The Basics of Beamer

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The Bates Department of Mathematics has a full Beamer presentation at http://abacus.bates.edu/~etowne/LaTeXManual.html.

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