

Moloch

A Functional and Minimalist Beamer Theme

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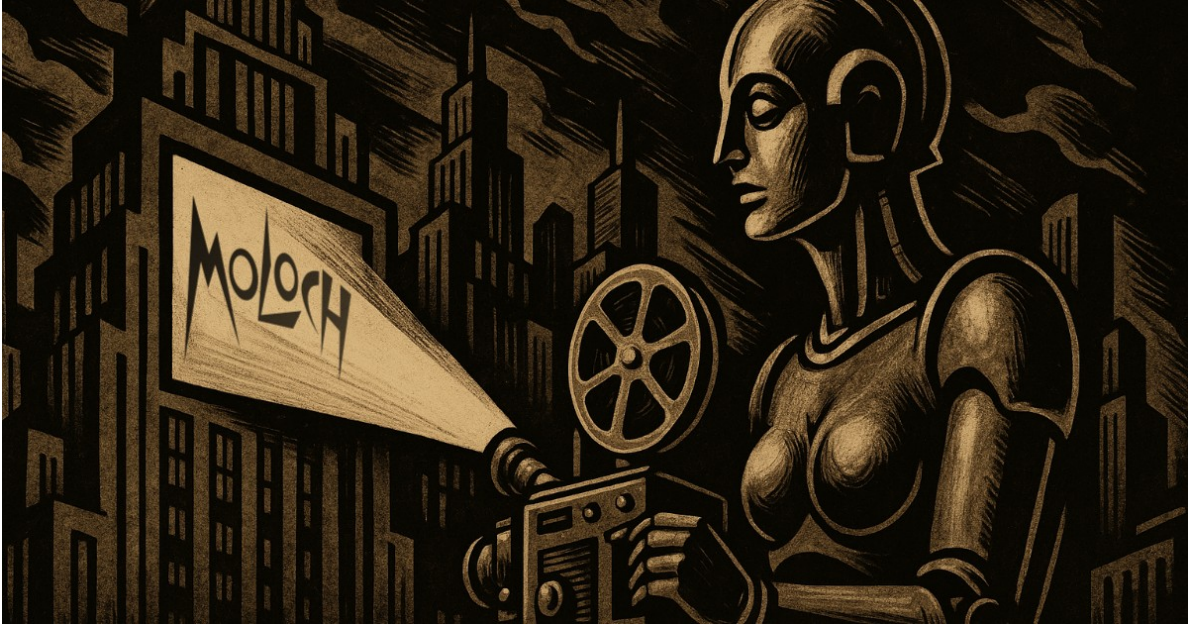
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Introduction



Beamer is a great way to make presentations with LaTeX, but its theme selection is surprisingly sparse. The stock themes share an aesthetic that can be a little cluttered, while the few distinctive custom themes available are often specialized for a particular corporate or institutional brand.

The goal of Moloch is to provide a simple, modern Beamer theme suitable for anyone to use. It tries to minimize noise and maximize space for content; the only visual flourish it offers is an (optional) progress bar added to each slide or to the section slides.

Moloch is maintained at <https://github.com/jolars/moloch>. If you have any issues, find mistakes in the manual or want to help make the theme even better, please get in touch there.

Moloch is a fork of the excellent [Metropolis theme](#) by Matthias Vogelgesang. The motivation for the fork was to fix some longstanding bugs in Metropolis and simplify the codebase to make it easier to maintain and less fragile to changes in the underlying Beamer code. Since then, Moloch has grown to include several new features, such as new color themes, as well as additional customization options.

A First Example

Here's a small demo of what Moloch looks like:

The figure displays four slides from the Moloch Beamer theme arranged in a 2x2 grid.

Top-left slide (Title slide): Features the Moloch logo (a stylized 'M' with a face) in the top right. The title 'Moloch' is in bold, followed by the subtitle 'A Minimal Beamer Theme'. Below a horizontal line, it lists 'The Author', 'Some Institution, Some University', and the date 'December 5, 2025'.

Top-right slide (Table of Contents): Has a dark header 'Table of Contents'. It lists five sections: 1. Introduction, 2. Title Formats, 3. Elements, 4. Blocks, and 5. Conclusion. A page number '1 / 22' is in the bottom right.

Bottom-left slide (Introduction): Has a dark header 'Introduction' followed by a horizontal line.

Bottom-right slide (Moloch): Has a dark header 'Moloch'. The text describes the theme as a fork of the metropolis theme, inspired by the hsrn theme. It includes the LaTeX code to enable the theme: `\documentclass{beamer}` and `\usetheme{moloch}`. A page number '2 / 22' is in the bottom right.

Figure 1: An example of the Moloch theme.

Part I

User Guide

1 Getting Started

1.1 Installing from CTAN

For most users, we recommend installing Moloch from [CTAN](#). If you keep your TeX distribution up-to-date, chances are good that Moloch is already installed. If it is not, you need to update your packages. If your distribution is TeX Live (or MacTeX on OS X), the following command updates all packages.

```
tlmgr update --all
```

If this results in an error, you may need to run it with administrative privileges:

```
sudo tlmgr update --all
```

MacTeX on OS X also provides a graphical interface for `tlmgr` called TeX Live Utility.

For other distributions, please refer to its documentation on how to update your packages.

1.2 Installing from Source

If you want to use the development version of Moloch, you can install it manually. You need a recent LaTeX distribution which includes **l3build**. Then simply follow the steps below.

Download the source with a `git clone` of <https://github.com/jolars/moloch>:

```
git clone https://github.com/jolars/moloch.git
```

Then navigate into the downloaded directory and install the package by running:

```
cd moloch
l3build install
```

1.3 A Minimal Example

The following code shows a minimal example of a Beamer presentation using Moloch.

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\title{A Minimal Example}

\date{\today}
\author{Johan Larsson}
\institute{Some University}

\begin{document}
\maketitle

\section{First Section}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{First Frame}

  Hello, world!
\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

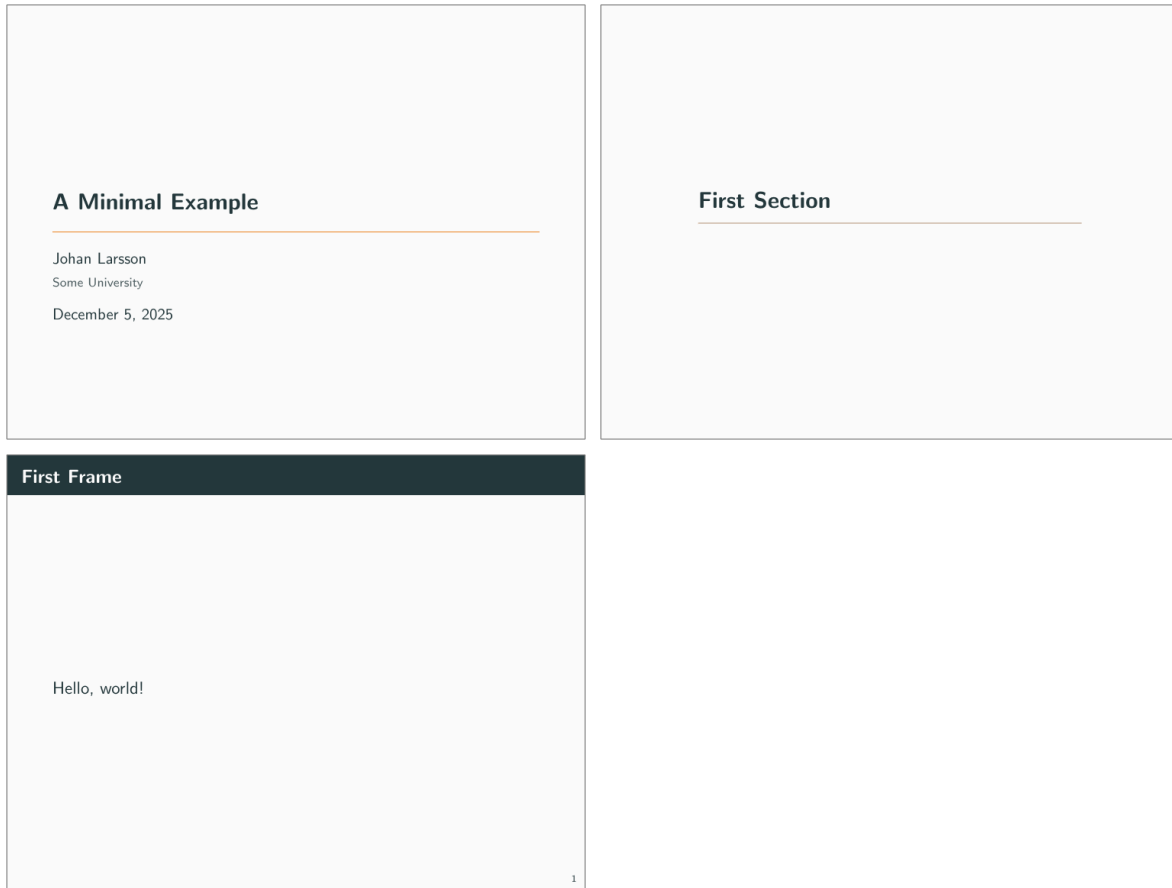


Figure 1.1: A minimal example of a Beamer presentation using Moloch.

1.4 Dependencies

Moloch depends on the `beamer` class and the following standard packages:

- [tikz](#)
- [pgfopts](#)
- [etoolbox](#)
- [calc](#)

1.5 Pandoc

To use this theme with [Pandoc](#)-based presentations, you can run the following command in your terminal:

```
pandoc -t beamer -V theme:moloch -o output.pdf input.md
```

2 Customization

The theme provides a number of options, which can be set using a key=value interface. The primary way to set options is to provide a comma-separated list of option-value pairs when loading Moloch in the preamble:

```
\usetheme[
    option1=value1,
    option2=value2,
    ...
]{moloch}
```

Options can be changed at any time—even mid-presentation—with the `molochset()` macro.

```
\molochset{
    option1=newvalue1,
    option2=newvalue2,
    ...
}
```

The list of options is structured as shown in the following example.

<option-name> *<list>*, *<of>*, *<values>*..... <default>
A short description of the option.

2.1 Main Theme

`titleformat` *regular, smallcaps, allsmallcaps, allcaps*..... regular

Changes the format of titles, subtitles, section titles, frame titles, and the text on “standout” frames. The available options produce Regular, SMALLCAPS, ALLSMALLCAPS, or ALLCAPS titles. Note that these commands do not affect math and numbers, so may not work as you expect if your titles contain these.

`standoutnumberformat` *regular, smallcaps, allsmallcaps, allcaps*..... regular

Changes the format of “standout” frames (see `titleformat`, above).

2.2 Inner Theme

These options control the inner theme, which is responsible for elements like section and subsection pages.

`sectionpage` *none, simple, progressbar*..... `progressbar`

Adds a slide at the start of each section (**simple**) with an optional thin progress bar below the section title (**progressbar**). The **none** option disables the section page.

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\begin{document}

\molochset{sectionpage=progressbar} % the default

\section{Section One}

\molochset{sectionpage=simple}

\section{Section Two}

\molochset{sectionpage=none}

\section{Section Three} % Will not have a section page

\end{document}
```

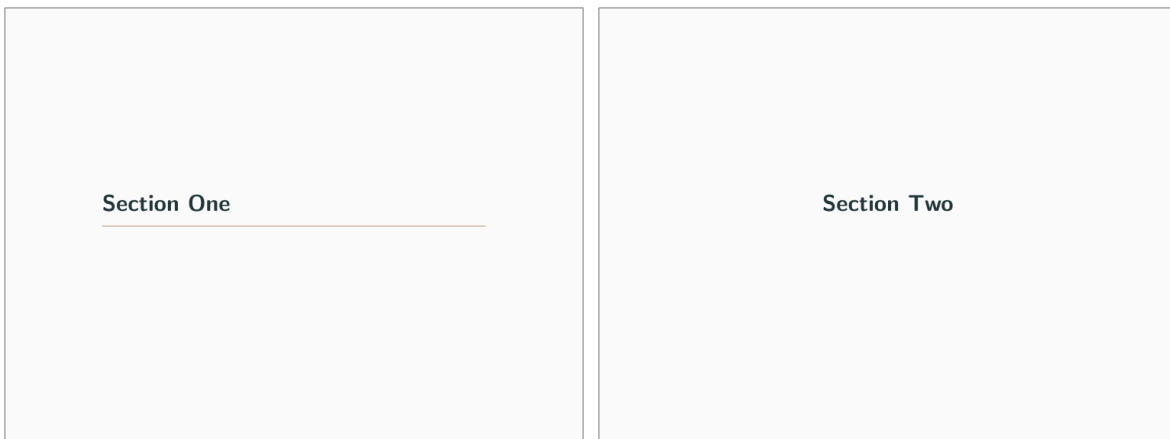


Figure 2.1: Example of the `sectionpage` options.

subsectionpage *none, simple, progressbar*..... none

Optionally adds a slide at the start of each subsection. If enabled with the **simple** or **progressbar** options, the style of the **section page** will be updated to match the style of the **subsection page**. Note that section slides and subsection slides can appear consecutively if both are enabled; you may want to use this option together with **sectionpage=none** depending on the section structure of your presentation.

standoutnumbering *none, hide, show*..... none

This option decides whether or not to count standout pages as frames if frame counting. Option **none** (the default) means that the standout frames are not counted. **hide** means that they are counted but that there won't be any footer showing a frame number. **show** means that they are counted and that the frame number count is shown in the same fashion as for regular frames.

2.3 Outer Theme

These options control the outer theme, which is responsible for elements like the frame numbering and progress bar.

numbering *none, counter, fraction*..... (none specified)

*This option is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Please use Beamer's **page number in head/foot** template instead.* Controls whether the frame number at the bottom right of each slide is omitted (**none**), shown (**counter**) or displayed as a fraction of the total number of frames (**fraction**).

progressbar *none, head, frametitle, foot*..... none

Optionally adds a progress bar to the top of each frame (**head**), the bottom of each frame (**foot**), or directly below each frame title (**frametitle**).

```
\documentclass{beamer}
```

```
\usetheme{moloch}
```

```
\begin{document}
```

```
\molochset{progressbar=none} % the default
```

```
\begin{frame}
```

```
  \frametitle{Progress Bar Example}
```

The default is to have no progress bar.

```

\end{frame}

\molochset{progressbar=head}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Progress Bar Example}

  The progress bar is now displayed at the top of the frame.
\end{frame}

\molochset{progressbar=foot}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Progress Bar Example}

  The progress bar is now displayed at the bottom of the frame.
\end{frame}

\molochset{progressbar=frametitle}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Progress Bar Example}

  The progress bar is now displayed in the frametitle area.
\end{frame}

\end{document}

```

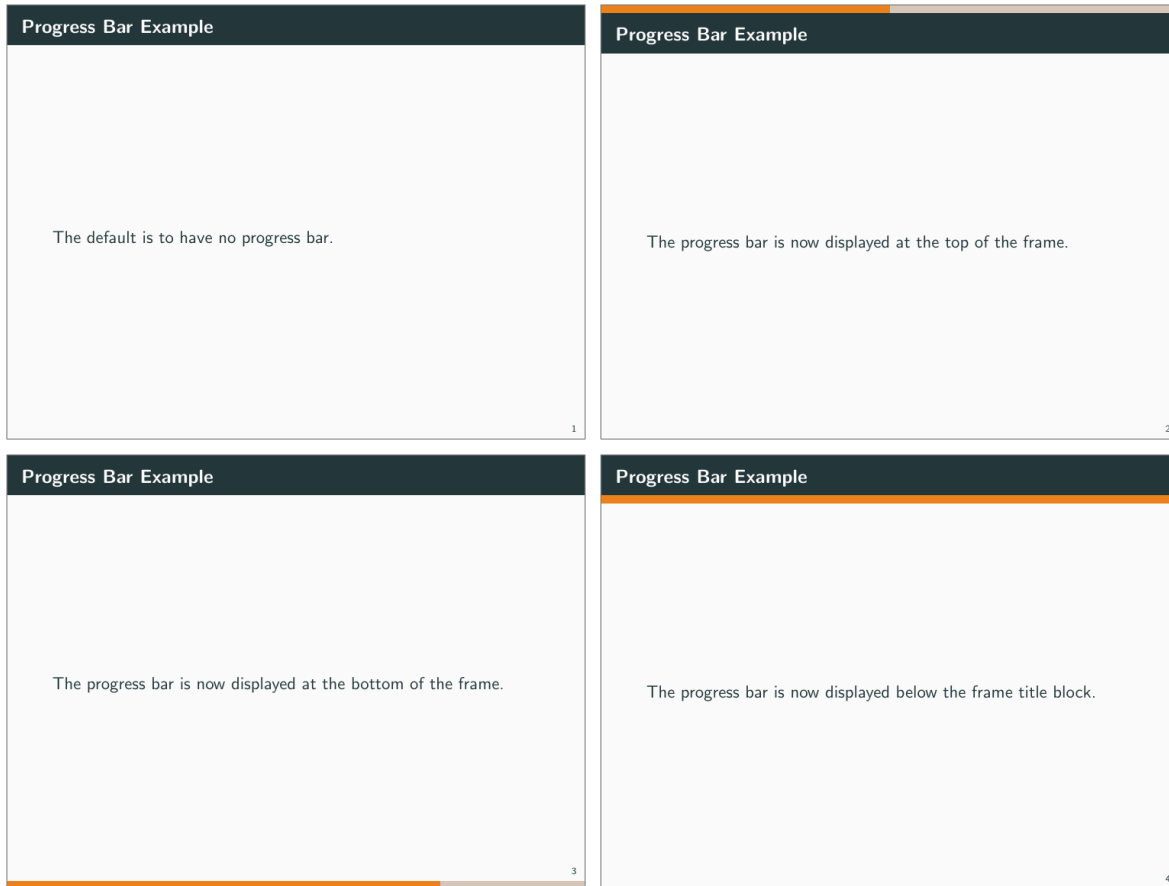


Figure 2.2: Example of the `progressbar` options.

`frametitle margin top/bottom/left/right numeric.....` 1.4ex/1.4ex/1.6ex/1.6ex

Controls the margins around the frame title. The default is 1.4ex for the top and bottom margins, and 1.6ex for the left and right margins.

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\begin{document}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{This is a frame title with default margins}
\end{frame}
```

```

\molochose{frametitle margin top=1cm}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{This is a frame title with increased top margin}
\end{frame}

\molochose{frametitle margin left=0pt}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{And now the left margin is removed}
\end{frame}

\end{document}

```

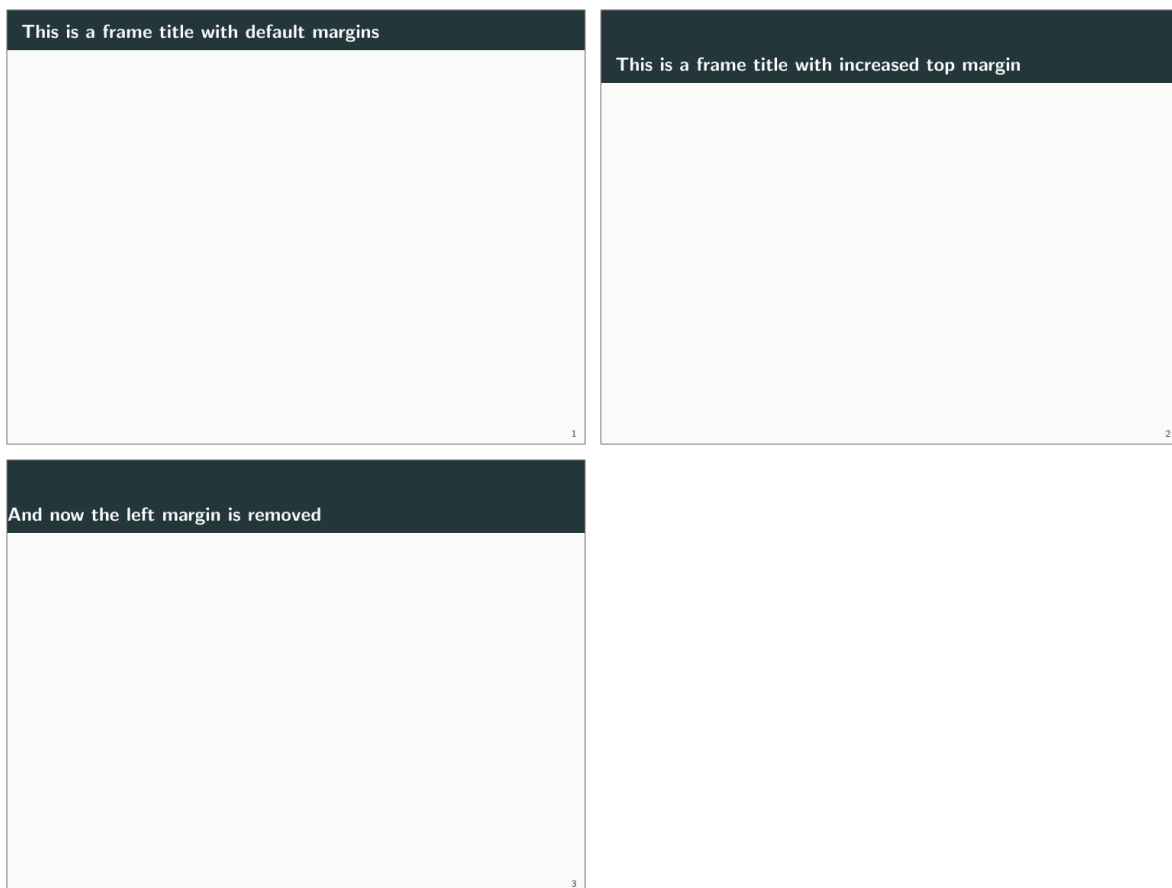


Figure 2.3: Example of the `frametitle margin` options.

2.4 Color Theme

Moloch provides extensive color customization options, from choosing preset color themes to fine-tuning individual colors for light and dark variants.

2.4.1 Color Options

These basic color options control visual aspects of the theme:

block *transparent, fill*..... transparent

Optionally adds a light grey background to block environments like `theorem` and `example`.

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\begin{document}

\begin{frame}
  \begin{block}{Default Block}
    This is a standard block.
  \end{block}

  \molochset{block=fill}

  \begin{block}{Filled Block}
    This is a filled block.
  \end{block}

\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

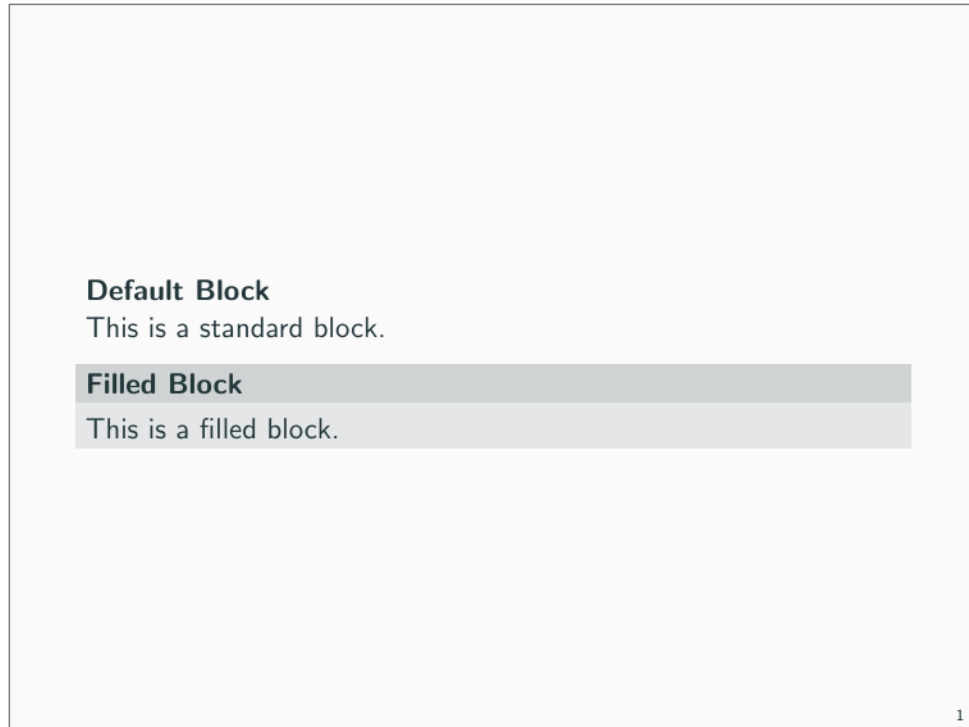


Figure 2.4: Example of the “block” option set to “fill”, adding a light grey background to the second block.

`background` *dark, light* light

Provides the option to have a dark background and light foreground instead of the reverse.

Note: This option is deprecated in favor of the new `\molochcolors{variant=dark}` syntax (see below).

```
\documentclass{beamer}
```

```
\usetheme[background=dark]{moloch}
```

```
\begin{document}
```

```
\begin{frame}
```

```
\frametitle{Background Color}
```

This slide uses the `\texttt{background=dark}` option, swaps the foreground and background colors defined by the moloch theme.

```
\end{frame}
```

```
\end{document}
```

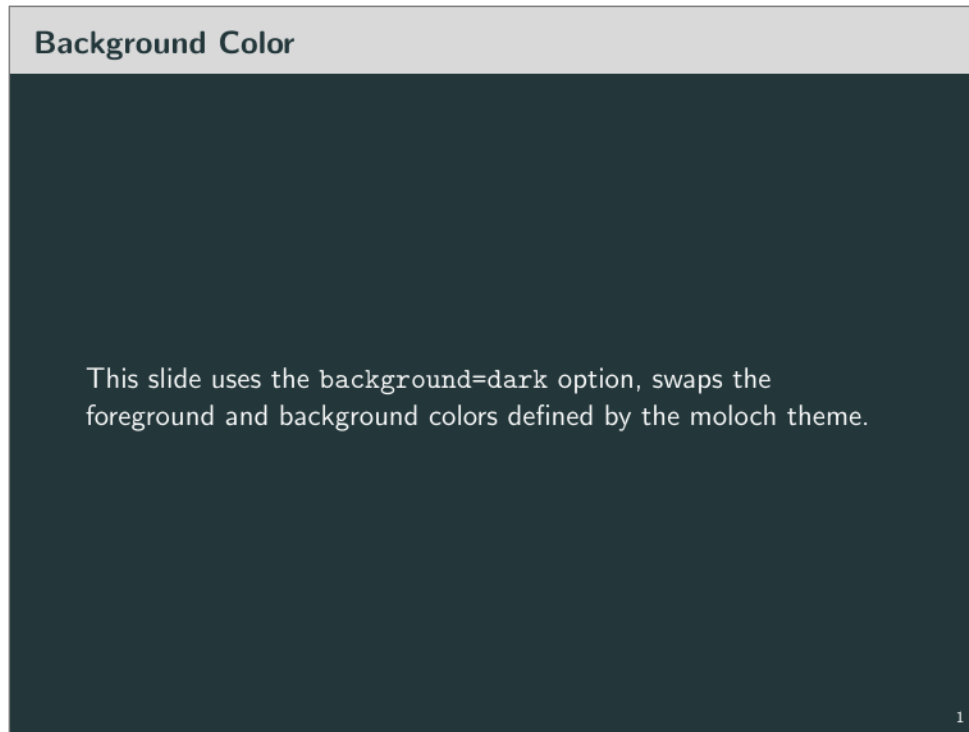


Figure 2.5: Example of the “background” option set to “dark”, swapping the foreground and background colors.

2.4.2 Color Themes

Moloch includes several preset color themes. You can select a theme using the `\usecolortheme` command or the newer `\molochcolors{theme=...}` syntax.

2.4.2.1 Default Theme

The default color theme is based on the original Metropolis theme, except we have modified the green color for the example blocks to be a bit less saturated.

```
\usetheme[colortheme=default]{moloch}  
% Or equivalently:  
% \molochcolors{theme=default}
```

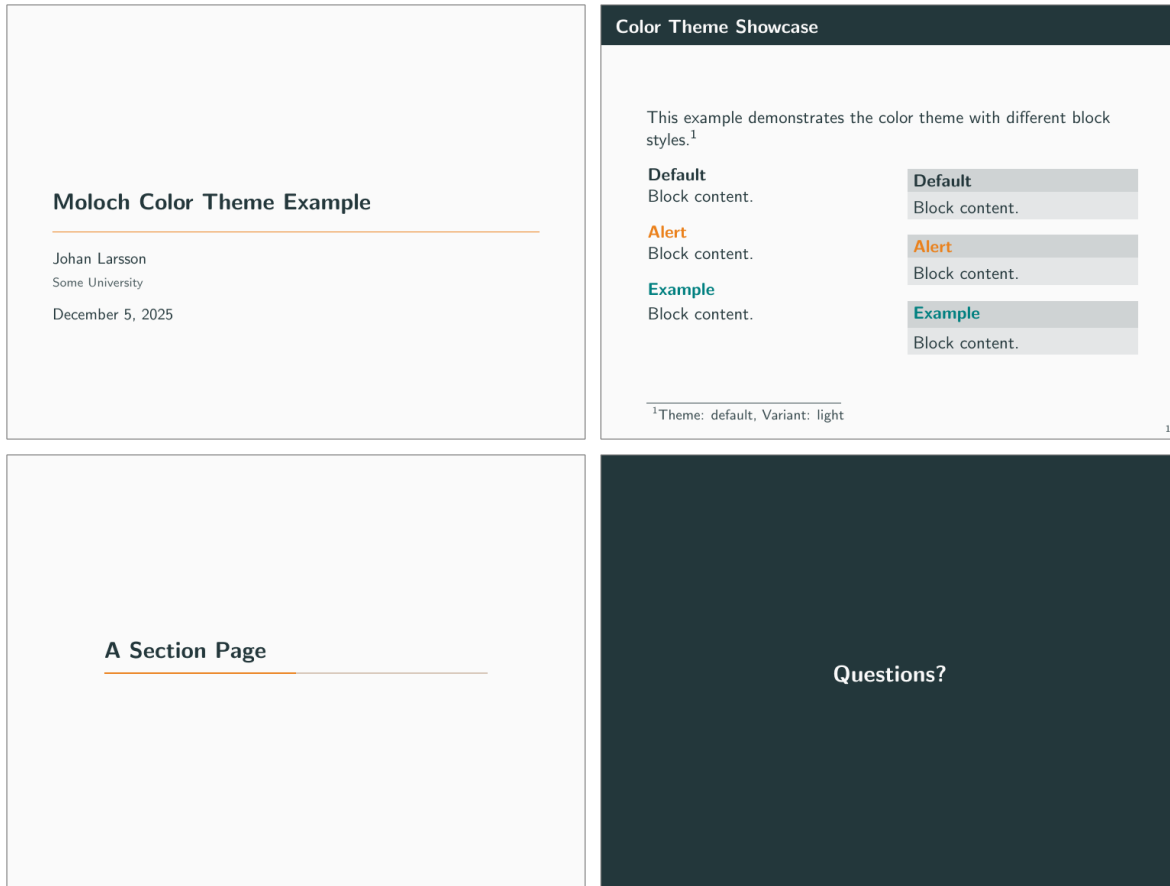


Figure 2.6: Example of the default Moloch color theme.

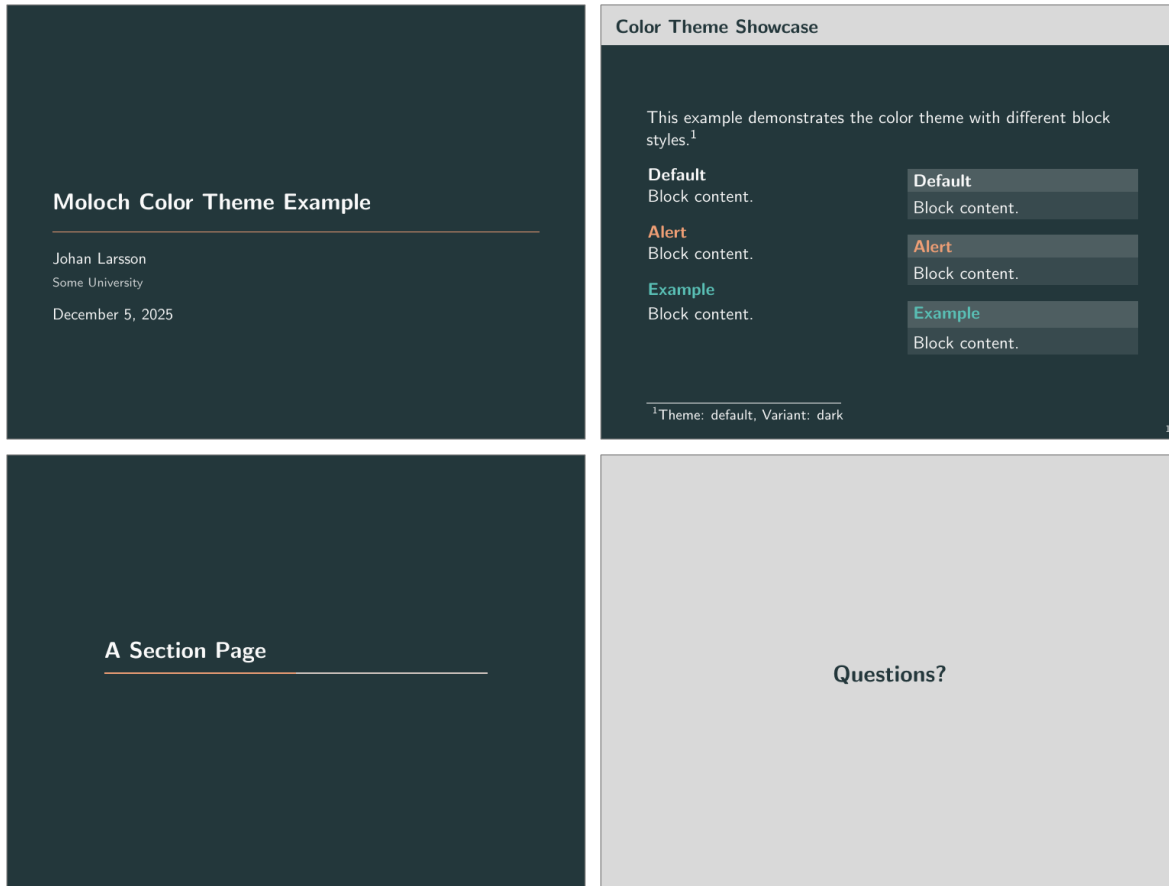


Figure 2.7: Example of the dark version of the default Moloch color theme.

2.4.2.2 The High Contrast Theme

For low-light situations it might be helpful to use the `moloch-highcontrast` color theme. It uses high-contrast colors adapted from the Okabe-Ito color palette, which is designed to be easily distinguishable by individuals with various types of color blindness. Otherwise, the colors used are mostly black and white.

```
\usetheme[colortheme=highcontrast]{moloch}
% Or equivalently:
% \molochcolors{theme=highcontrast}
```

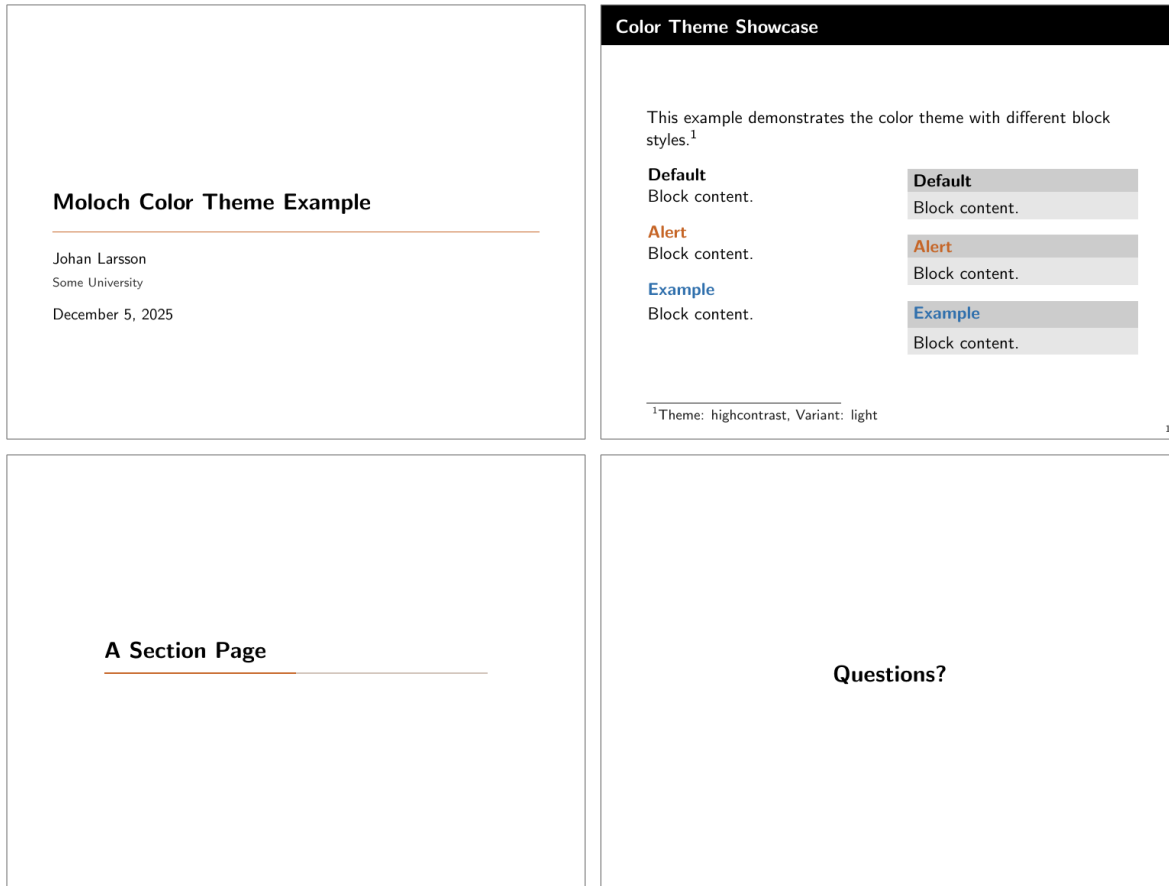


Figure 2.8: Example of the light version of the high contrast color theme.

The dark version of the High Contrast theme uses white text on a black.

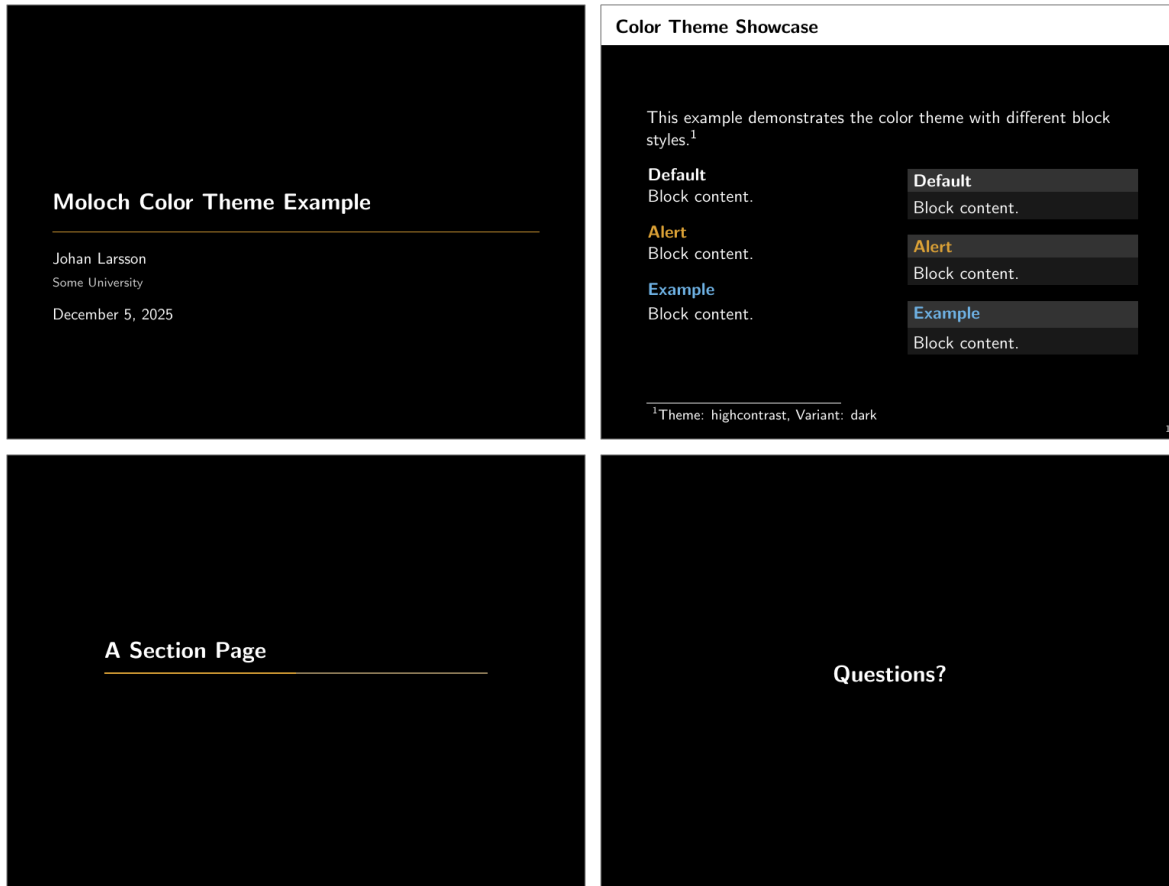


Figure 2.9: Example of the dark version of the high contrast color theme.

2.4.2.3 The Tomorrow Theme

There is also a theme based on the [Tomorrow color theme](#):

```
\usetheme[colortheme=tomorrow]{moloch}
% Or equivalently:
% \molochcolors{theme=tomorrow}
```

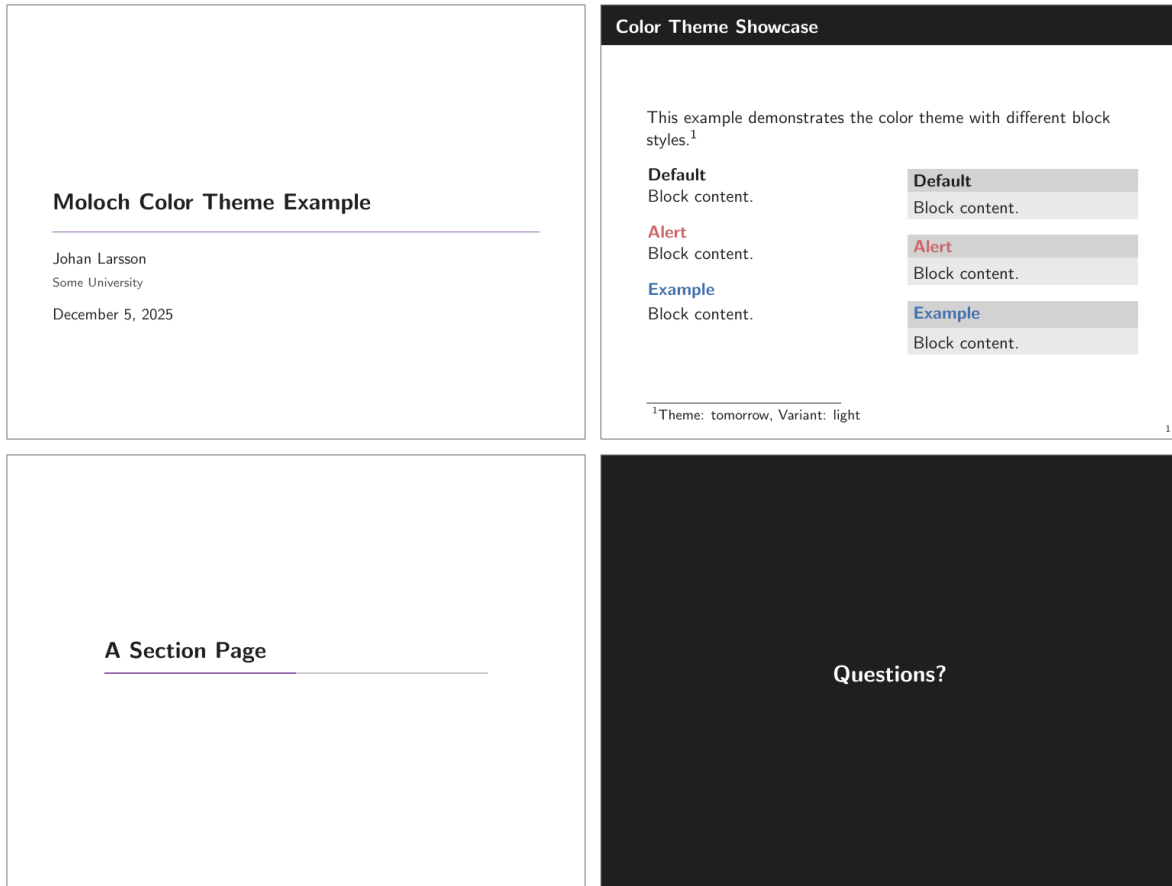


Figure 2.10: Example of the light version of the Tomorrow color theme.

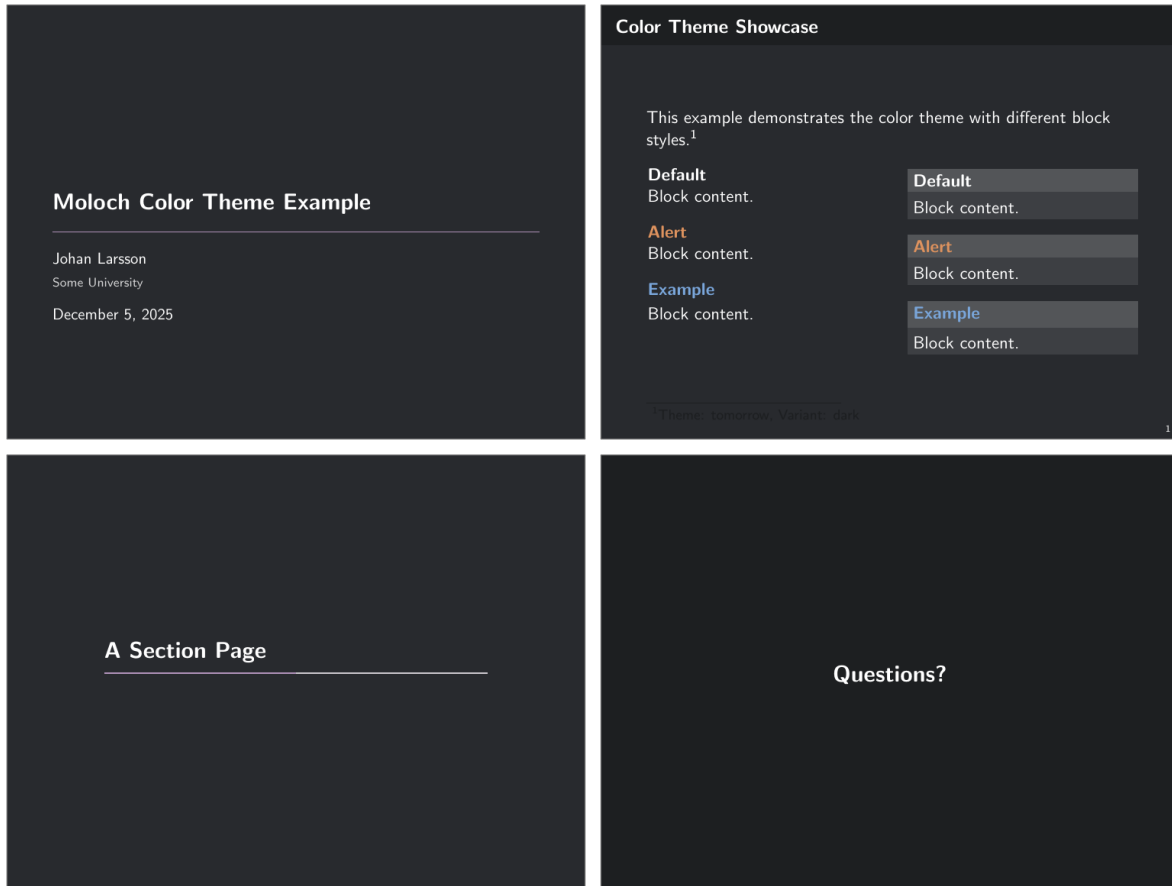


Figure 2.11: Example of the dark version of the Tomorrow color theme.

2.4.2.4 The Paper Theme

A minimalistic theme with black text on white background, no frame title background. The colors uses are based on Stephen Few's *Show Me the Numbers* book.

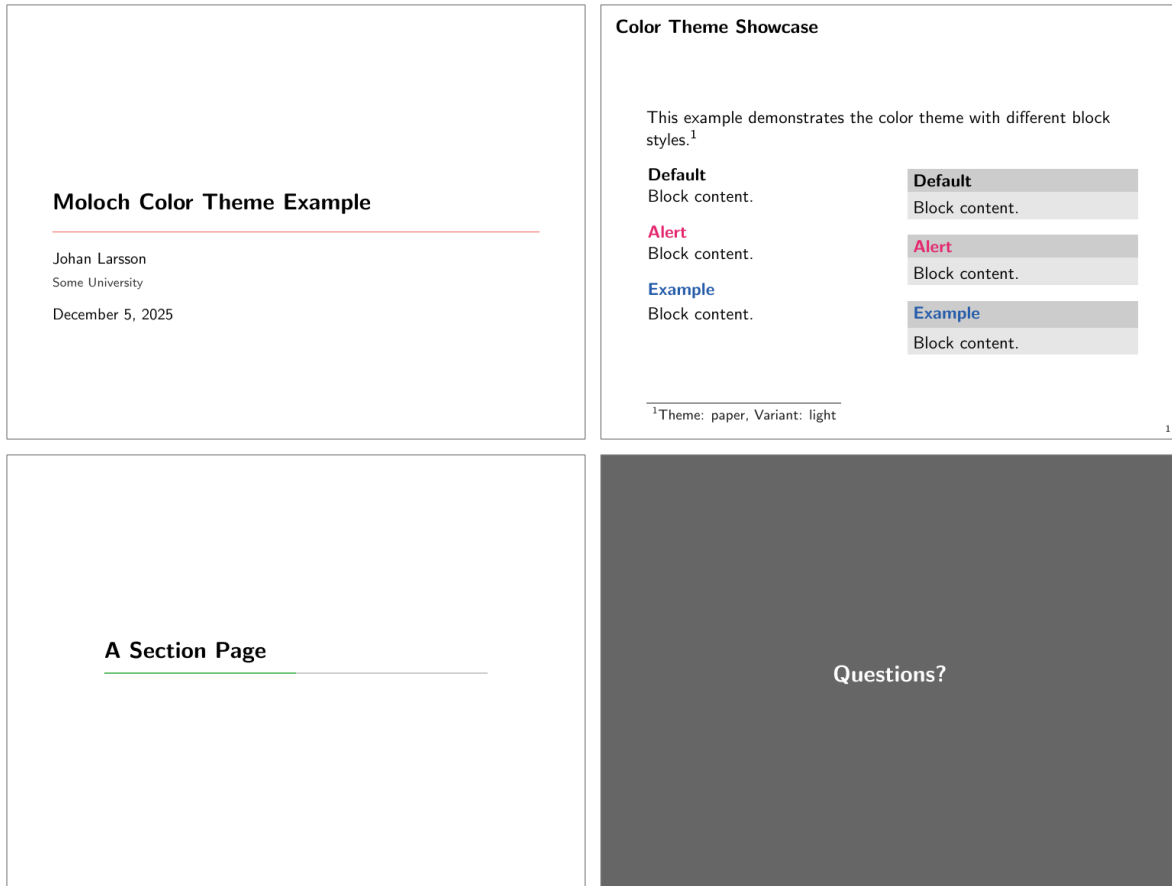


Figure 2.12: Example of the Paper color theme.

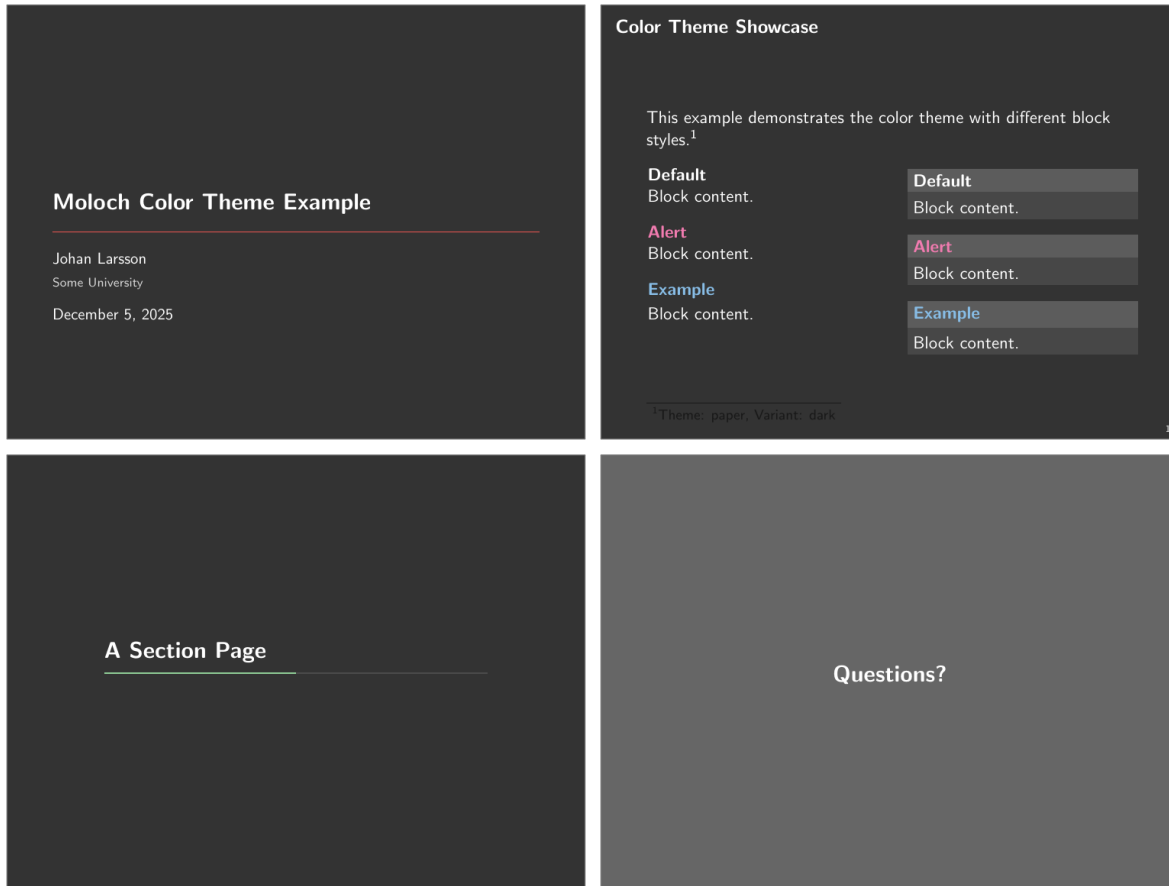


Figure 2.13: Example of the Paper color theme.

2.4.2.5 The Catppuccin Theme

A theme based on the popular [Catppuccin color palette](#). The themes are based on the Latte (light) and Macchiato (dark) variants. The Catppuccin theme provides a soft color theme with pastel colors and not a lot of contrast, and might therefore work best for online presentations unless you have a good projector and favorable conditions.

```
\usetheme[colortheme=catppuccin]{moloch}
% Or equivalently:
% \molochcolors{theme=catppuccin}
```

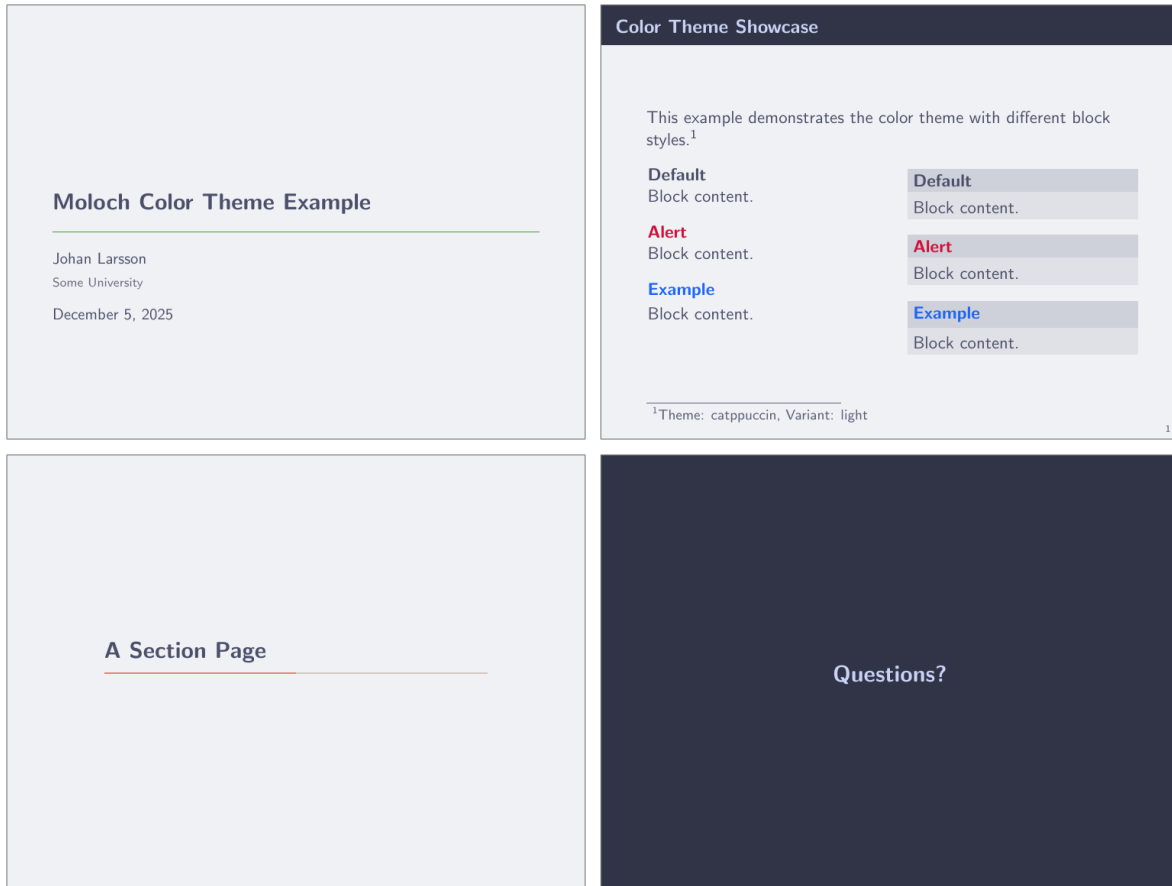


Figure 2.14: Example of the light version of the Catppuccin color theme.

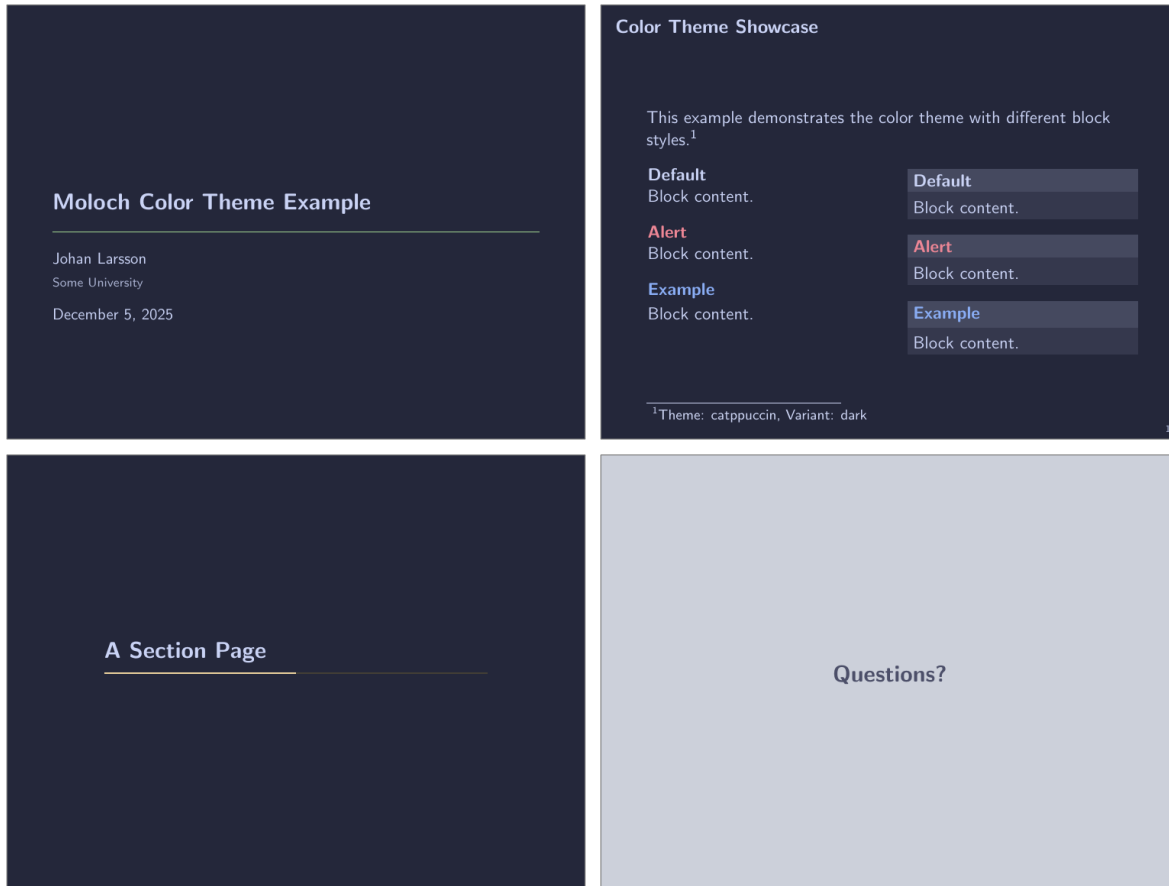


Figure 2.15: Example of the dark version of the Catppuccin color theme.

2.4.3 Color Customization

The included Moloch color theme is used by default, but its colors can be easily changed to suit your tastes. Moloch provides two ways to customize colors:

1. **Using `\molochcolors`** (recommended): A convenient key-value interface for customizing individual colors, especially useful for setting up different colors for light and dark variants. See the detailed documentation below.
2. **Using `\setbeamercolor`** (advanced): For low-level customization or when you need to set colors not exposed through `\molochcolors`, you can use Beamer's standard color setting command:

```
\setbeamercolor{<beamer color name>}{fg=..., bg=...}
```

For example, to customize Moloch-specific colors:

```

\setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=orange, bg=orange!50!black!30}
\setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=teal}
\setbeamercolor{progress bar in head/foot}{parent=progress bar}
\setbeamercolor{progress bar in section page}{parent=progress bar}

```

2.4.4 Granular Color Customization with \molochcolors

For more convenient color customization, Moloch provides the `\molochcolors` command, which allows you to customize individual colors using a key-value interface. This is especially useful when you want to customize specific colors for both light and dark variants of a theme.

The basic syntax is:

```

\molochcolors{
  option1=color1,
  option2=color2,
  ...
}

```

2.4.4.1 Theme and Variant Selection

Before customizing individual colors, you can select a theme preset and variant:

theme *default, tomorrow, highcontrast* default

Selects a color theme preset. Each preset defines complete color schemes for both light and dark variants.

variant *light, dark* light

Switches between light and dark variants of the current theme. Color customizations are preserved when switching variants, so you can set up colors once and freely toggle between light and dark modes.

```

\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\begin{document}

% Start with tomorrow theme in dark mode
\molochcolors{theme=tomorrow, variant=dark}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Dark Tomorrow Theme}

```

```

    This uses the Tomorrow theme in dark mode.
\end{frame}

```

```

% Switch to light variant
\molochcolors{variant=light}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Light Tomorrow Theme}
  Same theme, but now in light mode.
\end{frame}

\end{document}

```

2.4.4.2 Customizable Colors

You can customize individual colors using the following keys. Each key has three variants:

- **Variant-agnostic** (e.g., `normal text fg`): Sets the color for the current variant and stores it for that variant
- **Light-specific** (e.g., `light/normal text fg`): Sets the color for the light variant (applies immediately if in light mode, otherwise stored for when you switch to light)
- **Dark-specific** (e.g., `dark/normal text fg`): Sets the color for the dark variant (applies immediately if in dark mode, otherwise stored for when you switch to dark)

`alerted text <color>` default: theme-dependent
 Sets the foreground color for alerted text (e.g., `\alert{text}`) and alerted block titles. This affects both inline alerted text and `alertblock` titles.

`example text <color>` default: theme-dependent
 Sets the foreground color for example text and example block titles. This affects both inline example text and `exampleblock` titles.

`normal text fg <color>` default: theme-dependent
 Sets the foreground color for normal text. Changing this automatically updates title elements, author, date, and other text colors that derive from normal text.

`normal text bg <color>` default: theme-dependent
 Sets the background color for normal text.

`frametitle fg <color>` default: theme-dependent
 Sets the foreground color for frame titles.

`frametitle bg <color>` default: theme-dependent
Sets the background color for frame titles.

`progressbar fg <color>` default: theme-dependent
Sets the foreground color for progress bars. This affects progress bars in all locations (head, foot, frame title, section pages) and the title separator on the title page.

`progressbar bg <color>` default: theme-dependent
Sets the background color for progress bars.

`standout fg <color>` default: theme-dependent
Sets the foreground color for standout frames (created with `\begin{frame}[standout]`).

`standout bg <color>` default: theme-dependent
Sets the background color for standout frames.

2.4.4.3 Example: Customizing Colors Per Variant

You can set different colors for light and dark variants:

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\begin{document}

% Customize colors for both variants
\molochcolors{
  light/alerted text=red!80!black,
  dark/alerted text=orange,
  light/progressbar fg=blue,
  dark/progressbar fg=cyan
}

% Start in light mode
\molochcolors{variant=light}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Light Mode}
  \alert{Alerted text} is red-ish, progress bar is blue.
\end{frame}
```

```
% Switch to dark mode - your customizations are preserved!
\molochcolors{variant=dark}

\begin{frame}
  \frametitle{Dark Mode}
  \alert{Alerted text} is orange, progress bar is cyan.
\end{frame}

\end{document}
```

2.4.4.4 Example: Quick Color Tweaks

For simple adjustments to the current variant:

```
\molochcolors{
  alerted text=purple,
  progressbar fg=teal
}
```

This sets the colors for whichever variant is currently active (light or dark).

2.5 Font Theme

titleformat plain, titleformat frametitle, titleformat section *regular*, *small-caps*, *allsmallcaps*, *allcaps*..... regular

Individually controls the format of titles, subtitles, section titles, and frame titles (see titleformat, above).

3 Commands

3.1 Standout Frames

The Moloch inner theme offers a custom frame format with large, centered text and an inverted background—perfect for focusing attention on single sentence or image. To use it, add the key `standout` to the frame:

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usetheme{moloch}

\begin{document}

\begin{frame}[standout]
  Thank you!
\end{frame}

\end{document}
```

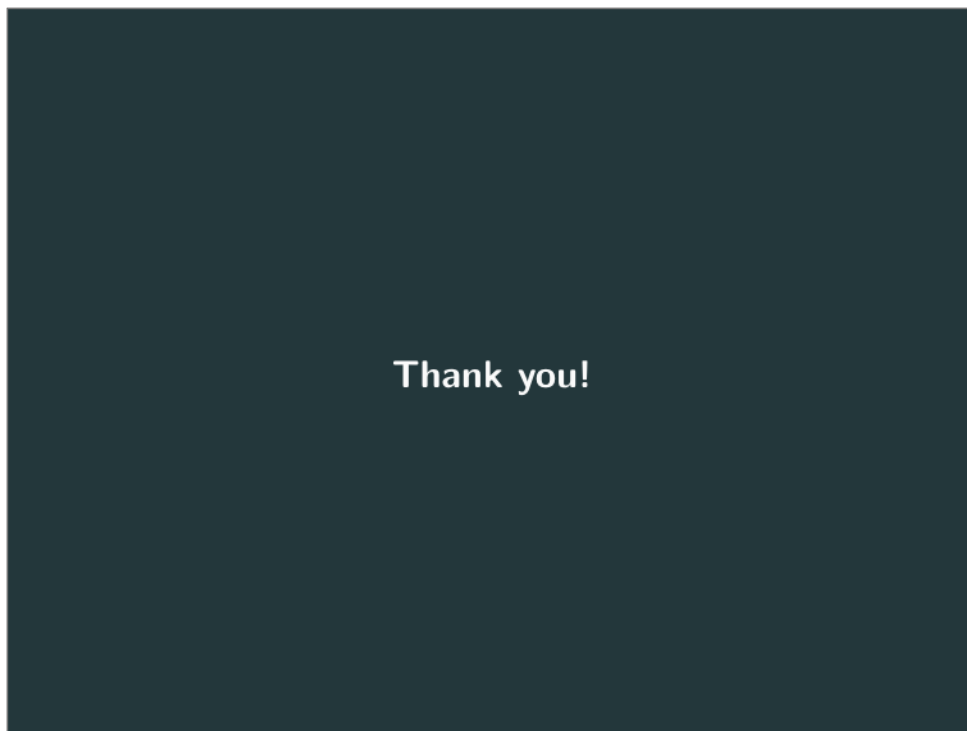


Figure 3.1: Example of a standout frame with large, centered text and an inverted background.

4 Known Issues

4.1 Title Formats

Be aware that not every font supports small caps, so the `smallcaps` or `allsmallcaps` options may not work for all fonts. In particular, the Computer Modern sans-serif typeface, which is used by default when Moloch is compiled with pdfLaTeX, does not have a small-caps variant.

Note that title format options `allsmallcaps` and `allcaps` do not affect the sizes of numerals, punctuation, and math symbol, and are probably best avoided if your titles contain these characters.

4.2 Interactions with Other Color Themes

Moloch can be used along with any other Beamer color theme, such as `crane` or `seahorse`. If you wish to do this, it is usually best to include the Moloch subpackages individually so the Moloch color theme is never loaded. This will prevent conflicts between the Moloch color theme and your preferred theme.

For example, overriding the color theme as follows may not work as expected because ‘loads the Moloch color theme, which defines a relationship between the `frametitle` background and the primary palette of the theme. Since `seahorse` assumes a different relationship between its palettes, the result is a grey, rather than periwinkle, `frametitle` background.

```
\usetheme{moloch}
\usecolortheme{seahorse}
```

The correct colors are chosen if the Moloch outer, inner, and font themes are loaded separately:

```
\useoutertheme{moloch}
\useinnertheme{moloch}
\usefonttheme{moloch}
\usecolortheme{seahorse} % or your preferred color theme
```

Please note that Moloch may not use all the colors defined in your favourite Beamer color theme. In particular, Moloch does not set a background color for the title; this will cause

issues when using color themes like `whale` which set a white foreground for the title.

4.3 Notes on Second Screen

If you use the `[show notes on second screen]` option built in to Beamer and compile with XeLaTeX, text on slides following the first section slide may be rendered in white instead of the regular colour. This is due to [a bug](#) in Beamer or itself. You can work around it either by compiling with `pdfTeX` or by adding the following code to your preamble to reset the text color on each slide.

```
\makeatletter
\def\beamer@framenotesbegin{% at beginning of slide
  \usebeamercolor[fg]{normal text}
  \gdef\beamer@noteitems{}%
  \gdef\beamer@notes{}%
}
\makeatother
```

4.4 Standout Frames with Labels

Because the `standout` frame option creates a group to restrict the colour change to a single slide, labels defined after calling `standout` will stay local to the group. In other words, the following may result in a “label undefined” error.

```
\begin{frame}[standout, label=conclusion]{Conclusion}
  Awesome slide
\end{frame}
```

To fix this problem, change the order of the keys in the frame.

```
\begin{frame}[label=conclusion, standout]{Conclusion}
  Awesome slide
\end{frame}
```

This error can be unwittingly triggered if you export your slides from Emacs Org mode, which automatically adds labels after frame options. Alex Branham [offers](#) the following solution for Org mode users, using `org-set-property`.

```
* Start of a frame
:PROPERTIES:
:BEAMER_opt: label=conclusion,standout
:END:
```

4.5 Standout Frames with Pandoc

With Pandoc versions prior to 1.17.2 it was not possible to create standout frames because Pandoc only supported a specific list of frame attributes thus ignoring additional attributes such as `.standout`.

5 License

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You can read the full license text above or in the license file at <https://github.com/jolars/moloch/blob/main/LICENSE>.

Part II

Implementation

A Main Theme

i Note

Source file: [src/beamertthememoloch.dtx](#)

A.1 Moloch Parent Theme

The primary job of this package is to load the component sub-packages of the Moloch theme and route the theme options accordingly. It also provides some custom commands and environments for the user.

A.2 Package Dependencies

```
\RequirePackage{pgfopts}
```

A.3 Options

Most options are passed off to the component sub-packages.

```
\pgfkeys{/moloch/.cd,  
  .search also={  
    /moloch/inner,  
    /moloch/outer,  
    /moloch/color,  
    /moloch/colors,  
    /moloch/font,  
  }  
}
```

Route color theme options to the new color system.

```
\pgfkeys{/moloch/.cd,  
  colortheme/.code=\pgfkeysalso{/moloch/colors/theme=#1},
```

```

    colorthemevariant/.code=\pgfkeysalso{/moloch/colors/variant=#1},
}

```

A.3.1 titleformat plain

Controls the formatting of the text on standout “plain” frames.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/titleformat plain/.cd,
  .is choice,
  regular/.code={%
    \let\moloch@plaintitleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{standout}{shape=\normalfont}%
  },
  smallcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@plaintitleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{standout}{shape=\scshape}%
  },
  allsmallcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@plaintitleformat\MakeLowercase%
    \setbeamerfont{standout}{shape=\scshape}%
  },
  allcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@plaintitleformat\MakeUppercase%
    \setbeamerfont{standout}{shape=\normalfont}%
  },
}

```

A.3.2 titleformat

Sets a standard format for titles, subtitles, section titles, frame titles, and the text on standout “plain” frames.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/titleformat/.code=\pgfkeysalso{
    font/titleformat title=#1,
    font/titleformat subtitle=#1,
    font/titleformat section=#1,
    font/titleformat frame=#1,
    titleformat plain=#1,
  }
}

```

Set default values for options.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@setdefaults}{  
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/.cd,  
    titleformat plain=regular,  
  }  
}
```

A.4 Component Sub-Packages

Having processed the options, we can now load the component sub-packages of the theme.

```
\useinnertheme{moloch}  
\useoutertheme{moloch}  
\usecolortheme{moloch}  
\usefonttheme{moloch}
```

A.5 Custom Commands

The parent theme defines custom commands as their proper usage may depend on multiple sub-packages.

A.5.1 `\molochset`

Allows the user to change options midway through a presentation.

```
\newcommand{\molochset}[1]{\pgfkeys{/moloch/.cd,#1}}
```

A.5.2 `\mreducelistspacing`

```
\newcommand{\mreducelistspacing}{\vspace{-\topsep}}
```

A.6 Process Package Options

```
\moloch@setdefaults  
\ProcessPgfOptions{/moloch}
```

B Inner Theme

i Note

Source file: [src/beamerinnerthememoloch.dtx](#)

The `beamer` inner theme dictates the style of the frame elements traditionally set in the “body” of each slide.

B.1 Package Dependencies

```
\RequirePackage{keyval}  
\RequirePackage{calc}  
\RequirePackage{pgfopts}  
\RequirePackage{tikz}
```

B.2 Memoization and Tikz Externalization

See the documentation for the correspondign section under the outer theme for more information on the following lines.

```
\providecommand{\tikzexternalenable}{}  
\providecommand{\tikzexternaldisable}{}  
\providecommand{\mmzUnmemoizable}{}  

```

B.3 Options

B.3.1 sectionpage

Optionally add a slide marking the beginning of each section.

```
\pgfkeys{  
  /moloch/inner/sectionpage/.cd,  
  .is choice,  
}
```

```

none/.code=\moloch@disablesectionpage,
simple/.code={%
    \moloch@enablesectionpage%
    \setbeamertemplate{section page}[simple]%
},
progressbar/.code={%
    \moloch@enablesectionpage%
    \setbeamertemplate{section page}[progressbar]%
},
}

```

B.3.2 subsectionpage

Optionally add a slide marking the beginning of each subsection.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/inner/subsectionpage/.cd,
  .is choice,
  none/.code=\moloch@disablesubsectionpage,
  simple/.code={%
    \moloch@enablesubsectionpage%
    \setbeamertemplate{section page}[simple]%
  },
  progressbar/.code={%
    \moloch@enablesubsectionpage%
    \setbeamertemplate{section page}[progressbar]%
  },
}

```

B.3.3 standoutnumbering

Whether or not to number standout pages. Option **none** means that standout pages are not numbered (do not count as frames). **hide** means that they do count as frames, but that the footer with the number is not shown. Option **show** means that they both count as frames and that the footer with a frame count is shown.

```

\providebool{moloch@enableStandoutFooter}
\providebool{moloch@enableStandoutNumbering}
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/inner/standoutnumbering/.cd,
  .is choice,
  none/.code={

```

```

        \boolfalse{moloch@enableStandoutNumbering}
        \boolfalse{moloch@enableStandoutFooter}
    },
    show/.code={
        \booltrue{moloch@enableStandoutNumbering}
        \booltrue{moloch@enableStandoutFooter}
    },
    hide/.code={
        \booltrue{moloch@enableStandoutNumbering}
        \boolfalse{moloch@enableStandoutFooter}
    }
}

```

B.3.4 titleseparator linewidth

Set the width of the line separating the title from the author.

```

\newlength{\moloch@titleseparator@linewidth}
\pgfkeys{
    /moloch/inner/.cd,
    titleseparatorlinewidth/.code={\setlength{\moloch@titleseparator@linewidth}{#1}},
}

```

B.3.5 titleseparator aliases

Allows titleseparator linewidth to be used in \usetheme.

```

\pgfkeys{
    /moloch/inner/.cd,
    titleseparator linewidth/.code=\pgfkeysalso{titleseparatorlinewidth=#1},
}

```

B.3.6 \moloch@inner@setdefaults

Set default values for inner theme options.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@inner@setdefaults}{
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/inner/.cd,
        sectionpage=progressbar,
        subsectionpage=none,
        standoutnumbering=none,
        titleseparator linewidth=0.5pt,
    }
}

```

```
}
}
```

B.4 Title Page

B.4.1 title page

Template for the title page. Each element is only typeset if it is defined by the user. If `\subtitle` is empty, for example, it won't leave a blank space on the title slide.

```
\setbeamertemplate{title page}{
  \null%
  \vspace{0pt plus 1.618fil}%
  \vfil%
  \ifx\inserttitlegraphic\@empty\else\usebeamertemplate*{title graphic}\fi
  \ifx\inserttitle\@empty\else\usebeamertemplate*{title}\fi
  \ifx\insertsubtitle\@empty\else\usebeamertemplate*{subtitle}\fi
  \usebeamertemplate*{title separator}
  \expandafter\ifblank\expandafter{\beamer@andstripped}{\}{\%
    \usebeamertemplate*{author}%
  }
  \ifx\insertinstitute\@empty\else\usebeamertemplate*{institute}\fi
  \ifx\insertdate\@empty\else\usebeamertemplate*{date}\fi
  \vspace{0pt plus 1fil}%
  \null
}
```

Normal people should use `\maketitle` or `\titlepage` instead of using the `title page` beamer template directly. Beamer already defines these macros, but we patch them here to make the title page [plain] by default and ensure the title frame number doesn't count.

B.4.2 \maketitle

Inserts the title frame, or causes the current frame to use the `title page` template.

```
\def\maketitle{%
  \ifbeamer@inframe
    \titlepage
  \else
    \begingroup
    \renewcommand\footnoterule{}%
    \frame[plain,noframenumbering]{\titlepage}
```

```

    \endgroup
  \fi
}

```

Also patch `\titlepage` to ensure that footnotes on the title page are formatted correctly.

B.4.3 `\titlepage`

Inserts the title page using the `title page` beamer template.

```

\def\titlepage{%
  % Apply title-page specific footnote settings
  \renewcommand{\@makefnmark}[1]{%
    {\par\usebeamerfont{fg}{thanks}\usebeamerfont{thanks}$^{\@thefnmark}$##1\medskip}%
  }

  % Process the title page
  \usebeamertemplate{title page}\@thanks
}

```

B.4.4 `title graphic`

Set the title graphic in a zero-height box, so it doesn't change the position of other elements.

```

\setbeamertemplate{title graphic}{
  \inserttitlegraphic%
  \par%
  \vspace*{1em}
}

```

B.4.5 `title`

Set the title on the title page.

```

\setbeamertemplate{title}{
  \raggedright%
  \molocho@titleformat{\inserttitle}%
  \par%
}

```

B.4.6 subtitle

Set the subtitle on the title page.

```
\setbeamertemplate{subtitle}{  
  \vspace*{0.3em}  
  \raggedright%  
  \moloch@subtitleformat{\insertsubtitle}%  
  \par%  
}
```

B.4.7 title separator

Template to set the title separator.

```
\setbeamertemplate{title separator}{  
  \tikzexternaldisable%  
  \begin{tikzpicture}[baseline=(current bounding box.north)]  
    \mmzUnmemoizable%  
    \fill[fg] (0,0) rectangle (\textwidth, \moloch@titleseparator@linewidth);  
    \useasboundingbox (0,0) rectangle (\textwidth,-\moloch@titleseparator@linewidth);  
  \end{tikzpicture}%  
  \tikzexternalenable%  
  \par%  
  \vspace*{0.8em}  
}
```

B.4.8 author

Set the author on the title page.

```
\setbeamertemplate{author}{  
  \raggedright%  
  \insertauthor%  
  \par%  
  \vspace*{0.5em}  
}
```

B.4.9 institute

Set the institute on the title page.

```

\setbeamertemplate{institute}{
  \insertinstitute%
  \par%
  \vspace*{1em}
}

```

B.4.10 date

Set the date on the title page.

```

\setbeamertemplate{date}{
  \insertdate%
  \par%
}

```

B.5 Section Pages

B.5.1 section Page

Template for the section title slide at the beginning of each section.

```

\defbeamertemplate{section page}{simple}{
  \begin{center}
    \usebeamercolor[fg]{section title}
    \usebeamerfont{section title}
    \moloch@sectiontitleformat{\insertsectionhead}\par
    \usebeamercolor[fg]{subsection title}%
    \usebeamerfont{subsection title}%
    \strut%
    \ifx\insertsubsectionhead\@empty\else%
      \insertsubsectionhead%
    \fi
  \end{center}
  \vspace{\baselineskip - 1ex + \moloch@titleseparator@linewidth}
}

\defbeamertemplate{section page}{progressbar}{
  \centering
  \begin{minipage}{0.7875\linewidth}
    \raggedright
    \usebeamercolor[fg]{section title}
    \usebeamerfont{section title}
    \moloch@sectiontitleformat{\insertsectionhead}\[-0.5\baselineskip]
  \end{minipage}
}

```

```

\usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in section page}
\par
\usebeamercolor[fg]{subsection title}%
\usebeamerfont{subsection title}%
\strut%
\ifx\insertsubsectionhead\@empty\else%
\insertsubsectionhead%
\fi
\end{minipage}
\par
}
\newcommand{\moloch@disablesectionpage}{
\AtBeginSection{
% intentionally empty
}
}
\newcommand{\moloch@enablesectionpage}{
\AtBeginSection{
\ifbeamer@inframe
\sectionpage
\else
\frame[plain,c,noframenumbering]{\sectionpage}
\fi
}
}

```

B.5.2 subsection page

Template for the subsection title slide that can optionally be added to at the beginning of each subsection.

```

\setbeamertemplate{subsection page}{%
\usebeamertemplate*{section page}
}
\newcommand{\moloch@disablesubsectionpage}{
\AtBeginSubsection{
% intentionally empty
}
}
\newcommand{\moloch@enablesubsectionpage}{
\AtBeginSubsection{
\ifbeamer@inframe

```

```

        \subsectionpage
    \else
        \frame[plain,c,noframenumbering]{\subsectionpage}
    \fi
}
}

```

B.5.3 progress bar in section page

Template for the progress bar displayed by default on the section page. This code is duplicated in large part in the outer theme's template `progress bar in head/foot`.

```

\setbeamertemplate{progress bar in section page}{
  \pgfmathsetlength{\moloch@progressonsectionpage}{
    \textwidth * min(1,\insertframenumber/\inserttotalframenumber)
  }%
  \tikzexternaldisable%
  \begin{tikzpicture}[baseline=(current bounding box.north)]
    \mmzUnmemoizable%
    \fill[bg]
      (0,0)
      rectangle
      (\textwidth, \moloch@progressonsectionpage@linewidth);
    \fill[fg]
      (0,0)
      rectangle
      (\moloch@progressonsectionpage,
      \moloch@progressonsectionpage@linewidth);
    \useasboundingbox (0,0) rectangle (\textwidth,-\moloch@progressonsectionpage@linewidth);
  \end{tikzpicture}%
  \tikzexternalenable%
}

```

The code above assumes that `\insertframenumber` is less than or equal to `\inserttotalframenumber`. However, this is not true on the first compile; in the absence of an `.aux` file, `\inserttotalframenumber` defaults to 1. This behaviour could cause fatal errors for long presentations, as `\moloch@progressonsectionpage` would exceed TeX's maximum length (16383.99999pt, roughly 5.75 metres or 18.9 feet). To avoid this, we increase the default value for `\inserttotalframenumber`; presentations with over 4000 slides will still break on first compile, but users in that situation likely have deeper problems to solve.

```

\def\inserttotalframenumber{100}

```

B.6 Lists and Floats

Moloch uses custom symbols for the `itemize` environment. The symbols are defined as below, using `pgf` commands to draw the shapes. This is slightly different than what beamer does by default, which is to use font glyphs from the math font. But we want to avoid this reliance on the math font, which may have somewhat surprising side effects.

By default, we use a filled circle for the first-level `itemize` items, a filled square for the second level, and a filled triangle for the third level. Since the triangle tapers to a point, we add a slight overhang to it so that it visually aligns better with the other symbols. We do the same for the circle, but to a lower extent.

```
\newcommand{\mitemover}[2]{\makebox[0pt][r]{#1}\kern-#2}
\newcommand{\mitem}[1]{\mitemover{#1}{0pt}}

\newcommand{\overhangSquare}{0pt}
\newcommand{\overhangCircle}{0.05ex}
\newcommand{\overhangTriangle}{0.25ex}

\newcommand{\moloch@circle}{
  \begin{pgfpicture}
    \pgfsetbaseline{-0.7ex}
    \pgfpathcircle{\pgfpoint{0}{0}}{0.16em}
    \pgfusepath{fill}
  \end{pgfpicture}%
}
%
\newcommand{\moloch@square}{
  \begin{pgfpicture}
    \pgfsetbaseline{-0.7ex}
    \pgfpathrectangle{\pgfpoint{-0.165em}{-0.165em}}{\pgfpoint{0.31em}{0.31em}}
    \pgfusepath{fill}
  \end{pgfpicture}%
}
%
\newcommand{\moloch@triangle}{
  \begin{pgfpicture}
    \pgfsetbaseline{-0.7ex}
    \pgfpathmoveto{\pgfpoint{0.21em}{0}} % right vertex (tip)
    \pgfpathlineto{\pgfpoint{-0.21em}{0.21em}} % top left
    \pgfpathlineto{\pgfpoint{-0.21em}{-0.21em}} % bottom left
    \pgfpathclose
    \pgfusepath{fill}
  \end{pgfpicture}
}
```

```
\end{pgfpicture}%
}
```

Next, we set the itemize templates to use these symbols.

```
% \setbeamertemplate{itemize item}[circle]
\setbeamertemplate{itemize item}{\mitemover{\moloch@circle}{\overhangCircle}}
\setbeamertemplate{itemize subitem}{\mitemover{\moloch@square}{\overhangSquare}}
\setbeamertemplate{itemize subsubitem}{\mitemover{\moloch@triangle}{\overhangTriangle}}
\setbeamertemplate{caption label separator}{: }
\setbeamertemplate{caption}[numbered]
```

B.7 Footnotes

```
\setbeamertemplate{footnote}{%
  \parindent 0em\noindent\raggedright \usebeamercolor{footnote}\hbox to
  0.8em{\hfil\insertfootnotemark}\insertfootnotetext%%
  \par%
}
```

B.8 Text and Spacing Settings

By default, Beamer frames offer the `c` option to *almost* vertically center the text, but the placement is a little too high. To fix this, we redefine the `c` option to equalize `\beamer@frametopskip` and `\beamer@framebottomskip`. This solution was suggested by Enrico Gregorio in an answer to [this Stack Exchange question](#).

```
\define@key{beamerframe}{c}[true]{% centered
  \beamer@frametopskip=0pt plus 1fil\relax%
  \beamer@framebottomskip=0pt plus 1fil\relax%
  \beamer@frametopskipautobreak=0pt plus .4\paperheight\relax%
  \beamer@framebottomskipautobreak=0pt plus .6\paperheight\relax%
  \def\beamer@initfirstlineunskip{}%
}
```

B.9 Standout Frames

Moloch offers a custom frame format with large, centered text and an inverted background. To use it, add the key `standout` to the frame:

```
\begin{frame}[standout] ... \end{frame}.
```

B.9.1 standout

Optional arguments to Beamer's frames are implemented using `\define@key` from the `keyval` package, which will execute code when the defined option is called. For the `standout` option, we begin a group, change the colors and set frame options.

```
\providebool{moloch@standout}
\define@key{beamerframe}{standout}[true]{%
  \booltrue{moloch@standout}
  \begingroup
  \setkeys{beamerframe}{c}
  \ifbool{moloch@enableStandoutNumbering}{}{%
    \setkeys{beamerframe}{noframenumbering}}
  \ifbeamercoloreempty{bg}{standout}{
    \setbeamercolor{background canvas}{
      use=standout,
      bg=-standout.fg
    }
  }{
    \setbeamercolor{background canvas}{
      use=standout,
      bg=standout.bg
    }
  }
  \setbeamercolor{local structure}{
    fg=standout.fg
  }
  \usebeamercolor{fg}{standout}
  \setbeamercolor{page number in head/foot}{
    use=standout,
    fg=standout.fg
  }
}
\ifbool{moloch@enableStandoutFooter}{}{\setbeamertemplate{footline}{}}
```

Then we just have to close the group after the `standout` slide is finished in order to restore the colours and fonts for the rest of the presentation. Unfortunately, we cannot use `\AfterEndEnvironment{frame}` for this (see <http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/226319/>). Instead, we prepend the `\endgroup` to `\beamer@reseteecodes`, which is run exactly once at the end of each slide.

```
\pretocmd{\beamer@reseteecodes}{%
  \ifbool{moloch@standout}{
    \endgroup
```

```

\boolfalse{moloch@standout}
}{}
}{}{}

```

We set the fonts and the `\centering` alignment on the inner content, in such a way that the speaker's note layout isn't affected by the custom formatting.

```

\AtBeginEnvironment{beamer@frameslide}{
  \ifbool{moloch@standout}{
    \centering
    \usebeamerfont{standout}
  }{}
}

```

B.10 Process Package Options

```

\moloch@inner@setdefaults
\ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/moloch/inner}

```

C Outer Theme

i Note

Source file: [src/beamerouterthememoloch.dtx](#)

C.1 Moloch Outer Theme

A `beamer` outer theme dictates the style of the frame elements traditionally set outside the body of each slide: the head, footline, and frame title.

C.2 Package Dependencies

```
\RequirePackage{calc}  
\RequirePackage{pgfopts}
```

C.3 Memoization and Tikz Externalization

To avoid generating externalized figures of the progressbar we have to disable them with “`tikzexternalenable`” and “`tikzexternaldisable`”. However, if the “external” library is not loaded we would get undefined control sequence problems, hence we define them as no-ops if they are not defined yet. We do the same for the “`mmzUnmemoizable`” command from the `memoize` package, in order to avoid memoization of the progress bars.

```
\providecommand{\tikzexternalenable}{}  
\providecommand{\tikzexternaldisable}{}  
\providecommand{\mmzUnmemoizable}{}  

```

C.4 Options

C.4.1 progressbar

Adds a progress bar to the top, bottom, or frametitle of each slide.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/outer/progressbar/.cd,
  .is choice,
  none/.code={%
    \setbeamertemplate{headline}[plain]
    \setbeamertemplate{frametitle}[plain]
    \setbeamertemplate{footline}[plain]
  },
  head/.code={\pgfkeys{/moloch/outer/progressbar=none}
    \addtobeamertemplate{headline}{}{%
      \usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in head/foot}
    }
  },
  frametitle/.code={\pgfkeys{/moloch/outer/progressbar=none}
    \addtobeamertemplate{frametitle}{}{%
      \usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in head/foot}
    }
  },
  foot/.code={\pgfkeys{/moloch/outer/progressbar=none}
    \addtobeamertemplate{footline}{}{%
      \usebeamertemplate*{progress bar in head/foot}%
    }
  },
}
```

C.4.2 progressbar linewidth

Sets the linewidth of the progress bar for sectionpages and frames.

```
\newlength{\moloch@progressonsectionpage}
\newlength{\moloch@progressonsectionpage@linewidth}
\newlength{\moloch@progressinheadfoot}
\newlength{\moloch@progressinheadfoot@linewidth}
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/outer/.cd,
  progressbarlinewidth/.code={
    \setlength{\moloch@progressonsectionpage@linewidth}{#1}
  }
}
```

```

        \setlength{\moloch@progressinheadfoot@linewidth}{#1}
    },
}

```

C.4.3 progressbar aliases

Allows progressbar linewidth to be used in \molochset.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/outer/.cd,
  progressbar linewidth/.code=\pgfkeysalso{progressbarlinewidth=#1},
}

```

C.4.4 frametitle margin

Sets the margins of the frame title.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/outer/.cd,
  frametitlemarginleft/.code=\renewcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@left}{#1},
  frametitlemarginright/.code=\renewcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@right}{#1},
  frametitlemargintop/.code=\renewcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@top}{#1},
  frametitlemarginbottom/.code=\renewcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@bottom}{#1},
}

```

C.4.5 frametitle margin aliases

Allows frametitle margin x to be used in \molochset.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/outer/.cd,
  frametitle margin left/.code=\pgfkeysalso{frametitlemarginleft=#1},
  frametitle margin right/.code=\pgfkeysalso{frametitlemarginright=#1},
  frametitle margin top/.code=\pgfkeysalso{frametitlemargintop=#1},
  frametitle margin bottom/.code=\pgfkeysalso{frametitlemarginbottom=#1},
}

```

C.4.6 \moloch@outer@setdefaults

Sets default values for outer theme options.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@outer@setdefaults}{
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/outer/.cd,
    progressbar=none,
    progressbar linewidth=1pt,
  }
}

```

C.5 Deprecated Options

These options are deprecated and will be removed in a future version.

C.5.1 numbering

Adds slide numbers to the bottom right of each slide.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/outer/numbering/.cd,
  .is choice,
  none/.code={%
    \PackageWarning{moloch}{The ``numbering'' option is deprecated.
      Use beamer's ``page number in head/foot'' template instead}%
    \setbeamertemplate{page number in head/foot}[default]
  },
  counter/.code={%
    \PackageWarning{moloch}{The ``numbering'' option is deprecated.
      Use beamer's ``page number in head/foot'' template instead}%
    \setbeamertemplate{page number in head/foot}[framenumbers]
  },
  fraction/.code={%
    \PackageWarning{moloch}{The ``numbering'' option is deprecated.
      Use beamer's ``page number in head/foot'' template instead}%
    \setbeamertemplate{page number in head/foot}[totalframenumbers]
  },
}

```

C.6 Slide Numbering

Moloch defaults to numbering frames. To modify this, simply copy this line to your preamble and replace `framenumbers`.

```
\setbeamertemplate{page number in head/foot}[framenumbers]
```

C.7 Head and Footline

All good `beamer` presentations should already remove the navigation symbols, but `Moloch` removes them automatically (just in case).

```
\setbeamertemplate{navigationsymbols}{{}}
```

C.7.1 headline

Template for the headline at the top of each frame, which is empty by default.

```
\defbeamertemplate{headline}{plain}{{}}
```

C.7.2 footline

Template for the footline at the bottom of each frame, which includes the slide number on the right.

```
\defbeamertemplate{footline}{plain}{%
  \begin{beamercolorbox}[
    leftskip=4pt,%
    rightskip=5pt,%
    wd=\textwidth,%
  ]{footline}%
  \usebeamerfont{fg}{page number in head/foot}%
  \usebeamerfont{page number in head/foot}%
  \usebeamertemplate*{frame footer}%
  \hfill%
  \usebeamertemplate*{page number in head/foot}\vskip4pt%
\end{beamercolorbox}%
}
```

C.8 Frametitle

C.8.1 frametitle

Templates for the frame title, which is optionally underlined with a progress bar.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@frametitlestrut@start}{%
  \rule{0pt}{\moloch@frametitle@margin@top + \ht\strutbox}%
}%

\newcommand{\moloch@frametitlestrut@end}{%
  \rule[-\moloch@frametitle@margin@bottom]{0pt}{\moloch@frametitle@margin@bottom}%
}

\newcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@left}{1.6ex}
\newcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@right}{1.6ex}
\newcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@top}{1.4ex}
\newcommand{\moloch@frametitle@margin@bottom}{1.4ex}

\defbeamertemplate{frametitle}{plain}{%
  \nointerlineskip%
  \begin{beamercolorbox}[%
    wd=\paperwidth,%
    leftskip=\moloch@frametitle@margin@left,%
    rightskip=\the\glueexpr \moloch@frametitle@margin@right plus 1fil\relax,%
  ]{frametitle}%
  \usebeamerfont{frametitle}%
  \moloch@frametitlestrut@start%
  \moloch@frametitleformat{\insertframetitle}%
  {%
    \ifx\insertframesubtitle\@empty%
      \else%
        {%
          \par%
          \usebeamerfont{framesubtitle}%
          \vspace{-0.8ex}%
          \usebeamercolor[fg]{framesubtitle}%
          \insertframesubtitle%
        }%
      \fi
    }%
  \moloch@frametitlestrut@end%
  \end{beamercolorbox}%
}

\setbeamertemplate{frametitle continuation}{%
  \romannumeral\insertcontinuationcount}

```

C.8.2 progress bar in head/foot

Template for the progress bar optionally displayed below the frame title on each page. Much of this code is duplicated in the inner theme's template `progress bar in section page`.

```
\setbeamertemplate{progress bar in head/foot}{
  \nointerlineskip%
  \pgfmathsetlength{\moloch@progressinheadfoot}{%
    \paperwidth * min(1,\insertframenum/\inserttotalframenum)}%
  }%
  \begin{beamercolorbox}[wd=\paperwidth]{progress bar in head/foot}
    \tikzexternaldisable%
    \begin{tikzpicture}
      \mmzUnmemoizable%
      \fill[bg]
        (0,0)
        rectangle
        (\paperwidth, \moloch@progressinheadfoot@linewidth);
      \fill[fg]
        (0,0)
        rectangle
        (\moloch@progressinheadfoot, \moloch@progressinheadfoot@linewidth);
    \end{tikzpicture}
    \tikzexternalenable%
  \end{beamercolorbox}
}
```

C.9 Process Package Options

```
\moloch@outer@setdefaults
\ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/moloch/outer}
```

D Font Theme

i Note

Source file: [src/beamerfontthememoloch.dtx](#)

D.1 Moloch Font Theme

The Moloch font theme defines the fonts used throughout the presentation.

D.2 Package Dependencies

```
\RequirePackage{etoolbox}  
\RequirePackage{pgfopts}
```

D.3 General Font Definitions

```
\setbeamerfont{title}{size=\Large, series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont{author}{size=\small}  
\setbeamerfont{date}{size=\small}  
\setbeamerfont{section title}{size=\Large, series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont{block title}{size=\normalsize, series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont{block title alerted}{size=\normalsize, series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont*{subtitle}{size=\large}  
\setbeamerfont{frametitle}{size=\large, series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont{framesubtitle}{size=\small}  
\setbeamerfont{caption}{size=\small}  
\setbeamerfont{caption name}{series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont{description item}{series=\bfseries}  
\setbeamerfont{standout}{size=\Large, series=\bfseries}
```

D.4 Title Format Options

D.4.1 titleformat title

Controls the format of the title.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/font/titleformat title/.cd,
  .is choice,
  regular/.code={%
    \let\moloch@titleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{title}{shape=\normalfont}%
  },
  smallcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@titleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{title}{shape=\scshape}%
  },
  allsmallcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@titleformat\lowercase%
    \setbeamerfont{title}{shape=\scshape}%
    \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
      Be aware that titleformat title=allsmallcaps can
      lead to problems}
  },
  allcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@titleformat\uppercase%
    \setbeamerfont{title}{shape=\normalfont}
    \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
      Be aware that titleformat title=allcaps can lead to problems%
    }
  },
}
```

D.4.2 titleformat subtitle

Control the format of the subtitle.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/font/titleformat subtitle/.cd,
  .is choice,
  regular/.code={%
    \let\moloch@subtitleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{subtitle}{shape=\normalfont}%
  },
}
```

```

    },
    smallcaps/.code={%
        \let\moloch@subtitleformat\@empty%
        \setbeamerfont{subtitle}{shape=\scshape}%
    },
    allsmallcaps/.code={%
        \let\moloch@subtitleformat\MakeLowercase%
        \setbeamerfont{subtitle}{shape=\scshape}%
        \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
            Be aware that titleformat subtitle=allsmallcaps
            can lead to problems}
    },
    allcaps/.code={%
        \let\moloch@subtitleformat\MakeUppercase%
        \setbeamerfont{subtitle}{shape=\normalfont}%
        \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
            Be aware that titleformat subtitle=allcaps can
            lead to problems}
    },
}

```

D.4.3 titleformat section

Controls the format of the section title.

```

\pgfkeys{
    /moloch/font/titleformat section/.cd,
    .is choice,
    regular/.code={%
        \let\moloch@sectiontitleformat\@empty%
        \setbeamerfont{section title}{shape=\normalfont}%
    },
    smallcaps/.code={%
        \let\moloch@sectiontitleformat\@empty%
        \setbeamerfont{section title}{shape=\scshape}%
    },
    allsmallcaps/.code={%
        \let\moloch@sectiontitleformat\MakeLowercase%
        \setbeamerfont{section title}{shape=\scshape}%
        \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
            Be aware that titleformat section=allsmallcaps
            can lead to problems}
    },
}

```

```

    },
allcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@sectiontitleformat\MakeUppercase%
    \setbeamerfont{section title}{shape=\normalfont}%
    \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
        Be aware that titleformat section=allcaps
        can lead to problems}
    },
}

```

D.4.4 frametitleformat

Control the format of the frame title.

```

\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/font/titleformat frame/.cd,
  .is choice,
  regular/.code={%
    \let\moloch@frametitleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{frametitle}{shape=\normalfont}%
  },
  smallcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@frametitleformat\@empty%
    \setbeamerfont{frametitle}{shape=\scshape}%
  },
  allsmallcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@frametitleformat\MakeLowercase%
    \setbeamerfont{frametitle}{shape=\scshape}%
    \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
        Be aware that titleformat frame=allsmallcaps
        can lead to problems}
  },
  allcaps/.code={%
    \let\moloch@frametitleformat\MakeUppercase%
    \setbeamerfont{frametitle}{shape=\normalfont}
    \PackageNote{beamerthememoloch}{%
        Be aware that titleformat frame=allcaps can lead to problems%
    }
  },
}

```

D.4.5 titleformat aliases

Allows `titleformat title et al.` to be used in the `\usetheme` declaration, where LaTeX automatically removes all spaces.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/font/.cd,
  titleformattitle/.code=\pgfkeysalso{titleformat title=#1},
  titleformatsubtitle/.code=\pgfkeysalso{titleformat subtitle=#1},
  titleformatsection/.code=\pgfkeysalso{titleformat section=#1},
  titleformatframe/.code=\pgfkeysalso{titleformat frame=#1},
}
```

D.4.6 \moloch@font@setdefaults

Sets default values for font theme options.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@font@setdefaults}{
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/font/.cd,
    titleformat title=regular,
    titleformat subtitle=regular,
    titleformat section=regular,
    titleformat frame=regular,
  }
}
```

We first define hooks to change the case format of the titles.

```
\def\moloch@titleformat#1{#1}
\def\moloch@subtitleformat#1{#1}
\def\moloch@sectiontitleformat#1{#1}
\def\moloch@frametitleformat#1{#1}
```

To make the uppercase and lowercase macros work in the title, subtitle, etc., we have to patch the appropriate `beamer` commands that set their values. This solution was suggested by Enrico Gregorio in an answer to [this StackExchange question](#).

D.5 Process Package Options

```
\moloch@font@setdefaults
\ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/moloch/font}
```

E Color Theme

i Note

Source file: [src/beamercolorthememoloch.dtx](#)

E.1 Moloch Color Theme

E.1.1 Package Dependencies

```
\RequirePackage{pgfopts}
```

E.1.2 Options

E.1.3 block

Optionally adds a light grey background to block environments like `theorem` and `example`.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/color/block/.cd,
  .is choice,
  transparent/.code=\moloch@block@transparent,
  fill/.code=\moloch@block@fill,
}
```

E.1.4 Variant tracking

Boolean to track whether we're in dark or light variant.

```
\newif\ifmoloch@variant@dark
\moloch@variant@darkfalse % Default to light variant
```

E.1.5 colors

Provides the option to have a dark background and light foreground instead of the reverse.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/color/background/.cd,
  .is choice,
  dark/.code={%
    \PackageWarning{beamercolorthememoloch}{%
      Option 'background' is deprecated.\MessageBreak
      Use 'colortheme variant=light/dark' instead
    }%
    \moloch@colors@dark
  },
  light/.code={%
    \moloch@colors@light
  },
}
```

E.1.6 \moloch@color@setdefaults

Sets default values for color theme options.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@color@setdefaults}{
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/color/.cd,
    background=light,
  }
}
```

E.1.7 Base Colors

These are the base colors used in the default Moloch color theme. They are kept here mostly for backwards compatibility, and colors for the themes are now defined in the preset commands below.

```
\definecolor{mDarkBrown}{HTML}{604c38}
\definecolor{mDarkTeal}{HTML}{23373b}
\definecolor{mLightBrown}{HTML}{EB811B}
\definecolor{mLightGreen}{RGB}{0,128,128}
```

E.1.8 Hooks for Color Themes

Moloch color themes can register light and dark color schemes using the commands below. The registered colors will be stored in the macros `\moloch@define@light@colors` and `\moloch@define@dark@colors` respectively. These macros are invoked when the `variant=light` or `variant=dark` options are selected, allowing theme presets to define complete color schemes for both variants.

E.1.9 `\moloch@define@light@colors`

E.1.10 `\moloch@define@dark@colors`

Storage macros for the light and dark color definitions. Initialized empty and filled by color theme presets via the registration commands.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@define@light@colors}{}  
\newcommand{\moloch@define@dark@colors}{}  

```

E.1.11 `\moloch@register@light@colors`

Allows color theme presets to register their light variant color scheme. The argument should contain `\setbeamercolor` commands that define all necessary colors for the light variant.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@register@light@colors}[1]{%  
  \renewcommand{\moloch@define@light@colors}{#1}%  
}
```

E.1.12 `\moloch@register@dark@colors`

Allows color theme presets to register their dark variant color scheme. The argument should contain `\setbeamercolor` commands that define all necessary colors for the dark variant.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@register@dark@colors}[1]{%  
  \renewcommand{\moloch@define@dark@colors}{#1}%  
}
```

E.1.13 `\moloch@setup@block@colors`

Configures the colors for block environments to derive from normal text and alerted/example text colors. This is called after switching variants to ensure block colors stay consistent with

the current color scheme. Block titles inherit from normal text foreground, while alerted and example block titles additionally use their respective text colors.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@setup@block@colors}{%
  \setbeamercolor{block title}{%
    use=normal text,
    fg=normal text.fg,
    bg=
  }%
  \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{%
    use={block title, alerted text}
  }%
  \setbeamercolor{block title example}{%
    use={block title, example text}
  }%
  \setbeamercolor{block body alerted}{use=block body, parent=block body}%
  \setbeamercolor{block body example}{use=block body, parent=block body}%
}
```

E.1.14 \moloch@setup@text@colors

Configures title-related colors to derive from normal text. This ensures that when normal text color changes (e.g., during variant switching), all title elements automatically adapt. Institute and thanks use a slightly muted version (80% mix) for visual hierarchy.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@setup@text@colors}{%
  \setbeamercolor{titlelike}{use=normal text, parent=normal text}%
  \setbeamercolor{author}{use=normal text, parent=normal text}%
  \setbeamercolor{date}{use=normal text, parent=normal text}%
  \setbeamercolor{institute}{%
    use=normal text, fg=normal text.fg!80!normal text.bg}%
  \setbeamercolor{structure}{use=normal text, fg=normal text.fg}%
  \setbeamercolor{thanks}{%
    use=normal text, fg=normal text.fg!80!normal text.bg}%
}
```

E.1.15 \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents

Updates colors that derive from the progress bar color. This includes the title separator (horizontal rule on title page) and progress bars in various locations (head, foot, section pages). Called whenever the progress bar foreground or background color is customized.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@setup@progressbar@parents}{%
  \setbeamercolor{progress bar in head/foot}{%
    use=progress bar,
    parent=progress bar
  }%
  \setbeamercolor{progress bar in section page}{%
    use=progress bar,
    parent=progress bar
  }%
}

```

E.1.16 Variant Switching Commands

E.1.17 \moloch@colors@dark

Switches to the dark variant color scheme. This command:

1. Sets the dark variant flag
2. Applies the registered dark colors from the current theme preset
3. Ensures normal text color is active
4. Updates dependent colors (blocks, text) to match
5. Applies any stored user customizations for the dark variant

```

\newcommand{\moloch@colors@dark}{
  \moloch@variant@darktrue
  \moloch@define@dark@colors
  \usebeamercolor[fg]{normal text}

  \moloch@setup@block@colors
  \moloch@setup@text@colors

  % Apply stored dark variant colors
  \moloch@apply@store@dark@colors
}

```

E.1.18 \moloch@colors@light

Switches to the light variant color scheme. Mirrors the dark variant command but applies light colors instead. The sequence ensures that user customizations override theme defaults.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@colors@light}{
  \moloch@variant@darkfalse
  \moloch@define@light@colors
  \usebeamercolor[fg]{normal text}

  \moloch@setup@block@colors
  \moloch@setup@text@colors

  \setbeamercolor{title separator}{
    use=progress bar,
    parent=progress bar
  }
  \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents

  % Apply stored light variant colors AFTER block definitions
  \moloch@apply@store@light@colors
}

```

E.1.19 \moloch@apply@current@variant

Helper command that applies the appropriate variant based on the \ifmoloch@variant@dark boolean flag. Used during initialization and when switching color theme presets to ensure the correct variant is applied.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@apply@current@variant}{%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \moloch@colors@dark
  \else
    \moloch@colors@light
  \fi
}

```

E.1.20 Color Customization Storage System

The storage system allows users to customize individual colors while preserving those customizations across variant switches. Each color option has separate storage for light and dark variants. When a user sets a color, it's both applied immediately and stored. When switching variants, stored customizations are reapplied on top of the theme defaults.

E.1.21 `\moloch@apply@store@light@colors`

Applies stored user customizations for the light variant. Checks each storage macro and applies it if non-empty. This is called after applying the theme's light colors to override with user preferences. For colors that affect multiple elements (like `alerted text` affecting both inline text and block titles), both are updated. Setup functions are called when needed to propagate changes to dependent colors.

```
\newcommand{\moloch@apply@store@light@colors}{%
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@alerted@text\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=\moloch@store@light@alerted@text}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{fg=\moloch@store@light@alerted@text}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@example@text\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=\moloch@store@light@example@text}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title example}{fg=\moloch@store@light@example@text}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@frametitle@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=\moloch@store@light@frametitle@fg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@frametitle@bg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{bg=\moloch@store@light@frametitle@bg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@progressbar@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=\moloch@store@light@progressbar@fg}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@progressbar@bg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{bg=\moloch@store@light@progressbar@bg}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@standout@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{standout}{fg=\moloch@store@light@standout@fg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@standout@bg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{standout}{bg=\moloch@store@light@standout@bg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@normal@text@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=\moloch@store@light@normal@text@fg}%
    \moloch@setup@text@colors
    \moloch@setup@block@colors
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@light@normal@text@bg\empty\else
```

```

    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{bg=\moloch@store@light@normal@text@bg}%
  \fi
}

```

E.1.22 \moloch@apply@store@dark@colors

Applies stored user customizations for the dark variant. Mirrors the light variant application but for dark colors. The logic is identical: check each storage macro, apply if non-empty, and call setup functions for colors that affect dependent elements.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@apply@store@dark@colors}{%
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@alerted@text\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@alerted@text}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@alerted@text}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@example@text\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@example@text}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title example}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@example@text}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@frametitle@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@frametitle@fg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@frametitle@bg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{bg=\moloch@store@dark@frametitle@bg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@progressbar@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@progressbar@fg}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@progressbar@bg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{bg=\moloch@store@dark@progressbar@bg}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@standout@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{standout}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@standout@fg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@standout@bg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{standout}{bg=\moloch@store@dark@standout@bg}%
  \fi
  \ifx\moloch@store@dark@normal@text@fg\empty\else
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=\moloch@store@dark@normal@text@fg}%
    \moloch@setup@text@colors
  \fi
}

```

```

\moloch@setup@block@colors
\fi
\ifx\moloch@store@dark@normal@text@bg\empty\else
\setbeamercolor{normal text}{bg=\moloch@store@dark@normal@text@bg}%
\fi
}

```

E.1.23 Color Theme Presets

These commands define complete color schemes that can be switched between. Each preset registers both light and dark variants.

E.1.24 \moloch@colortheme@default

The default moloch color scheme.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@colortheme@default}{%
% Colors already defined above as base colors

% Register light variant
\moloch@register@light@colors{%
\setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=mDarkTeal, bg=black!2}%
\setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=black!2, bg=mDarkTeal}%
\setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=black!2, bg=mDarkTeal}%
\setbeamercolor{thanks}{fg=mDarkTeal!80!black!2}%
\setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=mLightBrown}%
\setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=mLightGreen}%
\setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=mLightBrown, bg=mLightBrown!50!black!30}%
\setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=mLightBrown, bg=mLightBrown!50!black!30}%
\setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=mDarkTeal!90}%
\setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}%
\setbeamercolor{standout}{%
use=normal text,
fg=normal text.bg,
bg=normal text.fg
}
}%

% Register dark variant - use brighter colors for better contrast
\moloch@register@dark@colors{%
\setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=black!2, bg=mDarkTeal}%
\setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=mDarkTeal, bg=black!2}%

```

```

\setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=mDarkTeal, bg=black!2}%
\setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=orange!60!white}%
\setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=mLightGreen!70!white, bg=}%
\setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=orange!90!white, bg=orange!50!black!30}%
\setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=orange!90!white, bg=orange!50!black!30}%
\setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=black!2!90}%
\setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}
\setbeamercolor{standout}{%
  use=normal text,
  fg=normal text.bg,
  bg=normal text.fg
}
}%

% Apply current variant after registering both
\moloch@apply@current@variant
}

```

E.1.25 \moloch@colortheme@tomorrow

The Tomorrow color scheme by Chris Kempson.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@colortheme@tomorrow}{%
  % Define tomorrow colors
  \definecolor{tomorrowForeground}{HTML}{1d1f21}%
  \definecolor{tomorrowBackground}{RGB}{255,255,255}%
  \definecolor{tomorrowHeader}{HTML}{1d1f21}%
  \definecolor{tomorrowAlert}{HTML}{cc6666}%
  \definecolor{tomorrowExample}{HTML}{4271ae}%
  \definecolor{tomorrowProgress}{HTML}{8959a8}%

  % Register light variant
  \moloch@register@light@colors{%
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=tomorrowForeground, bg=tomorrowBackground}%
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=tomorrowBackground, bg=tomorrowHeader}%
    \setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=tomorrowBackground, bg=tomorrowForeground}%
    \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=tomorrowAlert}%
    \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=tomorrowExample}%
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=tomorrowProgress, bg=tomorrowProgress!50!black!30}%
    \setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=tomorrowProgress, bg=tomorrowProgress!50!black!30}%
    \setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=tomorrowForeground!90}%
    \setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}
  }
}

```

```

\setbeamercolor{standout}{%
  use=normal text,
  fg=normal text.bg,
  bg=normal text.fg
}
}%

% Register dark variant
\moloch@register@dark@colors{%
  \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=tomorrowBackground, bg=tomorrowForeground}%
  \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=tomorrowForeground, bg=tomorrowBackground}%
  \setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=tomorrowForeground, bg=tomorrowBackground}%
  \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=tomorrowAlert}%
  \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=tomorrowExample}%
  \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=tomorrowProgress, bg=tomorrowProgress!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=tomorrowProgress, bg=tomorrowProgress!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=tomorrowBackground!90}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}
  \setbeamercolor{standout}{%
    use=normal text,
    fg=normal text.bg,
    bg=normal text.fg
  }
}%

% Apply current variant after registering both
\moloch@apply@current@variant
}

```

E.1.26 \moloch@colortheme@paper

A crisp and clean color scheme with white frametitle background and high contrast.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@colortheme@paper}{%
  \definecolor{mAlert}{HTML}{FF0039}%
  \definecolor{mExample}{HTML}{287BB5}%
  \definecolor{mProgressbarLight}{HTML}{EEBA61}%
  \definecolor{mTitleseparatorLight}{HTML}{287BB5}

  \moloch@register@light@colors{%
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=black, bg=white}%
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=black, bg=white}%
  }
}

```

```

\setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=white, bg=black}%
\setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=mAlert}%
\setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=mExample}%
\setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=mProgressbarLight, bg=black!20}%
\setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=mTitleseparatorLight}%
\setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=black!90}%
\setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}%
\setbeamercolor{standout}{%
  fg=white,
  bg=black!60,
}
}%

\moloch@register@dark@colors{%
  \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=white, bg=black}%
  \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=black, bg=white}%
  \setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=black, bg=white}%
  \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=mAlert}%
  \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=mExample, bg=green}%
  \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=mAlert, bg=mAlert!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=mAlert, bg=mAlert!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=white!90}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}%
  \setbeamercolor{standout}{%
    use=normal text,
    fg=normal text.bg,
    bg=normal text.fg
  }
}%

% Apply current variant after registering both
\moloch@apply@current@variant
}

```

E.1.27 \moloch@colortheme@highcontrast

High contrast color scheme for better accessibility.

```

\newcommand{\moloch@colortheme@highcontrast}{%
  % Define high contrast colors
  \definecolor{mAlert}{HTML}{AD003D}%
  \definecolor{mExample}{HTML}{005580}%
}

```

```

% Register light variant
\moloch@register@light@colors{%
  \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=black, bg=white}%
  \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=white, bg=black}%
  \setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=white, bg=black}%
  \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=mAlert}%
  \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=mExample}%
  \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=mAlert, bg=mAlert!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=mAlert, bg=mAlert!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=black!90}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}%
  \setbeamercolor{standout}{%
    use=normal text,
    fg=normal text.bg,
    bg=normal text.fg
  }
}%

% Register dark variant
\moloch@register@dark@colors{%
  \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=white, bg=black}%
  \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=black, bg=white}%
  \setbeamercolor{palette primary}{fg=black, bg=white}%
  \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=mAlert}%
  \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=mExample, bg=green}%
  \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=mAlert, bg=mAlert!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{title separator}{fg=mAlert, bg=mAlert!50!black!30}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote}{fg=white!90}%
  \setbeamercolor{footnote mark}{fg=.%}%
  \setbeamercolor{standout}{%
    use=normal text,
    fg=normal text.bg,
    bg=normal text.fg
  }
}%

% Apply current variant after registering both
\moloch@apply@current@variant
}

```

E.1.28 New Color System

The color system provides a unified interface for theme selection, variant switching, and granular color customization. It uses pgfkeys to organize options into a `/moloch/colors/` namespace.

The system supports three layers of customization:

1. Theme presets (default, tomorrow, highcontrast)
2. Variant switching (light/dark)
3. Per-variant color overrides for individual elements

All customizations are preserved when switching between variants, allowing users to set up colors once and then freely toggle between light and dark modes without losing their customizations.

E.1.29 Color theme and variant options

The main pgfkeys tree defines theme selection, variant switching, and the storage system for user customizations. Storage keys are defined first to declare the macros, then initialized to empty, and finally the actual color setting commands reference these storage macros.

The storage system uses a convention: for each customizable color, there are separate storage macros for light and dark variants named `\moloch@store@<variant>@<color>@<property>`. For example: `\moloch@store@light@progressbar@fg` stores the light variant's progress bar foreground color.

```
\pgfkeys{
  /moloch/colors/.cd,
  theme/.is choice,
  theme/default/.code=\moloch@colortheme@default,
  theme/tomorrow/.code=\moloch@colortheme@tomorrow,
  theme/highcontrast/.code=\moloch@colortheme@highcontrast,
  theme/paper/.code=\moloch@colortheme@paper,
  variant/.is choice,
  variant/light/.code={%
    \moloch@variant@darkfalse
    \moloch@colors@light
  },
  variant/dark/.code={%
    \moloch@variant@darktrue
    \moloch@colors@dark
  },
}
```

```

% Storage keys - store in macros
% These define the storage macros that will hold user customizations
store/light/alerted text/.store in=\moloch@store@light@alerted@text,
store/dark/alerted text/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@alerted@text,
store/light/frametitle fg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@frametitle@fg,
store/dark/frametitle fg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@frametitle@fg,
store/light/frametitle bg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@frametitle@bg,
store/dark/frametitle bg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@frametitle@bg,
store/light/example text/.store in=\moloch@store@light@example@text,
store/dark/example text/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@example@text,
store/light/progressbar fg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@progressbar@fg,
store/dark/progressbar fg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@progressbar@fg,
store/light/progressbar bg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@progressbar@bg,
store/dark/progressbar bg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@progressbar@bg,
store/light/standout fg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@standout@fg,
store/dark/standout fg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@standout@fg,
store/light/standout bg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@standout@bg,
store/dark/standout bg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@standout@bg,
store/light/normal text fg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@normal@text@fg,
store/dark/normal text fg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@normal@text@fg,
store/light/normal text bg/.store in=\moloch@store@light@normal@text@bg,
store/dark/normal text bg/.store in=\moloch@store@dark@normal@text@bg,
% Initialize storage macros as empty
% This prevents errors when checking if macros are set
store/light/alerted text=,
store/dark/alerted text=,
store/light/frametitle fg=,
store/dark/frametitle fg=,
store/light/frametitle bg=,
store/dark/frametitle bg=,
store/light/example text=,
store/dark/example text=,
store/light/progressbar fg=,
store/dark/progressbar fg=,
store/light/progressbar bg=,
store/dark/progressbar bg=,
store/light/standout fg=,
store/dark/standout fg=,
store/light/standout bg=,
store/dark/standout bg=,
store/light/normal text fg=,
store/dark/normal text fg=,
store/light/normal text bg=,
store/dark/normal text bg=,

```

```

store/dark/normal text bg=,
% Color setting commands
% Each color has three variants:
% 1. Variant-agnostic: sets current variant + stores for current
% 2. light/<color>: sets if in light mode, always stores for light
% 3. dark/<color>: sets if in dark mode, always stores for dark
progressbar fg/.code={%
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=#1}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark
        \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/progressbar fg=#1}%
    \else
        \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/progressbar fg=#1}%
    \fi
},
light/progressbar fg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/progressbar fg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
        \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=#1}%
        \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
    \fi
},
dark/progressbar fg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/progressbar fg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark
        \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{fg=#1}%
        \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
    \fi
},
progressbar bg/.code={%
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{bg=#1}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark
        \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/progressbar bg=#1}%
    \else
        \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/progressbar bg=#1}%
    \fi
},
light/progressbar bg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/progressbar bg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
        \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{bg=#1}%
        \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
    \fi
}

```

```

    \fi
  },
dark/progressbar bg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/progressbar bg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \setbeamercolor{progress bar}{bg=#1}%
    \moloch@setup@progressbar@parents
  \fi
},
normal text fg/.code={%
  \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=#1}%
  \moloch@setup@text@colors
  \moloch@setup@block@colors
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/normal text fg=#1}%
  \else
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/normal text fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
light/normal text fg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/normal text fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=#1}%
    \moloch@setup@text@colors
    \moloch@setup@block@colors
  \fi
},
dark/normal text fg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/normal text fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{fg=#1}%
    \moloch@setup@text@colors
    \moloch@setup@block@colors
  \fi
},
normal text bg/.code={%
  \setbeamercolor{normal text}{bg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/normal text bg=#1}%
  \else
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/normal text bg=#1}%
  \fi
},

```

```

light/normal text bg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/normal text bg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{bg=#1}%
  \fi
},
dark/normal text bg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/normal text bg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \setbeamercolor{normal text}{bg=#1}%
  \fi
},
alerted text/.code={%
  \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=#1}%
  \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/alerted text=#1}%
  \else
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/alerted text=#1}%
  \fi
},
light/alerted text/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/alerted text=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
    \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=#1}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
dark/alerted text/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/alerted text=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=#1}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title alerted}{fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
example text/.code={%
  \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=#1}%
  \setbeamercolor{block title example}{fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/example text=#1}%
  \else
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/example text=#1}%
  \fi
}

```

```

},
light/example text/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/example text=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
    \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=#1}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title example}{fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
dark/example text/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/example text=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \setbeamercolor{example text}{fg=#1}%
    \setbeamercolor{block title example}{fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
frametitle fg/.code={%
  \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/frametitle fg=#1}%
  \else
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/frametitle fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
frametitle bg/.code={%
  \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{bg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/frametitle bg=#1}%
  \else
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/frametitle bg=#1}%
  \fi
},
light/frametitle fg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/frametitle fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=#1}%
  \fi
},
dark/frametitle fg/.code={%
  \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/frametitle fg=#1}%
  \ifmoloch@variant@dark
    \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{fg=#1}%
  \fi
},

```

```

light/frametitle bg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/frametitle bg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
        \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{bg=#1}%
    \fi
},
dark/frametitle bg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/frametitle bg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark
        \setbeamercolor{frametitle}{bg=#1}%
    \fi
},
standout fg/.code={%
    \setbeamercolor{standout}{fg=#1}%
},
light/standout fg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/standout fg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
        \setbeamercolor{standout}{fg=#1}%
    \fi
},
dark/standout fg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/standout fg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark
        \setbeamercolor{standout}{fg=#1}%
    \fi
},
standout bg/.code={%
    \setbeamercolor{standout}{bg=#1}%
},
light/standout bg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/light/standout bg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark\else
        \setbeamercolor{standout}{bg=#1}%
    \fi
},
dark/standout bg/.code={%
    \pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/store/dark/standout bg=#1}%
    \ifmoloch@variant@dark
        \setbeamercolor{standout}{bg=#1}%
    \fi
},
}

```

E.1.30 \molochcolors

User-facing command for color customization.

```
\newcommand{\molochcolors}[1]{\pgfkeys{/moloch/colors/.cd,#1}}
```

The Moloch inner or outer themes optionally display progress bars in various locations. Their color is set by `progress bar` but the two different kinds can be customized separately. The horizontal rule on the title page is also set based on the progress bar color and can be customized with `title separator`.

```
\setbeamercolor{progress bar}{%
  use=alerted text,
  fg=alerted text.fg,
  bg=alerted text.fg!50!black!30
}
\setbeamercolor{title separator}{
  use=progress bar,
  parent=progress bar
}
\setbeamercolor{progress bar in head/foot}{%
  use=progress bar,
  parent=progress bar
}
\setbeamercolor{progress bar in section page}{
  use=progress bar,
  parent=progress bar
}
```

Block environments such as `theorem` and `example` have no background color by default. The option `block=fill` sets a background color based on the background and foreground of `normal text`. The option `block=transparent` reverts the block environments to an empty background, which can be useful if changing colors mid-presentation.

```
\begin{verbatim}
\setbeamercolor{bibliography entry author}{fg=, bg=}
\setbeamercolor{bibliography entry title}{fg=, bg=}
\setbeamercolor{bibliography entry location}{fg=, bg=}
\setbeamercolor{bibliography entry note}{fg=, bg=}
```

E.1.31 Process Package Options

```
\moloch@colortheme@default  
\moloch@color@setdefaults  
\ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/moloch/color}  
\mode<all>
```

F Color Theme: Tomorrow

i Note

Source file: [src/beamercolorthememoloch-tomorrow.dtx](#)

F.1 Moloch Tomorrow Color Theme

DEPRECATED: This color theme is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Please use `||` with `||` instead.

The Moloch Tomorrow color theme provides a color scheme based on the “Tomorrow” color scheme created by Chris Kempson.

This file now simply loads the base color theme and applies the tomorrow preset.

```
\PackageWarning{beamercolorthememoloch-tomorrow}{%
  This color theme is deprecated and will be removed in a future version.\MessageBreak
  Please use \string\usecolortheme{moloch} with \string\molochset{colortheme=tomorrow} instead.
}

\usecolortheme{moloch}

% Apply tomorrow theme with light variant (default behavior)
\moloch@colortheme@tomorrow
\moloch@colors@light

\mode<all>
```

G Color Theme: High Contrast

i Note

Source file: [src/beamercolorthememoloch-highcontrast.dtx](#)

DEPRECATED: This color theme is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Please use `||` with `||` instead.

This is a high-contrast variant of the Moloch color theme. It provides better readability for users with visual impairments by using stark color contrasts.

This file now simply loads the base color theme and applies the highcontrast preset.

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\PackageWarning{beamercolorthememoloch-highcontrast}{%
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}

\usecolortheme{moloch}

% Apply highcontrast theme with light variant (default behavior)
\moloch@colortheme@highcontrast
\moloch@colors@light

\mode<all>
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