

## Re: Power Point 2003 – can't burn to CD

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Thank you again Steve. Yes, I still have the earlier uncompressed presentation, plus the one which I compressed and put onto CD. I re-inserted the same CD into the laptop. Again, it read as blank, but I went to My Computer>cd drive and dragged/copied just the presentation itself to the desktop. It offered to replace the earlier file (which is when I noticed the earlier one had somehow lost 4mb – it must have gotten corrupted). I clicked the re-installed file and Power Point opened it ! Hooray ! I was able to run through the show, even make some modifications to it.

This time, however, before saving and closing, I remembered what everyone was saying about unchecking "allow fast saves", and did this on the laptop power point. (I had already done it on the desktop computer.) I have opened and closed the presentation several times now, slowly but successfully, so knock on wood, everything will go well for my meeting.

I think that the problem may not have been related to my hard drive "housecleaning" at all, but that the file got corrupted when I closed it in Power Point 2000 with fast save enabled. What do you think ?

About the CD burning: this is not only my first and only PPT presentation, it is also the first and only time I have ever burned a CD, and I used the only one I had, an Imation CD-RW 4x-10x compatible, which came with the desktop. Today I bought a pack of "Memorex CD-RW up to 4x" and a pack of "HP CD-RW 12x". Since I know nothing about speed, before I open the packs, is one speed better or more versatile in different computers than another ? If so, then that is the one I will use.

The CD program that came with my computer is Sonic Digital Media LE. v7. I will look for the setting that allows me to put more files on later and turn it OFF – and tape it ! :-) If you will tell me which speed CD to use, if it makes a difference, I will make a new CD of the presentation package and see if I can get it to autorun on the laptop. Thank you again for all your help ! I am a much happier camper today than yesterday. Ellen

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"Steve Rindsberg" wrote:

In article <72620921-641B-47E2-9B15-26DC82F857B7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ellen D wrote:

Thank you Steve. The exact text of the message is "PowerPoint can't open the type of file represented by C:/Documents and Settings/name of husband/Desktop/Tuscany 05-06 compress.ppt" (I named the file "Tuscany 05-06 compress" to distinguish it from my first uncompressed version of the show which is still on the desktop computer, too large to put on cd).

So you still have the earlier version ... good! I was afraid you might've lost hours of work.

I copied the presentation from my desktop to the laptop by burning a cd. To do this I first tried PP 2003's Package to CD button, but it didn't work, so I packaged to a folder and then used my cd burning program to put all those files onto a cd (in order, but "loose", as advised in another thread on this site) This cd works on the desktop – the show starts and runs up using PP viewer. (This disc still works on the desktop, even after all my failures on the laptop, so the disc must be ok.)

Not necessarily. The default setting for most CD burning programs seems to be "Shoot the user in the foot". They want to leave the CD open so you can later add more files. That's nice and generally works pretty well as long as you have that particular program installed on your PC. It also nearly guarantees that the CD won't work well (or at all) on PCs that don't have that software.

What program are you using to burn the CD?

Poke around in its options settings and look for a setting that allows you to add more files to the CD later. Turn it OFF. Put a piece of tape over it so you're never tempted to turn it on again. ;-)

Try burning a new CD and see if that helps.

When I put this cd in the laptop, it automatically recognized it only as a "blank", so I checked in the cd drive (My Computer). The files were all there (auto run, viewer, presentation, etc) but I didn't know how to get anything to start up. I dragged just the presentation itself onto the desktop (which copied it there). When I clicked on the presentation, Power Point 2000 opened it, slowly but successfully. But now, after cleaning disc, defragging and emptying temp folder, it will not open. Ellen

"Steve Rindsberg" wrote:

Once it launched, the show worked fine, but it was so slow launching – minutes and minutes, and I was getting a message about being low on virtual memory. I closed it and followed some more advice on your website: I cleared out the temp folders. I also defragged and did clean disk. TROUBLE ! NOW POWER POINT 2000 WILL NOT OPEN THE SHOW AT ALL: not from the desk top, not from within the program, and not from the disc. Did I delete something critical ? Can you help me fix this ? Still a beginner, and desperate once again ! Thank you so much, Ellen

When you try to open the show, what happens? Let us know the exact text of any messages that appear.

Will PPT start and open other presentations ok?

How did you copy the presentation from one computer to the other?

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