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Humble apologies JP. That was aimed at Microsoft, not you.

I have word and excel in multiple separate windows which allow me to resize them in different shapes and leave my desktop free to look at things in the background. Also, when I close and open multiple excel files I don't have to mess with the original file I am working on. The original post was from a web forum that did not open in the view it did now, which shows public.excel... I'll brose the public.powerpoint for some answers.

Why we would need Powerpoint in separate instances are for the same reason. I cannot see anything in the background when I have to fullscreen the application just to look at two pieces side by side. I cannot slip one half way off the screen, resize it to a smaller window as overlay or side-by-side. To that... what happens when you close one "window" ... the over-application does not resize down, now one has to resize two additional windows to get it back to a smaller size.

I forgot, after long lack of use of these forums that they are supported by good people like you. I think I'll reactivate the office help thing to it asks me for an opinion to make office better.. Wrong target. And thanks for the extra info, that actually works. I have to do that with Acrobat reader.

"J"

"JP" wrote:

I'm going to try and help you, in spite of your less than professional attitude and your treatment of this conversation as an argument that needs to be "won".

This group consists of unpaid volunteers, who donate their time to help others with their Excel problems, and who aren't necessary Microsoft super-fans. Your taunting is unwelcome.

If you want to open multiple instances of Excel, in order to view spreadsheets in different Excel windows, just start a blank copy of Excel and open your spreadsheet. Then start another blank copy, and open another spreadsheet. Your current workaround is unnecessary.

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The reason why you wouldn't want this is twofold:

- 1) Excel has a built-in feature for viewing multiple workbooks, which I briefly outlined in my previous post.
- 2) Every instance of Excel requires 100% more memory (I believe 32MB per copy).

PowerPoint (like Outlook) is different; you can only run one copy at a time. Again, there are already established methods for working on multiple presentations -- just switch between them.

On Oct 26, 8:50 am, Irked like the others. <Irked like the othe...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

We want it because we need it. Forcing me to run ONE "window" of PPT or excel is a waste of my real-estate. I need to compare in different sized windows, the information. If I wanted Windows 3.1 so I had to full screen every application then I would not use XP. I need separate instances of Excel AND powerpoint. period. Why? because I do; All of us who do not use the fill-your-screen-and-make-other-windows-useless users do. Those of us with different resolution multiple monitors. why? get over it. Why would you NOT want to be able to have them in two separate instances? Word can do it. Your lame argument of "why would you want to" is beaten by your lack of comprehension in why would we NOT want to?

This goes for Office 2003, 2007, XP and Vista. Fix the DDE issue so I don't have to use "runas" and log in multiple time on a single computer to open multiple instances of this .... seriously. You insult the users when you retort with your "I cannot comprehend it, so why would anyone ELSE want chocolate and vanilla swirls in their ice cream?" answer. Make it happen. Period. Seriously, I have 4 weeks and a couple days until I finish my degree, then I will turn to Linux and Open Office 3.0.  
- Why would I want to keep using a product that does not serve its purpose? That is my answer. OO 3.0. DDE be damned. If I open in separate instances, then DDE is NOT wanted between the instances. Fix it. really. I didn't buy into that Windows ME, and ME2 (Vista) and I doubt Windows xyz will be better.  
DirectX10 for 3d on desktop. Linux can do that already without DX10.