

Grumpy *wizards* make toxic
brew for the evil *Queen* and
Jack.

Deckset Basics

Everything you need to know to start making presentations

Built on Markdown

Deckset uses standard Markdown syntax to transform your thoughts into a beautiful presentation.

This slide is one of the simplest types of slides you can create, it contains two paragraphs of text and a header.

Creating slides

A new slide is defined by three dashes ' - - - ' typed on a single line, with an empty line above and below.

Like

- - -

So

Paragraphs

Creating paragraphs is simple, just type — no special syntax needed.

You can include a line space by simply leaving an empty line between the paragraphs.

Otherwise lines will follow on directly like this.

Headers

Headers are created by including a # before the text:

```
# This is a header.
```

Deckset has four different heading sizes. You can change size by simply adding #, ##, ### or #### before your heading.

Lists

1. Ordered lists
 2. Type ' 1 . ' before your text
 3. Your list items will begin with a number
- Unordered lists
 - Type ' - ' or ' * ' or ' + ' before your text
 - Your list items will begin with a bullet

Emphasis

Use things like **strong**, *emphasis* or even ***both*** to make your point stand out.

Get **strong** text by wrapping words in double asterisks or underlines ‘**like this**’ or ‘__this__’

Emphasis is added by wrapping words in single asterisks or underlines ‘*like this*’ or ‘_this_’. Combine a single with a double for both effects at the same time.

Code samples

Wrap your code with three backticks and specify the language for automatic syntax highlighting.

```
UIView *someView = [[UIView alloc] init];  
NSString *string = @"some string that is fairly long, with many words";
```

We scale the text dynamically so it always looks great.
You can also use a single indent to switch to a monospace font.

Images

The simplest way to get images into your presentation is to drop a local or web image onto the Deckset window — the markdown is automatically created and copied to your clipboard.

You can also add images with the following syntax:

```
''
```



If you use text and images together, the image is filtered so the text is always readable.

Take a look at the ‘Working with images’ example presentation for a complete overview of what you can do with images in Deckset.



Videos can be included too,
either as local files or YouTube
links.

Quotes

All slides containing a single quote have special formatting for extra impact.

Add ‘>’ in front of every quote line

And add ‘- -’ for the quote author reference

The best way to predict the
future is to invent it

— Alan Kay

Speaker notes

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This is what speaker notes look like when you are presenting with a external display, or practicing in rehearsal mode.



Rehearsal mode

Choose *Rehearsal Slideshow* from the *View* menu to run through your presentation and see how it will work on the day.

Aspect Ratios

Easily swap between *16:9* and *4:3* in the *Presentation* menu to suit whichever projector or screen you are using.

More control with a little HTML

If you really must tweak line breaks, you can use the `
` tag to split any line of text.