

## Re: Real Workaround for Excel Link Bug in 2007?

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In article <[opiat39ic3d3geuvnbim7mkrkj2sn5bn3t@xxxxxxx](mailto:opiat39ic3d3geuvnbim7mkrkj2sn5bn3t@xxxxxxx)>, Mark Olbert wrote:

Steve,

Thanks for the quick replies. Copying the Excel file into the local directory wouldn't be a good

tactic for me. But it makes me

wonder if creating a link in the local directory would work?

Wouldn't that be the same thing? Either way, you'd need the Excel file in the local directory. Or did you mean local HDD vs "the same directory as the PPT itself"? That'd make more sense. I suspect it might work.

Regarding passing it the problem up the line, that'd be great. But it's already the subject of a knowledgebase article, so I suspect

the folks up in Redmond know about it. I'm still >>amazed<< that they haven't fixed it yet. It's

been over a year since product

launch, and this strikes me as a pretty serious flaw.

There are flaws I gave up complaining about after ten years ... sometimes they just don't get around to it. But I doubt this'll turn into one of those.

Just speculating here, but since Excel is behaving oddly WRT mapped/UNC files in any case (the double entries on the MRU list), it's possible that the problem is at the Excel end. Interoperability problems may take longer to fix than straight bugs, no chaser situations. I'm guessing it's hard for the PPT team to get the Excel team to rewrite something that may not affect Excel.

Re: Real Workaround for Excel Link Bug in 2007?

Hmmm. Can you repro the same situation with links from one Excel file to another? That might get things moving faster. <g>

– Mark

On Sun, 09 Mar 2008 15:28:46 EST, Steve Rindsberg <abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

To verify what's going on here, what specific types of links is PPT losing?  
How exactly were they created?