

Pretty posters with LATEX using the HYposter style

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LETEX POSTERS MADE EASIER

The HYposter style enables you to make scientific posters with a University of Helsinki look using beamerposter package for LATEX.

The official poster templates for the university are available only for Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe InDesign, which are not easily available to all researchers. LATEX, on the other hand, is free and works on almost all computer systems commonly used.

THE LOOK

This poster style does not exactly conform to the official poster style of the university, but it tries to do a good enough job. The official poster style has a very large flame logo, and the header part takes up about a third of the page. This has been toned down a bit to save space.

The background of the poster is white and the text is black. The block headings are in the faculty colour. The first line of the poster title is in the faculty colour and the rest in neutral grey. In the upper right the name of the university is set in neutral grey and the faculty name in the faculty colour.

The colour values used for the faculty colours were taken with a colour picker tool from the faculties' web graphics. They should look good enough when printed.

The layout is three-column.

USING THE PACKAGE

HYposter is a style definition for beamerposter, which itself is a package that uses the beamer document class to produce posters. This means you need to install both beamer and beamerposter in order it to work.

The headers should be in FULL CAPS to conform with the university style. This is not done automatically They should also include the large command to make them a better size.

VERSATILITY

This is the cool part: the poster can be rendered in the colours of any of the faculties of our university simply by changing one option. It also automatically changes the name of the faculty in the header. Everything happens under the hood, and the user does not need to worry.

THE COLOUR OPTIONS

Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry

Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Behavioural Sciences

Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Pharmacy

Faculty of Science

Faculty of Social Sciences

Faculty of Theology

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Swedish School of Social Science

Plain black

EXAMPLE 1: MATH

You can use all the nice math features of ATEX in your poster:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1+x} + 1 \right) \tag{1}$$

Unfortunately right now there are still some problems with the scaling of the math fonts:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 2 \tag{2}$$

EXAMPLE 2: IMAGES

Including images is simple. With , you can use images in many common formats, including PNG and JPEG, but in a poster you should strive to use scaleable graphics by putting them in pdf format.