The AAU Simple Beamer Theme
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- Like the AAU Sidebar theme, the theme is not really useful to people not affiliated with AAU due to the tight integration between the theme and the round AAU logo. However, everyone is of course encouraged to download and modify the theme according to their own needs.

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Local Installation

The simplest way of installing the theme is by placing the four theme files in the same folder as your presentation. When you download the theme, the four theme files are located in the `local` folder.

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Global Installation

- ► If you wish to make the theme globally available, you must put the files in your local latex directory tree. The location of the root of the local directory tree depends on the operating system and the latex distribution. On the following slides, you can read the instructions for some common setups.

- ► When you download the theme, the four theme files are embedded in a directory structure (in the `global` folder) ready to be copied directly to the root of your local directory tree.

- ► On the following slides, we refer to this directory structure as `<dirstruct>`. Note that some parts of the directory may already exist if you have installed other packages in your local latex directory tree. If this is the case, you simply merge `<dirstruct>` with your existing setup.

Installation
GNU/Linux

Ubuntu with TeX Live

1. Place the <dirstruct> in the root of your local latex directory tree. By default it is
   ~/texmf
   If the root does not exist, create it. The symbol ˜ refers to your home folder, i.e., /home/<username>

2. In a terminal run
   $ texhash ˜/texmf

Installation
Microsoft Windows

Windows with MiKTeX
Apparently, MiKTeX does not include a local latex directory tree by default. Therefore, you first have to create it.

1. To do this, create a folder `<somewhere>` named, e.g., `texmf`
2. Add this folder in the Roots tab of the MiKTeX Settings dialog
3. Place the `<dirstruct>` in your newly created local latex directory tree
   `<somewhere>\texmf`
4. Open the MiKTeX Settings dialog and click Refresh FNDB.

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Windows with TeX Live

In the advanced TeX Live Installer, you can manually change the default position of the root of the local latex directory tree. However, we assume the default position below.

1. Place the <dirstruct> in your local latex directory tree
   %USERPROFILE%\texmf
   If it does not exist, create it. In XP %USERPROFILE% is
   c:\Document and Settings\<username>
   by default, and in Vista and above it is by default
   c:\Users\<username>

2. Open the TeX Live Manager dialog and select 'Update filename database' under 'Actions'.

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Mac OS X

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Mac OS X with MacTeX
Place the `<dirstruct>` in the root of your local latex directory tree.
By default it is
`~/Library/texmf`
If the root does not exist, create it. The symbol ~ refers to your home
folder, i.e., /home/<username>

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Required Packages

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Of course, you have to have the Beamer class installed. In addition, the theme loads two packages

- TikZ[1]
- calc

These packages are very common and should therefore be included in your latex distribution.

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[1]By the way, TikZ is an awesome package for creating beautiful graphics. If you do not believe me, then have a look at these online examples or the pgf user manual. If you want to create beautiful plots, you should use the pgfplots package which is based on TikZ.

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The Presentation Theme
It is very simple to load the presentation theme. Just type
`\usetheme[<options>]{AAUsimple}`
which is exactly the same way other beamer presentation themes are
loaded. The presentation theme loads the inner, outer and color AAU
Simple theme files and passes the `<options>` on to these files.

The Inner Theme
You can load the inner theme directly by
`\useinnertheme{AAUsimple}`
and it has no options.

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The Outer Theme
You can load the outer theme directly by
\useoutertheme[<options>]{AAUsimple}
Currently, the theme options are

- `progressstyle={fixedCircCnt, movCircCnt, or corner}`: set how the progress is illustrated. The value `fixedCircCnt` is the default.
- `rotationcw`: set the direction of the rotation of the progress circle to clockwise instead of counterclockwise. This option has only effect for the circular progress bars.
- `shownavsym`: show the navigation symbols

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following the steps in beamercolorthemeAAUsimple.sty.

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- ▶ For example, on this slide the following commands have been used
    - ▶ Change the header colours:
      `\setbeamercolor{AAUsimple}{fg=blue!20,bg=red!50}`
    - ▶ Change the color of the structural elements:
      `\setbeamercolor{structure}{fg=black}`
    - ▶ Change the frame title text color:
      `\setbeamercolor{frametitle}{use=structure,`
      `fg=structure.fg}`
    - ▶ Change the background color of the text `\setbeamercolor{normal`
      `text}{bg=gray!20}`

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- Ideally, I would like to create a new frame option called aauwavesbg which can enable the AAU waves background. However, I have not been able to figure out how such an option can be added. If you know how this can be done, please contact me.

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Widescreen Support

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Newer projectors and almost any modern TV support a widescreen format such as 16:10 or 16:9. Beamer (>= v. 3.10) supports various aspect ratios of the slides. According to section 8.3 on page 77 of the Beamer user guide v. 3.10, you can write

`\documentclass[aspectratio=1610]{beamer}`

to get slides with an aspect ratio of 16:10. You can also use 169, 149, 54, 43 (default), and 32 to get other aspect ratios.

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- ▶ Also, please contact me, if you have some exciting new ideas or just some simple usability improvements.

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In case you have any comments, suggestions or have found a bug, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can find my contact details below.

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