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Nottingham Beamer Presentation Theme

Using LaTeX to prepare slides

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- 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.
- Math typesetting in TeX is the best:

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

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Selecting the Class

After the last update to the graphic profile, the `sintef` theme for Beamer has been updated into a full-fledged class. To start working with `sintefbeamer`, start a LaTeX document with the preamble:

Minimum SINTEF Beamer Document

```
1 \documentclass{sintefbeamer}
2 \begin{document}
3 \begin{frame}{Hello, world!}
4 \end {frame}
5 \end{document}
```

Title page

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

The Commands for the Title Page

```
1  \title{Sample Title}
2  \subtitle{Sample subtitle}
3  \author{First Author, Second Author}
4  \date{Defaults to today's}
```

You can then write out the title page with \maketitle.

You can set a different background image than the default one with the \titlebackground command, set before \maketitle.

In the backgrounds folder, you can find a lot of standard backgrounds for SINTEF presentation title pages.

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Writing a Simple Slide

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Code for a Page with an Itemised List

```
1  \begin{frame}
2    \frametitle{Writing a Simple Slide}
3    \framesubtitle{It's really easy!}
4    \begin{itemize}[<+->]
5      \item A typical slide has bulleted lists
6      \item These can be uncovered in sequence
7    \end{itemize}
8  \end{frame}
```

Adding images

Adding images works like in normal LaTeX:

Code for Adding Images

```
1  \usepackage{graphicx}
2  % ...
3  \includegraphics
4  [width=\textwidth]{images/default}
```

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

```
1  \begin{columns}
2      \begin{column}{0.6\textwidth}
3          This is the first column
4      \end{column}
5      \begin{column}{0.3\textwidth}
6          And this the second
7      \end{column}
8      % There could be more!
9  \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`

Look

- To change the colour of the title dash, give one of the class options `cyandash` (default), `greendash`, `magentadash`, `yellowdash`, 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.
- To insert a final slide, use `\backmatter`.
- 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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Useful Links

- Online LaTex table code generator
- Free online bibliography file generator
- Online LaTex equations editor

Thanks