The Sidebar Theme

A "Hannover/Marburg" inspired theme for Presentate

David Hajage | January 2026

typst

1 Introduction

1.1 The Sidebar Theme

This theme provides a persistent sidebar (left or right) containing a progressive outline of your presentation.

It is inspired by classic LaTeX Beamer themes like **Hannover** or **Marburg**.

Key Features:

- Automatic navigation tracking.
- Fully customizable colors and dimensions.
- Logo support.

typst

1.2 How to use

Simply import the theme and apply it to your document:

```
#import "@preview/presentate:0.2.3": *
#import themes.sidebar: template

#show: doc => template(doc,
  title: [My Presentation],
  side: "left",
  sidebar-color: blue
)
```

typst

2 Layout Options

2.1 Side & Width

You can control the placement and size of the sidebar.

- `side`: `"left"` (default) or `"right"`.
- `width`: The width of the sidebar column (e.g., `20%`, `4cm`). Default is `22%`.

```
#show: doc => template(doc,
  side: "right",
  width: 25%
)
```

typst

2.2 Logo Positioning

Add a logo to your sidebar using the `logo` parameter.

Control its position with `logo-position`:
- `"top"` (default): Puts the logo at the top.
- `"bottom"`: Puts the logo at the very bottom.

```
logo: image("logo.png", width: 80%),
logo-position: "bottom"
```

typst

3 Styling

3.1 Colors

Customize the look to match your brand identity.

- `sidebar-color`: Background of the sidebar.
- `main-color`: Background of the content area.
- `title-color`: Color of headings.

Sidebar Text Colors:
- `text-color`: Color for inactive items.
- `active-color`: Color for the current item.

typst

3.2 Font Configuration

Change the presentation's typography easily:

```
text-font: "Roboto",
text-size: 22pt
```

The sidebar text size is relative (0.7em) and will scale automatically.

typst

3.3 Numbering

Enable or disable section numbering globally.

- `numbering`: A format string (e.g., `"1.1"`) or none.

```
numbering: "1.1" // Default
numbering: none  // No numbers
```

typst

4 Advanced

4.1 Outline Configuration

The sidebar uses the `progressive-outline` module internally.

You can override advanced options via the `outline-options` dictionary:

```
outline-options: (
  level-1-mode: "current",
  spacing: (indent-2: 0pt)
)
```

typst

5 Content Flow

5.1 Multi-slide Topic

Sometimes a single topic is too long for one slide.

This is the **first slide** of this section.

Look at the sidebar: **"Multi-slide Topic"** is highlighted.

typst

This is the **second slide** of the same topic.

We called `#slide(none)[...]` (or just passed body content) so no new heading was created.

Result: The sidebar **still** highlights "Multi-slide Topic".

typst

This is the **third slide.**

The context remains preserved across pages until you define a new section or slide title.

typst

5.2 Enjoy!

Start creating beautiful presentations with Typst and Presentate.