

Slide Preparation II

Preparation procedures of simple slides under different themes are discussed in Hour 21. This Hour is devoted on some more important topics on slide preparation, such as piece-wise presentation of items, BEAMER environments, hyperlinking, etc.

22.1 Piece-Wise Presentation (BEAMER Overlays)

It is always preferred to present (cover, uncover/show, or highlight) the contents of a frame piece-wise, instead of displaying the entire contents in one go only as in the cases discussed in Hour 22. There are many processes for preparing frames, so as to present the contents piece-wise sequentially or in other orders. If the contents of a frame are to be presented piece-wise, the BEAMER will automatically split the frame into that number of slides.

22.1.1 Table of Contents

If a presentation is prepared section-wise, the table of contents of the presentation can be generated using the `\tableofcontents` command. Moreover, unlike in standard L^AT_EX, the BEAMER class also allows `\tableofcontents` to take an optional argument for creating certain special effects through various options. The very first such option is `pausesections` or `pausesubsections` (only one of them is to be used in a presentation). The `pausesections` option, to be used as `\tableofcontents[pausesections]`, internally issues a `\pause` command (§22.1.2 discusses `\pause` in detail) before each section entry in the table of contents, so as to uncover them piece-wise sequentially. The `pausesubsections` option does the same thing but in the case of subsections.

The second useful option is `currentsection`. It uncovers only the current section and its subsections under the table of contents, making it useful before starting the presentation of a new section. To get the effect, the table of contents is to be

repeated in an additional frame, say as `\frame[t]{\tableofcontents[currentsection]}`, immediately after each `\section[]{ }` command. Similar to `currentsection`, BEAMER defines the `currentsubsection` option also, which uncovers only the current subsection in the current section under the table of contents. To get this effect, the table of contents is to be repeated in an additional frame, say as `\frame[t]{\tableofcontents[currentsubsection]}`, immediately after each `\subsection[]{ }` command.

22.1.2 Uncovering Sequentially Using the `\pause` Command

The easiest way to uncover the contents of a frame is to use the `\pause` command, which pauses the display of the remaining contents/slides of the frame once a `\pause` is encountered. If it is inserted in multiple places in a frame, the contents of the frame will be uncovered only up to the first `\pause` in the first slide, up to the second `\pause` in the second slide, up to the third `\pause` in the third slide, and so forth, i.e., the effect of a `\pause` is terminated upon reaching at the next `\pause` or `\onslide` (§22.1.4 on the next page discusses `\onslide`) or the end of the frame.

An illustrative frame with the use of `\pause` is shown in Table 22.1 (output is

Table 22.1 Uncovering slide contents piece-wise using the `\pause` command

```
\begin{frame}[t]
  \frametitle{Seasons over the year} \pause
  \begin{enumerate}
    \item Summer \pause
    \item Autumn \pause
    \item Winter \pause
    \item Spring.
  \end{enumerate}
\end{frame}
```

not shown). Since `\pause` is inserted four times, the compilation will automatically split the frame over five slides as follows: the first slide to uncover only `\frametitle{ }`, the second slide to uncover up to the first `\item`, the third slide to uncover up to the second `\item`, the fourth slide to uncover up to the third `\item`, and the fifth slide to uncover up to the fourth `\item`, which is also the end of the frame.

22.1.3 Uncovering Sequentially Using the Incremental Specification `<+>`

As stated in §22.1.2, the `\pause` command can be used anywhere for pausing the display of further contents/slides of a frame. However, if all the items of a listing environment (such as `enumerate` or `itemize`) are to be uncovered sequentially, instead

of `\pause` at the end of each `\item`, the optional incremental specification `<+>`¹ may be used only once at the starting of the environment as shown in the left column of Table 22.2.

Table 22.2 Uncovering items piece-wise using the incremental specification `<+>`

<pre>\begin{frame}[t] \frametitle{Seasons} \begin{enumerate}[<+>] \item Summer \item Autumn \item Winter \item Spring. \end{enumerate} \end{frame}</pre>	<pre>\begin{frame}[<+>][t] \frametitle{Animals} \begin{itemize} \item Cow \item Goat \end{itemize} % \begin{itemize} \item Lion \item Tiger \end{itemize} \end{frame}</pre>	<pre>\begin{frame}[t] \frametitle{Seasons} \begin{enumerate}[<+ - alert@+>] \item Summer \item Autumn \item Winter \item Spring. \end{enumerate} \end{frame}</pre>
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If a frame contains multiple number of listing environments and their all items are to be uncovered sequentially, instead of inserting the optional incremental specification `<+>` in each environment, the same may be inserted only once in the frame as a whole as shown in the second column of Table 22.2. This is applicable not only to listed items, but also to other blocks, like theorem, proof, example, etc.

Further, as shown in the third column of Table 22.2, the incremental specification can be modified as `<+|-|alert@+>` to alert (i.e., highlight) the current item by red color upon uncovering it. In this case, once the next item is uncovered, it will be highlighted quitting that of the previous item. The second and third slides of this frame under the **Frankfurt** presentation theme (refer §21.4.1 on page 209 for detail) is shown in Table 22.3.

Table 22.3 Slides with incremental overlay-specification under the **Frankfurt** presentation theme for the input frame of the third column of Table 22.2



22.1.4 Other Piece-Wise Presentation Specifications*

When it is sought to present (i.e., cover, uncover, or highlight) the contents of a frame piece-wise, the BEAMER automatically splits the frame into that number of slides. A piece-wise presentation (overlay) specification in `<>` specifies the slide numbers

¹Specific slides of a frame in which a particular item or block is to be shown/not shown are specified in `<>`, which in the BEAMER class is known as the overlay specification.

of a frame in which a particular component is to be presented. The rules of such specifications are given in Table 22.4 with some examples. While specifying a slide number in an overlay specification, care must be taken that the corresponding frame has been split at least up to that number of slides, otherwise the intermediate gap will be filled up by generating some identical slides (i.e., slides with the same contents) in between.

Table 22.4 Rules for piece-wise presentation (overlay) specification

Specification	Meaning
<3>	Slide 3 only
<1,2,4>	Slides 1, 2 and 4 only
<3-6>	Slides 3–6 (i.e., slides 3, 4, 5, 6) only
<3->	Slide 3 onward all sides of the frame
<-4>	All starting slides up to slide 4 (i.e., slides 1–4) only
<2,4-6,8,11->	Slides 2, 4–6, 8, 11- (i.e., slides 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11 and rest of the slides of the frame).

There are many commands which can take overlay specifications, as shown in Table 22.4, to instruct in which slides their contents are to be presented. Such commands² are listed in Table 22.5 with some explanatory texts stating the functions

Table 22.5 Commands which can take overlay specifications

Command	Example stating the function
<code>\textbf<>{}</code>	<code>\textbf<3></code> {It is boldfaced in slide 3, and in normal fonts in all other slides}
<code>\textit<>{}</code>	<code>\textit<4></code> {It is in italic fonts in slide 4, and in normal fonts in others}
<code>\textrm<>{}</code>	<code>\textrm<5></code> {It is in serif fonts in slide 5, and in normal fonts in others}
<code>\textsf<>{}</code>	<code>\textsf<6></code> {It is in sans serif fonts in slide 6, and in normal fonts in others}
<code>\textsl<>{}</code>	<code>\textsl<7></code> {It is in slanted shape in slide 7, and in normal fonts in others}
<code>\alert<>{}</code>	<code>\alert<1></code> {It is shown in red color in slide 1, and in normal color in others}
<code>\color<>[{}]{}</code>	<code>\color<2>[rgb]{0, 0, 1}</code> {It is in blue color in slide 2, and in normal color in others}
<code>\only<>{}</code>	<code>\only<1></code> {It is shown in slide 1 only, and the space is freed in others}
<code>\onslide<>{}</code>	<code>\onslide<2></code> {It is shown in slide 2 only, and the space is kept blank in others}
<code>\uncover<>{}</code>	<code>\uncover<3></code> {It is shown in slide 3 only, and kept covered or transparent in others}
<code>\visible<>{}</code>	<code>\visible<4></code> {It is shown in slide 4 only, and the space is kept blank in others}
<code>\invisible<>{}</code>	<code>\invisible<5></code> {It is not shown in slide 5 only, but the space is kept blank}
<code>\alt<>{}</code>	<code>\alt<6></code> {It is shown in slide 6 only}{It is shown in all slides other than in 6}
<code>\temporal<>{}{}{}</code>	<code>\temporal<7></code> {It is shown in slides 1–6}{It is shown in slide 7 only}{It is shown in slides 8-}
<code>\item<></code>	<code>\item<8></code> It is shown in slide 8 only, and the space is kept blank in others.

of the commands. Although only one slide number is specified in each command, they (except `\alt<>{}{}`) can take any type of specifications as shown in Table 22.4. The `\alt<>{}{}` command can take only one slide, in which its first argument will be shown and the second argument will be shown in all other slides of a frame. On the other hand, the `\temporal<>{}{}{}` command alternatively handles three arguments.

²In the case of a command having arguments, the overlay specification is put in `<>` in between the command and its arguments (refer Table 22.5 for examples).

However, even if the presenting slides are not specified in order in an input file, the positions of the items in any output slide will be in the same order in which they are inserted in the input file³, which can be noticed in Table 22.7.

Table 22.7 Slides with overlay specification under the **Hannover** presentation theme for the second input frame of Table 22.6

<p>BeTeX in 24H D. Datta</p> <p>Question Answer</p> <p>Capital of India is:</p> <p>Outline Introduction Definition References General Knowledge</p> <p>Navigation icons</p>	<p>BeTeX in 24H D. Datta</p> <p>Question Answer</p> <p>Capital of India is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mumbai 2 New Delhi <p>Hints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mumbai is known for Bollywood <p>Navigation icons</p>
<p>BeTeX in 24H D. Datta</p> <p>Question Answer</p> <p>Capital of India is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mumbai <p>Outline Introduction Definition References General Knowledge</p> <p>Navigation icons</p>	<p>BeTeX in 24H D. Datta</p> <p>Question Answer</p> <p>Capital of India is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mumbai 2 New Delhi <p>Hints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mumbai is known for Bollywood 2 Parliament House is in New Delhi <p>Navigation icons</p>
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³Even if the presenting slides are not specified in order in overlay specifications, the positions of the items in any output slide will be in the same order in which they are inserted in the input file.

22.2 Environments in BEAMER Class*

The BEAMER class defines the **visibleenv**, **invisibleenv** and **uncoverenv** environments, whose effects are the same, respectively, with those of the `\visible{}`, `\invisible{}` and `\uncover{}` commands as stated in Table 22.5.

The BEAMER class also defines some block-type environments for producing a piece of texts with a user-defined heading. Such environments include **block**, **alertblock** and **exampleblock**, which are generally meant for a normal block of texts, an alerting message, and an example-like illustration, respectively. The **beamerboxesrounded** is another block-type environment, whose contents are framed by a rectangular area with rounded corners. A block-type environment takes its heading as an argument, and it is highlighted in the **alertblock** environment. A block-type environment also has the provision for taking overlay specifications, on either side of the heading argument, so as to uncover the environment in the specified slides only. Applications of the block-type environments under the **Berlin** presentation theme (refer §21.4.1 for detail) are shown in Table 22.8 (refer Table 21.1 on page 206 for detail coding). In this case the `\setbeamertheme{blocks}[rounded][shadow=true]` command is also inserted in the preamble, where the argument **blocks** is used for defining the style of the background blocks of the environments as follows: the

Table 22.8 Slides with block-type environments under the **Berlin** presentation theme

<pre> \begin{frame}[t] \begin{block}{Rule} The amsmath and amssymb ... \end{block} % \begin{alertblock}<2->{Warning} A mathematical expression ... \end{alertblock} % \begin{exampleblock}{Example}<3> $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$ \end{exampleblock} \end{frame} </pre>	
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rounded option instructs to round off the corners of the blocks (if not by default), and the **shadow=true** option allows to draw shadows behind the blocks as clearly visible in the output slide shown in Table 22.8. In regard of the frame, it is split over three slides as per the used overlay specifications (only the last slide is shown in Table 22.8). Since the **block** environment will be shown in all the slides of the frame, no overlay specification is required to it. Also notice in the **alertblock** and **exampleblock** environments that an overlay specification can be inserted on either side of the heading argument of a block-type environment.

Apart from the above, the BEAMER class defines some theorem-like environments for producing a piece of texts with a default heading. Such environments include **corollary**, **definition**, **definitions**, **example**, **examples**, **fact**, **proof**, and **theorem**. The theorem-like environments work in a similar way with those of block-type environments, except that they do not need a mandatory heading argument but an optional argument may be provided as an additional heading. The additional heading is generally produced in a pair of parentheses after the default heading, except in the **proof** environment. In the **proof** environment, the default heading “Proof.” is replaced by the optional heading. Moreover, by default a **proof** environment is ended by a right aligned **\qed** symbol (a small square). Applications of the **theorem**, **proof** and **example** environments under the **Warsaw** presentation theme (refer §21.4.1 for detail) are shown in Table 22.9 (refer Table 21.1 on page 206 for detail coding). In regard of the frame, it is split over three slides as per the used overlay specifications (only the last slide is shown in Table 22.9). Since the **theorem** environment will be shown in all the slides of the frame, no overlay specification is required to it. Moreover, an optional heading is provided to the **example** environment, which is produced in a pair of parentheses after the default heading.

Table 22.9 Slides with theorem-like environments under the **Warsaw** presentation theme

<pre> \begin{frame}[t] \begin{theorem} \$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2\$ \end{theorem} % \begin{proof}<2-> \$(a+b)^2 = (a+b)(a+b) = a^2 + 2ab + b^2\$ \end{proof} % \begin{example}<3->[Square of sum] \$(3+5)^2 = 3^2 + 2 \times 3 \times 5 + 5^2 = 64\$ \end{example} \end{frame} </pre>	<p>The screenshot shows a Beamer presentation slide with a dark blue header and footer. The slide content is organized into three distinct colored boxes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theorem: A blue box containing the text "Theorem" and the equation $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$. Proof: A blue box containing the text "Proof." and the equation $(a + b)^2 = (a + b)(a + b) = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$, followed by a small square symbol (□). Example (Square of sum): A green box containing the text "Example (Square of sum)" and the equation $(3 + 5)^2 = 3^2 + 2 \times 3 \times 5 + 5^2 = 64$. <p>The footer of the slide displays "D. Datta" and "L^AT_EX in 34H".</p>
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22.3 Table and Figure in Presentation*

Tables in BEAMER presentation also can be prepared using the standard L^AT_EX environment **table** without any option for vertical positioning. Inside the **table** environment (even without the **table** environment), either **tabular** or **tabularx** environment can be used for generating tabular cells. Two such examples in a single frame are shown in Table 22.10 on the next page. The used overlay specifications split the frame over six slides. The first example is displayed in the first two slides and the second example in the next four slides. In the first example, the entire table is displayed in slide 2 as a whole, as it is inserted in **\only<2>**. Further, the table is put in **\color<2>[{}]{}** for producing it in given color. On the other hand, the table of the second example is inserted in **\onslide<4->** for displaying it in all slides starting from slide 4, in such a way that the first row (after the heading row) will be uncovered in slides 5 and 6,

Table 22.11 Table in slides with overlay specification under the **Madrid** presentation theme for the second example of Table 22.10

Result			
Second year			
	Total	Passed	Pass rate
Boys	52	49	94.2%
Girls	46	41	89.1%

`\includegraphics<2>[width=5cm]{tiger}` for displaying the specified figure in slide 2 only, or `\includegraphics<2,5>[width=5cm]{tiger}` for displaying it in slides 2 and 5.

22.4 Dividing a Frame Column-Wise*

It is often required to present some materials in a frame side-by-side, e.g., showing a figure on the left side and explaining it on the right side. As the example shown in Table 22.12 along with a output slide under the **Singapore** presentation theme,

Table 22.12 Slides with side-by-side materials through the **columns** environment under the **Singapore** presentation theme

<pre> \begin{frame} \frametitle{Page layout} How a page ... below:\pause\vskip 5mm \begin{columns} \column{0.4\textwidth} \includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{layout} % \column{0.6\textwidth} \begin{itemize}[<+ alert@>] \item A page is composed of different ... \item Components are specified in length ... \item Length of a component can be ... \end{itemize} \end{columns} \end{frame} </pre>	
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such a frame can be produced through the **columns** environment, inside of which each column is created using a `\column{cwidth}` command with `cwidth` being the horizontal width of the column.

22.5 Repeating Slides in Presentation*

During a presentation, sometime it is required to go back to a particular slide of a previous frame for explanation purpose. The BEAMER class provides the `label` option and `\againframe<>{}` command for this purpose, avoiding the need to scroll back to the required slide. In this case, the previous frame is to be labeled with the `label` option, say as `\begin{frame}[label=stress]` to label the frame by `stress`. Then the `\againframe<>{}` command is to be inserted in the required location for reproducing the particular slide of the frame, say as `\againframe<3>{stress}` for reproducing slide 3 of the frame which is labeled by `stress`. Without any overlay specification, i.e., inserting as `\againframe{stress}`, the command will reproduce the entire frame (i.e., its all slides, if produced more than one using any overlay specification in the frame). Note that the `\againframe<>{}` command is to be inserted outside of any frame.

22.6 Jumping (Hyperlink) to Other Slides*

Provision is there in the BEAMER class to jump from the current slide (during presentation) to another slide for various purposes, such as referring to (showing) materials included in another slide, going back after referring, skipping some intermediate slides, etc. It can be done by first issuing a label-word to the frame containing the target slide where the jump is to be made (refer §22.5 for issuing a label-word), and then creating a hyperlinked button in the current slide to go to the target slide by clicking the hyperlinked button. Such a button is created through a button-type command with the texts, to be displayed in the button, as its argument. Then the button is activated (hyperlinked) by inserting it in a hyperlink-type command.

Some commonly used button-type commands are `\beamerbutton{}` (draws a simple button), `\beamergetobutton{}` (draws a button with a right-pointing arrow), `\beamerreturnbutton{}` (draws a button with a left-pointing arrow), and `\beamerkipbutton{}` (draws a button with a double right-pointing arrow). The argument of such a command is the name of the generated button (i.e., texts to be displayed in the button), e.g., `Go for detail`, `Return`, `Skip proof`, etc.

Similarly, the following are the commonly used hyperlink-type commands: `\hyperlink<>{}` (links the specified slide), `\hyperlinkframestart<>{}` (links the first slide of the current frame), `\hyperlinkframeend<>{}` (links the last slide of the current frame), `\hyperlinkframestartnext<>{}` (links the first slide of the next frame), `\hyperlinkframeendprev<>{}` (links the last slide of the previous frame), `\hyperlinkpresentationstart<>{}` (links the first slide of the presentation), and `\hyperlinkpresentationend<>{}` (links the last slide of the presentation). The overlay specification of these commands in `<>` is the slide in which the hyperlinked button is to be shown, the first mandatory argument in `{}` is the label-word of the target frame along with the overlay specification for the target slide in that frame (e.g., `stress<2>` for slide 2 of the frame having the label-word `stress`), and the second mandatory argument in `{}` is the button-type command as stated above. Note that, in

the absence of an overlay specification in a hyperlink-type command, the hyperlinked button will be visible in all the slides of the frame in which it is inserted.

A hyperlinking example is shown in Table 22.13 along with its output in Table 22.14, where an earlier slide is hyperlinked from a latter slide, because of

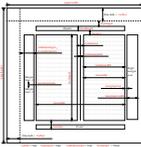
Table 22.13 Hyperlinking slides in BEAMER presentation

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\begin{frame}[t,label=layout]
\frametitle{Page layout}
How a page layout is composed is shown below:\pause \vskip 5mm
\begin{columns}
\column{0.4\textwidth}
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{layoutpic}
%
\column{0.6\textwidth}
\begin{itemize}[<-|alert@+>]
\item A page is composed of different components \hfill
\hyperlink<2>{LaTeX<3>}{\beamerreturnbutton{Return}}
\item Components are specified in length units
\item Length of a component can be changed manually
\end{itemize}
\end{columns}
\end{frame}
%
\begin{frame}[t,label=LaTeX]
\begin{itemize}[<-|alert@+>]
\frametitle{LaTeX\ components}
\item Font selection
\item Formatting Texts
\item Page layout \hfill \hyperlink<3>{layout<2>}{\beamergetobutton{Layout figure}}
\item Table, figure, equation, etc.
\end{itemize}
\end{frame}

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Table 22.14 Hyperlinked slides under the **Boadilla** presentation theme for the input frames of Table 22.13

<p>Page layout</p> <p>How a page layout is composed is shown below:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A page is composed of different components Return <p style="font-size: small;">D: Data (PDF&LT) WPX in 241 L241: 21.06.2016 4/9</p>	<p>LaTeX components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font selection • Formatting Texts • Page layout Layout figure <p style="font-size: small;">D: Data (PDF&LT) WPX in 241 L241: 21.06.2016 7/9</p>
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which a return hyperlink is also added in the earlier slide (a return button seems essential since the presentation will not return automatically from the linked slide to the slide where it was linked). In this example, the combined command `\hyperlink<3>{layout<2>}{\beamergotobutton{Layout figure}}` is inserted to create a button with texts ‘Layout figure’ in slide 3 of the frame `LaTeX`, so that a click on the button will lead the presentation to slide 2 of the frame `layout`. Similarly, the button with texts ‘Return’, created using `\hyperlink<2>{LaTeX<3>}{\beamerreturnbutton{Return}}` in slide 3 of the frame `layout`, will return the presentation to slide 3 of the frame `LaTeX`.