

Presentations with L^AT_EX: Tips and Tricks

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Bad Presentations

What makes a **Bad** Presentation?

- Not targeted to audience.
- Not well thought out.
- Time issues.
- Too much on each slide.
- Too many slides.



Good Presentations

What makes a **Good** Presentation?

- 1 Targeted to audience, keeps audience engaged.
- 2 Well thought out.
- 3 Conveys information.
- 4 Right on Time.



Why L^AT_EX?

- Mathematicians use L^AT_EX for papers.
- L^AT_EX typesets mathematics much better than Powerpoint or Word.
- The L^AT_EX system is **free**!
- Worry about the content, not font size, placement, etc.
- The L^AT_EX system is **FREE!!**
- The end result is an Adobe PDF file, which is extremely portable and can be displayed on almost any platform.



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- Output Choices - Presentation or Handout?



L^AT_EX Presentation Support - History

- foiltex
- seminar
- prosper
- beamer



Framed!

One should generally use one frame per slide.

A frame

```
\begin{frame}{frame title}  
... blah ...  
\end{frame}
```

More Choices

- Presentation Themes
 - ▶ With/Without Navigation bars?
 - ▶ Tree-like Navigation bar?
 - ▶ Table of Contents sidebar?
 - ▶ Mini-Frame Navigation?
- Outer Themes
- Inner Themes
- Color Themes
- Font Themes



Templates, I

Setup

```
%\documentclass[11pt]{beamer}
\documentclass[dvips,11pt]{beamer}
%\documentclass[handout,dvips,11pt,gray]{beamer}

% Setup appearance:

%\usetheme{Darmstadt}
%\usetheme{Frankfurt}
%\usetheme{Warsaw}
\usetheme[secheader]{Boadilla}
%\setbeameroption{hide notes}
%\setbeameroption{show notes}
%\setbeameroption{show only notes}
\usefonttheme[onlylarge]{structurebold}
\setbeamerfont*{frametitle}{size=\normalsize,series=\bfseries}
\setbeamertemplate{navigation symbols}{}
\setbeamertemplate{note page}[plain]
```

Templates, II

Packages

```
% Standard packages

\usepackage[english]{babel}
\usepackage[latin1]{inputenc}
\usepackage{times}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{pst-all}           % PStricks
\usepackage{graphicx}         % Graphics formats
%\usepackage{multimedia}

%\usepackage{pgfpages}
%\pgfpagesuselayout{4 on 1}[letterpaper,landscape,border shrink=5mm]

%\logo{\includegraphics[width=0.05\textwidth]{utlogo.jpg}}
%\logo{\includegraphics[width=0.05\textwidth]{utlogo.eps}}

% Author, Title, etc.

\title[LaTeX\ Tips and Tricks]{Presentations with LaTeX: Tips and Tricks}

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{Department of Mathematics \\\ The University of Tennessee, Knoxville}

\date[10/10/07]{October 10, 2007}

\begin{document}
... frames ...
\end{document}
```

Handouts

To print out a presentation (with notes) for handouts, I use the following:

```
\documentclass[handout,dvips,11pt,gray]{beamer}
\usetheme[secheader]{Boadilla}
\setbeameroption{show notes}

\usefonttheme[onlylarge]{structurebold}
\setbeamerfont*{frametitle}{size=\normalsize,series=\bfseries}
\setbeamertemplate{navigation symbols}{}
\setbeamertemplate{note page}[plain]

\usepackage[english]{babel}
\usepackage[latin1]{inputenc}
\usepackage{times}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{pst-all} % PStricks

\usepackage{pgfpages}
\pgfpagesuselayout{4 on 1}[letterpaper,landscape,border shrink=5mm]
```

Getting output

Windows

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latex filename (twice)
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ps2pdf13 filename
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Linux, postscript

```
latex filename (twice)
dvips filename -o
ps2pdf13 filename
```

Linux, pdf

```
pdflatex filename (twice)
```

Type of Graphics

- Inserting graphics into a presentation is a **good** idea, i.e., sometimes a picture is really worth a thousand words.
- \LaTeX has available a number of packages which allow for simple drawings to be done within the \LaTeX document itself.
- \LaTeX also has available packages which allow for importing of external document files, such as `.ps`, `.eps`, `.jpg`, `.gif`, etc.
- `beamer` allows for inclusion of "movies" in a presentation also.

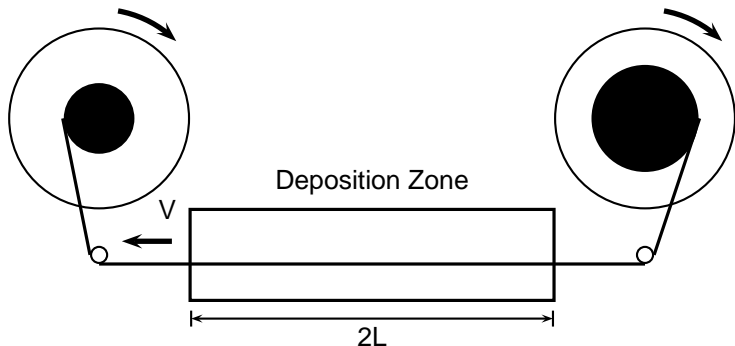


Guidelines

- If one is including only external `.ps` or `.eps` files, then one should not use pdf \LaTeX .
- To include external graphics files, use the `graphicx` package and scale the included graphic by some fraction of the "textwidth" variable.
- One should ensure that all external graphics files to be included are of the same type.
- If one is required to "draw" simple diagrams, I recommend using the `PStricks` (postscript) or the `pgf/TikZ` (non-postscript) package.
- For graphs or charts, make sure the labels are readable.

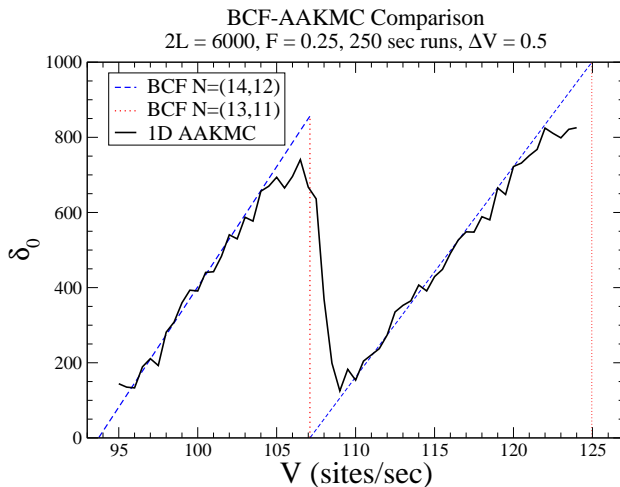


Sample Drawing with PStricks



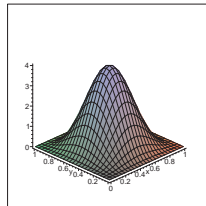
Simple Reel-to-Reel Processing System (side view)

Sample Inclusion of External Graphic



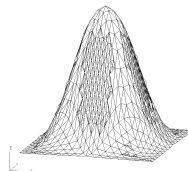
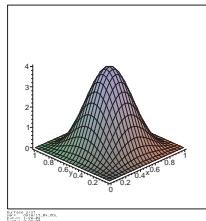
Columns

Exact Solution



Columns

Exact Solution
Computed Solution



Movies

- f6d2a est – UNIX
- f6d2a est – Windoze

Comments

- There are many different ways of accomplishing the same task with \LaTeX . Once one finds something that works, stick with it until one finds a better way of doing it.
- One should definitely explore different themes with `beamer`. Make extensive use of the references listed at the end.
- Putting too many fancy things into a presentation takes away from the purpose of the presentation, i.e., the content. Sometimes basic is better.
- With `beamer` flexibility is the key. Note that `beamer` provides a powerful alternative to using Microsoft Powerpoint.



References

- beamer documentation

- ▶ `/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/beamer/doc`
- ▶ `/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/beamer/examples`
- ▶ `/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/beamer/solutions`
- ▶ `/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/beamer/themes`

- PStricks: <http://tug.org/PSTricks/>

- pgf/TikZ:

`/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/pgf/doc/generic/pgf`

- L^AT_EX Navigator: <http://tex.loria.fr/>

