

# The `powersem` class\*

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## 1 Introduction

The user documentation is found in `manual.tex` and the FAQ. Only the implementation documentation is covered in this document.

Make seminar ready for the Third Millennium ;-) This class loads seminar and tries to fix some problems which occur when trying to create dynamic presentations with the `texpower` package.

Some new features helpful for dynamic presentations are also added.

This class is part of the TeXPower bundle, to be found at  
<http://texpower.sourceforge.net/>

The TeXPower bundle also contains a package `fixseminar.sty` which applies some more fixes, in particular for `hyperref`. These can not be applied here because they have to be made after `hyperref` is loaded.

## 2 Implementation

```
1 \RequirePackage{ifthen}
```

The `display` option is understood by all relevant classes and packages from the TeXPower bundle. It means that ‘dynamic’ features are to be turned on. There is a boolean register `display` (as defined in `ifthen.sty`) which is set by this option and can be used to differentiate between slides for display and slides for printout. Notes are disabled automatically.

```
2 \newboolean{display}
```

```
3 \DeclareOption{display}
```

```
4 {\setboolean{display}{true}\PassOptionsToClass{slidesonly}{seminar}}
```

The `truepagenumbers` option makes `powersem` count pages with the counter page, independently of the counter slide. This enables proper working of TeX-Powers navigation buttons (some of which calculate relative page numbers) even

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\*This document corresponds to `powersem` v0.8a, dated 2004/07/27.

when the counter slide is reset frequently (for slide numberings of the type <1>.<n>.<m>).

```
5 \newboolean{truepn@PS}
6 \DeclareOption{truepagenumbers}{\setboolean{truepn@PS}{true}}
```

The KOMA option tells powersem to load scrartcl (from the KOMA suite of document classes) instead of article.

```
7 \newboolean{BaseClass@PS}
8 \DeclareOption{KOMA}
9 {\setboolean{BaseClass@PS}{true}\providecommand{\baseclass}{scrartcl}}
```

The UseBaseClass option is more neutral: It tells powersem to load the class \baseclass (initially article) instead of article.

```
10 \DeclareOption{UseBaseClass}
11 {\setboolean{BaseClass@PS}{true}\providecommand{\baseclass}{article}}
```

The reportclass option tells powersem to load the class \baseclass (initially report) instead of article.

```
12 \DeclareOption{reportclass}
13 {\setboolean{BaseClass@PS}{true}\providecommand{\baseclass}{report}}
```

The bookclass option tells powersem to load the class \baseclass (initially report) instead of article.

```
14 \DeclareOption{bookclass}
15 {\setboolean{BaseClass@PS}{true}\providecommand{\baseclass}{book}}
```

We need to redefine the a4paper option which is broken in seminar.cls

```
16 \DeclareOption{a4paper}{\PassOptionsToClass{a4}{seminar}}
```

The calcdimensions option tells powersem to automatically calculate slidewidth and slideheight from paper dimensions and margins.

```
17 \newboolean{calcdim@PS}
18 \DeclareOption{calcdimensions}{\setboolean{calcdim@PS}{true}}
19 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToClass{\CurrentOption}{seminar}}
20
21 \ProcessOptions
```

Now we need to hack a little to make seminar load \baseclass instead of article (if one of the respectice options was given).

```
22 \let\oldLC@PS=\LoadClass
23
24 \ifthenelse{\boolean{BaseClass@PS}}
25 {%
26   \def\article@PS{article}
```

Make \PassOptionsToClass and \LoadClass use \baseclass...

```
27 \let\oldPOTC@PS=\PassOptionsToClass
28 \def\PassOptionsToClass#1#2%
29 {\edef\cls@PS{#2}%
30  \ifx\article@PS\cls@PS\oldPOTC@PS{#1}{\baseclass}%
31  \else\oldPOTC@PS{#1}{#2}%
32  \fi}
```

Furthermore, seminar redefines \paperheight and \paperwidth, saving their value in \sem@paperheight and \sem@paperwidth. We undo this so the paper dimension calculation of typearea can be used.

```
33 \renewcommand{\LoadClass}[2][\%
34   {%
35     \edef\cls@PS{#2}%
```

```

36 \ifx\article@PS\cls@PS
37 \let\paperheight\sem@paperheight\let\paperwidth\sem@paperwidth
38 \oldLC@PS[#1]{\baseclass}%
39 \ifarticle\else\portraittrue\fi
40 \else
41 \oldLC@PS[#1]{#2}%
42 \fi
43 }%
44 }
45 {}

```

Finally, the seminar class and some bug fixes are loaded.

```

46 \oldLC@PS{seminar}
47
48 \AtBeginDocument
49 {%
50 \input{seminar.bug}%
51 \input{seminar.bg2}%
52 }
53
54 \expandafter\def\expandafter\set@slidesize\expandafter
55 {\set@slidesize\@colht\@vsize}
56
57 \g@addto@macro\@arrayparboxrestore\slide@rightskip
58
59 \ifthenelse{\boolean{truepn@PS}}{\truepagenumbers}{}
60
61 \AtBeginDocument{%
62 \ifthenelse{\boolean{BaseClass@PS}}{\sliderotation{none}}{}

```

Make some changes in the seminar kernel to hopefully get better handling of text colors and avoid overfull box warnings when `\slidetopmargin` and `\slidebottommargin` are set too small.

```

63 \AtBeginDocument{%
64 \ifarticle
65 \else
66 \def\output@slide{%
67 \begingroup
68 \hoffset=-\inverseslidesmag in
69 \voffset=-\inverseslidesmag in
70 \setslidelength\@tempdima{%
71 \ifportrait\paperwidth\else\paperheight\fi}%
72 \setslidelength\@tempdimb{%
73 \ifportrait\paperheight\else\paperwidth\fi}%
74 \ifrotateheaders
75 \ifrotateslide{%
76 \dimen@=\@tempdima
77 \@tempdima=\@tempdimb
78 \@tempdimb=\dimen@}%
79 \fi
80 % \oddsidemargin, \evensidemargin, \headheight, \footheight
81 % used for scratch:
82 \setslidelength\headheight\slidetopmargin
83 \setslidelength\footheight\slidebottommargin
84 \ifautoslidemargins

```

```

85     \textwidth=\wd\@slidebox
86     \oddsidemargin=\@tempdima
87     \advance\oddsidemargin-\textwidth
88     \divide\oddsidemargin 2
89   \else
90     \setslidelength\oddsidemargin\slideleftmargin
91     \setslidelength\evensidemargin\sliderightmargin
92     \textwidth=\@tempdima
93     \advance\textwidth-\oddsidemargin
94     \advance\textwidth-\evensidemargin
95   \fi
96   \setbox\@slidebox=\hbox to \@tempdima{%
All double {{ around box contents added for better color handling (STL).
97     %
98     \kern\oddsidemargin
99     \vbox to \@tempdimb{%
100       \ifnum\fancyput@flag>-1
101         \hbox{\kern-\oddsidemargin\do@fancyput}%
102       \fi
103       \let\label\@gobble
104       \let\index\@gobble
105       \let\glossary\@gobble
106       \vbox to\headheight{%
107         \vfill
108         \color@hbox
109         \normalcolor
110         \slideheadfont\relax%\strut          Removed (STL)
111         \hb@xt@\textwidth{\@oddhead}%
112         \color@endbox
113         \kern\z@}%
114       \nointerlineskip
115       \vss
116       \hbox to\textwidth{\hss\box\@slidebox\hss}%
117       \vss
118       \nointerlineskip
119       \vbox to\footheight{%
120         \vfill
121         \color@hbox
122         \normalcolor
123         \slidefootfont\relax%\strut          Removed (STL)
124         \hb@xt@\textwidth{\@oddfoot}%
125         \color@endbox
126         \vfill}}%
127       }}\hss}%
128   \ifrotatesheaders\@ifrotateslide\rotate@slide\fi
129   \insert@specials
130   \shipout\box\@slidebox
131 \endgroup
132 \let\firstmark\botmark
133 \ifthenelse{\boolean{truepn@PS}}{\stepcounter{page}}{%
The above will seriously upset notes! (STL)
134   }%
135   \@ifundefined{fancyput@flag}{\def\fancyput@flag{-1}}{%

```

```

136 \fi
137 }

```

When producing slides to be displayed interactively, we must make absolutely sure that interactive building of slides doesn't move text which has already been set. So slides are not to be centered.

```

138 \ifthenelse{\boolean{display}}
139 {%
140   \centerslidesfalse
141   \extraslidesheight{0pt}%
142   \renewcommand{\slideshrink}{0}%
143   \def\@makeslide{%
144     \ifcenterslides
145       \setbox\@slidebox\vbox{%
146         \@begindvi % added 1997/04/15 SPQR
147         \unvbox\@cclv
148         \ifvoid\slide@footins\else
149           \vskip\skip\slide@footins
150           \footnoterule
151           \unvbox\slide@footins
152         \fi
153         \vskip\z@}}
154     \else
155       \setbox\@slidebox\vbox to \slide@vsize{%
156         \@begindvi % added 1997/04/15 SPQR
157         \unvbox\@cclv
158         \ifvoid\slide@footins\vfil\else
159           \vfil\vskip\skip\slide@footins
160           \footnoterule
161           \unvbox\slide@footins
162         \fi
163         \vskip\z@}}%
164   \fi
165 }%
166 }
167 {}

```

If powersem is asked to calculate the slide dimensions...

```

168 \def\relax@PS{\relax}
169
170 \ifthenelse{\boolean{calcdim@PS}}
171 {%
172   \AtBeginDocument
173   {%
174     \setlength{\slidewidth}{\paperwidth}%
175     \advance\slidewidth by -\slideleftmargin\relax
176     \advance\slidewidth by -\sliderightmargin\relax
177     \ifx\theslideframe\relax@PS
178       \else
179         \advance\slidewidth by -2\slideframewidth\relax
180         \advance\slidewidth by -2\slideframesep\relax
181       \fi
182     \setlength{\slideheight}{\paperheight}%
183     \advance\slideheight by -\slidetopmargin\relax
184     \advance\slideheight by -\slidebottommargin\relax

```

```

185 \ifx\theslideframe\relax@PS
186 \else
187 \advance\slideheight by -2\slideframewidth\relax
188 \advance\slideheight by -2\slideframesep\relax
189 \fi
190 }%
191 }
192 {}
193
194 \AtBeginDocument
195 {%
196 \@ifundefined{headwidth}{%
197 {%
198 \setslidelength{\headwidth}{\paperwidth}%
199 \addtoslidelength{\headwidth}{-\slideleftmargin}%
200 \addtoslidelength{\headwidth}{-\sliderightmargin}%
201 }%
202 }

```

## Change History

v0.1	General: First version. So far it doesn't do much more than load seminar. .... 1	kernel copied (from seminar.bg2) and modified for better color handling and to remove some overfull \vbox warnings. There was another underfull vbox warning lurking in the footnote patch. Removed. New option truepagenumbers for cooperation with texpower in case 'fragmented' slide numbers (like 3.5.1) are used. Make seminar's form of raggedright lines (controlled by \raggedslides) active in parboxes and minipages (and p columns in tables or arrays). .... 1
v0.2	General: Force seminar to treat \paperwidth and \paperheight in a sensible manner. .... 1	
v0.3	General: Added option 'calcdimensions'. .... 1	
v0.4	General: Now separates text from footnotes when option 'display' is given. .... 1	
v0.5	General: \@colht is ignored by seminar, which is bad. Added a patch to \set@slidesize. calcdimensions now handles slide frames. .... 1	v0.7
v0.5a	General: The footnote patch with option display effectively disabled setting \centerslidestrue. Fixed. ... 1	General: Inserted \nointerlineskip in page building code to heal a slight problem with vertical spacing. A small modification was necessary wrt the KOMA option because with fixseminar v0.0.4, pdflatex slides can now be rotated. .... 1
v0.6	General: seminar's \output@slide	v0.8a
		General: Moved to dtx format. No other code changes. .... 1

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