

Re: Music stops playing in PowerPoint 2003 slideshow

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Thank you so much for your comments—you are soooo funny. <smile> I need funny after being submerged in these slideshows.

I have been doing everything you said about adding the music, except I have spent a lot of time calculating the time for each song and testing and retesting when I add or delete a slide to make sure the songs do not overlap or not play long enough. So if I set each song to stop playing after 999 slides, will this alleviate me having to make adjustments to the music when I need to make changes?

The song that will not play correctly on the XP computers is 2:23 minutes; 4.35 MB, the other songs are 8.18 MB; 4.67 MB; 7.63 MB; and 2.11 MB. As you can see, I have added two more songs. <smile> Each slideshow is approximately 170 slides of pictures and satellite maps. The largest slideshow is about 34 MB and the others are about 24 MB.

You said "all the files should be "loose" on the CD. If they're inside a folder, the CD won't autorun."

If I am understanding you correctly, should I move the music files and slideshow file to the same folder BEFORE I begin inserting the music files into the slideshow? I now have the music files in a folder under "Music." This morning, I made a new folder to prepare to move the music files and slideshow into this new folder.

Also, should I adjust the maximum size for sound files back down to 128 kb from the 50,000 kbs?

Delores

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6. Click OK to close.

Now go to the slide you want the 2nd sound file to begin playing on and repeat the process. Put 999 in the "stop playing after" setting again. Do the same for the 3rd sound file.

You may have this set up just fine, and it could be just that the computer is running out of resources as you play the presentation. After all, it's running from a CD, which is slower than running from the harddrive. This...

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B each.

"Echo S" wrote:

If you use Package for CD, the MP3 files should be in the same folder with the presentation and Viewer files. They will be properly linked (the package for CD process resolves all the links for you) and should play on other

computers.

If the first two play, I'd imagine that the packaging and linking went okay, and the third one should as well. Since it does play at least sometimes on the other computers, it sounds to me (no pun intended) as if the MP3s are all linked properly.

For the automatic starting part, I would try this:

1. File | Package for CD
2. Choose copy to folder and run the PforCD process
3. Burn the contents of the folder to the CD. Don't burn the folder itself — all the files should be "loose" on the CD. If they're inside a folder, the CD won't autorun.

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What's new in PowerPoint 2007? <http://www.echosvoice.com/2007.htm>
Fixing PowerPoint Annoyances
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I appreciate your response, but I still do not understand why the other songs play correctly if they are not embedded. Also, can you give me some simple instructions on how to go about linking the files to the slideshow, e.g., do I perform the same tasks I have been doing by inserting the sound files in the "add effects" column and using the "effect options" to start and stop? The instructions I read and downloaded make it sound complicated to me. If I remember correctly, the instructions say if you link the sound files, you have to lower the kbs from 50,000 back to the 128 kbs before choosing to link the files. Thanks again!
Deloresw

"Michael Koerner" wrote:

First MP3 files cannot be embedded, they have to be linked, and must accompany the presentation. Best way is to put them all into the same folder as you presentation before you insert them in PowerPoint. When using the package for CD option, Make sure to select the viewer, and use the copy to file option. Then use your CD burning software to copy all of the files to the CD. This will give you an Autorun CD.

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"Deloresw" <Deloresw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message

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I created five slideshows in PowerPoint 2003 with the VISTA operating system on a new Dell Dimension E520 computer. I embedded the same three different sound tracks with the .mp3 format into each slideshow. I copied each to a CD and made numerous "trial runs" of each on my computer before I copied them to the "gift" Cds. I have read comments about PowerPoint only being able to embed .wav files, but the .mp3 files work fine for me except for one song on another computer.

I saved all of the slideshows as a PowerPoint slideshow before I "packaged them to a CD." The CDs run perfectly on my computer except for not opening automatically as I had chosen. A window comes up for me to double-click on the file to open it. I think this has to be caused by VISTA.

The real problem comes from trying to run the slideshows on another computer. Not only do they NOT start automatically, the music stops at the beginning and during the third sound track. This problem has happened on

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two
different computers with XP and each
person having PowerPoint 2003
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I cannot find the Sound Option dialog box in
PowerPoint 2003 so have
not
been able to verify that the .mp3 files are
embedded or not. As far as
I
am
concerned, they have to be embedded or
they would not play on another
computer.

Before I started making the slideshows, I
read and copied everything I
could
find with the instructions, read the tutorials,
and followed all of the
steps
from the Microsoft website. I am very
frustrated about WHY the music
problem
is happening. Each one of the slideshows is
for my five grandsons from
their
birth to their current ages. I plan to make CD
copies for five more
relatives, but if at all possible, I don't want
this glitch to occur. I
am
wondering if this problem is a bug in
PowerPoint 2003 or maybe somehow

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VISTA
could be causing this.

I would appreciate any suggestions anyone
may have.

Deloresw