

LectureDoc² Tutorial



LectureDoc is an authoring system for creating lecture material; i. e., lecture slides, notes and exercises from a single document.

A single LectureDoc document contains discussions of topics which are then used as templates for creating advanced slides as well as a standard document. LectureDoc is intended to be used in combination with rst2ld (reStructuredText to LectureDoc) which is a tool that converts reStructuredText documents into LectureDoc and makes authoring slides as easy as writing a text document.

This tutorial is written in reStructuredText (*rst* in the following) and can be used as a template for creating your own lecture slides. The *code* of this tutorial is available on GitHub: https://delors.github.io/reStructuredTextToLectureDoc2/ld_base_example.en.rst.html.

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Embedding Formulae

Embed math equations using reStructuredText's default directive (`.. math::`) and role (`:math:`...``).

Example
The following rst fragment:

```
1 Computation in :math:`GF(2)`:  
2  
3 .. math::  
4  
5     \begin{matrix}  
6         1 + 1 & = & 1 - 1 & = & 0 \\ \\\br/>7         1 + 0 & = & 1 - 0 & = & 1 \\ \\\br/>8         0 + 1 & = & 0 - 1 & = & 1  
9     \end{matrix}
```

Will render like this:

Computation in $GF(2)$:

$$\begin{matrix} 1 + 1 & = & 1 - 1 & = & 0 \\ 1 + 0 & = & 1 - 0 & = & 1 \\ 0 + 1 & = & 0 - 1 & = & 1 \end{matrix}$$

A slide without a title can be created by explicitly creating an empty title.

Example

```
1 \
2 --
```

Note

You have to add a space after the backslash (\)!

Alternatively, you can use `no-title` in combination with the `class` directive if you want to include the slide in an index.

Example

```
1 .. class:: no-title
2
3 I will only show up in an index...
4 -----
```

Animation

Basic *appear* animations can be created using the (CSS) class `incremental`^[1]. You can also define a corresponding custom role (`. . role:: incremental`) to animate parts of a text.

Example

```
1 Animation
2 -----
3
4 Basic *appear* animations can be created using the (CSS) class
5 ``incremental``. You can also define a corresponding custom role
6 (``. . role:: incremental``) :incremental:to animate parts of a text.
7
8 .. example::
9     :class: incremental
10
11     ...
```

^[1] Animation progress can be reset by pressing the `r` key.

Animation of Lists

In case of (un-)ordered lists (`ol` or `ul` in HTML) it is sufficient to associate the class `incremental` using the `class` directive with the list. It is also possible, to only specify the class attribute for the required list items.

Example

The following code:

```
1 .. class:: incremental
2
3 - this
4 - is
5 - a test
```

Will render incrementally like this:

- this
- is
- a test

Slide Dimensions

The slide dimensions can be controlled by specifying the corresponding meta information. If not specified, the dimension is set to 1920×1200 (default); i.e., a ratio of 16:10.

Example

In HTML documents add the following meta tag:

```
<meta name="slide-dimensions" content="1600x1200">
```

In reStructuredText documents add at the beginning:

```
.. meta::  
    :slide-dimensions: 1600x1200
```

Associating a document with a unique id

Many functions in LectureDoc2 - e.g. persistence of the slide progress - require that a document is associated with a unique id. This id can be set using the meta directive. If no id is set, the respective functions are not available.

Example

```
1 .. meta::
2   :id: lecturedoc2-tutorial
3   :description: LectureDoc2 Tutorial
4   :author: Michael Eichberg
5   :license: Released under the terms of the `2-Clause BSD license`.
```


Adding Supplemental Information

Adding information that should not be on the slides, but provide additional information/explanations, can be added using the `supplemental` directive.

Example

```
1 .. supplemental ::
2
3     **Formatting Slides**
4
5     Formatting slides is done using classes and roles.
```

Formatting Slides

Creating heavily formatted slides is easily possible using rst directives and roles which are mapped to CSS classes.

1. Structuring Documents

Creating Sections

Creating a slide which marks the beginning of a new section can be done using the `new-section` class.

Example

```
.. class:: new-section
```

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```
.. class:: new-subsection
```

Creating Sections

Slide Transitions

Slide transitions can be controlled using the `transition-...` classes^[2]:

- `transition-fade`
- `transition-move-left`
- `transition-move-to-top`
- `transition-scale`
- `transition-flip`

Example

```
1 .. class:: transition-move-to-top
2
3 Slide Transitions
4 -----
```

^[2] See the LectureDoc2 Cheat Sheet for a comprehensive list of predefined transitions.

Adding Code

Adding code can be done using reStructuredText's code directive.

Example

The following code:

```
1 .. code:: python
2     :number-lines:
3
4     for i in range(0,10):
5         print(i)
```

Will render like this:

```
1 for i in range(0,10):
2 print(i)
```

Links to External Resources

LectureDoc2 supports links to external resources:

■ <https://github.com/Delors/LectureDoc2>

■ [LectureDoc2 Sourcecode](#)

Example

```
1 LectureDoc2 supports links to external resources:
2
3 - https://github.com/Delors/LectureDoc2
4 - `LectureDoc2 Sourcecode <https://github.com/Delors/LectureDoc2>`_
```

Links to Internal Targets

LectureDoc2 supports links to external resources:

- The title of a slide can be used as a link target ➡ **Advanced Formatting**
- An element which is explicitly marked as a target can be used as a link target:
➡ **Link Target in Incremental Block**

Example

Slide with explicit marked-up element:

```
1 Advanced Formatting
2 -----
3
4 .. container:: incremental
5
6     .. _Link Target in Incremental Block:
7
8     See the LectureDoc2 Cheat Sheet.
```

References are defined as follows:

```
1 Links to internal targets:
2
3 - Link to slide: `Advanced Formatting`_
4 - Link to a marked-up element:
5
6     `Link Target in Incremental Block`_
```

Scientific Citations

Citations are fully supported in LectureDoc2.

A reference to a book: **[Martin2017]** (Details are found in the bibliography (see next slide)).

Example

A reference to a book: **[Martin2017]**_

Bibliography

■ [Martin2017] Clean Architecture: A Craftsman's Guide to Software Structure and Design; Robert C. Martin, Addison-Wesley, 2017

■ ...

Example
.. [Martin2017] Clean Architecture: ...; Robert C. Martin, Addison-Wesley, 2017

Advanced Formatting

LectureDoc comes with a set of predefined (CSS) classes that can be used to format the slides. Some of these classes have explicit support by LectureDoc and will be rendered differently in the different situations (e.g., document view vs. slide view will render *stacked layouts* or *supplemental information* differently).

- red
- peripheral
- ~~obsolete~~

See the LectureDoc2 Cheat Sheet for a comprehensive list of predefined CSS classes.

Stacked layouts

Stacked layouts enables updating parts of a slide by putting the content into layers and then showing the layers incrementally.

Example

This text is gray.

```
.. deck:: monospaced
```

```
.. card::
```

```
:gray:`This text is gray.`
```

```
.. card:: overlay
```

```
.. raw:: html
```

```
<svg width="600" height="80">
  <rect width="600" height="80"
    style="fill:rgb(0,0,255,0.25);
    stroke-width:1;
    stroke:rgb(0,0,0)" />
</svg>
```

Presenter-Notes

Presenter notes can be added to a slide using the `presenter-note` directive.

A presenter note - including its presence - is only visible after entering the master password (press `m` and then enter: `123456`).

Example

```
1 .. presenter-note::
2
3     This is a presenter note.
4
5     It is only visible after entering the master password (123456).
```

Integrated Exercises

Exercises can be integrated into the slide set.

Example

1.1. Exercise: 1+1

Compute: $\sqrt{2} = ?$

To unlock the solution go to the document view and enter the password (sqrt).

```
1 .. exercise:: Exercise: 1+1
2
3     Compute: :math:\sqrt{2} = ?`.
4
5 .. solution::
6     :pwd: sqrt
7
8     Solution: :math:1.4142135624`.
```

If you have multiple exercises, you can define a master password (123456) to unlock all solutions at once (press `m` to open the dialog).

```
.. meta::
    :master-password: 123456
```

2. Images

ld_base_example/tag_cloud.png

```
1  .. class:: padding-none no-title transition-scale
2
3  Image in the Background
4  -----
5
6  .. deck::
7
8     .. card::
9
10        .. image:: ld_base_example/tag_cloud.png
11           :width: 100%
12           :align: center
13
14     .. card:: overlay
15
16        Content on the slide...
```

