

ppt-slides: L^AT_EX Package for Slide Decks à la Power Point*

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1 Introduction

This package helps you render slide decks in PowerPoint™ style:



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \begin{document}
4 \pptMiddle{\pptTitle{Hello, world!}{How are you?}}
5 \end{document}
```

It is recommended to use this package together with [clicks](#):



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \usepackage[static]{clicks}
4 \begin{document}
5 We help you make slide decks in \LaTeX:
6 \plick{\pptBanner{Making Slides Is Easy}}
7 \plick{Just use this package...}
8 \plush{together with 'clicks' package.}
9 They will look similar to what PowerPoint can
10 make, but with the precision of \LaTeX. We
11 recommend using us together with ‘clicks.’
12 \end{document}
```

2 Layout

```
\pptToc First, split your story into chapters:
\pptChapter
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{clicks}
\usepackage[template,scheme=light]{ppt-slides}
\begin{document}
\pptToc
\plush{\pptChapter{About Me}}
```

*The sources are in GitHub at [yegor256/ppt-slides](https://github.com/yegor256/ppt-slides)

```

...
\plush{\pptChapter[Idea]{My Idea Is Novel}}
...
\plush{\pptChapter[FAQ]{Discussion \& Questions}}
...
\end{document}

```

`\pptToc` will render the table of contents in an interactive “clickable” format. Thanks to the use of [crumbs](#), there will be a navigation at the top left corner.

`\pptSection` Then, put sections inside chapters:

```

\begin{document}
\pptToc
\plush{\pptChapter{About Me}}
\plush{\pptSection[Student]{I'm a Student}}
...
\plush{\pptSection[Athlete]{Also, I'm an Athlete}}
...
\plush{\pptChapter[Idea]{My Idea Is Novel}}
\plush{\pptSection{Novelty}}
\plush{\pptSection{Impact}}
\end{document}

```

The `\pptChapter` and `\pptSection` commands used together will render nice two-level navigation menu at the top left corner.

`\pptLeft` You can place the title of the presentation and your name at the bottom of each slide,
`\pptRight` on the left and on the right respectively:

```

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{clicks}
\usepackage[template,scheme=light]{ppt-slides}
\pptLeft{How Did I Spend Last Summer}
\pptRight{Yegor Bugayenko}
\begin{document}
...
\end{document}

```

If you don't use the `\pptLeft` or `\pptRight` commands, nothing will be printed at the bottom.

3 Commands

`\pptPic` You can add an image to the slide (the first argument is the width of the image in relation to `\textwidth`, while the second one is the path of it):



```

1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \begin{document}
4 \pptPic{0.2}{socrates.jpg} \\
5 This is Socrates, a Greek philosopher.
6 \end{document}

```

`\pptHeader` You can add a piece of code to the slide (we recommend using [ffcode](#)):



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \usepackage{ffcode}
4 \begin{document}
5 \pptHeader{This is How You Print to Console:}
6 \begin{ffcode}
7 void main(char** args) {
8     printf("Hello, world!");
9 }
10 \end{ffcode}
11 \end{document}
```

Don't use `\plick` or `\plush`, they won't work with code snippets. The `\pptHeader` command prints a header similar to what the `\pptSection` command prints, but doesn't start a new section.

`\pptQuote`
`\pptBanner`

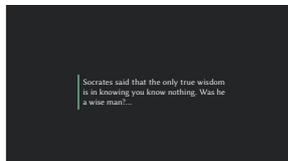
You can put a quote next to the image, by using the `\pptQuote` command:



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \begin{document}
4 \pptBanner{My Favorite Quote}
5 \pptQuote{socrates.jpg}{The only true wisdom
6 is in knowing you know nothing.}{Socrates}
7 \end{document}
```

`\pptThought`

For an interesting thought in the middle of the slide, use `\pptThought`:



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \begin{document}
4 \pptThought{Socrates said that the only true
5 wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. Was he
6 a wise man?...}
7 \end{document}
```

`\pptQR`

Sometimes it's convenient to show a QR code to your audience instead of a URL, since it's easier to use — they can scan it:



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \begin{document}
4 Check my blog post by this link: \\
5 \pptQR{https://www.yegor256.com}
6 \end{document}
```

`pptWide`
`pptWideOne`

The code will look like this, thanks to [qrcode](#) package that we use behind the scene. Sometimes you need your slide content to take all visible horizontal space:



```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[template,scheme=dark]{ppt-slides}
3 \begin{document}
4 \begin{pptWideOne}
5 This paragraph is too long for some reasons,
6 that's why must take all visible horizontal
7 space, while normally the content has a wide
8 margin on the left side of the page.
9 \end{pptWideOne}
10 \end{document}
```

You can also use `\begin{pptWide}{X}`, where `X` is the number of columns to render.

4 Package Options

template You start with a template for your slide deck:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[template=9x6]{ppt-slides}
\begin{document}
...
\end{document}
```

There is only one template, which is used by default: `9x6`. If you don't specify the name, it will be used. If you don't use the `template` option at all, the default `article` will be rendered, which is not what you want.

scheme You can choose a color scheme for your slides, using the `scheme` option of the package:

```
\usepackage[template,scheme=light]{ppt-slides}
```

There are a few out-of-the-box schemes available: `light`, `dark`, `light-mono`, and `dark-mono`. You can design your own, using `ppt-light.tex` file as an example:

```
\usepackage[template,scheme=/usr/local/my-colors.tex]{ppt-slides}
```

directory You can change the location of the templates and schemes by means of the `directory` package option:

```
\usepackage[directory=/tmp,template=foo]{ppt-slides}
```

nominutes By default, if you render your slide deck in non-static mode (the `static` option for the "clicks" package), there will be minutes tracking in the right top corner of each slide. You can turn this off by using the `nominutes` option of the package:

```
\usepackage[nominutes]{ppt-slides}
```

5 Implementation

First, we parse the package options:

```
1 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
2 \makeatletter
3 \pgfkeys{
```

```

4 /ppt-slides/.is family,
5 /ppt-slides,
6 template/.estore in = \ppt@template,
7 template/.default = 9x6,
8 scheme/.estore in = \ppt@scheme,
9 directory/.estore in = \ppt@directory,
10 directory/.default = ,
11 nomminutes/.estore in = \ppt@nomminutes,
12 directory
13 }
14 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/ppt-slides}
15 \makeatother

    Then, we include the template:
16 \makeatletter\ifdefined\ppt@template
17   \input{\ppt@directory ppt-templates/ppt-\ppt@template.tex}
18 \else
19   \message{^^Jppt: No template is loaded, because
20     the 'template' option is not specified}
21 \fi\makeatother

    Then, we include the scheme:
22 \makeatletter\ifdefined\ppt@scheme
23   \RequirePackage{xcolor}
24   \input{\ppt@directory ppt-schemes/ppt-\ppt@scheme.tex}
25 \else
26   \message{^^Jppt: No color scheme is loaded, because
27     the 'scheme' option is not specified}
28 \fi\makeatother

    Then, we include a few packages:
29 \RequirePackage{ifthen} % for if/then/else in LaTeX
30 \RequirePackage{href-ul} % for nice hyperlinks
31 \RequirePackage{pagecolor} % to change page color
32 \RequirePackage{varwidth} % for pptWide
33 \RequirePackage{qrcode} % to print QR codes
34 \RequirePackage{tikz} % for drawings in TOC
35 \usetikzlibrary{calc} % for positioning of pinned boxes
36 \RequirePackage{tikzpagenodes} % for pptPin
37 \RequirePackage[inline]{enumitem} % for lists in crumbs
38 \RequirePackage{crumbs} % for crumbs

\pptMiddle Then, we define the \pptMiddle command:
39 \newcommand\pptMiddle[1]{%
40   \vspace*{\fill}#1\vspace*{\fill}%
41 }

\pptBanner Then, we define the \pptBanner command:
42 \newcommand\pptBanner[2][green]{%
43   \par%
44   {\setlength{\fboxsep}{6pt}%
45     \colorbox{#1}{\color{\thepagecolor}\large #2}}
46   \par%
47 }

```

`\pptChapter` Then, we define the `\pptChapter` command:

```
48 \newcommand\pptChapter[2] [] {%
49   \crumbection[#1]{#2}%
50   \pptMiddle{%
51     {\large\ttfamily Chapter \#\the\value{section}:}%
52     \newline%
53     \rotatebox{1}{\pptBanner[blue]{\LARGE#2}}%
54   }%
55 }
```

`\pptSection` Then, we define the `\pptSection` command:

```
56 \newcommand\pptSection[2] [] {%
57   \subcrumbection[#1]{#2}%
58   \pptHeader{#2}%
59 }
```

`\pptHeader` Then, we define the `\pptHeader` command:

```
60 \newcommand\pptHeader[1] {%
61   \vspace*{-0.75in}\hspace*{-0.5in}%
62   \rotatebox{1}{\pptBanner[orange]{\Large #1}}\vspace*{0.15in}%
63   \par%
64 }
```

`\pptTitle` Then, we define the `\pptTitle` command:

```
65 \newcommand\pptTitle[2] {%
66   {\pptBanner{\Huge #1}}%
67   {\pptBanner{\large #2}}%
68 }
```

`\pptToc` Then, we define the `\pptToc` command:

```
69 \newcommand*\pptTOC{}
70 \newcommand\pptToc[1] [] {%
71   \renewcommand*\pptTOC{}%
72   \print{%
73     \def\param{#1}%
74     \ifx\param\empty\else%
75       \pptBanner{#1}%
76     \fi%
77     \tikz{%
78       \node (z) {%
79         \begin{varwidth}{\textwidth}%
80           \ifx\pptTOC\empty\else%
81             \begin{itemize}[label={}]
82               \pptTOC
83             \end{itemize}
84           \fi%
85         \end{varwidth}%
86       };%
87       \path [draw=blue,line width=4pt] (z.north west) -- (z.south west);%
88     }%
89   }%
90   \begin{@empty}%
91     \renewcommand\crumb[2] {%
```

```

92     \ifx\pptTOC\empty\else\ifdefined\click\click[0]\fi\fi
93     \gappto\pptTOC{\item ##2}
94   }
95   \crumbs
96   \end{@empty}%
97   \ifdefined\flush\flush[1]\fi%
98 }

```

`\pptQuote` Then, we define the `\pptQuote` command:

```

99 \RequirePackage{tabularx}
100 \newcommand\pptQuote[3]{%
101   \begin{tabularx}{\columnwidth}{c>{\raggedright\arraybackslash}X}%
102     \raisebox{\dimexpr-\height+\ht\strutbox}{\pptPic{0.25}{#1}}%
103     &%
104     ‘‘#2’’%
105   \def\param{#3}%
106   \ifx\param\empty\else%
107     \newline\newline%
108     \small%
109     --- #3%
110   \fi%
111   \\%
112   \end{tabularx}%
113 }

```

`\pptPic` Then, we define the `\pptPic` command:

```

114 \newcommand\pptPic[2]{%
115   {%
116     \setlength{\fboxsep}{0pt}%
117     \setlength{\fboxrule}{1pt}%
118     \fcolorbox{gray}{white}{%
119       \includegraphics[width=#1\columnwidth]{#2}%
120     }%
121   }%
122 }

```

`\pptPin` Then, we define the `\pptPin` command:

```

123 \newcommand\pptPin[2][right]{%
124   \begin{tikzpicture}[remember picture,overlay]%
125     \ifthenelse{\equal{#1}{left}}{%
126       {%
127         \node[anchor=north east] at
128           ($(current page text area.north west) - (24pt, 18pt)$) {%
129           \begin{minipage}{0.25\textwidth}%
130             \raggedleft #2%
131           \end{minipage}%
132         };%
133       }%
134     }{%
135       \node[anchor=north east] at (current page text area.north east) {%
136       \begin{minipage}{0.25\textwidth}%
137         \raggedright #2%
138       \end{minipage}%
139     };%

```

```

140 }%
141 \end{tikzpicture}%
142 }

```

`\pptThought` Then, we define the `\pptThought` command:

```

143 \newcommand\pptThought[1]{%
144   \pptMiddle{%
145     \tikz{%
146       \node [inner sep=18pt] (z) {%
147         \begin{varwidth}{0.8\textwidth}
148           \Large
149           #1
150         \end{varwidth}
151       };
152       \path [draw=green,line width=8pt] (z.north west) -- (z.south west);
153     }%
154   }%
155 }

```

`\pptSnippet` Then, we define the `\pptSnippet` command:

```

156 \newcommand\pptSnippet[2][\small]{%
157   \begin{samepage}%
158     #1\verbatiminput{#2}%
159   \end{samepage}%
160 }

```

`\pptQR` Then, we define the `\pptQR` command:

```

161 \newcommand\pptQR[2][2in]{%
162   \tikz{%
163     \node[draw=white]{%
164       \href{#2}{%
165         \qrcode[height=#1]{#2}%
166       }%
167     }%
168   }%
169 }

```

`\pptPinQR` Then, we define the `\pptPinQR` command:

```

170 \RequirePackage{seqsplit}
171 \newcommand\pptPinQR[2][right]{%
172   \pptPin[#1]{%
173     \begin{minipage}{1.4in}%
174       \raggedleft%
175       \pptQR[1in]{#2}%
176       \\[3pt]
177       \ttfamily\fontsize{8pt}{10pt}\selectfont%
178       \seqsplit{#2} \href{#2}{\rightarrow}%
179     \\
180   \end{minipage}%
181   }%
182 }

```

`pptWide` Finally, we define the `pptWide` and `pptWideOne` environments:

```

183 \newenvironment{pptWideOne}
184   {\begin{adjustwidth}{-2in}{-1in}}
185   {\end{adjustwidth}}
186 \newenvironment{pptWide}[1]
187   {\begin{pptWideOne}\begin{multicols}{#1}}
188   {\end{multicols}\end{pptWideOne}}

```

Change History

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| 0.0.1 | General: First draft. 4 | 0.1.5 | General: The default directory fixed. . . 4 |
| 0.1.4 | General: The <code>nominutes</code> package option added. 4 | 0.2.0 | General: We migrated to the <code>ltxdoc</code> format and <code>.dtx</code> file. 4 |

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