8\text{O}$; and `\H{3}` produces ^3_1H . This of necessity overrides the basic L^AT_EX commands `\H`, `\O`, `\P`, `\S`, `\Pr`, and `\Re`.

It appears that under certain circumstances, may be required prior to invoking the element (i.e., `\protect\Fe{56}`).

All elements are supported, with additional support for deprecated atomic symbols such as $^{93}_{41}\text{Cb}$ (columbium, now niobium) and $^{263}_{104}\text{Ku}$ (kurchatovium, now rutherfordium).

This package does not currently support omission of the atomic number subscript, although that is planned for the next version.

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