

PowerPoint tips and tricks

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Creating good presentations can be thought of in three stages – today's brown bag concentrates on the third, most tactical one





Objectives

- > This session aims to improve our use and manipulation of objects and offer other tips
 - Common problems tackled
 - Use objects more easily and more often
 - Make slides look more readable and professional
- It is designed for those who are familiar with
 - Basic PowerPoint skills
 - » Creating new presentations
 - » Basic moving around the slide and presentation, and use of objects, text etc.
 - Basic Mu Sigma templates and Mu Sigma Way
- > This does not intend to be a Mu Sigma Way or 'best-practice' guide
 - There are many ways to do most the ideas here usually only one is offered
 - There are many more methods and tricks out there
 - » Investigate and let me know
- Graphs and tables will be the next session





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Having the right toolbars allows easy creation, editing and positioning of objects

- When objects are chosen, there are various drawing tools available in the "Format" menu:
 - Object 'order' buttons (Bring to front, send to back, etc.)
 - Group and ungroup
 - Snap to grid, snap to objects
 - Basic shapes
 - Object and line properties
 - Aligning functions
 - Distributing functions





Keep the 'snap to' option on for most occasions to help create and move objects more easily

- Snap to grid' and 'Snap to object' should typically be on
 - To position shapes or objects to the closest intersection of the grid, use Snap to Grid
 - To position shapes or objects to grid lines that go through the vertical and horizontal edges of other shapes or objects, use Snap to Shape
- How:
 - Click the shape or object in the worksheet. Under Drawing Tools on the Format tab, in the Arrange group, click Align

OR

- Click "Grid Settings" and check the snap to grid or snap to shape options
- Drawing Tools Format Text Fill -🖫 Bring to Front 💌 ext Outline 🔻 📲 Send to Back Align Left A Text Effects 🚯 Selection Pane Align Center WordArt Style Arrang Align Right -Align Top Align Middle Align <u>B</u>ottom Distribute Horizontally Distribute Vertically Align to Slide

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– Use shortcut: Alt+V+I



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Shift, Ctrl and Alt are (amongst) your best friends



in various combinations whenever you

- create an object
- move or rotate an object
- rescale an object



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Using Shift when creating an object or line makes them well proportioned or orthogonal

- SHIFT maintains the object's proportions
 - Select the autoshape type to create
 - Hold SHIFT down as you drag to create it

Squares are created instead of rectangles

Circles instead of ellipses

Stars are well proportioned

Lines drawn are horizontal or vertical





Using Ctrl when creating an object draws the object centered on the first mouse click; Alt overrides 'snap to' options

- CTRL creates the object centered on the first mouse click
 - Select the autoshape
 - Hold Ctrl down as you drag to create it
- > E.g. circles, ellipses and stars are created centered where you start drawing



ALT makes the movement 'smoother', overcoming any 'snap to' settings



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Effective positioning of objects can be achieved using the Shift, Ctrl and Alt key when dragging and dropping

• Left click to drag an object - release the left forefinger to drop it



▶ Hold down <u>SHIFT</u> while dragging to move it <u>horizontally or vertically</u> on the screen







Copying is easy using the Ctrl key, while the Alt key overrides the 'Snap to' option

• Hold down <u>CTRL</u> while dragging, to <u>copy</u> the object





Hold down <u>ALT</u> while dragging, to move it 'smoothly', <u>overriding the SNAP</u> to grids, guides or objects





The Shift, Ctrl and Alt keys can be used together

 Hold down <u>CTRL</u> and <u>SHIFT</u> while dragging, to <u>copy</u> the object while moving it <u>horizontally or vertically</u>





Hold down <u>SHIFT</u> and <u>ALT</u> while dragging, to move an object <u>horizontally or vertically</u> and <u>'smoothly'</u> (overriding the 'SNAP to' option)







An object can also be moved by pressing the arrow keys – CTRL makes it take much smaller steps each time

- The arrow keys can move any object
 - Useful for basic orthogonal motion





Hold down <u>CTRL</u> while moving for 'baby steps'





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Objects can be rotated using their green handle





Line can be stretched or rotated by dragging their ends and using SHIFT, CTRL and ALT





Use 'Align' to, well, align objects





Use 'distribute' buttons to neatly space out groups of objects

Select objects and in format tab:





How can this be quickly made?





How can these objects quickly be made?





Here's one way

- **1.** Draw a hexagon using
 - Shift
- to keep shape in proportion

2. Ensure 'Snap to object' is on



3. Drag and copy a hexagon using Ctrl



4. Drag and copy a hexagon horizontally using Shift Ctrl



5. Move it over using arrow keys







Here's one way

6. Drag and copy down two more, using snap to object and ctrl



7. Drag and copy down one more vertically, using snap to object



8. Adjust up using arrow keys and



9. Select all, zoom in and drag a handle of one in with ctrl_shift_Alt_to_smoothly_resize from the center of each object



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The two color gradient within an object can be an attractive fill effect

- Select the object and right click.
- Click on 'Format <object>'

	Format Shape	
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Patterns within an object are also useful fill effects, especially for printing

- Select the object and right click. Choose 'Format <object>
 - From fill \rightarrow choose 'Picture or texture fill'
 - Options include fills from files, clipart and the clipboard

(after copy action)



Format Picture

Fill

No fill Solid fill

Fill

Line Color

Line Style



Think about line thicknesses and line types to help with clarity





Connectors stretch as you move a connected object. All PowerPoint 2007 lines are connectors



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Objects are placed in front of other objects when they are created but may need 'sending back' if necessary

1. To add a light background shading to parts of a slide



2. Create a box roughly covering the area of interest

3. 'Send it back' using



4. Resize it to fit using Alt if necessary to override 'Snap to'





The concept of front and back is important for building shapes on top on each other

- How is this created? Answer: with • three objects Back Middle Front
- With two objects, you can create this:



Alternatively you can make colors partly 'transparent'







Bullets in a box need some formatting before they're ready

Creating bulleted text inside an object can look like this



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Close



Finally use the ruler when editing to get those bullets looking the way they should

Here's my title

These are some bullets
Here's another
They look pretty average, especially if they overrun the box size

Here's my title

- These are some bullets
- · Here's another
- They look pretty average, especially if they overrun the box size





Use ovals and callouts to highlight relevant numbers of interest




An object can be converted from one autoshape to another, without recreating it

- > You create an object with complex properties (color, text boxes, shadows etc.)
- > You want to convert it to a, probably, slightly different type of object
 - Select the format tab
 - Select 'Edit shapes' → 'Change shapes' → select a shape





Use the mouse scroll wheel with CTRL to zoom in and out



- Use it when working on objects, charts or small text
- Makes it easier to move objects off *completely* off the slide, make edits and then move back



Before printing, always check your slides by viewing 'black and white'

- The default for printing is 'black and white' slides
 - This is true even if the printer is very capable of printing in 'grayscale' as most are
 - This can lead to slides looking different on the screen to the handout
 - And not as you intended
- However, black and white is best for photocopying and faxing



Grayscale



Black and white





'Black and white' printing can be overcome (if desired) in the print options or by selectively changing object properties

- If grayscale is preferred or necessary for printing
 - Print the whole document in grayscale
 - » Select grayscale from the print menu
 - Select objects as grayscale for printing
 - » Click View →Color/Grayscale /Pure Black and White
 - » Select the objects
 - » Right-click and choose 'Grayscale'



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- White space
- Colored headings



 Alternative launch dates (i.e. forecasts) will be possible as scenarios

Product	Launch date (best estimate of 'street' launch)
Actiza	Dec 2004
Extina	Mar 2005
Velac	Aug 2005
OLUX-E	Oct 2006
Desilux	Feb 2007

Data review



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- Highlighted areas of interest with callout



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