

# Re: Powerpoint 2004 vs. Powerpoint v.X-2004 is SLOOOOOOOOOOW1

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Hi,

PPT 2004 can be slower than v.X, but if you have the latest updates installed it should not be that much slower. I think in most cases a G5 with a good graphics card should not feel slower.

I'd spend some time doing basic troubleshooting. Repair permissions and run DiskWarrior. If you know how to examine memory with Apple's Activity Monitor, have a look and see how much memory is being used.

For most presentations a low resolution graphic will display as nice as a high resolution. If you have 600 dpi TIFFS turn them into 96 dpi JPEGs and things should move a lot faster.

PDF files only display a poster of the first page of the document. You don't see the entire file.

-Jim

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dfritzin@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Hi,

Has anyone else noticed this problem? It was brought to my attention recently when I borrowed a notebook to give a presentation that had Office vX on it. My problem is that in Powerpoint 2004, many transitions are very slow, especially if the next slide has graphics in it. For example, I have prepared a rather long Powerpoint slideshow on my office Mac, a 1st generation PM G5/2.0 Gig, with 1 Gig of RAM, running 10.4.5. When using the slide show mode on this machine, I have to wait for several seconds for some of the slides to show up on the screen. On my iMac G5 (RevB, 20"/2.0Gig with 1 Gig RAM), the situation

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is similar. If I try to run the same show on my old iBook G3/700/256, it is painfully slow. However, a similar presentation ran acceptably fast on the iBook when run on Powerpoint vX.

What really brought this to my attention again is that when I borrowed the Powerbook G4 (867 MHz, 640 MB RAM), which is running 10.3.9 and Office vX, my slideshow ran faster on the Powerbook than on my PowerMac, even though the PowerMac is a much more powerful machine? What is going on with PowerPoint?

As a point of information, the presentation was originally created in PowerPoint v.X, but has been highly modified in PowerPoint 2004. To get it to run faster, I have changed graphs to jpg files (they were originally just pasted in from Excel), and have made all other graphics jpeg files, which helped quite a bit. However, graphics-rich slides still hesitate for several seconds before coming on the screen.

One more issue, what is it with Microsoft applications and pdf files. I have created pdf files that display excellently in both Adobe Acrobat and Preview. However, when I put them into any Office application, they show up as very low resolution graphics. What is going on?

Thanks for reading my rant. Any help would be appreciated. Also, is Microsoft looking to improve this on the next version of Office?