

# Linking Spreadsheets to Powerpoint

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Version: 2008

Operating System: Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard)

Processor: Power PC

Forgive my ignorance about the Mac; I'm doing some research for a co-worker.

We do financial modeling in Mac for Excel where the resultant charts get copied into Powerpoint. These Powerpoint files go through extensive rounds of review, which end up causing the original model and its input to be changed many times. We end up doing a ridiculous number of repeat cut-and-paste operations getting updated Excel charts into Powerpoint.

My understanding is that Mac Office 2008 does *\*not\** allow linking to Excel the same way you can in Windows, i.e., when you change the data in Excel, a linked chart in Powerpoint automatically gets updated. (I'm a PC guy, so I don't know the Mac very well.)

My question is...how do people get around this?

Is there a third-party application that can do this? MAC Office 2008 doesn't have Visual Basic, but is there another way to do macros or scripting on the MAC that would be helpful?

I have a hard time believing that there is no work-around for this. (Or does nobody do serious analysis on the Mac? OK, just kidding there.)

At this point, creating the presentation on the PC and moving it to a Mac is not an option. The presentations get shown to the highest level of the company and there have been too many glitches doing these conversions in the past to trust this method. Using PDF format is also not an option. The executives love their Powerpoint animations.

Any help you can provide to help me find a work-around would be much appreciated.

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