# Modern Beamer Presentations with the METROPOLIS package

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# 1 Introduction

Beamer is an awesome way to make presentations with LaTeX. But the stock themes do not necessarily look particularly nice and the custom themes often scream "Beamer" at first sight. The goal of METROPOLIS is to provide a modern Beamer theme with minimal visual noise. It provides section slides with a neat progress bar and it is intended to be used with Fira Sans, a gorgeous typeface commissioned by Mozilla and designed by Carrois. Hence to get the best results you should have installed the Fira typeface and use XeTeX to typeset your slides. Nevertheless this is no hard dependency. The theme also works fine with pdfTeX and the Computer Modern typeface.

The codebase is maintained on GitHub. So if you have issues, find mistakes in the manual or want to contribute – to make the theme even better – get in touch there.

# 2 Getting Started

# 2.1 Installation

The METROPOLIS theme uses Make as build system. Hence the installation is very straight forward. Simply type

#### \$ make

#### \$ make install

in the top directory and all the files will be created and installed on your computer. The complete list of make rules is as follows:

#### all

Build the theme, the manual and the demo presentation.

#### install

Install the theme into your local texmf folder.

#### uninstall

Remove the theme from your local texmf folder.

#### sty

Creat the package files.

#### doc

Build the documentation.

#### demo

Build the demo presentation.

# demo-min

Build the minimal demo presentation.

#### ctan

Create a package for CTAN distribution.

# 2.2 Dependencies

- XeLaTeX
- · Fira Sans and Mono font

TikZ

Depending on the Linux distribution, the packaged name of Fira Sans might be Fira Sans OT instead of Fira Sans. In that case, you may have to edit beamerfontthememetropolis.dtx. You may also need to install Fira Sans; see the contrib/directory for more. Users of Debian or Ubuntu can also install this .deb package containing the theme files as well as the Fira Sans font files.

#### 2.3 Pandoc

To use this theme with Pandoc-based presentations, you can run the following command

```
$ pandoc -t beamer --latex-engine=xelatex -V theme:m -o
   output.pdf input.md
```

# 2.4 A Minimal Example

To get started with the theme is very simple. The following code shows a minimal example of a Beamer presentation using METROPOLIS.

```
\documentclass[10pt]{beamer}
\usetheme{m}
                                      % load mtheme
\title{A modern beamer theme}
                                      % define title
\date{\today}
                                      % define date
\author{Matthias Vogelgesang}
                                      % define author
\institute{Institute}
                                      % define institute
\begin{document}
\maketitle
                                      % create titlepage
\section{First Section}
                                      % create section
\begin{frame}{First Frame}
                                      % first frame
  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, ...
\end{frame}
\begin{frame}{Second Frame}
                                      % second frame
  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, ...
\end{frame}
```

\end{document}

# 3 Customization

# 3.1 Package options

The theme provides a number of options. The options use a key=value interface. So every option is controlled by a key its value. To use an option you can either provide a comma separated list of options when invoking MTHEME in the preamble of the presentation.

\usetheme[<key=value list>]{m}

Or you can set them at any time with the \metropolisset macro.

\metropolisset[<key=value list>]

To set an option on a specific sub-package only you have to add the corresponding prefix (inner, outer, color), e.g.

\metropolisset[inner/block=fill]

The list of options is structured as shown in the following example.

key *list of possible values* . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . default value

A short description of the option.

Although the options are grouped into the corresponding packages every option can and in most cases should be set on the main theme directly. If an option is listed in multiple sub-packages, setting it on the main theme will set the option on every sub-package accordingly.

# 3.1.1 Main theme everytitleformat regular, lowercase, uppercase ......lowercase Shortcut option to change the case style of all titles together. plainformat regular, lowercase, uppercase ......lowercase Control the case style of the plain title. 3.1.2 Inner theme block transparent, fill ...... transparent This option controls the block background. It can either be filled with a light grey or be transparent. sectionpage none, progressbar ..... progressbar Adds a thin progress bar similar to the section progress bar underneath each frame title. titleformat regular, lowercase, uppercase ......lowercase Control the case style of the title. sectiontitleformat regular, lowercase, uppercase ......lowercase Control the case style of the section title. 3.1.3 Outer theme numbering none, counter, fraction . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . counter In the bottom right corner of each frame the current frame number is displayed. This can be disabled or the total framenumber can be added additionally. progressbar none, head, frametitle, foot ......none

Adds a progress bar to the top of each frame (head), the bottom of each frame

(foot), or directly below each frame title (frametitle).

frametitleformat	regular, lowercase, uppercase lowercase  Control the case style of the frame title.
frametitleoffset noframetitleoffset	<pre><dimension></dimension></pre>
	3.1.4 Color theme
block	transparent, fill
background	dark, light light

#### 3.2 Color Customization

be light or vice versa.

The included METROPOLIS color theme is used by default, but its colors can be easily changed to suit your tastes. All of the theme's styles are defined in terms of three beamer colors:

This option defines whether the background shall be dark and the foreground

- normal text (dark fg, light bg)
- alerted text (colored fg, should be visible against dark or light)
- example text (colored fg, should be visible against dark or light)

An easy way to customize the theme is to redefine these colors using

$$\strut = \{ fg = \dots, bg = \dots \}$$

in your preamble. For greater customization, you can redefine any of the other stock beamer colors. In addition to the stock colors the theme defines a number of METROPOLIS specific colors, which can also be redefined to your liking.

```
\setbeamercolor{progress bar}{ ... }
\setbeamercolor{title separator}{ ... }
\setbeamercolor{progress bar in head/foot}{ ... }
\setbeamercolor{progress bar in section page}{ ... }
```

### 3.3 Commands

The \plain{title=[]}{<body>} command sets a slide in plain dark colors which can be useful to focus attention on a single sentence or image.

# 3.4 Paul Tol's colors: a pgfplots theme

A good presentation uses colors that are

- · distinct from each other as much as possible, and
- · distinct from black and white,
- · under many different lighting and display environments, and
- · to color-blind viewers,
- · all while matching well together.

In a technical note for SRON, Paul Tol proposed a palette of colors satisfying these constraints. The sub-package pgfplotsthemetol defines palettes for pgfplots charts based on Tol's work. Use the mlineplot key to plot line data and mbarplot or horizontal mbarplot to plot bar charts.

# 4 Known Issues

The \plain command does not work if you override the METROPOLIS color theme with the default beamer color theme fly.

# 5 License

The theme itself is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. This means that if you change the theme and re-distribute it, you must retain the copyright notice header and license it under the same CC-BY-SA license. This does not affect the presentation that you create with the theme.

# 6 Contributors

For a full list of contributors please visit the GitHub Repository.

# 7 Implementation

## 7.1 METROPOLIS main theme

The primary job of this package is to load the component sub-packages of the METROPOLIS theme and route the theme options accordingly. It also provides some custom commands and environments for the user.

Load the required packages.

```
1\RequirePackage{etoolbox}
```

- 2 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
- 3 \RequirePackage{ifxetex}
- 4 \RequirePackage{ifluatex}

## 7.1.1 Options

\metroset First of all we define a macro for the user to set options.

```
5 \newcommand{\metroset}[1]{\pgfkeys{/metropolis/.cd,#1}}
```

Then we need to pass the unknown options to the sub-packages.

```
6\pgfkeys{/metropolis/.cd,
```

```
.search also={
                  8
                       /metropolis/inner,
                       /metropolis/outer,
                       /metropolis/color,
                  10
                    },
                 We have to forwarded keys that affect multiple sub-packages manually.
                    block/.code=\pgfkeysalso{
                  13
                       inner/block=#1,
                       color/block=#1,
                  14
                  15
                    },
                  16 }
plaintitleformat Control the case style of the plain title
                  17 \pgfkeys{
                  /metropolis/plaintitleformat/.cd,
                  19
                        .is choice,
                      regular/.code=\renewcommand{\@metropolis@plaintitleformat}{#1},
                  20
                       lowercase/.code={%
                  21
                       \renewcommand{\@metropolis@plaintitleformat}{\MakeLowercase{#1}}
                  22
                  23
                       uppercase/.code={%
                  24
                       25
                       },
                  26
                  27 }
everytitleformat Control the case style of the every title
                  28 \pgfkeys{
                     /metropolis/everytitleformat/.code=\pgfkeysalso{
                         inner/titleformat=#1,
                  30
                         inner/sectiontitleformat=#1,
                  31
                         outer/frametitleformat=#1,
                  32
                         plaintitleformat=#1,
                  33
                       }
                  34
                  35 }
```

For backwards compatibility with earlier betas of the theme, we implement deprecated option names as aliases to the corresponding **key=value** options.

```
36\pgfkeys{/metropolis/.cd,
37 usetitleprogressbar/.code=\pgfkeysalso{outer/progressbar=frametitle},
   noslidenumbers/.code=\pgfkeysalso{outer/numbering=none},
usetotalslideindicator/.code=\pgfkeysalso{outer/numbering=fraction},
   nosectionslide/.code=\pgfkeysalso{inner/sectionpage=none},
   darkcolors/.code=\pgfkeysalso{color/background=dark},
42 blockbg/.code=\pgfkeysalso{color/block=fill, inner/block=fill},
43 }
Set default values for options.
44 \newcommand{\@metropolis@setdefaults}{
   \pgfkeys{/metropolis/.cd,
      plaintitleformat=lowercase,
46
   }
47
48 }
```

# 7.1.2 Component sub-packages

Having processed the options, we can now load the component sub-packages of the theme.

```
49 \useinnertheme{metropolis}
50 \useoutertheme{metropolis}
51 \usecolortheme{metropolis}
```

The **fira** font theme, which depends on **fontspec**, is only loaded if the document is being processed by XeM<sub>E</sub>X or LuaM<sub>E</sub>X.

```
52\ifboolexpr{bool {xetex} or bool {luatex}}{
53   \usefonttheme{metropolis}
54}{
55   \PackageWarning{beamerthemem}{%
56    You need to compile with XeLaTeX or LuaLaTeX to use the Fira fonts.
57   }
58}
```

The tol theme for pgfplots is only loaded if pgfplots is used.

```
59 \AtEndPreamble{%
60 \@ifpackageloaded{pgfplots}{%
```

```
\RequirePackage{pgfplotsthemetol}
62
   } { }
63 }
```

#### 7.1.3 Custom commands

We define custom commands in this package as their proper usage may depend on multiple sub-packages.

metropolisබplaintitleformat Define a hook to change the case format of the plain title.

```
64 \def\@metropolis@plaintitleformat#1{#1}
```

\plain Creates a plain frame with dark background, suitable for displaying images or a few words.

```
65 \newcommand{\plain}[2][]{%
   \begingroup
      \setbeamercolor{background canvas}{
67
        use=palette primary,
68
        parent=palette primary
69
70
      \begin{frame}[c]{#1}
71
        \begin{center}
72
          \usebeamercolor[fg]{palette primary}
73
          \usebeamerfont{section title}
74
          \@metropolis@plaintitleformat{#2}
75
        \end{center}
76
      \end{frame}
77
   \endgroup
78
79 }
```

\mreducelistspacing

```
80 \newcommand{\mreducelistspacing}{\vspace{-\topsep}}
```

Process package options

```
81 \@metropolis@setdefaults
82 \ProcessPgfOptions{/metropolis}
```

#### 7.2 METROPOLIS inner theme

A **beamer** inner theme dictates the style of the frame elements traditionally set in the `body' of each slide. These include:

- · title, part, and section pages;
- · itemize, enumerate, and description environments;
- · block environments including theorems and proofs;
- · figures and tables; and
- · footnotes and plain text.

Load required packages.

```
83 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
84 \RequirePackage{calc}
85 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
86 \RequirePackage{tikz}
```

# 7.2.1 Options

**block** This option controls the block style.

```
87 \pgfkeys{
88  /metropolis/inner/block/.cd,
89    .is choice,
90    transparent/.code=\setlength{\@metropolis@blockskip}{0ex},
91    fill/.code=\setlength{\@metropolis@blockskip}{1ex},
92 }
```

titleformat Control the case style of the title

```
93 \pgfkeys{
   /metropolis/inner/titleformat/.cd,
      .is choice,
95
      regular/.code=\renewcommand{\@metropolis@titleformat}{},
96
      lowercase/.code={%
97
        \renewcommand{\@metropolis@titleformat}{\MakeLowercase}
98
      },
99
      uppercase/.code={%
100
        \renewcommand{\@metropolis@titleformat}{\MakeUppercase}
101
```

```
},
                              102
                              103 }
         sectiontitleformat Control the case style of the section title
                              104 \pgfkeys{
                                   /metropolis/inner/sectiontitleformat/.cd,
                                      .is choice,
                              106
                                    regular/.code=\renewcommand{\@metropolis@sectiontitleformat}{},
                               107
                                     lowercase/.code={%
                              108
                                     \renewcommand{\@metropolis@sectiontitleformat}{\MakeLowercase}
                              109
                                     },
                               110
                                     uppercase/.code={%
                               111
                                     \renewcommand{\@metropolis@sectiontitleformat}{\MakeUppercase}
                               112
                                     },
                               113
                              114 }
                sectionpage The sectionpage option defines the behaviour of the sectionpage.
                               115 \pgfkeys{
                                   /metropolis/inner/sectionpage/.cd,
                                      .is choice,
                               117
                                     none/.code=\@metropolis@sectionpage@none,
                               118
                                     progressbar/.code=\@metropolis@sectionpage@progressbar,
                               119
                              120 }
etropolis@inner@setdefaults Set default values for inner theme options.
                               121 \newcommand{\@metropolis@inner@setdefaults}{
                               122
                                   \pgfkeys{/metropolis/inner/.cd,
                                     sectionpage=progressbar,
                               123
                                     block=transparent,
                               124
                                     titleformat=lowercase,
                               125
                                     sectiontitleformat=lowercase,
                               126
                                   }
                               127
                              128 }
                               7.2.2 Title page
```

\ametropolisatitleformat Define hooks to change the case format of the titles.

```
129 \def\@metropolis@titleformat#1{#1}
130 \def\@metropolis@sectiontitleformat#1{#1}
```

To make the \MakeLowercase and \MakeUppercase macros work in the sectiontitle we have to patch \sectionentry and \beamer@section. This solution was suggested by Enrico Gregorio in an answer to this StackExchange question.

title page Template for the title page.

```
141\setbeamertemplate{title page}{
142 \begin{minipage}[b][\paperheight]{\textwidth}
```

If the user has set a **titlegraphic**, we set it in a zero-height box so it doesn't change the position of other elements.

```
\ifx\inserttitlegraphic\@empty\else{%
143
         \vbox to 0pt {
144
           \vspace*{2em}
145
           \usebeamercolor[fg]{titlegraphic}%
146
           \inserttitlegraphic%
147
         }%
148
         \nointerlineskip%
149
       }
150
       \fi
151
       \vfill%
152
```

We set the title and subtitle, but only if they are defined by the user. If \subtitle is empty, for example, it won't leave a blank space on the title slide.

```
\ifx\inserttitle\@empty\else{{%
153
         \raggedright%
154
         \linespread{1.0}%
155
         \usebeamerfont{title}%
156
157
         \usebeamercolor[fg]{title}%
         \@metropolis@titleformat{\inserttitle}%
158
         \par%
159
         \vspace*{0.5em}
160
       }}
161
       \fi
162
       \ifx\insertsubtitle\@empty\else{{%
163
         \usebeamerfont{subtitle}%
164
         \usebeamercolor[fg]{subtitle}%
165
         \insertsubtitle%
166
         \par%
167
         \vspace*{0.5em}
168
       }}
169
       \fi
170
```

A horizontal rule (drawn in TikZ) separates the title and subtitle from the author, date, and institution.

```
171 \begin{tikzpicture}
172 \usebeamercolor{title separator}
173 \draw[fg] (0, 0) -- (\textwidth, 0);
174 \end{tikzpicture}%
175 \par%
176 \vspace*{1em}%
```

Like the title and subtitle, we display the author only when it is defined. But beamer's definition of \insertauthor is always nonempty, so we have to test another macro initialized by \author{...} to see if the user has defined an author. This solution was suggested by Enrico Gregorio in an answer to this Stack Exchange question.

```
177 \ifx\beamer@shortauthor\@empty\else{{%
178 \usebeamerfont{author}%
179 \usebeamercolor[fg]{author}%
```

```
180  \insertauthor%
181  \par%
182  \vspace*{0.25em}
183  }}
184  \fi
```

The date and institute are set after the author, again provided they are nonempty. Note that the default date in  $\mathbb{H}_{E}X$  is  $\$  today, not  $\$  mpty.

```
\ifx\insertdate\@empty\else{{%
185
186
         \usebeamerfont{date}%
         \usebeamercolor[fg]{date}%
187
         \insertdate%
188
         \par%
189
       }}
190
       \fi
191
       \ifx\insertinstitute\@empty\else{{%
192
         \vspace*{3mm}
193
         \usebeamerfont{institute}%
194
         \usebeamercolor[fg]{institute}%
195
         \insertinstitute%
196
         \par%
197
       }}
198
       \fi
199
       \vfill
200
       \vspace*{1mm}
201
    \end{minipage}
202
203 }
```

Normal people should use \maketitle or \titlepage instead of using the title page beamer template directly. Beamer already defines these macros, but we patch them here to make the title page [plain] by default, remove \athanks, and ensure the title frame number doesn't count.

\maketitle Inserts the title frame, or causes the current frame to use the title page \titlepage template.

```
204 \def\maketitle{%
205 \ifbeamer@inframe
206 \titlepage
```

```
207 \else
208 \frame[plain]{\titlepage}
209 \fi
210 }
211 \def\titlepage{%
212 \usebeamertemplate{title page}
213 }
```

# 7.2.3 Section page

section page Template for the section title slide at the beginning of each section.

```
214 \newcommand{\@metropolis@sectionpage@none}{
    \AtBeginSection{
       % intenionally empty
216
    }
217
218 }
219 \defbeamertemplate{section page}{progressbar}{
    \centering
220
    \begin{minipage}{22em}
221
       \usebeamercolor[fg]{section title}
222
       \usebeamerfont{section title}
223
       \insertsectionhead \ [-1ex]
224
       \usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in section page}
225
    \end{minipage}
226
    \par
227
228 }
229 \newcommand{\@metropolis@sectionpage@progressbar}{
    \setbeamertemplate{section page}[progressbar]
230
    \AtBeginSection{
231
       \ifbeamer@inframe
232
         \sectionpage
233
       \else
234
         \frame[plain,c]{\sectionpage}
235
       \fi
236
    }
237
238 }
```

rogress bar in section page Template for the progress bar displayed by default on the section page. This code

is duplicated in large part in the outer theme's template **progress** bar in head-/foot.

```
239 \newlength{\metropolis@progressonsectionpage}
240 \setbeamertemplate{progress bar in section page}{
241 \setlength{\metropolis@progressonsectionpage}{%
242 \textwidth * \ratio{\insertframenumber pt}{\inserttotalframenumber pt}%
243 }%
244 \begin{tikzpicture}
245 \draw[bg, fill=bg] (0,0) rectangle (\textwidth, 0.4pt);
246 \draw[fg, fill=fg] (0,0) rectangle (\metropolis@progressonsectionpage, 0.4pt);
247 \end{tikzpicture}%
248}
```

The above code assumes that \insertframenumber is less than or equal to \inserttotalframenumber. However, this is not true on the first compile; in the absence of an .aux file, \inserttotalframenumber defaults to 1. This behaviour could cause fatal errors for long presentations, as \metropolis@progressonsectionpage would exceed TeX's maximum length (16383.99999pt, roughly 5.75 metres or 18.9 feet). To avoid this, we increase the default value for \inserttotalframenumber; presentations with over 4000 slides will still break on first compile, but users in that situation likely have deeper problems to solve.

249 \def\inserttotalframenumber{100}

#### 7.2.4 Block environments

Regular block environment

```
250 \newlength{\@metropolis@blockskip}
251 \setbeamertemplate{block begin}{%
    \vspace*{1ex}
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
253
      ht=2.4ex,
254
      dp=1ex.
255
      leftskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
256
      rightskip=\@metropolis@blockskip]{block title}
257
        \usebeamerfont*{block title}\insertblocktitle%
258
    \end{beamercolorbox}%
259
    \vspace*{-1pt}
```

```
\usebeamerfont{block body}%
261
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
262
      dp=1ex,
263
      leftskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
264
      rightskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
265
      vmode]{block body}%
266
267 }
268 \setbeamertemplate{block end}{%
    \end{beamercolorbox}
    \vspace*{0.2ex}
270
271 }
Alerted block environment
272\setbeamertemplate{block alerted begin}{%
    \vspace*{1ex}
273
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
274
      ht=2.4ex,
275
      dp=1ex.
276
      leftskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
277
      rightskip=\@metropolis@blockskip]{block title alerted}
278
         \usebeamerfont*{block title alerted}\insertblocktitle%
279
    \end{beamercolorbox}%
280
    \vspace*{-1pt}
281
    \usebeamerfont{block body alerted}%
282
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
283
      dp=1ex,
284
      leftskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
285
      rightskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
286
      vmode]{block body}%
287
288 }
289 \setbeamertemplate{block alerted end}{%
    \end{beamercolorbox}
    \vspace*{0.2ex}
291
292 }
Example block environment
293 \setbeamertemplate{block example begin}{%
    \vspace*{1ex}
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
```

```
ht=2.4ex,
296
      dp=1ex,
297
      leftskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
298
      rightskip=\@metropolis@blockskip]{block title example}
299
         \usebeamerfont*{block title example}\insertblocktitle%
300
    \end{beamercolorbox}%
301
    \vspace*{-1pt}
302
    \usebeamerfont{block body example}%
303
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
304
      dp=1ex,
305
      leftskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
306
      rightskip=\@metropolis@blockskip,
307
      vmode]{block body}%
308
309 }
310 \setbeamertemplate{block example end}{%
    \end{beamercolorbox}
    \vspace*{0.2ex}
312
313 }
7.2.5 Lists and floats
314\setbeamertemplate{itemize items}{\textbullet}
315 \setbeamertemplate{caption label separator}{: }
316 \setbeamertemplate{caption}[numbered]
7.2.6 Footnotes
317 \setbeamertemplate{footnote}{%
    \parindent 0em\noindent%
318
    \raggedright
320 \usebeamercolor{footnote}\hbox to 0.8em{\hfil\insertfootnotemark}\insertfootnotetex
321 }
7.2.7 Text and spacing settings
322 \setlength{\parskip}{0.5em}
323 \linespread{1.15}
```

By default, Beamer frames offer the c option to *almost* vertically center the text, but the placement is a little too high. To fix this, we redefine the c option to equalize \beamer@frametopskip and \beamer@framebottomskip. This

solution was suggested by Enrico Gregorio in an answer to this Stack Exchange question.

```
324 \define@key{beamerframe}{c}[true]{% centered
325  \beamer@frametopskip=0pt plus 1fill\relax%
326  \beamer@framebottomskip=0pt plus 1fill\relax%
327  \beamer@frametopskipautobreak=0pt plus .4\paperheight\relax%
328  \beamer@framebottomskipautobreak=0pt plus .6\paperheight\relax%
329  \def\beamer@initfirstlineunskip{}%
330 }

Process package options
331 \@metropolis@inner@setdefaults
332 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/metropolis/inner}
```

#### 7.3 METROPOLIS outer theme

A **beamer** outer theme dictates the style of the frame elements traditionally set outside the body of each slide: the head, footline, and frame title.

Load required packages.

```
333 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
334 \RequirePackage{calc}
335 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
```

# 7.3.1 Options

numbering This option controls the page numbering.

```
336 \pgfkeys{
337  /metropolis/outer/numbering/.cd,
338   .is choice,
339   none/.code=\setbeamertemplate{frame numbering}[none],
340   counter/.code=\setbeamertemplate{frame numbering}[counter],
341   fraction/.code=\setbeamertemplate{frame numbering}[fraction],
342 }
```

progressbar This option controls the progressbar.

```
343 \pgfkeys{
```

```
/metropolis/outer/progressbar/.cd,
                              344
                                     .is choice,
                              345
                                     none/.code={%
                              346
                                       \setbeamertemplate{headline}[plain]
                              347
                                       \setbeamertemplate{frametitle}[plain]
                              348
                                       \setbeamertemplate{footline}[plain]
                              349
                                     },
                              350
                                     head/.code={\pgfkeys{/metropolis/outer/progressbar=none}
                              351
                                     \addtobeamertemplate{headline}{}{\usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in head-
                              352
                                /foot}}
                                     },
                              353
                                   frametitle/.code={\pgfkeys{/metropolis/outer/progressbar=none}
                              354
                                     \addtobeamertemplate{frametitle}{}{\usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in head-
                              355
                                /foot}}
                                     },
                              356
                                     foot/.code={\pgfkeys{/metropolis/outer/progressbar=none}
                                     \addtobeamertemplate{footline}{}{\usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in head-
                              358
                                /foot}}
                                     },
                              359
                              360 }
           frametitleformat Control the case style of the frame title
                              361 \pgfkeys{
                                  /metropolis/outer/frametitleformat/.cd,
                              362
                                     .is choice,
                              363
                                   regular/.code=\renewcommand{\@metropolis@frametitleformat}{},
                              364
                                     lowercase/.code={%
                              365
                                     \renewcommand{\@metropolis@frametitleformat}{\MakeLowercase}
                              366
                                     },
                              367
                                     uppercase/.code={%
                              368
                                     \renewcommand{\@metropolis@frametitleformat}{\MakeUppercase}
                              369
                              370
                                     },
                              371 }
etropolis@outer@setdefaults Set default values for outer theme options.
                              372 \newcommand{\@metropolis@outer@setdefaults}{
                                  \pgfkeys{/metropolis/outer/.cd,
                              373
                                     numbering=counter,
                              374
                                     progressbar=none,
                              375
```

```
frametitleformat=lowercase,
377
    }
378 }
```

# 7.3.2 Head and footline

All good beamer presentations should already remove the navigation symbols, but METROPOLIS removes them automatically (just in case).

```
379 \setbeamertemplate{navigation symbols}{}
```

Templates for the frame number. Can be omitted, shown or displayed as a fraction of the total frames.

```
380 \defbeamertemplate{frame numbering}{none}{}
381 \defbeamertemplate{frame numbering}{counter}{\insertframenumber}
382 \defbeamertemplate{frame numbering}{fraction}{
    \insertframenumber/\inserttotalframenumber
384 }
385 \defbeamertemplate{headline}{plain}{}
386 \defbeamertemplate{footline}{plain}{%
    \begin{beamercolorbox}[wd=\textwidth, sep=3ex]{footline}%
      \hfill%
388
      \usebeamerfont{page number in head/foot}%
389
      \usebeamertemplate*{frame numbering}
390
    \end{beamercolorbox}%
391
392 }
```

#### 7.3.3 Frametitle

metropolis@frametitleformat Define a hook to change the case format of the frame title.

```
393 \def\@metropolis@frametitleformat#1{#1}
```

To make the \MakeLowercase and \MakeUppercase macros work in the frame title we have to patch \beamer@aframetitle. This solution was suggested by Enrico Gregorio in an answer to this StackExchange question.

```
394 \patchcmd{\beamer@@frametitle}
```

```
{\beamer@ifempty{#2}{}{%
                                                                       396
                                                                                        \gdef\insertframetitle{{#2\ifnum\beamer@autobreakcount>0\relax{}\space\usebeame
                                                                             tinuation}\fi}}%
                                                                                        \gdef\beamer@frametitle{#2}%
                                                                       397
                                                                                        \gdef\beamer@shortframetitle{#1}%
                                                                       398
                                                                                        }}
                                                                       399
                                                                                   {\begin{tabular}{l} {\be
                                                                       400
                                                                                        401
                                                                             tinuation}\fi}}%
                                                                                        \gdef\beamer@frametitle{#2}%
                                                                       402
                                                                                        \gdef\beamer@shortframetitle{#1}%
                                                                       403
                                                                                        }}
                                                                       404
                                                                       405
                                                                                   {\PackageError{beamerouterthememetropolis}{Patching frame ti-
                                                                       406
                                                                             tle failed.}}
                                        frametitle Templates for the frame title, which is optionally underlined with a progress bar.
                                                                       407 \defbeamertemplate{frametitle}{plain}{%
                                                                                  \nointerlineskip
                                                                       408
                                                                                  \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
                                                                       409
                                                                                             wd=\paperwidth,
                                                                       410
                                                                        411
                                                                                             leftskip=0.3cm,
                                                                                             rightskip=0.3cm,
                                                                       412
                                                                                             ht=2.5ex,
                                                                       413
                                                                                             dp=1.5ex
                                                                       414
                                                                                        ]{frametitle}
                                                                       415
                                                                                  \insertframetitle%
                                                                       416
                                                                       417
                                                                                  \end{beamercolorbox}%
                                                                       418 }
progress bar in head/foot Template for the progress bar optionally displayed below the frame title on
                                                                        each page. Much of this code is duplicated in the inner theme's template
                                                                        progress bar in section page.
                                                                       419 \newlength{\metropolis@progressinheadfoot}
                                                                       420 \setbeamertemplate{progress bar in head/foot}{
                                                                                  \nointerlineskip
                                                                       421
                                                                                  \setlength{\metropolis@progressinheadfoot}{%
                                                                       422
                                                                                    \paperwidth * \ratio{\insertframenumber pt}{\inserttotalframenumber pt}%
                                                                       423
                                                                                  }%
                                                                       424
```

```
\begin{beamercolorbox}[wd=\paperwidth]{progress bar in head/-
  foot}
      \begin{tikzpicture}
426
        \draw[bg, fill=bg] (0,0) rectangle (\paperwidth, 0.4pt);
427
      \draw[fg, fill=fg] (0,0) rectangle (\metropolis@progressinheadfoot, 0.4pt);
428
      \end{tikzpicture}%
429
    \end{beamercolorbox}
430
431 }
Process package options
432 \@metropolis@outer@setdefaults
433 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/metropolis/outer}
```

#### 7.4 Fira font theme

Font Definitions

```
434 \RequirePackage[no-math]{fontspec}
435 \defaultfontfeatures {Mapping=tex-text}
436 \setsansfont[BoldItalicFont={Fira Sans Italic},%
                ItalicFont={Fira Sans Light Italic},%
437
                BoldFont={Fira Sans}]{Fira Sans Light}
438
439 \setmonofont{Fira Mono}
440 \newfontfamily\ExtraLight{Fira Sans ExtraLight}
441 \newfontfamily\Light{Fira Sans Light}
442 \newfontfamily\Book{Fira Sans}
443 \newfontfamily\Medium{Fira Sans Medium}
444 \AtBeginEnvironment{tabular}{%
      \setsansfont[BoldFont={Fira Sans},%
445
446
                    Numbers={Monospaced}]{Fira Sans Light}%
447
448 \RequirePackage[slantfont, CJKnumber, boldfont]{xeCJK}
450 \RequirePackage{fontspec}
451 \RequirePackage{xunicode}
452 \RequirePackage{xltxtra}
453 \DeclareTextCommand{\nobreakspace}{T1}{\leavevmode\nobreak\}
454
455 \setCJKmainfont[BoldFont={STHeiti},%
```

```
ItalicFont={STKaiti}]{STSong}
      457 \setCJKsansfont{STHeiti}
      458 \setCJKmonofont{STFangsong}
      459 \punctstyle{kaiming}
      460
       Font Assignment
      461\setbeamerfont{title}{family=\Book, size=\Large, shape=\scshape}
      462\setbeamerfont{author}{family=\ExtraLight, size=\small}
      463 \setbeamerfont{date}{family=\ExtraLight, size=\small}
      464\setbeamerfont{section title}{family=\Book, size=\Large, shape=\scshape}
      465\setbeamerfont{block title}{family=\Book, size=\normalsize}
      466 \setbeamerfont{block title alerted}{family=\Book,size=\normalsize}
      467\setbeamerfont{subtitle}{family=\Light, size=\fontsize{12}{14}}
      468\setbeamerfont{frametitle}{family=\Book, size=\large, shape=\scshape}
      469 \setbeamerfont{caption}{size=\small}
      470 \setbeamerfont{caption name}{family=\Book}
      471\setbeamerfont{description item}{family=\Book}
      472 \setbeamerfont{page number in head/foot}{size=\scriptsize}
       Bibliograpy
      473\setbeamerfont{bibliography entry author}{family=\Light, size=\normalsize}
      474\setbeamerfont{bibliography entry title}{family=\Book, size=\normalsize}
      475 \setbeamerfont{bibliography entry location}{family=\Light, size=\normalsize}
      476\setbeamerfont{bibliography entry note}{family=\Light, size=\small}
       477 \linespread{1.15}
       7.5 METROPOLIS color theme
       Load required packages.
      478 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
       7.5.1 Options
block This option controls whether the blocks are filled or transparent.
      479 \pgfkeys{
```

```
/metropolis/color/block/.cd,
                              480
                              481
                                     .is choice,
                                     transparent/.code=\@metropolis@block@transparent,
                              482
                                     fill/.code=\@metropolis@block@fill,
                              483
                              484 }
                      colors Defines whether the background shall be dark and the foreground be light or
                              vice versa
                              485 \pgfkeys{
                                   /metropolis/color/background/.cd,
                                     .is choice,
                              487
                                     dark/.code=\@metropolis@colors@dark,
                              488
                              489
                                     light/.code=\@metropolis@colors@light,
                              490 }
etropolisacolorasetdefaults Set default values for color theme options.
                              491 \newcommand{\@metropolis@color@setdefaults}{
                                   \pgfkeys{/metropolis/color/.cd,
                              492
                                     background=light,
                              493
                                     block=transparent,
                              494
                                  }
                              495
                              496 }
                              7.5.2 Base colors
                              497 \definecolor{mDarkBrown}{HTML}{604c38}
                              498 \definecolor{mDarkTeal}{HTML}{23373b}
                              499 \definecolor{mLightBrown}{HTML}{EB811B}
                              500 \definecolor{mLightGreen}{HTML}{14B03D}
                               7.5.3 Base styles
                               All colors in the METROPOLIS theme are derived from the definitions of normal text.
                               alerted text, and example text.
                              501 \newcommand{\@metropolis@colors@dark}{
                                   \setbeamercolor{normal text}{%
                              502
                                     fg=black!2,
                              503
                                     bg=mDarkTeal
                              504
```

```
}
505
506 }
507 \newcommand{\@metropolis@colors@light}{
     \setbeamercolor{normal text}{%
508
       fg=mDarkTeal,
509
       bg=black!2
510
    }
511
512 }
513 \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{%
     fg=mLightBrown
515 }
516 \setbeamercolor{example text}{%
    fg=mLightGreen
518 }
```

#### 7.5.4 Derived colors

The titles and structural elements (e.g. itemize bullets) are set in the same color as normal text. This would ideally done by setting normal text as a parent style, which we do to set titlelike, but this doesn't work for structure as its foreground is set explicitly in beamercolorthemedefault.sty.

```
519 \setbeamercolor{titlelike}{%
520    use=normal text,
521    parent=normal text
522 }
523 \setbeamercolor{structure}{%
524    fg=normal text.fg
525 }
```

The "primary" palette should be used for the most important navigational elements, and possibly of other elements. The METROPOLIS theme uses it for frame titles and slides.

```
526 \setbeamercolor{palette primary}{%
527    use=normal text,
528    fg=normal text.bg,
529    bg=normal text.fg
530 }
531 \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{%
```

```
use=palette primary,
parent=palette primary
parent=palette primary
```

The METROPOLIS inner or outer themes optionally display progress bars in various locations. Their color is set by **progress** bar but the two different kinds can be customized separately. The horizontal rule on the title page is also set based on the progress bar color and can be customized with title separator.

```
535 \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{%
    use=alerted text,
536
    fg=alerted text.fg,
537
    bg=normal text.bg!50!normal text.fg
538
539 }
540 \setbeamercolor{title separator}{
    use=progress bar,
    parent=progress bar
542
543 }
544 \setbeamercolor{progress bar in head/foot}{%
    use=progress bar,
    parent=progress bar
546
547 }
548 \setbeamercolor{progress bar in section page}{
    use=progress bar,
    parent=progress bar
551 }
Blocks
552 \newcommand{\@metropolis@block@transparent}{
553 \setbeamercolor{block title}{use=normal text, parent=normal text}
554 }
555 \newcommand{\@metropolis@block@fill}{
    \setbeamercolor{block title}{%
556
      use=normal text,
557
      fg=normal text.fg,
      bg=normal text.bg!80!fg
559
560
561 }
562 \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{%
      use={block title, alerted text},
```

```
bg=block title.bg,
564
565
      fg=alerted text.fg
566 }
567 \setbeamercolor{block title example}{%
      use={block title, example text},
568
      bg=block title.bg,
569
      fg=example text.fg
570
571 }
572 \setbeamercolor{block body alerted}{use=block body, parent=block body}
573 \setbeamercolor{block body example}{use=block body, parent=block body}
574\setbeamercolor{block body}{
    use={block title, normal text},
    bg=block title.bg!50!normal text.bg
577 }
Footnotes
578 \setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=normal text.fg!90}
579 \setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.}
Process package options
580 \@metropolis@color@setdefaults
581 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/metropolis/color}
582 \mode<all>
```

# 7.6 Tol **pgfplots** theme

Paul Tol's 12-color palette<sup>1</sup> is as follows:

```
583 \definecolor{TolDarkPurple}{HTML}{332288}
584 \definecolor{TolDarkBlue}{HTML}{6699CC}
585 \definecolor{TolLightBlue}{HTML}{88CCEE}
586 \definecolor{TolLightGreen}{HTML}{44AA99}
587 \definecolor{TolDarkGreen}{HTML}{117733}
588 \definecolor{TolDarkBrown}{HTML}{999933}
589 \definecolor{TolLightBrown}{HTML}{DDCC77}
590 \definecolor{TolDarkRed}{HTML}{661100}
```

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ Tol actually describes several palettes; these colours are taken from the bottom row of Figure 3 in his technical note.

```
591\definecolor{TolLightRed}{HTML}{CC6677}
592\definecolor{TolLightPink}{HTML}{AA4466}
593\definecolor{TolDarkPink}{HTML}{882255}
594\definecolor{TolLightPurple}{HTML}{AA4499}
```

To use these colors, we describe `cycle lists' from which PGF chooses styles for the different series in a chart.

mbarplot cycle Colors and styles intended for bar charts with up to 12 series.

```
595 \pgfplotscreateplotcyclelist{mbarplot cycle}{%
    {draw=TolDarkBlue,
                            fill=TolDarkBlue!70},
596
    {draw=TolLightBrown,
                           fill=TolLightBrown!70},
597
    {draw=TolLightGreen,
                            fill=TolLightGreen!70},
598
    {draw=TolDarkPink,
                            fill=TolDarkPink!70},
599
    {draw=TolDarkPurple,
                            fill=TolDarkPurple!70},
600
    {draw=TolDarkRed,
                            fill=TolDarkRed!70},
601
    {draw=TolDarkBrown,
                            fill=TolDarkBrown!70},
602
603
    {draw=TolLightRed,
                            fill=TolLightRed!70},
    {draw=TolLightPink,
                            fill=TolLightPink!70},
604
    {draw=TolLightPurple, fill=TolLightPurple!70},
605
    {draw=TolLightBlue,
                            fill=TolLightBlue!70},
606
607
    {draw=TolDarkGreen,
                            fill=TolDarkGreen!70},
608 }
```

mlineplot cycle Colors and styles intended for line charts with up to 4 series.

```
609 \pgfplotscreateplotcyclelist{mlineplot cycle}{%
610    {TolDarkBlue, mark=*, mark size=1.5pt},
611    {TolLightBrown, mark=square*, mark size=1.3pt},
612    {TolLightGreen, mark=triangle*, mark size=1.5pt},
613    {TolDarkBrown, mark=diamond*, mark size=1.5pt},
614}
```

However, the above cycle lists are not applied automatically. We still need to define styles --- mlineplot and mbarplot --- that the user can apply to the axis of a pgfplots chart to use the colors. We'll also take the opportunity to adjust the display of chart axes when these styles are used.

```
615 \pgfplotsset{
616 compat=1.9,
```

mlineplot A style to apply to the axis of a PGF line plot.

```
mlineplot/.style={
617
       mbaseplot,
618
       xmajorgrids=true,
619
       ymajorgrids=true,
620
       major grid style={dotted},
621
       axis x line=bottom,
622
       axis y line=left,
       legend style={
624
         cells={anchor=west},
625
         draw=none
626
       },
627
       cycle list name=mlineplot cycle,
628
    },
629
```

mbarplot A style to apply to the axis of a PGF bar chart. mbarplot uses vertical bars by horizontal mbarplot default, while horizontal mbarplot has horizontal bars as the name implies. Their shared properties are factored out into the internal style mbarplot base.

```
mbarplot base/.style={
630
       mbaseplot,
631
       bar width=6pt,
632
       axis y line*=none,
633
    },
634
    mbarplot/.style={
635
       mbarplot base,
636
       ybar,
637
638
       xmajorgrids=false,
       ymajorgrids=true,
639
       area legend,
640
       legend image code/.code={%
641
         \draw[#1] (0cm,-0.1cm) rectangle (0.15cm,0.1cm);
642
       },
643
       cycle list name=mbarplot cycle,
644
    },
645
    horizontal mbarplot/.style={
646
       mbarplot base,
647
       xmajorgrids=true,
648
       ymajorgrids=false,
649
```

```
xbar stacked,
           650
                   area legend,
            651
                   legend image code/.code={%
           652
                     \draw[#1] (0cm,-0.1cm) rectangle (0.15cm,0.1cm);
           653
                   },
           654
                   cycle list name=mbarplot cycle,
           655
                },
           656
mbaseplot Adjusts the appearance of the axes in a PGF chart.
                mbaseplot/.style={
           657
                   legend style={
           658
                     draw=none,
           659
                     fill=none,
           660
                     cells={anchor=west},
            661
                   },
           662
                   x tick label style={
           663
                     font=\footnotesize
           664
           665
                   y tick label style={
           666
                     font=\footnotesize
           667
                   },
           668
                   legend style={
           669
                     font=\footnotesize
           670
            671
                   major grid style={
            672
                     dotted,
            673
                   },
            674
                   axis x line*=bottom,
            675
                },
            676
                disable thousands separator/.style={
            677
                   /pgf/number format/.cd,
           678
           679
                     1000 sep={}
                },
           680
           681 }
```