

# PPT GAMES

★ **USER MANUAL** ★

**LIVE, INTERACTIVE  
POWERPOINT GAMES**  
FOR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & EVENTS



**CREATE  
LAUGHTER**



**BUILD  
CONNECTIONS**



**MAKE  
MEMORIES**



**IMPACT  
LIVES**



**BRING OUT  
THE BEST**

**BUILT FOR EVERY MINISTRY**

✓ CHURCHES | ✓ SCHOOLS | ✓ YOUTH GROUPS | ✓ RETREATS | ✓ SPECIAL EVENTS

*Create laughter. Build connections. Make memories.*





# BEFORE YOU BEGIN



A few important requirements to ensure PPT Games run perfectly on your system.



## WINDOWS PC ONLY

PPT Games are designed exclusively for Windows PC. They will NOT run on Mac, Chromebook, iPad, or mobile devices.



## POWERPOINT REQUIRED

A full desktop installation of Microsoft PowerPoint is required. Office 2019, 2021, or Microsoft 365 is recommended.



Microsoft  
PowerPoint



## DUAL MONITOR RECOMMENDED

Best experience with a second display. Use Presenter View to see your notes while the audience sees the game.



## SCREEN RESOLUTION

Set your display resolution to 1920 x 1080 or lower for best performance and proper alignment.

1920 x 1080  
**RECOMMENDED**



## DISPLAY SCALING

Set Windows Display Scaling to 125% (100–125% supported). This prevents alignment issues with on-screen buttons.

Scale and layout

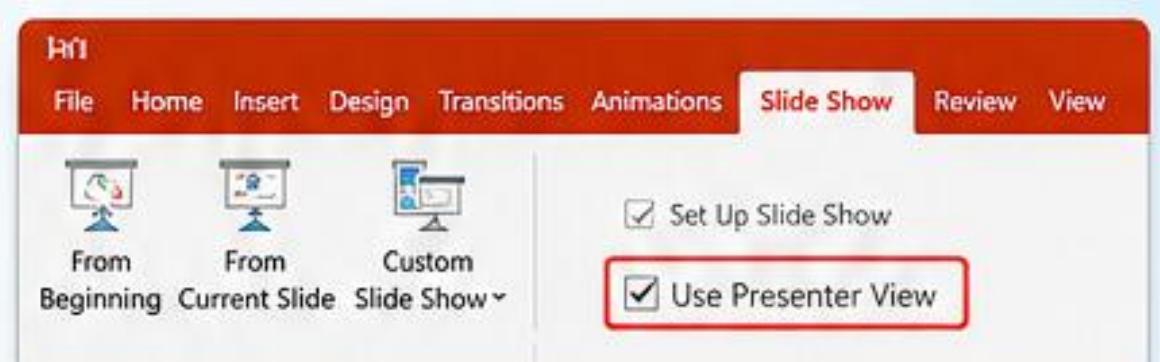
Change the size of text, apps, and other items

125% (Recommended)



## USE PRESENTER VIEW

In PowerPoint > Slide Show tab, check “Use Presenter View”. You’ll see notes and controls on your screen, not the audience.



## ENABLE MACROS

Macros must be enabled for the games to function. You’ll be prompted to “Enable Content” when opening a file.



SECURITY WARNING Macros have been disabled.

Enable Content



## WHY THESE MATTER

These settings allow the VBA engine to run smoothly, show the game correctly, and give you full control during your event.



You're all set!

*Let's play!*



# ★ WHAT MAKES ★ PPT GAMES DIFFERENT? ★

Built for ministry. Designed for fun.

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## ONE SLIDE ARCHITECTURE

Everything happens on a single slide. VBA generates questions, animations, and scoreboards dynamically. No 100-slide files!

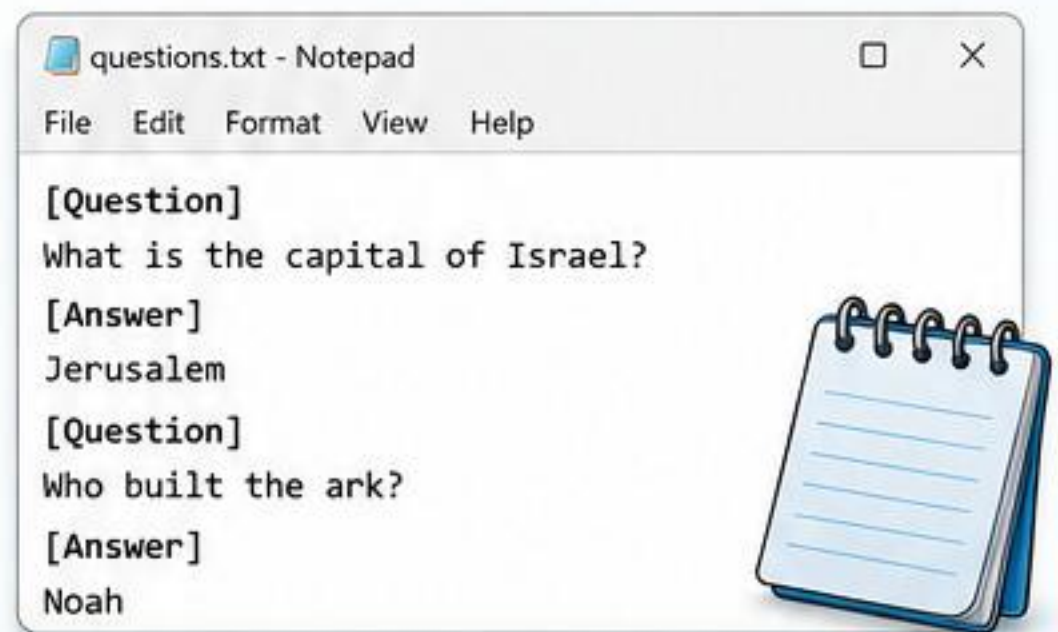
TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
200	200	200
400	400	400
600	600	600
800	800	800
1000	1000	1000

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## EDIT QUESTIONS IN NOTEPAD

No need to edit in PowerPoint. Just open the questions.txt file in Notepad, add or change content, save, and the game imports it instantly!



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## AUTOMATIC SCOREKEEPING

Real-time scoreboards track points automatically for you. Spend less time keeping score and more time engaging your audience!

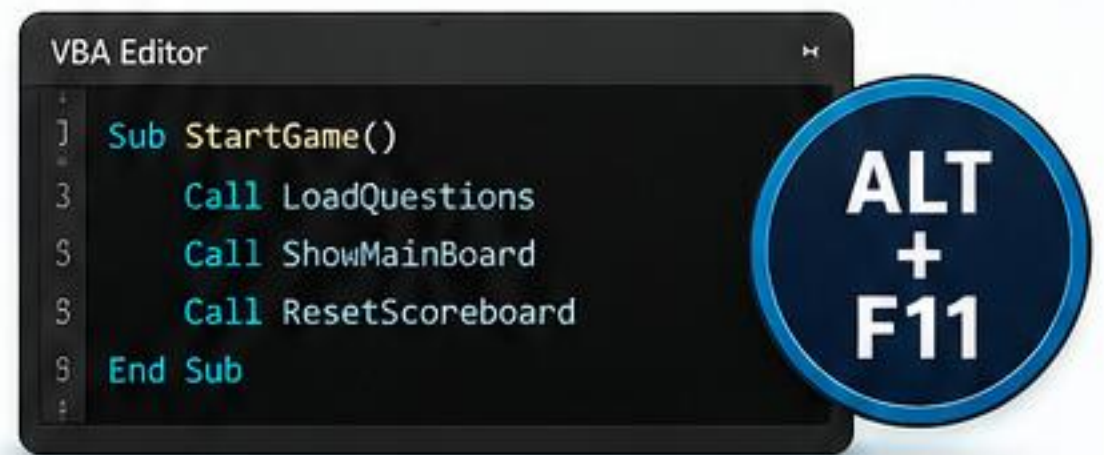
TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
1200	800	1600

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## FULLY OPEN SOURCE

Every game is 100% unlocked. Press ALT+F11 to explore the VBA code, learn from it, and customize it for your ministry or event!



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## BUILT FOR LIVE EVENTS

Designed for churches, schools, youth groups, retreats, and special events. Easy to run, exciting for your audience, and memorable every single time!



CHURCHES



SCHOOLS



YOUTH  
GROUPS



RETREATS &  
EVENTS

★ POWERFUL FEATURES. SIMPLE TO USE. 100% FREE. ★

✓ EASY TO LEARN | ✓ FAST TO SET UP | ✓ FUN TO PLAY | ✓ MADE FOR MINISTRY





# BEFORE YOUR FIRST GAME



## DEPLOYMENT CHECKLIST

### 1

## EXTRACT THE ZIP FILE

**Never run a PPT Game directly from a ZIP file.**



The VBA engine needs access to:

- ✓ Sounds
- ✓ Images
- ✓ Questions
- ✓ External assets

If the game is still compressed, many features will not function correctly.

### STEPS

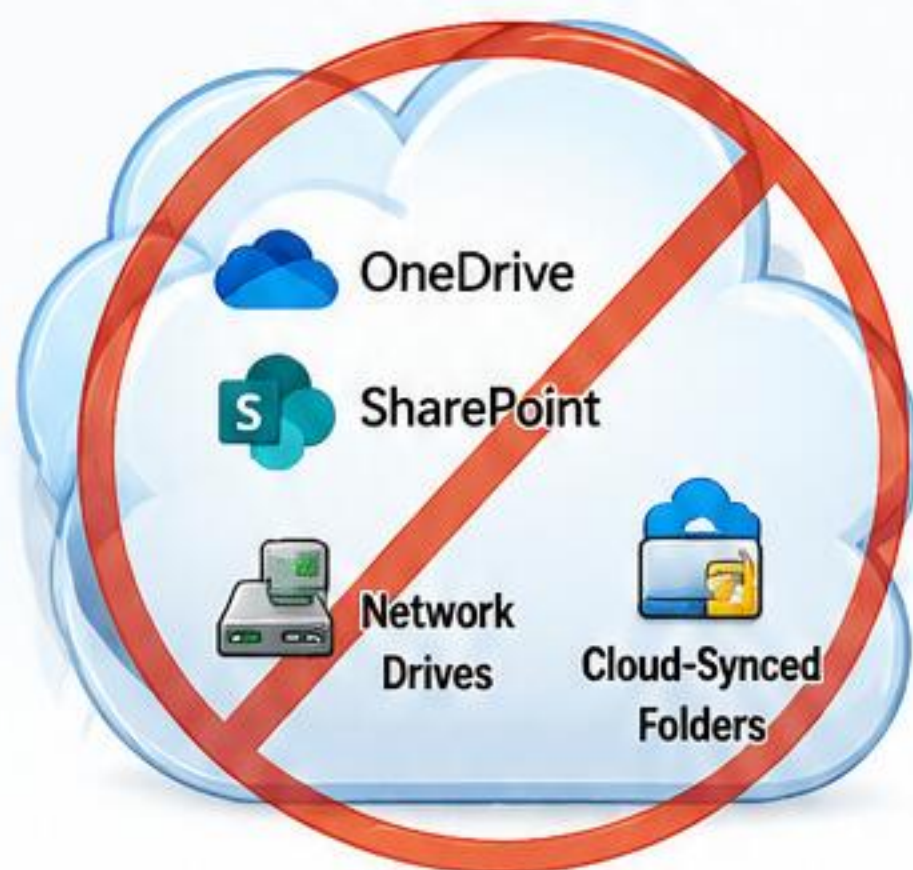
- 1 Right-click the downloaded ZIP file
- 2 Select **Extract All**
- 3 Choose a folder
- 4 Run the game from the extracted folder



### 2

## USE A LOCAL FOLDER (NOT ONEDRIVE)

Many game issues are caused by cloud-sync services.



### AVOID:

- ✗ OneDrive
- ✗ SharePoint
- ✗ Network Drives
- ✗ Cloud-Synced Folders

### THESE SERVICES CAN:

- Change file paths
- Lock files during sync
- Prevent VBA from accessing assets

### BEST PRACTICE

Move the game folder to:

- ✓ Desktop
- ✓ Documents
- ✓ C:\Games (any local folder on your PC)

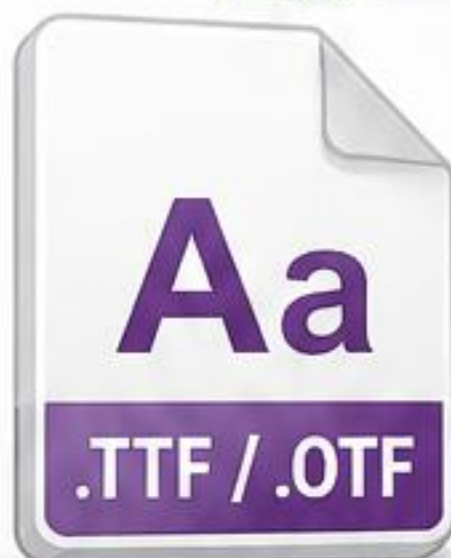
### 3

## INSTALL INCLUDED FONTS

Some games include:



**Install\_This\_Font.zip**



### WITHOUT THESE FONTS:

- ✗ Scoreboards may look wrong
- ✗ Text may be misaligned
- ✗ Graphics may not match screenshots

### TO INSTALL:

- 1 Open Install\_This\_Font.zip
- 2 Extract the font files
- 3 Right-click each .TTF or .OTF file
- 4 Select **Install**



Install fonts **BEFORE** opening PowerPoint.



**FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ENSURE YOUR GAME RUNS SMOOTHLY AND ALL FEATURES FUNCTION AS DESIGNED!**







# SECURITY & MACRO SETUP



ONE-TIME CONFIGURATION REQUIRED

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## STEP 1 — UNBLOCK THE GAME FILE

Before opening any PPT Game:

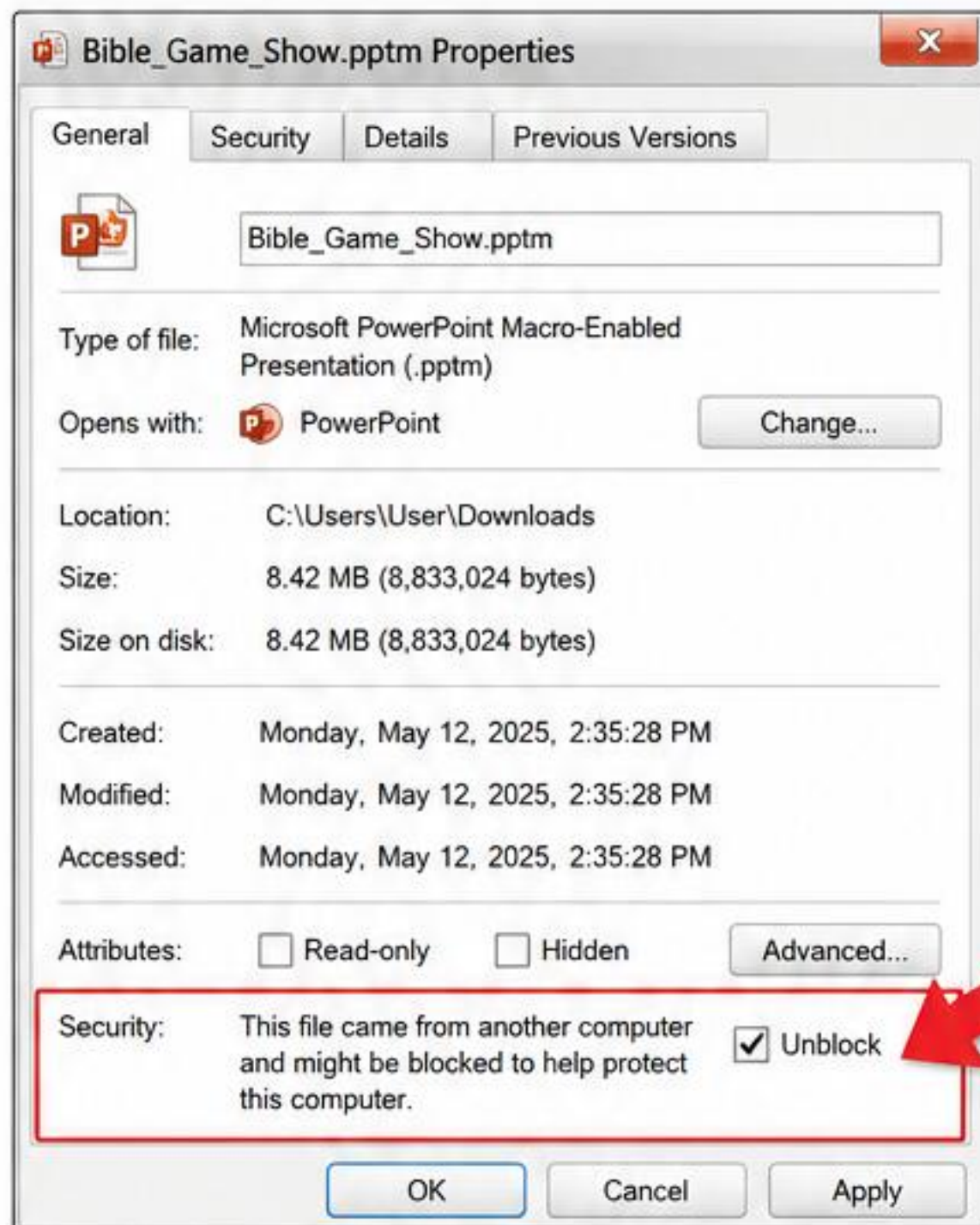
- 1 Right-click the downloaded game file
- 2 Select Properties
- 3 Check **Unblock**
- 4 Click **Apply** → **OK**

### Why?

Windows marks downloaded files as potentially unsafe.

If you skip this step:

- ✗ Macros may not run
- ✗ Buttons may stop working
- ✗ Game logic may fail



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## STEP 2 — TRUST CENTER SETTINGS

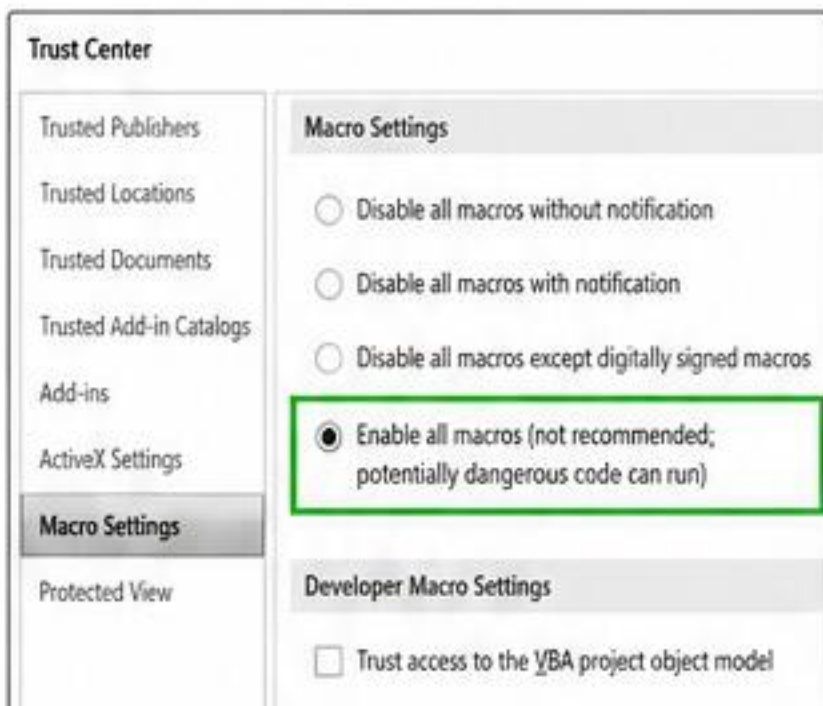
Opent: **File** → **Options** → **Trust Center** → **Trust Center Settings**



### MACRO SETTINGS

Select:

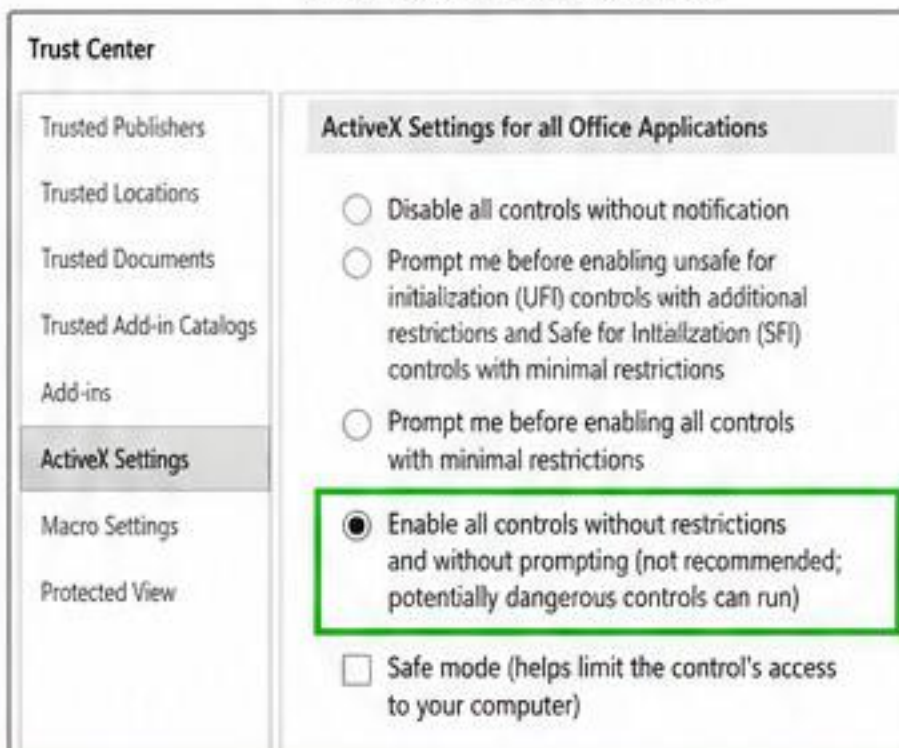
- ✓ Enable all macros



### ACTIVEX SETTINGS

Select:

- ✓ Enable all controls without restrictions



### Why?

PPT Games use VBA and ActiveX controls for:

- 🏆 Scoreboards
- 🔔 Buzzers
- ⌚ Timers
- ☰ Menus
- 🎮 Game Logic

Without these settings many games will not function correctly.



**THIS SETUP ONLY NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED ONCE PER COMPUTER.**

After configuring Trust Center settings, every PPT Game will use the same permissions automatically.





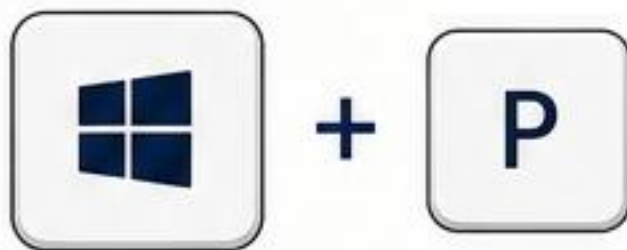
# ★ DISPLAY SETUP ★

Optimized for a smooth, professional experience.

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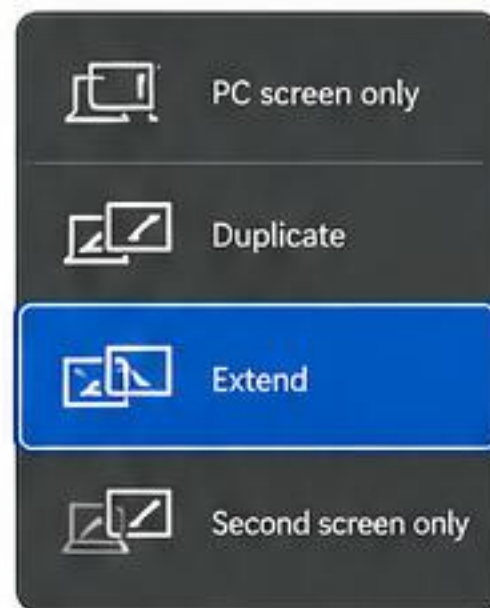
## CONNECT SECOND DISPLAY

Press Windows key + P to open Project options.



### Select **EXTEND**

This allows you to use Presenter View while your audience sees the game.



YOUR CONTROL SCREEN

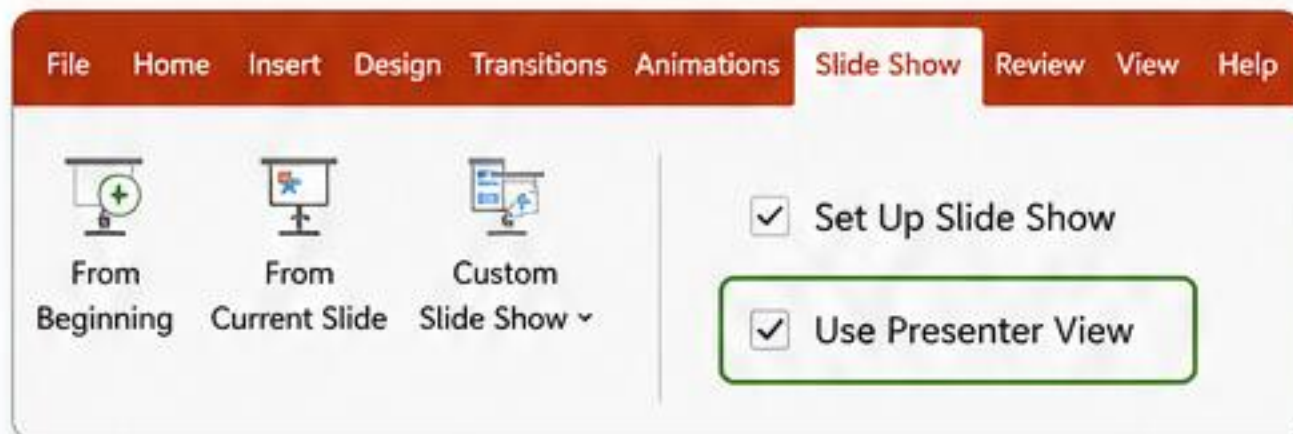
AUDIENCE SCREEN



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## ENABLE PRESENTER VIEW

In PowerPoint, go to the Slide Show tab and check Use Presenter View.



### THE RESULT:



You (Host) see your notes, timers, and controls on your laptop.



The Audience sees only the high-definition game on the big screen.

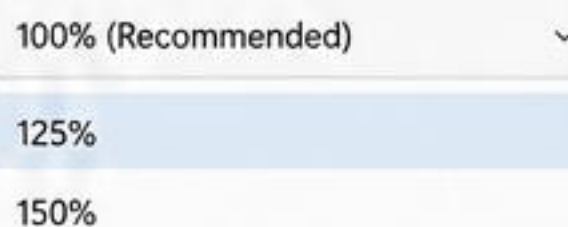
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## SCALING FIX

If the "CLICK HERE TO BEGIN" bar is hard to click, adjust your display scaling.

### Scale and layout

Change the size of text, apps, and other items



### RECOMMENDED:

**100% – 125%**

This prevents alignment issues with the game input bar.

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## SCREEN RESOLUTION

Set your display resolution to 1920 x 1080 or lower for best performance and alignment.



### WHY IT MATTERS



Higher resolutions can cause alignment issues with buttons and the input bar.



Lower resolutions keep everything crisp and aligned.



### DUAL SCREEN. BETTER EXPERIENCE.

A second display helps you stay in control while your audience stays focused on the game.







# STARTING A GAME



Since every game runs on a Single-Slide Architecture, you must tell Windows to “**hand over control**” to the ActiveX object input bar shown on screen.

- 1 Click on **Slide Show** or Press **F5** to start the show.
- 2 Move your mouse cursor off your laptop screen and onto the second screen.
- 3 Click on the Input Bar at the bottom that reads:  
**“CLICK HERE TO BEGIN.”**

## YOUR LAPTOP

## SECOND SCREEN / TV



- Do **NOT** click anything else. Clicking the background kills the connection between your keyboard/buzzers and the game.
- Once engaged, the game is played entirely through the keyboard/buzzer inputs as prompted by the Black Input Bar.



## TIPS FOR SUCCESS



After starting the show, move your cursor to the second screen **before** clicking the input bar.



Make sure your keyboard/buzzer system is connected and working **before** starting.



Once the input bar is clicked, control is handed over and you're **ready to play!**



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Nothing happens until you click the input bar.

**CLICK HERE TO BEGIN.**





# CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION



## DIAGNOSTIC TOOL & INPUT TEST

PPT Games use the Numeric Keypad (Num1–Num5) to register the fastest player. Use the built-in Diagnostic Tool to confirm your controllers are working.

### 1

### INPUT PROTOCOL

Players 1 through 5 are triggered by the [1], [2], [3], [4], and [5] keys on your **Numeric Keypad**.



**PRO RULE:** Ensure **Num Lock** is turned **ON** before the game starts, or inputs will not register.

### 2

### RUN THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

During any live game, press the **Back Quote key** [ ` ] (the key above Tab) to open the Controller Diagnostic Tool.



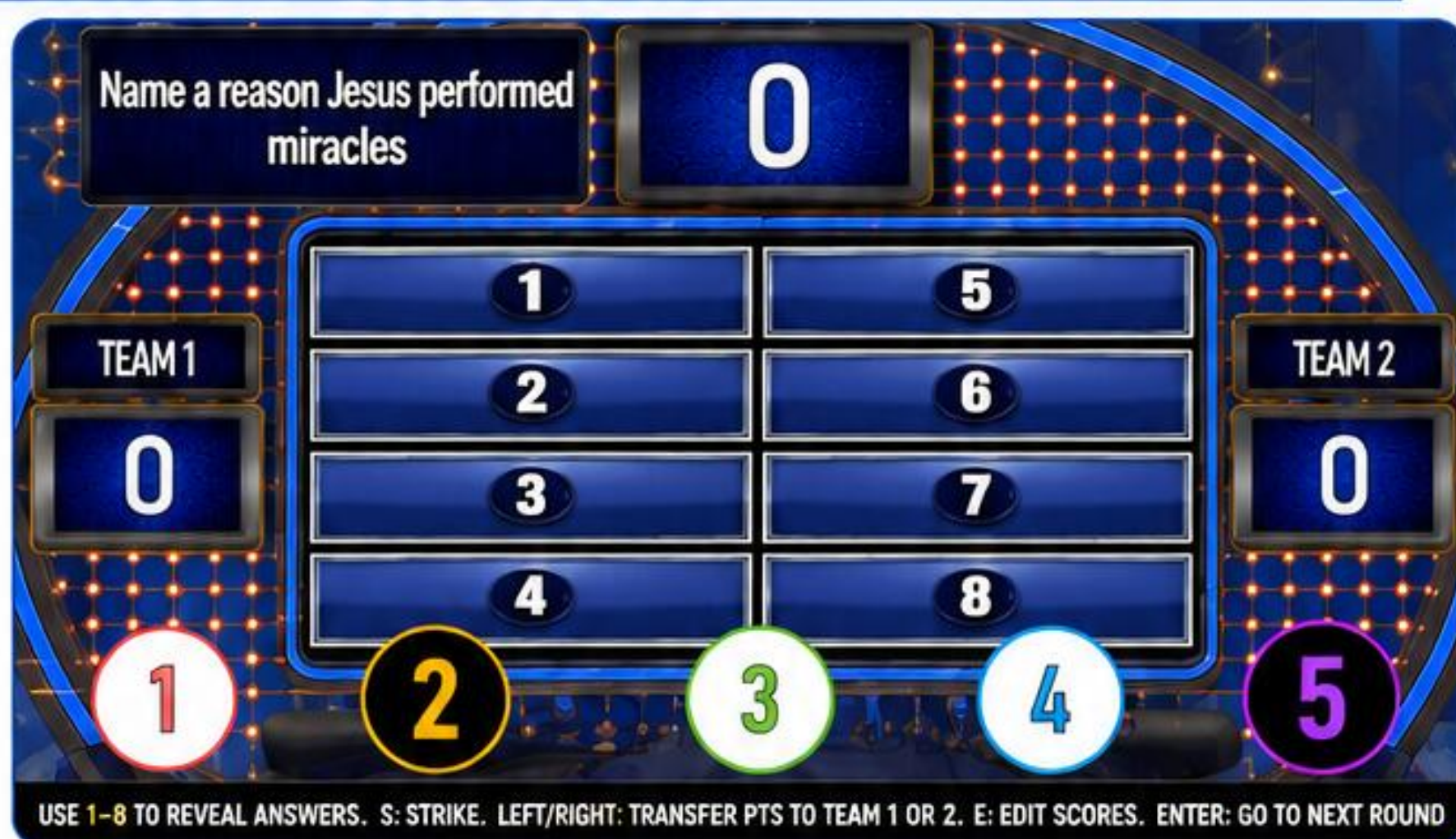
This tool verifies that each player (or buzzer) is correctly connected and linked to the game engine.

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### HOW TO READ THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

Watch the numbers 1–5 at the bottom of the screen.

When a player presses their buzzer/keypad button, their number turns **WHITE**.



### QUICK TIPS

- ✓ No response? Check Num Lock and USB connections.
- ✓ Wrong player lighting up? Your controller may be mapped to the wrong key.
- ✓ Test all players before the game to avoid surprises.



# ★ CHOOSING THE RIGHT BUZZERS ★

## FINDING COMPATIBLE USB GAME SHOW CONTROLLERS

### 1 WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

You need **PROGRAMMABLE USB BUZZERS** that can send keyboard inputs to Windows.

The button press must be programmable so it can send:

Num1  
Num2  
Num3  
Num4  
Num5

to Windows.



These are often sold as:

- Custom USB Button
- Custom USB Buzzer
- Programmable USB Button
- HID USB Button



Search AliExpress for:

**"Custom USB Button"**  
or  
**"Custom USB Buzzer"**

AliExpress

custom usb buzzer



Delivery options

☐ Choice

☐ Free shipping

Shipping from

☒ All

☐ United States

Price

US \$

US \$

OK



SuperDeals 5Pcs USB Custom Button ...

**\$12.35** \$20.59 -40%

★★★★★ 4.8 195 sold

Extra 5% off with coins



SuperDeals 100mm USB Custom ...

**\$13.95** \$23.19 -40%

★★★★★ 4.7 421 sold

Extra 5% off with coins



SuperDeals 5 Buttons USB Buzzer ...

**\$15.85** \$26.42 -40%

★★★★★ 4.9 178 sold

Extra 5% off with coins



SuperDeals 100mm USB Push Button ...

**\$11.59** \$19.32 -40%

★★★★★ 4.8 133 sold

Extra 5% off with coins



SuperDeals USB Game Show Buzzer ...

**\$16.95** \$28.32 -40%

★★★★★ 4.9 246 sold

Extra 5% off with coins



SuperDeals 100mm USB Buzzer ...

**\$11.99** \$19.99 -40%

★★★★★ 4.8 152 sold

Extra 5% off with coins

### 2 WHAT MOST PEOPLE GET WRONG



- ✗ Many USB buzzers sold on Amazon are designed for trivia systems, arcade games, or proprietary software.
- ✗ These often CANNOT be programmed to send Num1–Num5.
- ✗ If the button cannot be mapped to a keyboard key, it will not work with PPT Games.
- ✗ Always confirm the buzzer includes a programming utility or can be pre-programmed by the seller.

#### LOOK FOR THESE FEATURES:

- ✓ Programmable to any key (including Num1–Num5)
- ✓ Works as a keyboard (HID device)
- ✓ Comes with software or the seller provides setup
- ✓ USB connection (not 3.5mm/console only)

### 3 RECOMMENDED SETUP

A standard computer rarely has enough USB ports for multiple buzzers.

Most game show hosts use:

- ✓ 5 programmable USB buzzers
- ✓ 1 powered USB hub



The hub connects all buzzers to a single USB port on your PC for maximum reliability.

#### Why Use a Powered Hub?

- ✓ Provides stable power to all buzzers
- ✓ Prevents lag or dropouts
- ✓ Ensures all devices are recognized
- ✓ Works with laptops and desktops

### 4 ADVANCED BUILDS

Experienced builders can create their own buzzer systems using:



Arduino



Bluetooth



IR Receivers



Wireless Controllers

As long as the final device sends **Num1–Num5** keyboard inputs, PPT Games will recognize it.



#### PRO TIP +

Test your buzzers in the Diagnostic Tool (Page 10) after setup. Each press should light up Players 1–5 and turn WHITE.



The right equipment.  
The best experience.  
The ultimate game show.





# TROUBLESHOOTING

## COMMON PROBLEMS & QUICK FIXES



Use this page to quickly solve the most common issues.

If a problem persists, check that Macros and ActiveX are enabled (see previous pages).

### 1 CLICK HERE TO BEGIN DOESN'T WORK



#### CAUSE:

Windows display scaling.

#### FIX:

- ✓ Set Windows Scaling to 125%
- ✓ Reduce display resolution to 1920×1080 or lower
- ✓ Restart PowerPoint



#### Scale & layout

Change the size of text, apps, and other items

125% (Recommended)

#### Display resolution

1920 × 1080 (Recommended)

### 2 QUESTIONS NOT LOADING



#### CAUSE:

Missing or misplaced questions.txt file.

#### FIX:

- ✓ Verify questions.txt exists
- ✓ Ensure it is in the same folder as the game
- ✓ Check file spelling

This PC > Games > Your Game		
Name	Date modified	Type
assets	5/10/2024 2:15 PM	File folder
media	5/10/2024 2:15 PM	File folder
questions.txt	5/10/2024 2:15 PM	Text Document
Game_Show.pptm	5/10/2024 2:15 PM	Microsoft Power...

### 3 INPUTS NOT REGISTERING



#### CAUSE:

Num Lock is disabled.

#### FIX:

- ✓ Press Num Lock to turn it ON
- ✓ Run the Diagnostic Tool (' key)
- ✓ Test Player 1–5 inputs (see page 10)



#### TIP:

The Num Lock light should be ON.

### 4 FONTS LOOK WRONG



#### CAUSE:

Missing custom fonts.

#### FIX:

- ✓ Locate Install\_This\_Font.zip
- ✓ Extract and install all fonts
- ✓ Restart PowerPoint

#### HOW TO INSTALL FONTS (WINDOWS)

- 1 Right-click the font file (.ttf)
- 2 Select Install
- 3 Restart PowerPoint



### 5 MACROS DISABLED



**SECURITY WARNING**  
Macros have been disabled.

#### CAUSE:

Macros are disabled in PowerPoint.

#### FIX:

- ✓ Click Enable Content when the yellow bar appears
- ✓ Or go to: File > Options > Trust Center > Trust Center Settings > Macro Settings
- ✓ Enable all macros

### 6 GAME RUNNING SLOWLY



#### CAUSE:

Display resolution too high or system overloaded.

#### FIX:

- ✓ Lower external display resolution
- ✓ Use 1920×1080 or lower
- ✓ Close unnecessary programs



### STILL HAVING TROUBLE?

- ✓ Verify Macros are enabled (Enable Content)
- ✓ Verify ActiveX is enabled (ActiveX Settings)
- ✓ Verify game files are extracted from the ZIP file
- ✓ Verify files are stored locally (not OneDrive or cloud folders)



If you still need help, contact support with details about your issue and setup.



MOST ISSUES ARE RESOLVED BY ONE OF THE FIXES ABOVE. Take it step by step and you'll be back to playing in no time!







# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Thank you for choosing **PPT Games**.

We're honored to be part of your game show ministry, classroom, or event. Our prayer is that these games bring laughter, connection, and lasting impact to everyone who plays.



## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Find new games, updates, how-to guides, support resources, and more.

 **ppt.games**



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## STAY UPDATED

We're always improving and adding new games, features, and helpful resources.

★ Check back often!



*May your games create  
laughter, connection,  
and lasting memories.*



Thanks again for letting PPT Games  
be a part of your mission!