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Good luck!

- » We assume you can use \LaTeX ; if you cannot, [you can learn it here](#)
- » Beamer is one of the most popular and powerful document classes for presentations in \LaTeX
- » Beamer has also a detailed [user manual](#)
- » Here we will present only the most basic features to get you up to speed

Beamer vs. PowerPoint

Compared to PowerPoint, using \LaTeX is better because:

- » It is not What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get, but What-You-*Mean*-Is-What-You-Get: you write the content, the computer does the typesetting
- » Produces a pdf: no problems with fonts, formulas, program versions
- » Easier to keep consistent style, fonts, highlighting, etc.
- » Produces side notes
- » Math typesetting in \TeX is the best:

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi(\mathbf{r},t) + V(\mathbf{r})\Psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$

Selecting the Class

To start working with `epflbeamer`, start a \LaTeX document with the preamble:

Minimum EPFL Beamer Document

```
\documentclass[light]{epflbeamer} % or [dark]
\setbeameroption{hide notes} % or {show only notes} or
% {show notes on second screen=right}
\begin{document}
\begin{frame}{Hello, world!}
\framesubtitle{Subtitle}
\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

To set a typical title page, you call some commands in the preamble:

The Commands for the Title Page

```
\setdepartment{EPFL School of ... }  
\author{Author}  
\title[Short presentation title]{Presentation title}  
\subtitle{Presentation subtitle}  
\date{Defaults to today's}
```

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— It's really easy!

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- » These can be uncovered in sequence

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- » The colours are defined in the `epflbeamer` class:
 - Primary colour:  `epflrouge`;
 - Contrast colours:  `epflleman`,  `epflcanard`,  `epflperle`;
 - Additional colours:  `epflgroseille`,  `epflardoise`
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Adding images

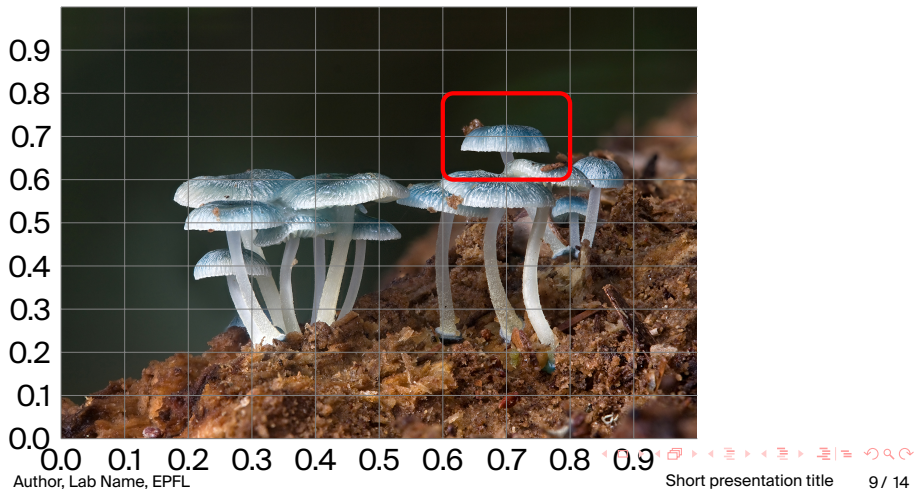
Adding images works like in normal \LaTeX :

Code for Adding Images

```
\usepackage{graphicx}  
% ...  
\includegraphics  
[width=\textwidth]{figures/Mycena_interrupta}
```



Highlighting an Image region



Splitting in Columns

Splitting the page is easy and common; typically, one side has a picture and the other text:

This is the first column

And this the second

Column Code

```
\begin{columns}
  \begin{column}{0.6\textwidth}
    This is the first column
  \end{column}
  \begin{column}{0.3\textwidth}
    And this the second
  \end{column}
  % There could be more!
\end{columns}
```

- » The paramount task of fonts is being readable
- » There are good ones...
 - Use serif fonts only with high-definition projectors
 - Use sans-serif fonts otherwise (or if you simply prefer them)
- » ... and not so good ones:
 - Never use monospace for normal text
 - Gothic, calligraphic or weird fonts should always be avoided

Using abbreviations

To use abbreviations, add new glossary entry in `nomenclature.tex` file.

» To refer to the entry, use

- electric vehicle (EV)
- EV
- EVs
- electric vehicle (EV)

The Commands for the nomenclature

```
% ....  
    \gls{ev}, \Gls{ev}, \glspl{ev}, \glsfirst{ev}  
% ....
```


- » To change the colour of the title dash, give one of the class options `epflleman` (default), `epflgroseille`, `black`, or `nodash`.
- » To change between the light and dark themes, give the class options `light` (default) or `dark`. It is not possible to switch theme for one slide because of the design of Beamer—and it's probably a good thing.
- » The aspect ratio defaults to 16:9, but you can change it to 4:3 for old projectors by passing the class option `aspectratio=43`; any other values accepted by Beamer are also possible.

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- » Enough for an introduction! You should know enough by now
- » If you have corrections or suggestions, **send them to me!**

Back-up slides

» You can have some additional info hidden from the main presentation below

Use BibTeX. Put your bibliography in a separate file (e.g. references.bib): In [1] a detailed description of the use of \LaTeX is given.



Leslie Lamport. *\LaTeX : A Document Preparation System*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley Pub. Co., 1986.