### Posters in LATEX

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#### Paper Basics

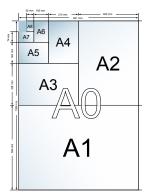


Figure: ISO 216 A Series Paper

# Posters Options

### Options for Creating Posters in LATEX

- baposter class
- a0poster class
- beamerposter package

### baposter Background

#### baposter class

- created and maintained by Brian Amberg
- most posters look the same
- limited options
- seems to be the least supported option

Downloads and documentation can be found here:

http://www.brian-amberg.de/uni/poster/

#### baposter Example Output

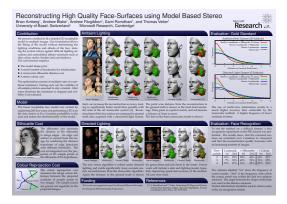


Figure: baposter example

### baposter Usage

- Works with:
  - miktek 2.7
  - texlive 2007
- Does not work with:
  - miktek 2.2
  - older versions of tetex
  - possibly older versions of pgf
  - xkeyvals older than v2.5

# a0poster Background

#### aOposter class

- developed by Gerlinde Kettl and Matthias Weiser
- Composed of four files
  - aOposter.cls Defines the class file
  - a0size.sty Defines the font sizes
  - a0\_eng.tex Manual in English
  - a0.tex Manual in German
- font sizes 12pt ("tiny) up to 107 pt ("VERYHuge)

Downloads and documentation can be found here:

http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/help/Catalogue/entries/a0poster.html

- Claims to work with A0, A1, A2, A3, and A4
- Has issues with scaling to sizes other than A0
  - may have been fixed with latest revision
- requires absolute positioning
- they prefer LATEX to pdfLATEX to take advantage of PStricks

## a0poster Things to know

- aOposter.cls based on article class
- a0header.ps file is created used by dvips to manage size
- a0poster does not support colors or pictures without pstricks etc.

# a0poster Usage

#### Sample Code

```
\documentclass[portrait,a0,final]{a0poster}
\begin{document}
% Write poster here
\end{document}
```

Replace portrait with landscape to be in landscape mode.

#### a0poster class options

```
landscape format (default)
landscape
             portrait format
portrait
a0b
             DIN A0 big. Full width of HP Designjet 650C (default)
             DIN A0
a0
             DIN A1
a1
a2
             DIN A2
a3
             DIN A3
draft
             reduces PS output to DIN A4 size
final
             PS output in original size (default)
```

```
a0poster font size options
```

```
12pt
\mathbb{I}
                 14.4pt
scriptsize
footnotesize
                 17.28pt
small
                 20.74pt
normalsize
                 24.88pt
                 29.86pt
large
Large
                 35.83pt
LARGE
                 43pt
huge
                 51.6pt
                 61.92pt
Huge
veryHuge
                 74.3pt
VeryHuge
                 89.16pt
VERYHuge
                 107pt
```

#### a0poster positioning

- Positioning is done by order of code. Unless...
- you use the textpos package
- \usepackage[absolute,overlay]{textpos}

#### textpos options

absolute
overlay
\textblockcolour{color\_name}
showboxes

makes origin upper left corner gives text blocks opaque backgrounds changes color of background draws rectangle around text block

# a0poster Usage

#### textblock usage

```
\begin{textblock}{hsize}(hpos, vpos)
Some text
\end{textblock}
```

hsize and hpos given in units of module \TPHorizModule vpos based on module \TPVertModule

#### textblock usage

```
\begin{textblock}{20.5}(1.5, 2.5)
Some text
\end{textblock}
```

We define \TPHorizModule and \TPVertModule in the preamble as follows

#### textblock usage

```
\label{lem:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma:lemma
```

We can also place a grid with \includepackage[colorgrid,texcoord]{eso-pic}

# beamerposter Background

- LATEX beamerposter package
- Created by Philippe Dreuw and Thomas Deselaers
- Extension of beamer and aOposter class
- Creates posters in DIN-AX sizes and custom sizes
- applicable to custom beamer slides

### LATEX Requirements

- beamer class
- fp package (in version supporting choice keys, e.g. v2.5f
- type1cm package for scalable and huge math fonts

## beamerposter downloads

- beamerposter package available several places:
  - http://tug.ctan.org/cgi-bin/ ctanPackageInformation.py?id=beamerposter
  - http://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/ contrib/beamerposter/
- google group
  http://groups.google.com/group/beamerposter

### beamerposter

versions

- Current version of beamerposter package is 1.11
- ProTeXt release has v1.07
- Release Notes:
  - beamerposter.sty.111 renived uncompatible paralist package, bugfixed list indention problem
  - beamerposter.sty.110 improved package errors, warnings, and info messages
  - beamerposter.sty.109 bugfixed list indentation problem (e.g. itemize/enumerate/description/etc.), added printer option for external printer definition files
  - beamerposter.sty.108 supports external printer definition files, added grid mode option, renamed beamer specific variables, added font size normalization (scale=1.0 is now default for all DIN-A(n) sizes)

### beamerposter EXAMPLE CODE

"end{frame}
"end{document}

```
"documentclass[final,hyperref={pdfpagelabels=false}]{beamer}
 "modepresentation> { %% check http://www-i6.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/~dreuw/latexbeamerposter.php for examples
                        WW you should define your own theme e.g. for big headlines using your own logos
 "usepackage[english]{babel}
 "usepackage[latin1] (inputenc)
 "usepackage{amsmath,amsthm, amssymb, latexsym}
 "usepackage{times} usefonttheme{professionalfonts} % times is obsolete
 "usefonttheme[onlymath]{serif}
 "boldmath
 "usepackage[orientation=portrait.size=a0.scale=1.4.debug]{beamerposter}
                                                                                                % e.g. for DIN-AO poster
 Wusepackage[orientation=portrait.size=a1.scale=1.4.grid.debug]{beamerposter}
                                                                                                % e.g. for DIN-A1 poster, with optional grid and debug output
 "usepackage [size=custom.width=200.height=120.scale=2.debug] (beamerposter)
                                                                                                 % e.g. for custom size poster
 %"usepackage[orientation=portrait,size=a0,scale=1.0,printer=rwth-glossy-uv.df] {beamerposter} % e.g. for DIN-AO poster with rwth-glossy-uv printer check
 % ...
 "title[Fancy Posters] (Making Really Fancy Posters with "LaTeX)
 "author[Dreuw "& Deselaers] (Philippe Dreuw and Thomas Deselaers)
 "institute RWTH Aachen University] (Human Language Technology and Pattern Recognition.RWTH Aachen University)
 "date{Jul. 31th, 2007}
 "begin{document}
 "begin{frame}{}
   "vfill
   "begin{block}{"large Fontsizes}
     "centering
     {"tiny tiny}"par
     {"scriptsize scriptsize}"par
     {"footnotesize footnotesize}"par
     {"normalsize normalsize}"par
     {"large large}"par
     {"Large Large}"par
     {"LARGE LARGE}"par
     {"veryHuge veryHuge}"par
     {"VeryHuge VeryHuge}"par
     {"VERYHuge VERYHuge}"par
   "end(block)
   "vfill
```

## beamerposter Example



Figure: Simple beamerposter output

### Questions?

"So don't ask me no questions, and I won't tell you no lies."-Ronnie VanZant

### HW

Using any of the three packages discussed, successfully compile any example poster. Submit code and poster printout using a "fit to paper" command in adobe or your choice of pdf or ps viewer.