

The spectrum beamer theme

A clean beamer theme with a big title graphic



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<https://github.com/samcarter/beamertheme-spectrum>

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1 Introduction

The spectrum beamer theme is a clean beamer theme with a big title graphic. It is based on my personal beamer theme, which I've been using for various talks in the T_EX ecosystem over the past few years¹.

The theme is deliberately fairly clean and simple in order to not distract too much from the content. The one vanity are the big graphics on the title, section and standout slides. A catching image on the title slide will give the audience something to look at while setting up one's talk (we probably all know these awkward pauses while clipping on the microphone or figuring out the wireless presenter...). Additionally, a colourful image will also help people find the thumbnail of the slides or of a video recording. By default, the spectrum theme will show the optical spectrum between 420 nm and 660 nm – hence the name “spectrum”. The theme uses the TikZ and pgf-spectra packages.

This package is work in progress, therefore I would be happy to hear your feedback and ideas how to improve the package. The development version of the source code can be found at <https://github.com/samcarter/beamertheme-spectrum>, including an issue tracker. If you seek any other assistance (not bug reports/feature requests), I suggest asking at <https://topanswers.xyz/tex>.

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¹ A collection of slides can be found at <https://github.com/samcarter#tex-talks>

2 Usage

The usage is fairly simple – just load the theme and, if desired, switch on section pages:

Basic example

```
\documentclass[aspectratio=169]{beamer}

\usetheme{spectrum}

\AtBeginSection[] {
  \begin{frame}
    \usebeamertemplate{section page}
  \end{frame}
}

\title{Some Very Interesting Title}
\author{Author Name}
\institute{Cool Conference}

\begin{document}

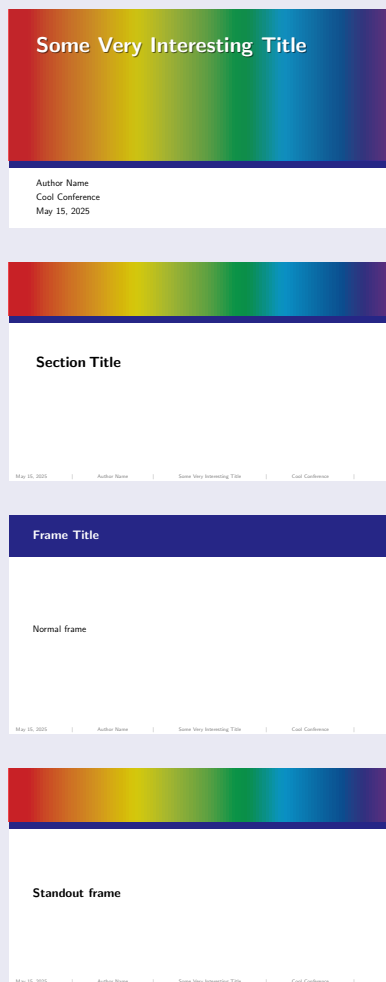
\maketitle

\section{Section Title}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Frame Title}
  Normal frame
\end{frame}

\begin{frame}[standout]
  Standout frame
\end{frame}

\end{document}
```



3 Options

The spectrum theme has a couple of options to adjust the design:

themecolor controls the overall theme colour, e.g. decoration on title, section and standout slides, frame title, block titles, bullet points etc.

titlegraphic replaces the optical spectrum on title, section and standout slides with an image (can also be used via `\titlegraphic{...}` after loading the theme)

sectiongraphic replaces the spectrum or image on section and standout slides (can also be used via `\sectiongraphic{...}` after loading the theme)

titlecredit allows the user to add an image credit to the lower right corner of the title page (can also be used via `\titlecredit{...}` after loading the theme)

Theme options

```

\documentclass[
  aspectratio=169, xcolor=dvipsnames
]{beamer}

\usetheme[
  themecolor=Aquamarine,
  titlegraphic=blueshade,% from tcolorbox pkg
  sectiongraphic=blueshade,% from tcolorbox pkg
  titlecredit={Title graphic: tcolorbox package},
]{spectrum}

\AtBeginSection[]{
  \begin{frame}
    \usebeamertemplate{section page}
  \end{frame}
}

\title{Some Very Interesting Title}
\author{Author Name}
\institute{Cool Conference}

\begin{document}

\maketitle

\section{Section Title}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Frame Title}
  Normal frame
\end{frame}

\begin{frame}[standout]
  Standout frame
\end{frame}

\end{document}

```

