



SYSU Beamer Template

Using \LaTeX to prepare slides

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Beamer for SINTEF slides

1 Introduction

- 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

1 Introduction

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:

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



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Selecting the Class

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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{beamer}
2 \usetheme{sintef}
3
4 \begin{document}
5 \begin{frame}{Hello, world!}
6   Hello, world!
7 \end{frame}
8 \end{document}
```



Title page

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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`.



Writing a Simple Slide

It's really easy!

- A typical slide has bulleted lists.



Adding images

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Adding images works like in normal \LaTeX :

Code for Adding Images

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





Splitting in Columns

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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 one.

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 one.
7   \end{column}
8   % There could be more!
9 \end{columns}
```



Fonts

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- 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.



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- To change the color 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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Good Luck!

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- Enough for an introduction! You should know enough by now.
- If you have corrections or suggestions, [send them to me!](#)



Q&A

Thank you for listening!
Your feedback will be highly appreciated!