



Setting Up Microsoft PowerPoint For Digital Cinema Projection

PowerPoint is a very effective tool for preparing promotional slides. On normal computers the aspect ratio is TV standard which is 4:3. However digital projection is similar to LCD and plasma TV which of course are wide screens with an aspect ratio of 16:9. This means if the PowerPoint slide show prepared on a normal computer is then screened on wide screen digital projection the top and bottom of the slide will be lost. This is not a good look!

Whilst we can change the aspect ratio for you prior to screening, any graphics or images on the slide will become distorted and that also is not a good look. Luckily there is a simple solution!

Before preparing the slide show on your computer a small change needs to be made to the set up in PowerPoint. This differs slightly between the two common versions.

Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003

Go to File, Page Set Up, underneath Slides Set Up For change the Width to 48.77cm and the Height to 27.43cm and Click OK. Now you have a wide format slide ready for digital projection!

Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007

Go to Design, Page Set Up, Slides Sized For change to On Screen Show 16:9 and click OK. Now you have a wide format slide ready for digital projection!



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