

The Split Theme

Inspired by Copenhagen & Cambridge

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Motivation

The **Split** theme offers a dual-column header for clear structural awareness.

- **Left side:** All sections (H1).
- **Right side:** Subsections (H2) of the current section.

Navigation Styles

You can toggle between two navigation styles in the template:

- `navigation-style: "all"`: Full overview (Beamer Copenhagen style).
- `navigation-style: "current"`: Focus on current context only (Beamer Cambridge style).

```
#show: doc => template(doc,  
  navigation-style: "current",  
  ...  
)
```

Font Configuration

You can easily change the global font and size. Headers and footers scale automatically.

```
#show: doc => template(doc,  
  text-font: "Roboto", // Default is "Lato"  
  text-size: 22pt,      // Default is 20pt  
  ...  
)
```

In this presentation, we are using 22pt.

Auto-scaling UI

The header and footer sizes are defined using relative units (em).

This means they automatically scale when you change the `text-size` in the template configuration, maintaining a consistent visual balance without manual adjustment.

Visual Layout

The slide is organized into fixed areas:

- **Header:** Split into two thematic colors.
- **Body:** Large area for content with an optional manual title.
- **Footer:** Three-part bar with author, title, and numbering.

Transitions

Section changes automatically trigger a high-contrast transition slide.

Configure this via the transitions dictionary:

```
transitions: (  
    enabled: true, // Toggle on/off  
    level: 2      // 1: Sections, 2: Sections & Subsections  
)
```

Header Columns

By default, the header is split 50/50. You can change this using `header-columns`:

`header-columns: (2fr, 1fr)`

This is useful if your section names are much longer than your subsection names.

Header Alignment

You can control the alignment of the text in the header columns:

```
section-align: right,    // Default  
subsection-align: left, // Default
```

For example, to center everything:

```
section-align: center,  
subsection-align: center,
```

Numbering

Toggle the display of numbers in the header navigation:

```
show-heading-numbering: false
```

By default, it is set to true.

Manual Title Demo

By default, slides have **no title** (empty space).

If you want a title, provide it as the first argument: `#slide("My Title") [...]`.

This slide has **no title** because we called `#slide[...]` without a string argument.

Note how the header still highlights the current subsection (“Automatic Transitions”) regardless of the slide’s own title.

Part A

Content for Subsection A

Part B

Content for Subsection B

Part C

Content for Subsection C

Summary

The Split theme is perfect for long presentations where keeping track of the global plan is essential.