Chapters

Organizing long talks: the slide picker, the chapter bar, and tables of contents

Table of contents

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Slides before the first chapter stay ungrouped. The `toc` block above lists the chapters, linked to their first slides.

Frontmatter settings

Setting	Effect
`chapters: false`	No chapters; flat picker, no bar, empty `toc` blocks
`chapter_bar: true`	Labeled bar on every slide; the current chapter fills slide by slide
`chapter_bar: bars`	Same, as thin tracks without labels
`chapter_bar:` `slides: section-breaks`	Bar only on section breaks
`chapter_bar:` `progress: chapters`	Whole-chapter states: done, current, upcoming
`chapter_bar:` `labels: false`	Tracks only, combinable with the keys above
`footer:` `section_break:`	Footer zones swapped on section breaks, e.g. a white logo

Slide directives and blocks

On a slide	Effect
`<!-- chapter: Title -->`	Start a chapter here, or rename a section break's chapter
`<!-- chapter: none -->`	A section break that starts no chapter
`<!-- chapter-short: Label -->`	Shorter label in the chapter bar only
`<!-- chapter-bar: bars chapters -->`	Restyle this slide's bar: `labels` / `bars`, `slides` / `chapters`
`<!-- chapter-bar: hide -->`	Hide the bar here (also the `no-chapter-bar` class)
```` ```toc ```` block	List the chapters; inside a chapter, highlight it

Every `section-break` slide starts a chapter named after its heading.

Part 1: The slide picker

Chapters group the picker

Click the slide counter in the footer. Slides before the first chapter sit at the top, and each chapter is a collapsible group showing its slide range.

Only the chapter you are in starts open; click another to see its slides.

Section breaks start chapters

Any slide with the `section-break` layout starts a chapter named after its heading. The chapter runs until the next one starts.

This chapter's section break also adds `<!-- chapter-short: Picker -->`, so the bar below reads "Picker" while the picker and table of contents keep "Part 1: The slide picker".

A section break that starts no chapter

This slide is marked chapter: none, so it stays inside Part 1. The picker, the bar, and the table of contents do not list it.

Part 2: Showing progress along the bottom of every slide, in more detail than fits

Renaming a chapter

The section break above adds `<!-- chapter: Chapter bar -->`, which renames the chapter everywhere: the picker, the table of contents, and the bar.

Use `chapter-short` instead when only the bar needs a shorter name.

Default: labeled, slide by slide

This deck sets `chapter_bar: true`. Finished chapters are shaded, the current chapter's track fills as you advance through it, and later chapters stay empty.

Click a segment to jump to that chapter. Hover it to see the full title.

Tracks only

`<!-- chapter-bar: bars -->` drops the labels on this slide. Deck-wide, use `chapter_bar: bars`.

The footer lifts slightly to clear the tracks, and slides keep their full content height.

Whole-chapter progress

`<!-- chapter-bar: chapters -->` shows chapters instead of slides: finished chapters are dimmed, the current one is solid and bold, and upcoming ones stay empty.

Deck-wide, use `progress: chapters` under `chapter_bar:`.

Both together

`<!-- chapter-bar: bars chapters -->`: whole-chapter tracks without labels.

A slide without the bar

`<!-- chapter-bar: hide -->`, or the `no-chapter-bar` class, hides the bar on one slide. Title slides never show it.

A `chapter-bar` directive with any other value shows the bar on its slide even when the deck has no `chapter_bar` setting.

Part 3: Section breaks

Bars on section breaks only

The section break before this slide shows whole-chapter progress. To show the bar only on section breaks, deck-wide:

```
chapter_bar:
  slides: section-breaks
  progress: chapters
```

Add `chapter-short` labels so no name is cut off.

A footer for section breaks

Section breaks sit on the accent color, so this deck swaps in a white logo there:

```
footer:
  left: "mark.svg"
  section_break:
    left: "mark-white.svg"
```

Any footer zone (`left` , `center` , `right`) can be overridden this way.

Where we are

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4. **Table of contents**

A `chapter` directive on an ordinary content slide starts a chapter too. Inside a chapter, a `toc` block highlights it, so repeating it makes an agenda slide.

An unnumbered list

Part 1: The slide picker

Chapter bar

Part 3: Section breaks

Table of contents

Set `numbered: false` inside the block for a plain list.

What builds on chapters

- `data-chapter="N"` on every slide in a chapter, and `data-chapter-start` on its first slide
- `window.colloquium.chapters` with each chapter’s title and slide range
- Generated references form a “References” chapter in the picker, left out of the bar and `toc` blocks