

CREATE **Advanced** 30 MIN · UPDATED 2026-09-30

Add interactive elements to a slide.

Use "Create Interactive Slide" to build clickable filters and live visuals directly into a slide for audience participation.

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PowerPoint

WORKS WITH

Copilot

Business Outcome

A more memorable, participatory presentation moment instead of another static chart slide.

Workflow Steps

Step 1: Pick the one slide worth the effort

PowerPoint

Scan the deck for the single moment where an audience will actually want to dig into a cut of the data live — a regional sales breakdown, a before/after comparison, a scenario toggle. Skip slides where the point is a single takeaway number; interactivity there just slows down your own pacing without adding insight.

One good interactive slide in a 20-slide deck lands harder than three mediocre ones.

Step 2: Describe the interaction you want

Copilot in PowerPoint

Open the slide, select the chart or table you want to make interactive, and use Copilot's "Create Interactive Slide" option from its pane.

Describe both halves of the interaction explicitly – what the audience clicks, and exactly what updates on screen when they do (the chart, a total, a label) – vague prompts like "make this interactive" tend to produce a clickable element that doesn't actually filter the right data.

PROMPT

Create an interactive slide from this regional sales data where I can click a region name and the chart filters to show just that region's trend, with the total updating live.

Step 3: Test the interaction yourself first

PowerPoint

Switch to Slide Show mode (not just the editing view) and click through every single filter option, not only the first one or two – a broken state three clicks deep is exactly the one an audience member will ask about.

Confirm the numbers that update actually match what you'd calculate by hand for that filter; a slide that looks interactive but shows frozen or wrong data is worse than a plain static chart.

Step 4: Have a static fallback ready

PowerPoint

Duplicate the slide (right-click the thumbnail > Duplicate Slide) before the presentation and screenshot or export the most important filtered view as a plain image on the copy.

If you're presenting on unfamiliar hardware, an older PowerPoint build, or over a screen-share tool that doesn't render embedded interactivity properly, you can jump to the static backup without the audience noticing a scramble.

✓ Check the work

- Click through every interactive state yourself before the actual presentation.
- Confirm the underlying data updates correctly, not just the visual — a filter that looks right but shows stale numbers is worse than no filter.
- Test on the actual device/software you'll present from, not just your working machine.

Expected Outcome

A slide with a working interactive element — a clickable filter or live visual — that responds during the actual presentation.

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