Practical Session: LaTeX Beamer Class

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Objective

By the end of this session, students will be able to create a presentation using the beamer class in LaTeX, customize themes, and structure content into frames.

Instructions

Complete the following exercises and answer the questions provided. Test each solution by compiling it in a .tex editor.

Exercises

1. Basic Beamer Setup

Create a new .tex document and set up a basic beamer presentation with the following details:

• Title: Introduction to Beamer

Author: Your nameDate: Today's date

Question: Which command is used to create a new frame in a beamer presentation?

2. Adding Frames

Add three frames to your presentation:

• Frame 1: Title Slide (with the title, author, and date).

- Frame 2: Introduction (with a short description of what Beamer is).
- Frame 3: Main Topics (list three topics you would cover in a Beamer class).

Question: Which environment is used to add items in a list in a frame?

3. Theme Customization

Experiment with different Beamer themes. Add the Berlin theme to your presentation by using the following command in the preamble:

\usetheme{Berlin}

Then try the Madrid theme. Question: How does changing the theme alter the appearance of the slides?

4. Using Blocks

Create a new frame titled Beamer Blocks and add three types of blocks:

- A block with the title "Information"
- An alertblock with the title "Important"
- An exampleblock with the title "Example"

Write a sentence in each block describing its purpose. **Question:** What is the difference in appearance between these blocks?

5. Overlay Effects

Create a slide that introduces three points, but have each point appear one by one (using pause or overlay specifications). Question: What effect does the pause command have within a frame?

6. Using Columns

Create a new frame with two columns. In the left column, write a short summary about the benefits of Beamer. In the right column, add a simple list of three practical applications for Beamer. **Question:** Which environment allows you to divide content into columns in Beamer?

7. Adding Images

Add a frame titled Beamer Image and include an image of your choice. Use the graphicx package and adjust the image width to 0.5 of the text width. Question: What command is used to add images in a frame in Beamer?

Additional Questions

- How does the beamer class differ from the article class in LaTeX?
- Why is it important to structure presentations with different frames and blocks?
- How can you change the color scheme of a Beamer presentation?