

Re: Excel 2007: More control over graphs wanted

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Thomas

Can't be sure this'll be fixed, but I know the charting area has the greatest focus in the product before it is released as many parts are still not working

Maybe they'll happen by and see this post as I believe they are filtering 2007 and beta

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HTH

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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

(I have been creating analysis and graph solutions for our company with 70 people. Will we be upgrading to MS Office 2007? Most likely not. Here is why...)

I really hoped that Excel / MS Graph 2007 would do the trick since MS spent so much time on improving the visual quality.

Unfortunately with all the 3D stuff, basics were forgotten. This e.g. concerns "row diagrams", which are widely used in market research. (Don't know the exact English phrase, it is "Balken" in German, graphs in which bars extend from left to right and the axis label is plotted on the left side of the y-axis)

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You still cannot right align long text which has line breaks, so that the right end of the text aligns with the y axis. It is always centred. And you still cannot scale the area in which the y-axis labels are printed independently of the actual graph size.

Thus the graph sizes will continue to vary from graph to graph and thus page to page in reports based on the length of the text and the (longer) text will still be centred on the left side of the y axis.

Quite frankly, this is not professional and has been irritating me for almost a decade now and I do not understand why this is not addressed. Complete control over the graph proportions and text alignment basics seems a little more important to me than shadows and 3D textures.

And I do not think this is just me. I know this from dozend German corporations who use our services and dozends employees: This is a topic which does not slow down the world economy, but irritates people. Some people break the graphs apart and do this manually, just so it looks alright.

So please, is there anybody out there who can spend the time to fix this?

Kind regards,
Thomas

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