

Everything you need to build a deck in Lumen

Slide decks and scrolling visual stories: how to make them, present them and get the files out, with a link to each screen.

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What Lumen is

Lumen turns a topic or a planned outline — grounded, if you like, in web pages and files you provide — into a slide deck. Each slide gets a layout suited to what it has to say. You then edit the deck directly or with AI, restyle it with any of 34 themes, present it with speaker notes and a timer, and download it as PowerPoint, PDF, HTML or images.

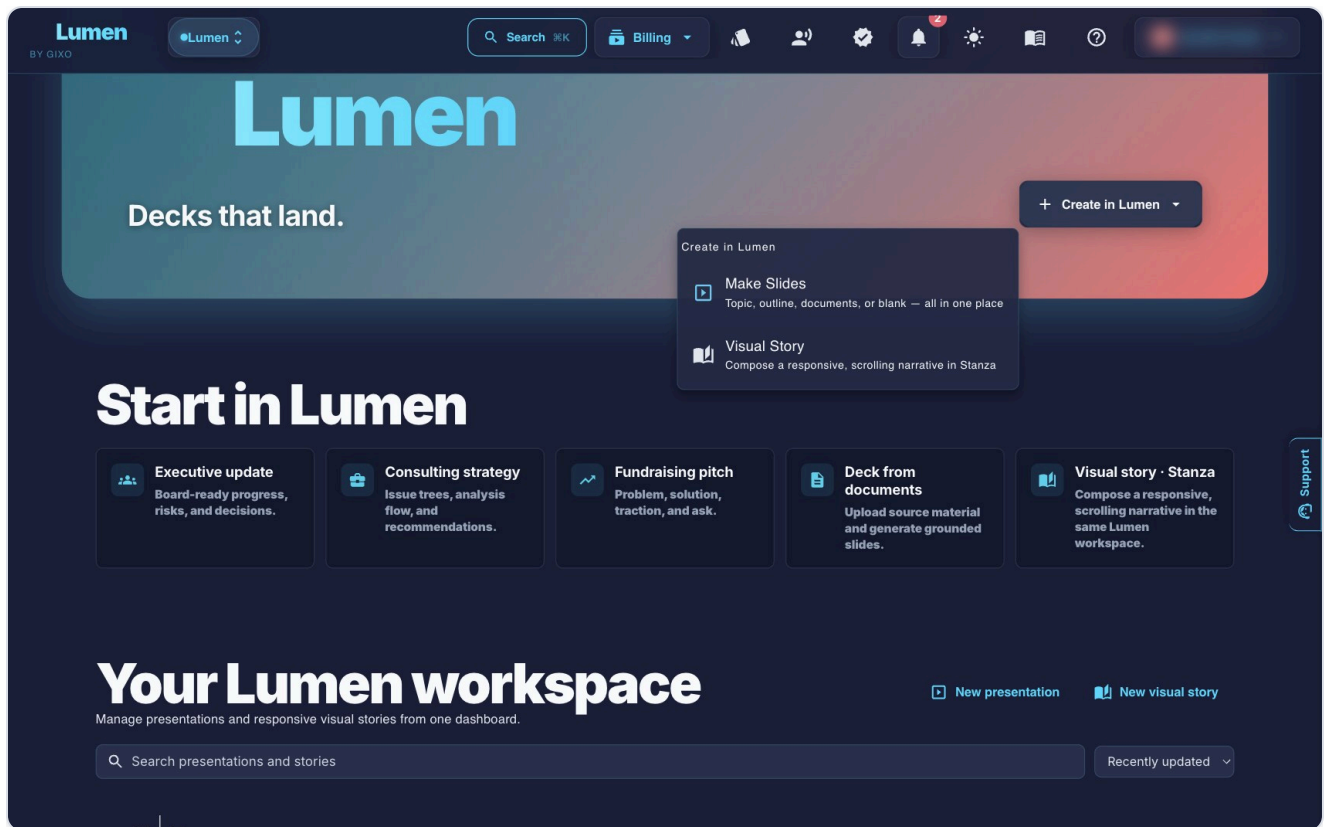
The same workspace makes **Stanza** stories: responsive, scrolling web stories that read well on a phone, instead of fixed slides. Decks expand into stories, and stories convert back into editable decks.

Your Lumen workspace

Everything you make in Lumen — decks and stories — is listed in one workspace, with search. **Create in Lumen** at the top offers *Make Slides* and *Visual Story*. Below it, *Start in Lumen* has shortcuts for common decks: an executive update, a consulting strategy, a fundraising pitch and a visual story.

Open your Lumen workspace gixo.ai/dashboard/lumen →

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The Lumen workspace, with the Create in Lumen menu open. gixo.ai/dashboard/lumen

Ways to start a deck

For source-backed generation, Lumen plans selected facts that should appear visibly in the slides, then checks the draft against the supplied material. Bounded repair rejects candidates that lose previously reviewed facts or source-backed assets; invalid reviewer quotations can trigger a rereview. Remaining coverage issues can block completion. These checks do not independently verify the source or guarantee perfect preservation. Review the final wording, figures and references.

From a topic

Describe the deck and Lumen plans and builds it.

USES PLAN CAPACITY

Make slides →

Outline first

Ground the deck in URLs and uploaded files, compare up to three outline options, edit the one you choose, then build.

USES PLAN CAPACITY

Outline first →

Blank deck

Build it yourself, slide by slide. No AI and no plan capacity, but it needs an active trial or plan.

NO AI

Blank deck →

From documents

Deck from Documents is part of Gixo Lumen. Upload up to five source files, choose how the deck should be grounded in them, and generate it. *Outline first* also takes uploaded files when you want to compare outlines before you build.

USES PLAN CAPACITY

Deck from Documents →

PICK YOUR ROUTE BEFORE YOU TYPE

The mode controls stay unavailable while generation or planning is busy. Changing between *Make slides*, *Outline first* and *From documents* can discard unsaved inputs or outline edits; only the deck workflow carries over. A generation job that has already been accepted continues in the background, so keep its progress link.

Making slides from a topic

1 Topic

Answer *What should your slides be about?* — for example, a company update or a product launch plan.

2 Options

Audience & goal; *Slides*: 12 for a quick proof, 20 concise, 30 standard (the default) or 40 in-depth; *Language*; and *Deck Workflow*. Decks in other languages are written in English first, then translated.

3 Make Slides

Lumen shows stages and an estimated duration as it works. The estimate is guidance, not a measured completion time; source processing, images and service load can change it. After the job is accepted, you can leave the quick-create page and return to its progress; an early preview fills in as slides are finished.

4 Open Slides

When *Your Slides Are Ready!* appears, open the deck in the editor.

Planning an outline first

Enter the topic, language, approximate deck length (5, 12, 20, 30 or 40 slides), workflow and any extra instructions. Under *Source Material*, import public web pages by URL or upload up to five files at a time. The general upload limit is 500 MiB per file; DOCX, XLSX, XLS and PPTX files are limited to 64 MiB. Extraction and transcription have additional processing limits and can use a plan's daily allowance. *Research Controls* set how sources are used: Auto chooses based on the material, Reference only disables web browsing, and Allow web browsing permits additional context while keeping uploaded material authoritative. The outline itself is planned without web search. Balanced, High-trust only and Primary-only filter web sources; they do not certify that a source or generated claim is true. Image-source choices are separate from the text research policy. Click **Plan 3 Layout-Aware Options**, choose and edit an outline, then **Generate Presentation**. The selected count is a target: source-based content and cleanup can produce a shorter deck. Review the sequence, figures and cited passages before presenting.

Eight deck workflows

The workflow you pick shapes both the story the deck tells and the slides Lumen chooses.

WORKFLOW	SHAPES THE DECK FOR
General Business	Polished, versatile presentations for mixed audiences. This is the default.
Consulting / Strategy	Structured thinking for client strategy, transformation or advisory work.
Finance / Investment	Evidence-first financial storytelling for investment and operating reviews.
Startup / Fundraising	Pitch storytelling for founders, investor updates and fundraising.
Sales / Marketing	Persuasion-led decks for pitches, campaigns and revenue conversations.
Corporate / Executive	Boardroom-ready leadership updates and cross-functional alignment.
Product / Internal	Product reviews, launches, roadmaps and internal operating updates.
Training / Education	Teaching-first decks for onboarding, workshops, courses and enablement.

Themes and layouts

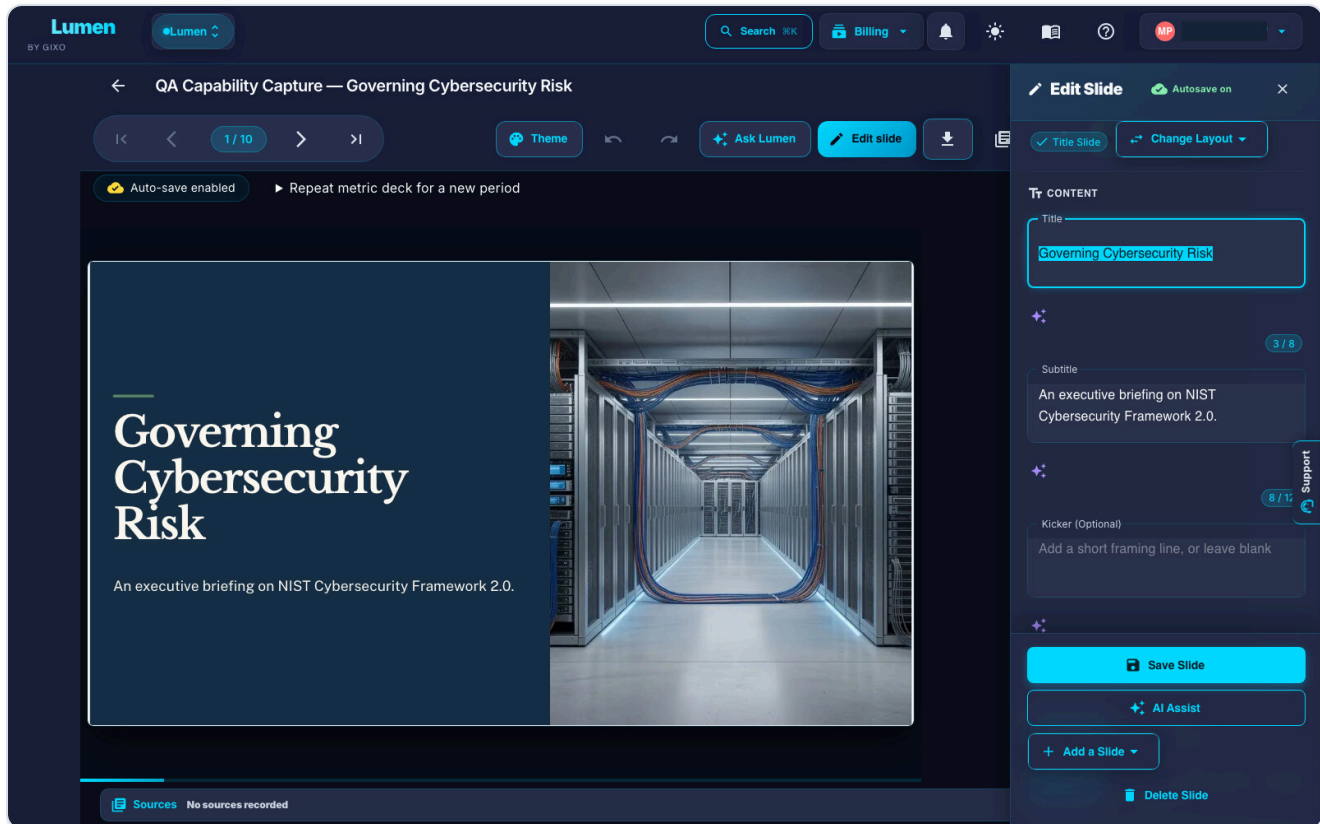
Lumen has **34 themes** and **26 selectable slide layouts**. It chooses a layout for each slide from what that slide has to say: a comparison gets a comparison layout, a key number gets a big-number layout. The layouts include timelines, process flows, charts, tables, roadmaps, matrices, dashboards, team slides and FAQs. Change the theme at any point and every slide restyles without rebuilding the deck.

CHANGING THE THEME SAVES THE DECK

A new theme applies straight away to every slide and is saved immediately. *Apply Brand Kit* is available on the Professional plan and up, and saved brand themes on the Business plan and up.

The deck editor

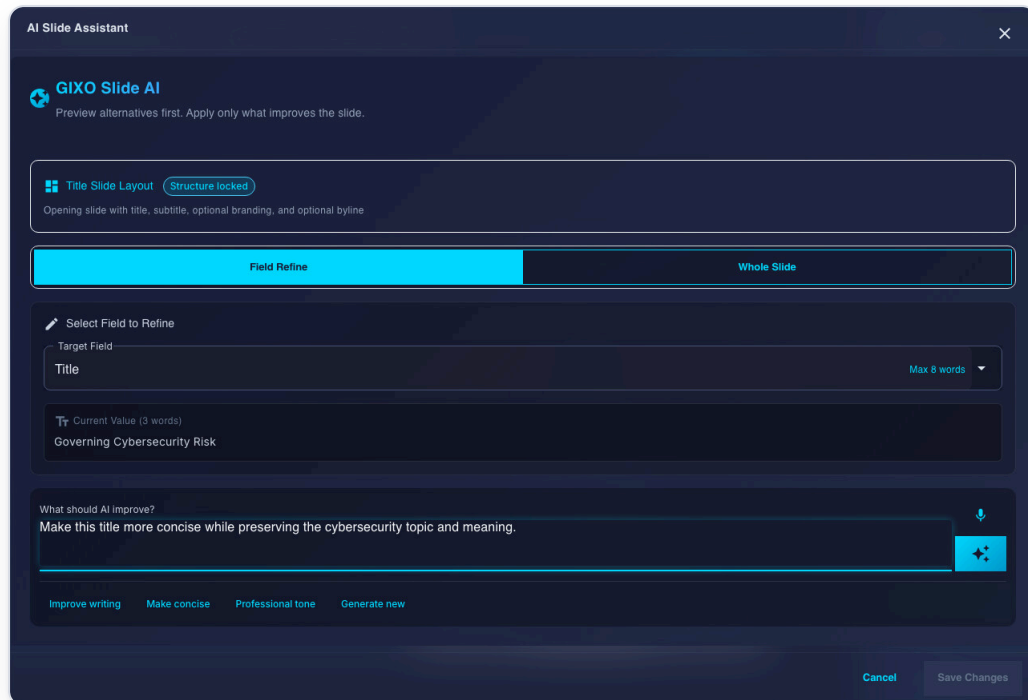
Every deck opens in the editor. Arrow keys move between slides, and the toolbar holds everything else.



The actual editing console on an imported public example: the title and subtitle fields sit beside the slide, with its layout and Save Slide controls. The imported copy does not demonstrate retained generation-time source metadata.

TOOLBAR	WHAT IT DOES
Theme	Presets, saved brand themes and a manual colour override, all in one place.
Undo / Redo	and .
Edit slide	Opens the slide editor. You can also edit text right on the canvas. Per-field <i>AI Assist</i> needs a plan that includes AI.
Ask Lumen	Describe a change, review the proposed slide edits, select what to apply, then apply the approved changes. Requested additions, removals or reordering need explicit selection.
Export	PowerPoint, PDF, HTML, all slides as images, or the current slide as an image.

TOOLBAR	WHAT IT DOES
Sources	The sources the deck cites.
Share	A public link, or sharing with named people on your team.
Present	Full-screen present mode (see below).
More	See <i>All Slides</i> (the overview grid), <i>Version History</i> , slide density, <i>Make a Copy</i> (an exact duplicate, no AI), <i>Make Another Version</i> , <i>Regenerate Deck</i> , <i>Expand into a Visual Story</i> , <i>Apply Brand Kit</i> , <i>People</i> and <i>Delete Slides</i> .



Choose the field and describe the change before requesting alternatives. This is a prepared instruction; no AI request was submitted and no replacement was accepted.

✦ Ask Lumen

✕

What changes do you want?

Lumen reviews the entire deck, proposes only the slides that need work, and leaves every other slide unchanged.

Describe the outcome

On slide 1 only, change its title to "Cybersecurity risk: review the source evidence". Leave every other field, figure, image, source, speaker note and slide order unchanged.

Try an outcome, a constraint, or both. Example: "Remove repetition and use stronger layouts where the content fits."

Or start with an example

Make this investor-ready and change only the slides that need it

Remove repetition and tighten the narrative

Use stronger layouts where the existing content clearly fits

Make this board-ready without changing financial slides

Shorten the deck while preserving every grounded fact

Safeguards and optional slide structure

Review details

Cancel

Review changes

Ask Lumen with an instruction prepared for the imported example. Review changes was not submitted; no proposal or applied revision is shown.

The slide editor also has a **Prism** section: *Add Prism visual slide* creates a diagram, flowchart, card or chart from the slide context, and *Insert a saved visual* brings one in from your Prism library. Save the deck first. A visual created here retains its structured request for *Edit visual*; a library visual must be edited in Prism and inserted again. Access and generation allowance are checked by the visual workflow.

On a slide with a compatible editable image slot, open **Image Studio** to prepare an image prompt, upload your own picture or request attributed real-photo options. Review the returned image, source and usage terms before selecting one; results and AI operations depend on the applicable access, allowance and service availability.

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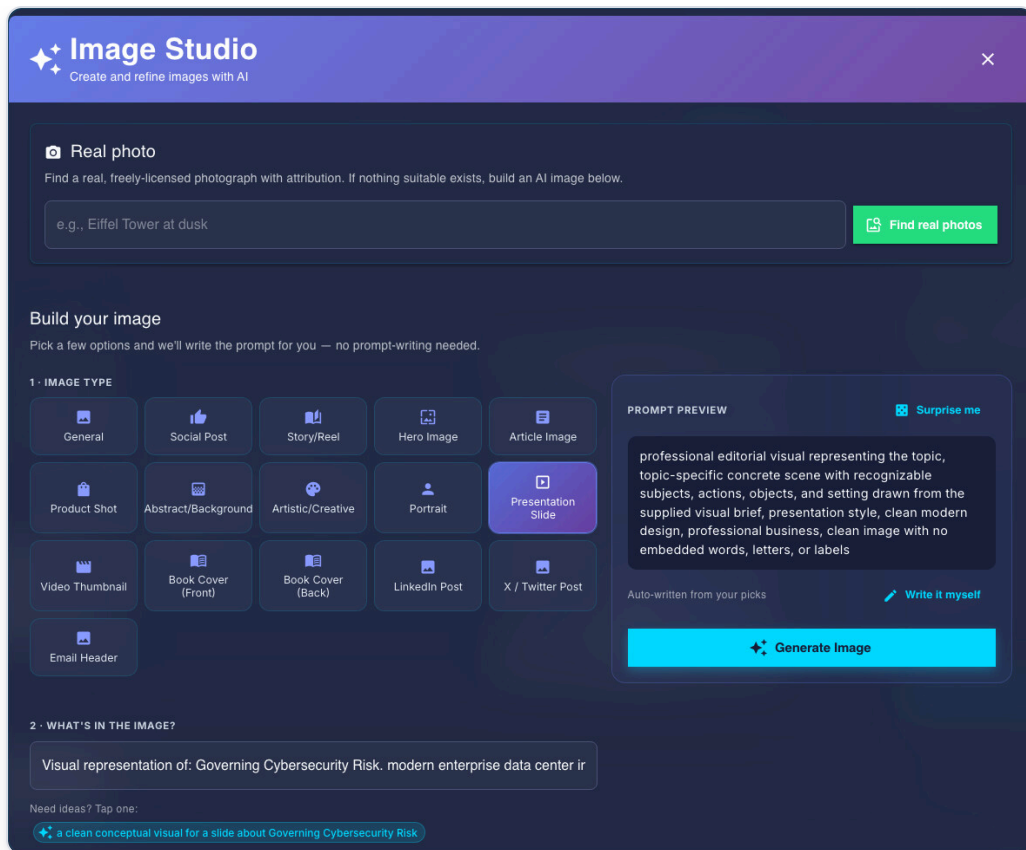
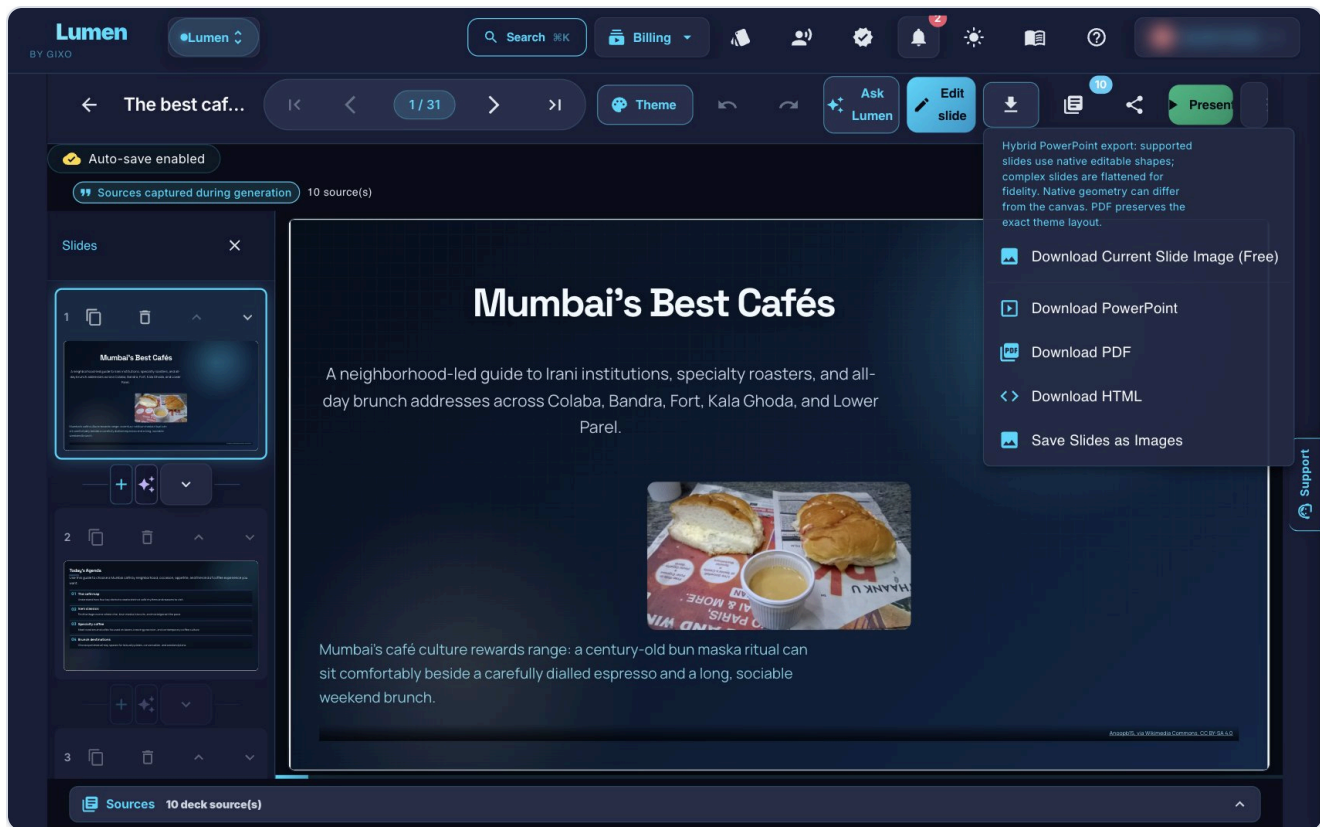


Image Studio's real controls, opened from the sample slide. The prompt and photo finder are prepared; no photo search or image generation was submitted for this capture.

CHEAP TO ITERATE

A single-slide AI review doesn't use plan capacity. A successful whole-deck *Ask Lumen* review that proposes edits uses capacity, even if you later choose not to apply them. A review with no proposed edits releases that allowance. *Regenerate Deck* and *Make Another Version* also use capacity.



The deck editor with the Export menu open.

Presenting

Present opens full screen. Press **N** for speaker notes, **T** for the timer, **Ctrl+K** (or **%K**) to jump to any slide and **Esc** to exit. *Open audience window (second screen)* gives the room a slide-only window in the same browser that follows your current slide while you keep your notes. The in-app presenter uses a server connection; keep it connected and use a downloaded file if you need to present offline.

Getting the files out

Open **Export** in the editor and choose PowerPoint, PDF, HTML, all slides as images, or the current slide as an image.

THE HEADLINE

Downloading your own deck never needs a plan. PowerPoint, PDF, HTML and image exports carry no watermark, during a trial and after it ends. If the export service is busy, try again in a moment.

What “hybrid” PowerPoint export means

Slides with a supported layout come out as native, editable text and shapes. Complex slides come out as images so they keep their design. PDF uses the themed rendering, so it is a useful visual handoff. Review its pages before sending, especially fonts, images and line wrapping. PowerPoint export supports every language in the language picker; review fonts and line wrapping on the recipient's computer, or use PDF, HTML and images for a visual handoff.

- **A readiness check runs first.** It stops a PDF or PowerPoint export if a slide still has an unresolved placeholder, an unfilled image slot or a browser-only image, and it tells you which slide to fix. It also warns about slides whose text won't be editable in PowerPoint.
- **Cited Sources slide.** When saved generation-time source information can be formatted and no Sources slide is already present, export adds one to the PDF and PowerPoint files. Manually added citations alone do not ensure an appendix. Inspect the references before handoff.

Stanza: stories that scroll

A deck is a sequence of fixed frames. A Stanza story is a responsive web page that someone scrolls, and it reflows cleanly on a phone. It lives in the same workspace, with its own editor and present mode.

[Generate a visual story](https://gixo.ai/stanza/create) gixo.ai/stanza/create →

1 Describe the story

Answer *What should the story communicate?* in 10 to 4,000 characters. Title, audience, story blueprint and output language are optional. In Quick mode, you can also paste up to 20,000 characters of source material. Plan first accepts up to 80,000 combined characters through its source picker.

2 Shape it

Reading flow: continuous scroll, section snap or guided story. *Visual scenes:* choose a target from 3 to 30; the create form starts at 22. When no count is specified, topic-only generation defaults to 22 and source-led generation can use fewer scenes. The final count can differ after content checks. *Generated images:* the input allows 0 to 12; zero switches image generation off. With images enabled, a positive selected count is honored within suitable scene capacity. Automatic coverage applies when no positive count is specified. Source checks, available scenes and provider results can leave fewer completed pictures.

3 Pick a theme

Stanza has 16 story themes, separate from the 34 deck themes. Examples include **Aurora** (dark, vivid, luminous), **Paper** (light, restrained, printed), **Editorial Ink** (warm, literary), **Ocean Depth** (immersive, calm), **Botanical** (organic, optimistic), **Signal** (bold, direct), **Plum** (expressive, cinematic) and **Boardroom** (precise, executive).

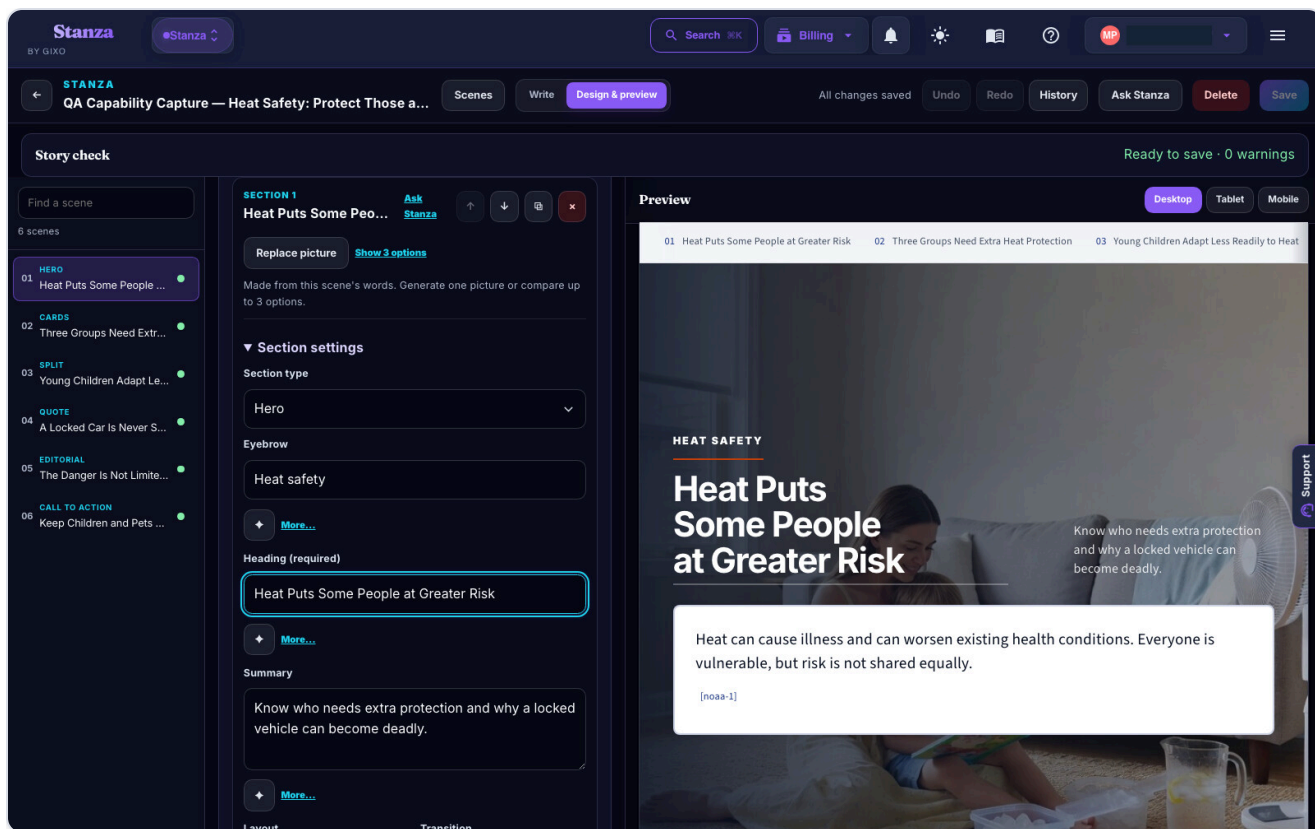
4 Generate visual story

Creating a story requires active Lumen access and uses plan capacity. Choose [Plan first](#) to ground the story in up to five files and approve a scene plan before generation. The general upload limit is 500 MiB per file; DOCX, XLSX, XLS and PPTX files are limited to 64 MiB. Extraction and transcription have additional processing limits and can use a plan's daily allowance. That link opens planning directly even when the default create screen initially shows Quick. It is not a separate paid tier.

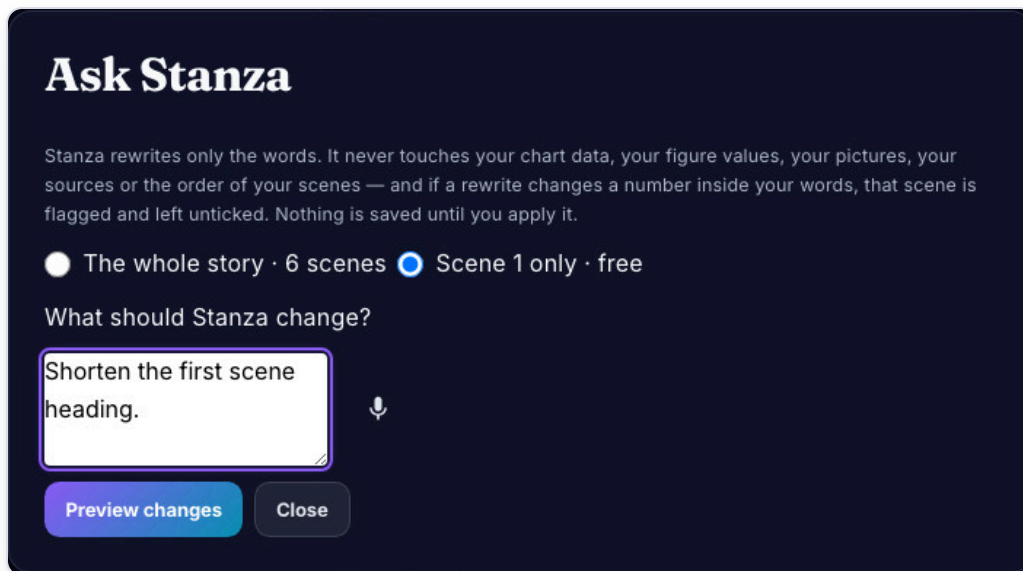
Editing a story

During first generation, a scene preview may appear while images finish. It remains unfinished: editing, downloading, sharing and conversion stay unavailable. A failed/refunded run restores the placeholder. During regeneration, the earlier completed story remains available until the replacement succeeds.

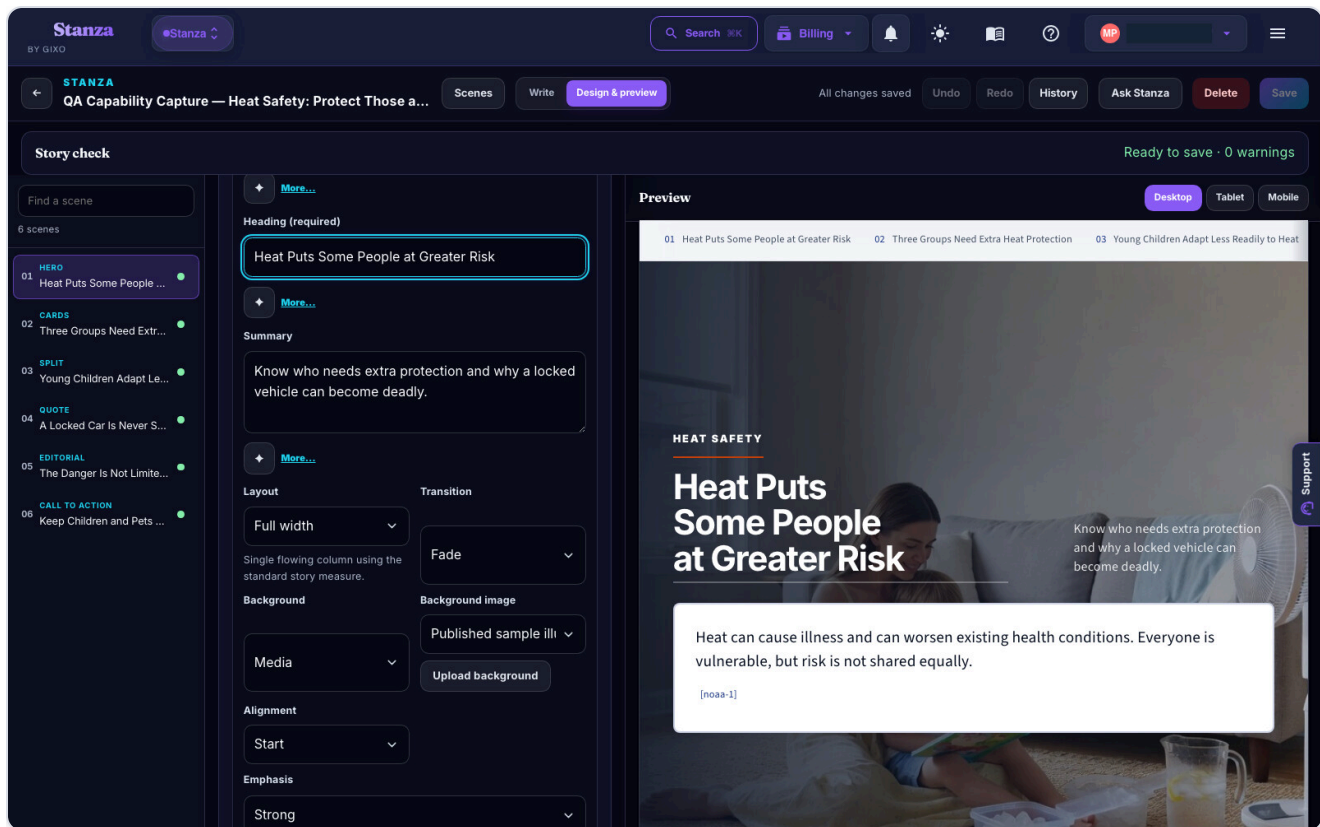
- **Write and Design & preview** modes. Stanza autosaves a couple of seconds after you stop typing, so work is not riding on you remembering to click anything. **Save** is still there when you want a deliberate checkpoint, undo and redo cover the steps in between, and it warns you before you leave with anything unsaved. If the same story is edited in two places, the editor detects the clash rather than silently overwriting one side.
- **Chart types.** Bar, Line and Donut are currently authorable. Horizontal Bar, Stacked Bar, Area, Pie and Funnel can be read and rendered when present; the five additions are not generally selectable/generated chart types in this rollout.
- **Each scene has a capacity budget.** It reads *Fits*, *Getting full* or *Needs another scene*. When a scene is overfull, use *Continue on new scene* rather than cramming, and preview the result at the reading size your audience will use. The budget is guidance for deciding when to split the content, not a promise that every scene will fit every screen.
- **There are two kinds of image.** An *image block* sits in the flow of a scene: pick a story image, upload your own image or paste a direct URL, then add alt text (required) and a caption. A *section background* sits behind the content: set *Background* to *Media* to select or upload an image. The *Story assets* panel also accepts uploads you can reuse across scenes.
- **Ask Stanza** proposes supported text changes for the current scene or across the story. Review the proposals, select the scenes to change and apply them. It does not change scene structure, IDs, URLs, numeric metric/chart data, quotation attribution or presenter notes. For a story that retains its creation inputs, **Regenerate** runs those saved inputs again. Review the rewritten story before using it.
- **Story history** lets you inspect saved revisions and restore one. Save any current edits first. **Duplicate** creates a separate copy, so you can develop a different direction without replacing the original story.
- **Use my brand colours** in the Theme panel opens six swatches: primary, accent, page, cards, text and secondary text. Anything you leave unset keeps the theme's own colour. If text and background end up too close to read, the panel shows the contrast ratio.



The current Stanza editing console on a local reconstruction of the published heat-safety story. The scene words and original pictures were imported for inspection; this is not a fresh generation or a promise of identical rendering.



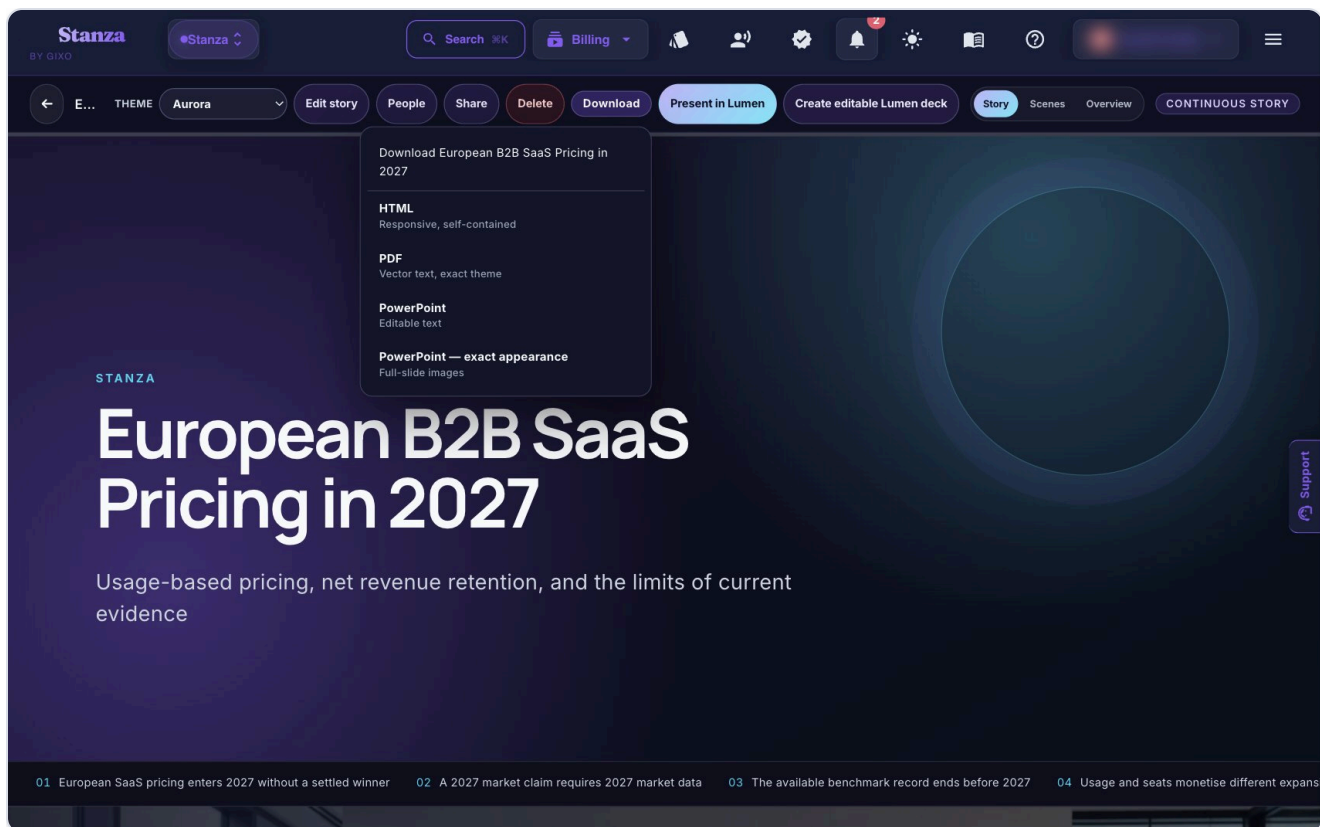
Select a scene or the whole story and describe the text change. Preview changes was not submitted for this capture; no proposed or applied rewrite is shown.



Select an existing story image for the scene background or upload your own picture. This capture shows the current selection and preview; no image was uploaded, generated or replaced.

Presenting and converting

A story presents full screen. **Scenes** lists every scene so you can jump straight to one, and **Notes** shows your presenter notes, which never appear in the story itself, in the HTML or PDF download, or in a shared link — both PowerPoint downloads do carry them, in PowerPoint's own notes pane. The Notes button appears once a scene has notes. From the story viewer, **Create editable Lumen deck** turns a story into a deck; from a deck, **Expand into a Visual Story** goes the other way. Stories download as HTML, PDF or PowerPoint on every tier, including after a trial or plan ends — retrieval is never the paid wall. What gates a download is share permission: owners and View & Download collaborators may take a copy, a View only collaborator gets a 403.



A Stanza story in the viewer, with its download menu.

What needs a plan

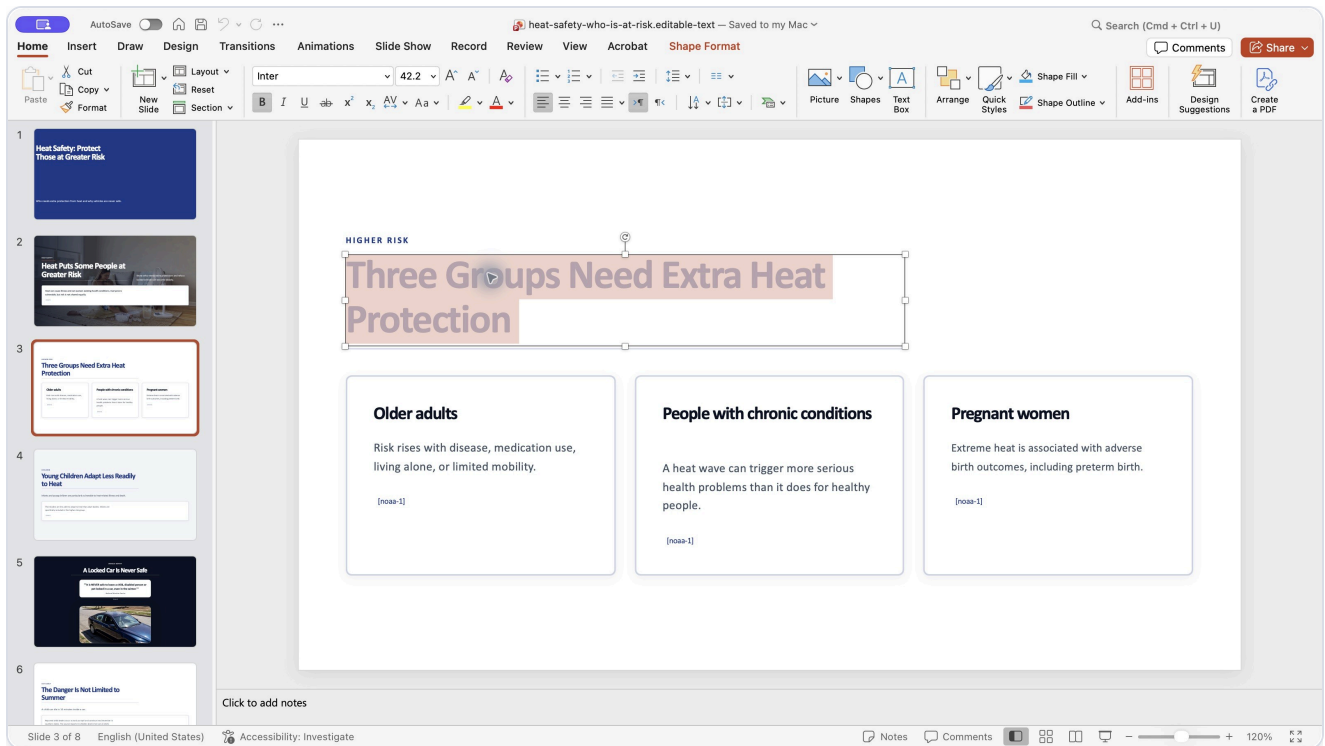
ACTION	WHAT IT TAKES
Downloading your decks and stories	No active plan is needed. Sign in as the owner or a collaborator with View & Download or Full Edit permission. View only sharing does not include downloads.
Generating decks and stories; AI editing	An active trial or plan. Uses plan capacity, except single-slide AI edits.
Starting a blank deck	An active trial or plan. No plan capacity used.
Public share links	Any plan, including the trial.
Sharing with people, comments, Brand Kit	Professional and up.
Saved brand themes	Business and up.
Deck from Documents	An active Lumen trial or plan. Uses plan capacity. A Gixo Business plan alone no longer includes it.

Without an active plan, slides show a small “Made with Gixo” mark in the editor and in present mode. Downloaded files don't carry it.

Choose the handoff your recipient needs

HANDOFF	WHAT REMAINS EDITABLE	WHAT TO CHECK
PowerPoint with editable text	The default PowerPoint download places headings and supported visible text in native, editable PowerPoint text boxes. Visual artwork is rendered behind them as a background image.	Fonts and line wrapping can change on another computer. Background decoration is not a set of independently editable shapes.
PowerPoint with exact appearance	The scene appearance is preserved as an image on each slide.	Text inside the image is not independently editable. Use this for visual handoff, not for a colleague who must rewrite the slides.
Create editable Lumen deck	Creates a separate deck that you edit in Lumen.	This is a conversion to slide layouts, not the original responsive story and not a PowerPoint download. Review the converted layout before exporting.
HTML story	A standalone scrolling document for the browser.	Useful for sharing the reading experience; it is not a live collaborative editor or a synchronized copy of later changes.

Inspect two stories Stanza wrote from public U.S. government pages. The heat safety story comes with its [HTML story](#), [editable-text PowerPoint](#), [exact-appearance PowerPoint](#) and [PDF](#); the [electricity story](#) has the same four files beside it, and both are on the [Lumen examples](#) page. Stanza wrote each from the pages alone on 3 October 2026, the files are its own exports, unedited, and the heat story's pictures are generated. They show what Stanza writes from a source and what remains editable in each file, not customer results.



The editable-text sample opened in PowerPoint. This native title text box was successfully rewritten, then the edit was discarded without saving. Artwork remains a rendered background; exact-appearance exports use scene images.

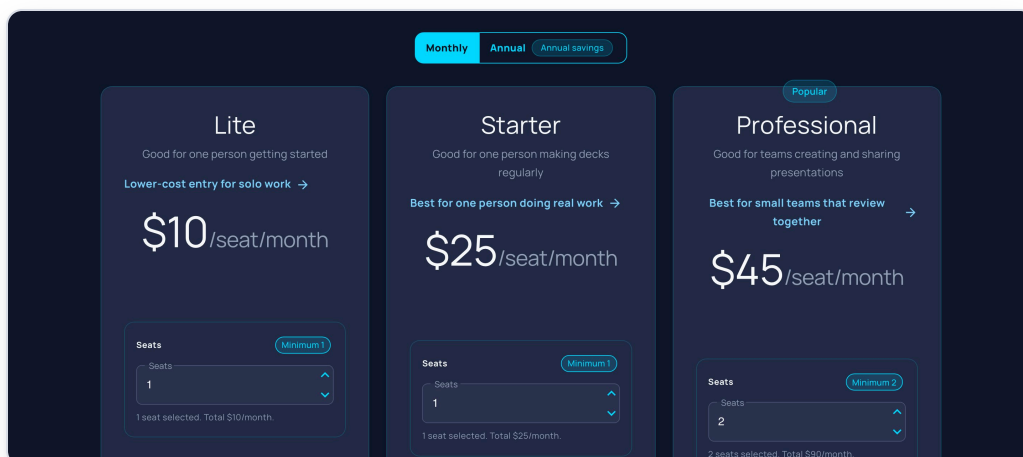
Plans and your trial

Lumen is priced per seat, in US dollars. Every plan includes generation capacity that resets each month; your subscriptions page shows a usage bar rather than counts.

PLAN	PER SEAT, MONTHLY	PER SEAT, ANNUAL	MINIMUM SEATS
Lite	\$10	\$90	1
Starter	\$25	\$250	1
Professional	\$45	\$450	2
Business	\$55	\$550	5
Enterprise	\$99	\$999	10, through Azure Marketplace or a private offer

Your 14-day trial

- No card is needed, and each email address gets one Lumen trial. It includes AI generation and clean exports, and it works like Starter: public links are included, sharing with people and Brand Kit aren't.
- After the trial, your decks stay available to review, present and download; AI generation and AI editing pause until you choose a plan.

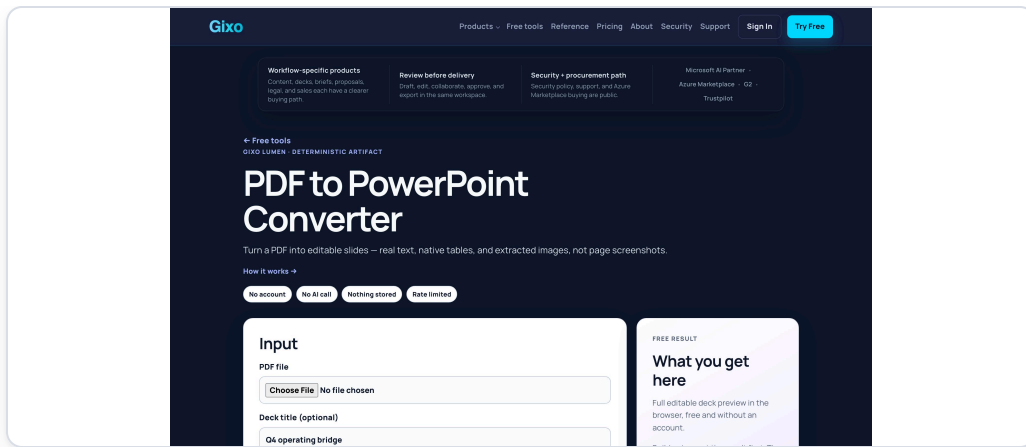


Lumen plans on the public pricing page. gixo.ai/products/presentations#plans

Seventeen free tools

These tools provide browser previews without sign-in. The document converters extract the structure of an existing source into slides without AI rewriting. Review and edit the preview for free; sign in when you want to download its PPTX or PDF.

GROUP	TOOLS
Converters Turn a PDF, Word file, text, web page or HTML into editable slides.	gixo.ai/tools/pdf-to-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/word-to-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/text-to-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/url-to-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/html-to-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/pdf-to-google-slides
Cleaners Shrink a PowerPoint, or validate and repack a Canva or Google Slides export.	gixo.ai/tools/compress-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/canva-to-powerpoint gixo.ai/tools/google-slides-to-powerpoint
Checkers Structure, colour contrast, legibility and consistency checks, and a slide-by-slide deck diff.	gixo.ai/tools/deck-structure-check gixo.ai/tools/deck-contrast-auditor gixo.ai/tools/slide-legibility-checker gixo.ai/tools/deck-consistency-audit gixo.ai/tools/deck-diff
Planners A pitch or board deck skeleton, an extractive deck summary, and a speaking-time estimate.	gixo.ai/tools/deck-skeleton-builder gixo.ai/tools/powerpoint-summarizer gixo.ai/tools/presentation-time-calculator



Every free tool states its terms up front. gixo.ai/tools/pdf-to-powerpoint

Tips

- **Start another deck while one builds.** Generation carries on after you leave the page.
- **Version History** distinguishes saved versions, *Autosave* snapshots and the latest *As generated* deck. Autosaves have a separate capped, byte-bounded ring and do not displace full-save history. A later generation replaces *As generated*. Save a deliberate checkpoint before comparison; this is bounded history, not an unlimited backup.
- **Choose the handoff.** Review the PDF for a visual handoff. Lumen PowerPoint uses a hybrid export; Stanza's default download has native editable text boxes, while its exact-appearance option uses full-slide images.
- **If an export stops,** the message names the slide. Fix the placeholder or image and export again.

Initial code and capture review: 9 October 2026. Source coverage, image policy, history and chart rollout rechecked on 11 October 2026. See gixo.ai/support if the product has changed.

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