

Welcome To Presentate!

Tools for creating integrated dynamic slides.

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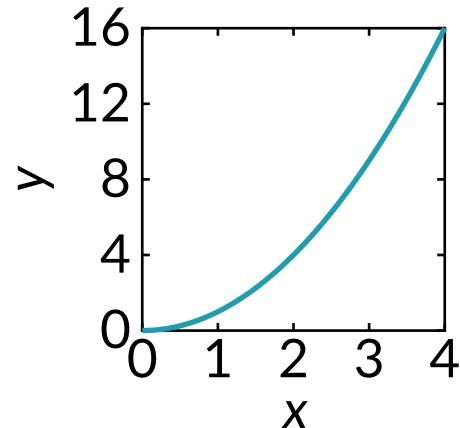
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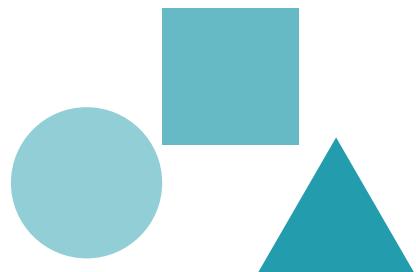
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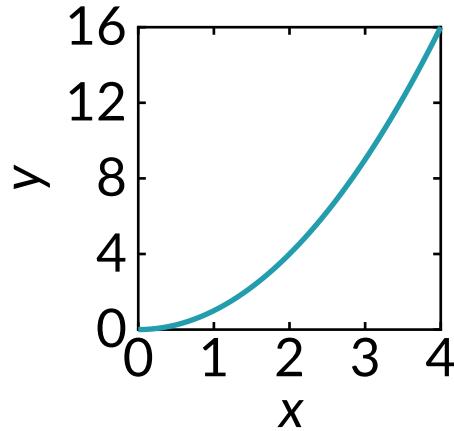
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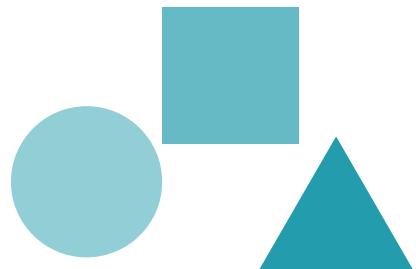


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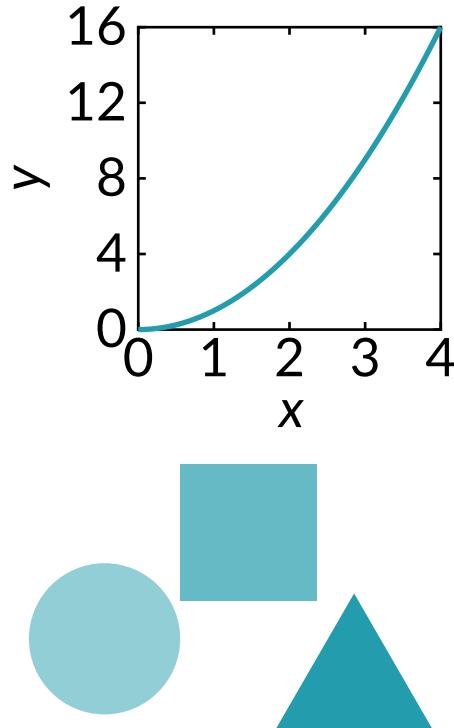


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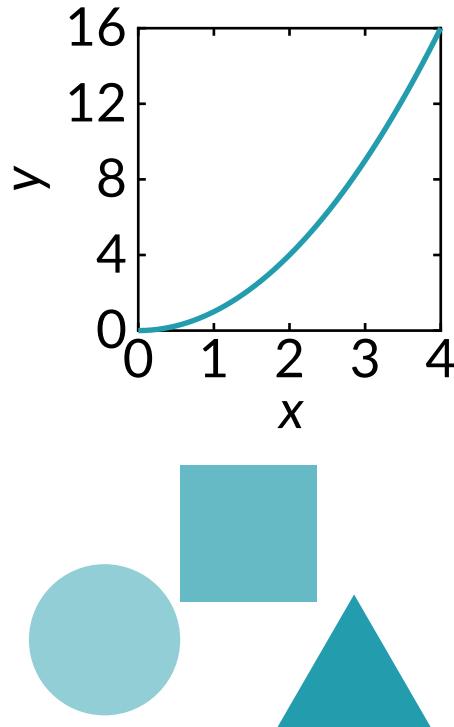


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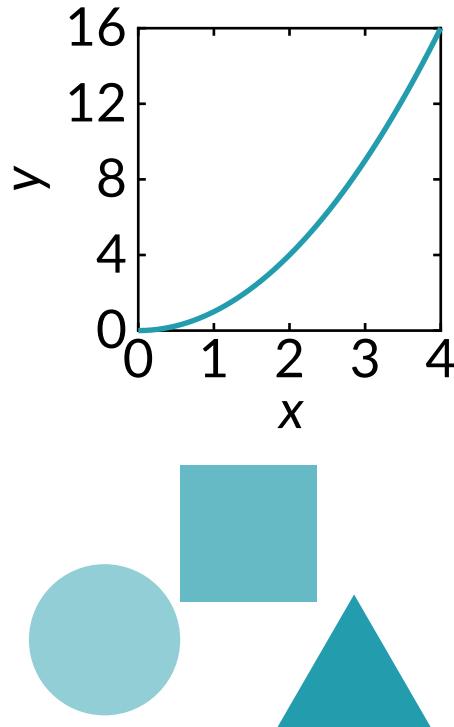
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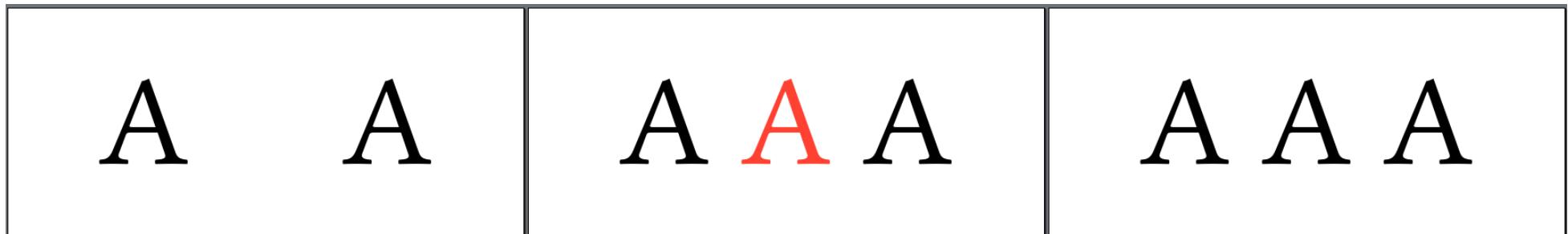
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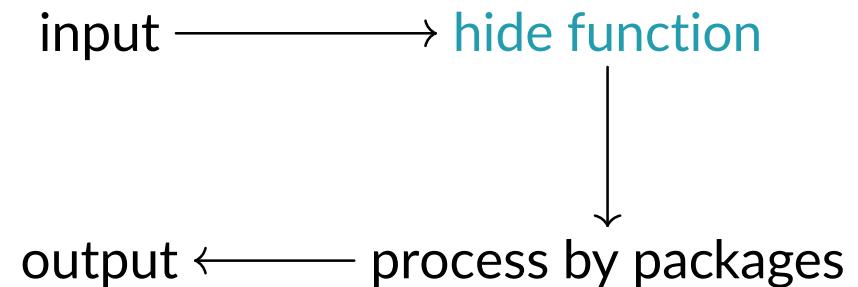
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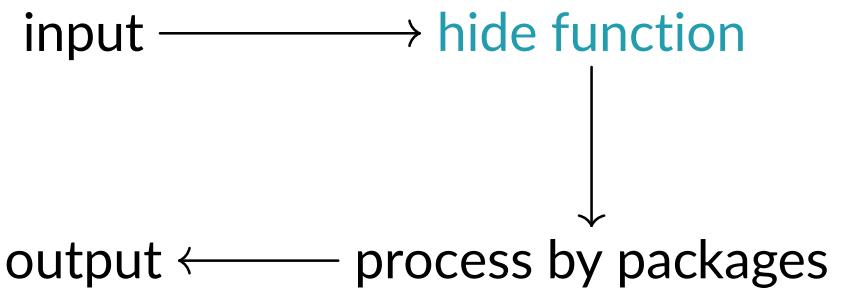
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So to create animation with those packages, we need some functionality to be able to *hide* the information *without* content generation.

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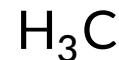
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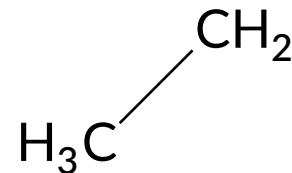
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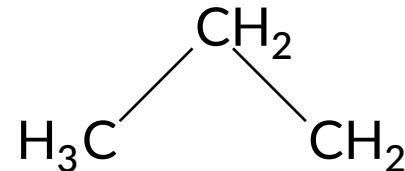
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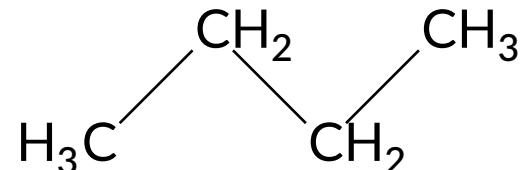
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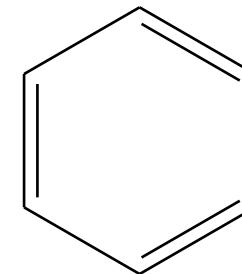
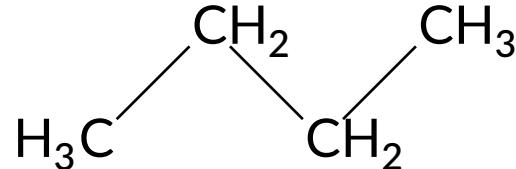
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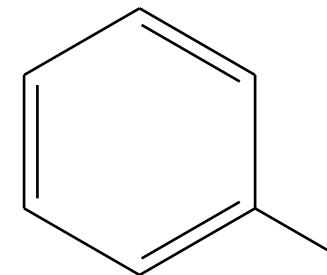
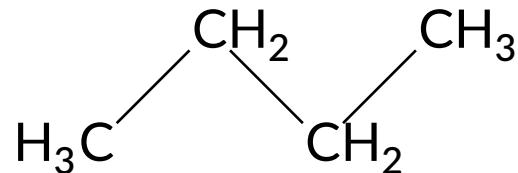
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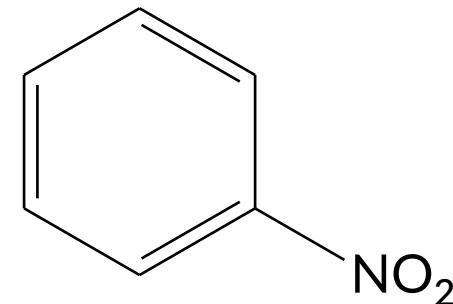
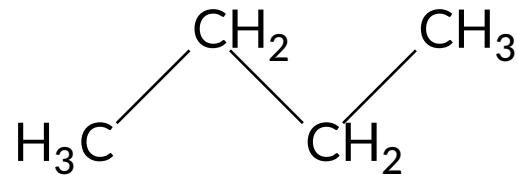
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1.5 Acknowledgement

The package was created by mixing my original motivation and inspirations from many existing presentation packages.

Thanks to: [Polylux](#)² for subslide implementation and pdfpc support,
[Touying](#)³ for idea of render frame, fake frozen states, and
[Minideck](#)⁴ for `#only`, and `#uncover` functions.

²<https://github.com/polylux-typ/polylux>

³<https://github.com/touying-typ/touying>

⁴<https://github.com/knuesel/typst-minideck>

2 Usage

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Start with the following snippets:

```
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2 #set text(size: 25pt) // of your choice
3
4 #slide[
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6   #show: pause;
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8   This is `presentate`.
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You may styling the way you want, for example:

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2 #set page(paper: "presentation-16-9")
3 #set text(size: 25pt, font: "FiraCode Nerd Font Mono")
4 #set align(horizon)
5 #slide[
6   = Welcome to Presentate!
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8   #datetime.today().display()
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The results are on the next slide:

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Note: default `#hide` function cannot hide the number or list markers.
To solve this, we will introduce the alternative way to ‘hide’ them.

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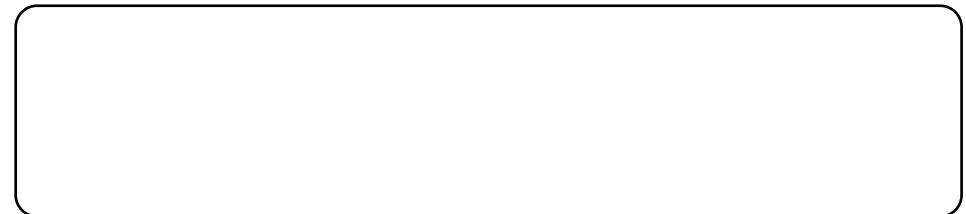
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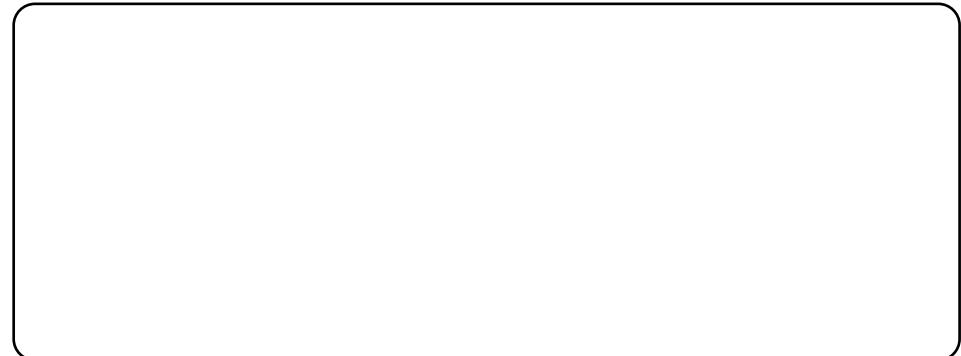
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However, if you want other modes of *hiding* something? E.g. make it *transparent*. You can modify this with `#text.with(fill: gray.transparentize(50%))`:

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Output:

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For a more complex animation, `#only` and `#uncover` functions can control when the content will be shown based on given number of frames, or *subslide number*.

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```
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5 ]  
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Output: on subslide 1

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Output: on subslide 2

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Output: on subslide 4

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What do they do?

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Output: on subslide 2

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Output: on subslide 5

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If only the `#pause` ‘sees’ the `#uncover`’s presence, it would be good, right?

Yes, it can, by set the argument `#uncover(update-pause: true)`.

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Output: on subslide 4

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Output: on subslide 5

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Output: on subslide 6

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Number of pauses can be varied and independent from actual number of `#pauses`.

If we use `#only` or `#uncover` to change them, for example:

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So you can focus on the animation, without worrying about number of subslides.

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3. **You have to update the state variable (#s) manually.**

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Example 1: Animated CeTZ⁶ diagram. Create an animation drawing two circles, in green and red.

```
1 #import "@preview/cetz:0.4.2":  
2   canvas, draw  
3  
4 #render(s => ({  
5   import animation: *  
6   canvas({  
7     import draw: *  
8     pause(s, circle((0, 0),  
9       fill: green,))  
10    s.push(auto) // update s  
11    pause(s, circle((1, 0),  
12      fill: red))  
13  })  
14})
```

⁶<https://typst.app/universe/package/cetz>

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Output: on subslide 1



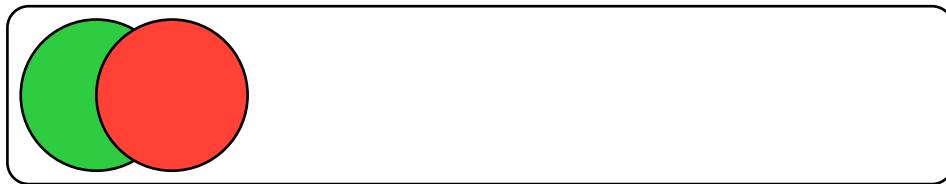
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Output: on subslide 2



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Output: on subslide 5



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However, you can change this by the `#draw.hide.with(bounds: true)` from native CeTZ to preserve space, by adding the following line before `#canvas`:

```
1 let pause = pause.with(hider: draw.hide.with(bounds: true))
```

Similarly, you can change the default hider functions to suit your package.

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You can change the default `#hider` by using `#settings` functions, which will return a dictionary containing the functions:

```
1 // import "@preview/cetz:0.4.2": canvas, draw
2 let (uncover, pause) = settings(hider: draw.hide.with(bounds: true))
```

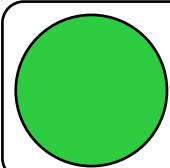
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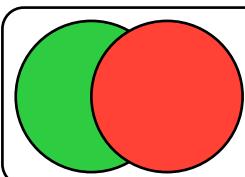


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- `(1, 2, ...)` array of integers are pushed to set the **minimum number of subslides**, `without` updating pauses.

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Example 2: CeTZ drawings with `#uncover` and `#only`

```
1 #import "@preview/cetz:0.4.2":  
2   canvas, draw  
3  
4 #render(s => {  
5   import animation: *  
6   canvas({  
7     import draw: *  
8     let (uncover, pause) =  
9       settings(hider:  
10      draw.hide.with(bounds:  
11        true))  
12  
13   })  
14 } , s))
```

```
7   pause(s, circle((0, 0)))  
8   s.push(auto)  
9   uncover(s, 3,  
10    rect((-1, -1), (1, 1)))  
11  s.push((3, ))  
12  only(s, 4, circle((1, 1)))  
13  s.push(4)  
14 }  
15 } , s))
```

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Output: on subslide 1



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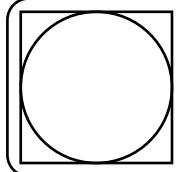
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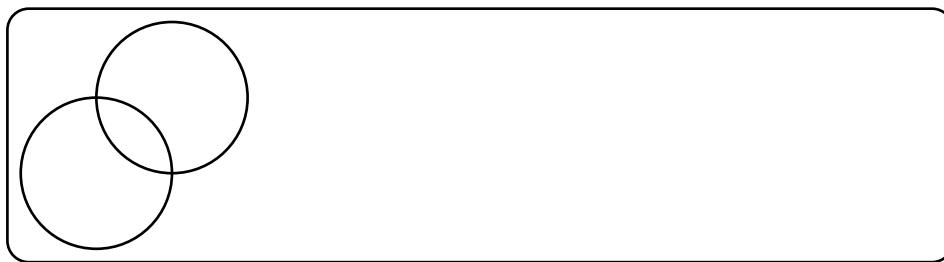
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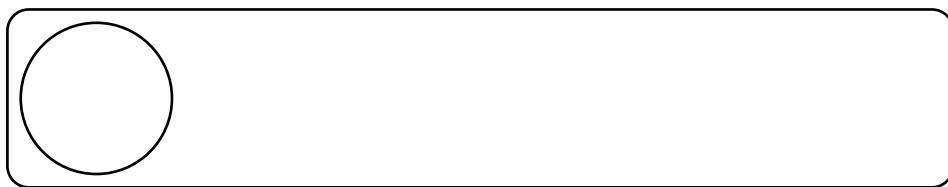
Output: on subslide 4



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Output: on subslide 5



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Output: on subslide 6



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All you need to do is to update the `#s` for each animation.

For total number of subslides needed, Presentate will do the job *automatically*.

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Example 3: Fletcher in math mode diagram, with `it => none` as hider.

Output: on subslide 1

```
1 #render(s => ({
2   import animation: *
3   diagram($
4     pause(#s, A edge(->)) #s.push(auto)
5     & pause(#s, B edge(->)) #s.push(auto)
6     pause(#s, edge(->, "d") & C) \
7     & pause(#s, D)
8   $,
9 }, s,)))
```

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Example 3: Fletcher in math mode diagram, with `it => none` as hider.

Output: on subslide 2

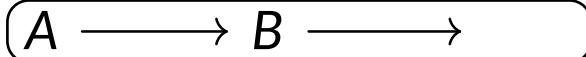
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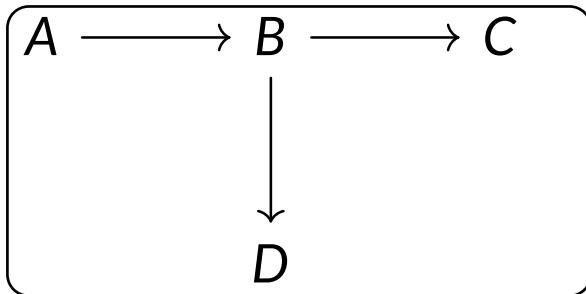


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Output: on subslide 4

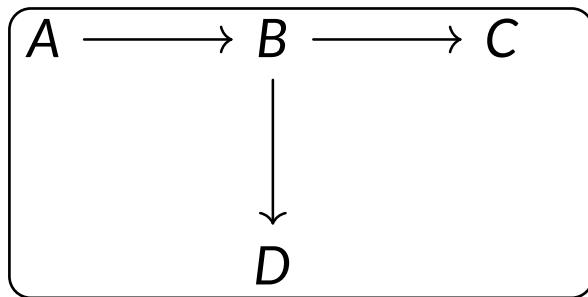


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Output: on subslide 5



Although not perfect, it is doable.

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6     pause(#s, edge(->, "d") & C) \
7     & pause(#s, D)
8   $,
9 }, s, ))
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Introducing `#animation.animate` function, together with a package for drawing molecular strcutre: [Alchemist](#)⁷.

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So we use the hider as a `#modifier` the function's argument.

```
1 #import "@preview/alchemist:0.1.8": *
2 #let (single,) = animation.animate(
3   single, modifier: (func, ...args) => func(stroke: 0pt, ...args)
4 )
```

Note! The animated functions require `#s` as the first positional argument.

2.12 Animate the inanimate

Output: on subslide 1



```
1 #render(s => ({
2   skeletize({
3     single(s) // Note the `s`!
4     branch({
5       s.push(auto)
6       single(s, angle: -1)
7     })
8     s.push(auto)
9     single(s, angle: 1)
10   })
11 }, s))
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Output: on subslide 2



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Output: on subslide 3



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Output: on subslide 4



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Output: on subslide 5



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Output: on subslide 6



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The `#animate` is like `modifier` to make the function `aware` to the `#s` updates.

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Normal mode is to do nothing, for the last two options, you can set them via

```
1 #set-options(handout: true, drafted: true)
```

2.14 Themes

The slide you are viewing is the `simple` theme of Presentate. You can use it by typing the following lines:

```
1 #import themes.simple: *
2 #show: template.with(
3   author: [Pacaunt], // change to yours!
4   title: [Welcome To Presentate!],
5   subtitle: [Slides Tools.],
6 )
```

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The theme provides the following slides:

- `#slide(title, body)` which if no title, it will repeat the last topic.
- `#empty-slide(body)` which is empty and has no margin, header, and footer.
- `#focus-slide(body)` which is colored, vibrant slide for getting attention.

The preview is on the next slide:

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The image shows a 2x3 grid of slides, each with a dark teal header and footer bar.

- Top Left:** Title "Welcome To Presentate!" with subtitle "Slides Tools.", date "Pacaunt | 2025-08-15".
- Top Middle:** Title "New Section".
- Top Right:** Title "Hello", subtitle "This is Simple theme slide.", footer "Pacaunt 1".
- Bottom Left:** Title "Hello", subtitle "Slide with no title will continue from the last title.", footer "Pacaunt 2".
- Bottom Middle:** Title "This should be focus!".
- Bottom Right:** Subtitle "#empty-slide is the slide with nothing, even the header and footer.". The footer area is empty.

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```
1 = New Section
2 #slide[Hello][
3 This is Simple theme slide.
4 ]
5
6 #slide[
7 Slide with no title will
8 continue from the last title.
9 ]
```

```
10 #focus-slide[
11 This should be focus!
12 ]
13
14 #empty-slide[
15 #set align(center + horizon)
16 `#empty-slide` is the slide
17 with nothing, \
18 even the `header` and
`footer`.
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4 )
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3   aspect-ratio: "16-9"
4 )
```

and then you will have `#slide`(body), which are normal slide function, and `#empty-slide`(body) for a slide with no header, footer, and margins.

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Some example of the Default theme.

New Section	Hello This is default theme slide.	#empty-slide is the slide with nothing, even the header and footer.
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```
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2  
3 #slide[  
4 == Hello  
5 This is default theme slide.  
6 ]  
7
```

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2.14 Themes

By default Presentate is still young and does not provide more themes currently, but the integration of Typst styling in Presentate should be seamless, and convenient enough to create by yourself :)

For more information, you can contact us at
Presentate's github
(<https://github.com/pacaunt/typst-presentate/>)

Enjoy making presentation!