How I make slides in LaTeX

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Why I make slides in LaTeX:

- Don’t like PowerPoint
- Can import text and figures from other LaTeX documents
- Looks ok

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LaTeX packages

I think you just need the foils package, available at `www.ctan.org`. Also getting the pdftricks package is recommended.

Compiling the document

I put conditionals in the source so LaTeX can be used, but I use pdflatex for the final output because:

- Acroread is available on all platforms, so pdfs are a portable presentation format. Acroread has a full-screen mode that looks good.
- PDFs are nice because web search engines can parse them. This means that you can put your talk slides on the web and not only can you view them in a web browser using the acroread plugin, they can be found by people searching the web.
- I often use lots of figures in my slides, so it is nice that pdflatex can read jpg files.

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Making slides in LaTeX is easy.