

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

# Deckset Basics

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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.

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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

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The best way to predict the  
future is to invent it

— Alan Kay

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## 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 `<br/>` tag to split any line of text.