

## The Presentation Planner

“Presentation Planner consists of an Excel Spreadsheet and PowerPoint Presentation file. It does need Microsoft Office software on a Windows based PC to run.

The spreadsheet is formatted to allow the user to plan the slides required for a presentation. Each slide can be specified via dropdown menus as containing text or an image or a mix of both. Images can be pulled in either from a default folder or by browsing.

The PowerPoint file contains a macro which when run accesses the spreadsheet and uses its information to generate the required sequence of slides. The system imports re-sizes and positions the images on each slide. Placeholders for text are added to slides except where a full screen image is to be displayed.

This system does not produce the finished presentation. It still needs the author to manually add the required text or other items as required. What it does do is much of the hard work, displays the results and easily allow the author to revise the plan and regenerate the slides in a matter of minutes.

Additional facilities in the spreadsheet allow slides to be inserted or deleted. The normal copy and paste allow data to be moved.

When the presentation is finished it can be saved either with embedded slideshow macros (.ppsm) or as a normal macro free file (.pptx). It does have one extra facility ‘clicking’ on an image will display it full size. Click again to return it to its original size and position.”

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