

Embedding Deployed XCelsius SWF Files in PowerPoint



Applies to:

XCelsius 2008, SAP NetWeaver

For more information, visit the [Business Objects homepage](#).

Summary

You've created several dashboards with Xcelsius and deployed the swf files on your application server. But wouldn't it be useful to have them all together within just one PowerPoint presentation? On the next meeting you don't have to call all the different URLs to those files anymore, but you simply start the presentation and have the swf files already at the right place embedded in your slide deck.

This article shows you how easy you can do that by adding links to those swf files into your PowerPoint presentation and therefore avoid 2048 and 2032 errors during the access to those files.

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Introduction

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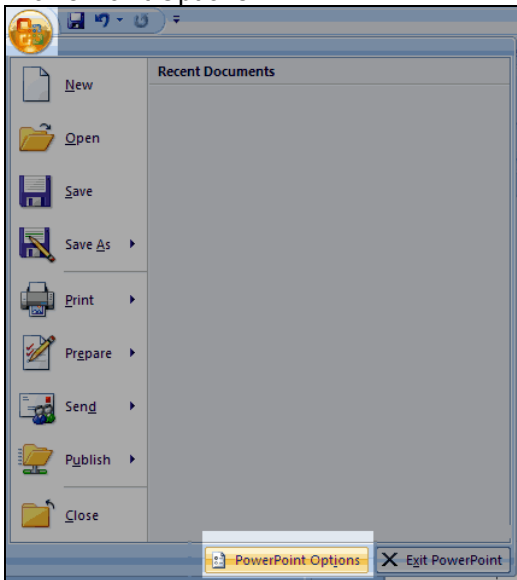
The first idea is to simply try an export of your Xcelsius xlf file to a PowerPoint file. But if the data for that dashboard is retrieved somewhere on a server, you'll most probably get an error 2048 or 2032. Of course you can simply change the adobe flash player security settings as described in [1]. But this will only apply to your machine. In case you give the slides to somebody else that person needs to change the flash player security settings, too.

This article shows you step-by-step how easy you can do that by adding links to those swf files into your PowerPoint 2007 presentation and therefore avoid 2048 and 2032 errors during the access to those files.

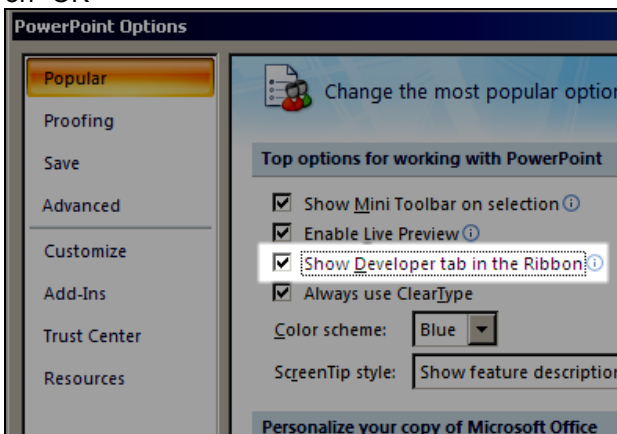
Prepare PowerPoint

First of all you need to prepare PowerPoint 2007.

1. Click on the Microsoft Office Button at the top left side of PowerPoint 2007 and afterwards click on "PowerPoint Options"



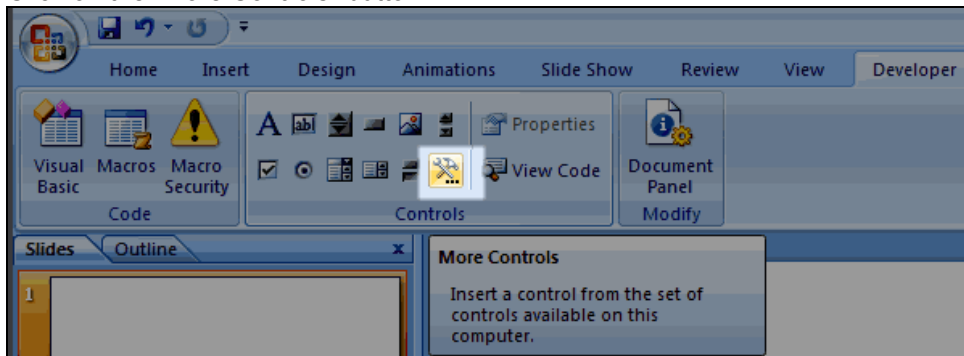
2. In the "Popular" menu you need to enable the text "Show Developer tab in the Ribbon" and to click on "OK"



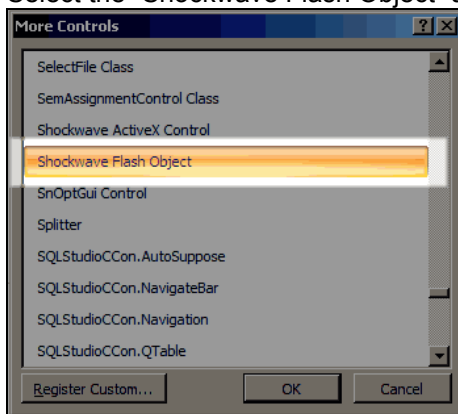
Add the Link(s) to your Presentation

Now that PowerPoint shows you the “Developer” ribbon you just need a few steps.

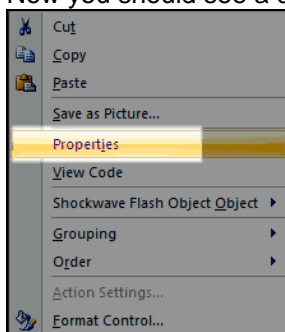
1. Click on the “More Controls” button



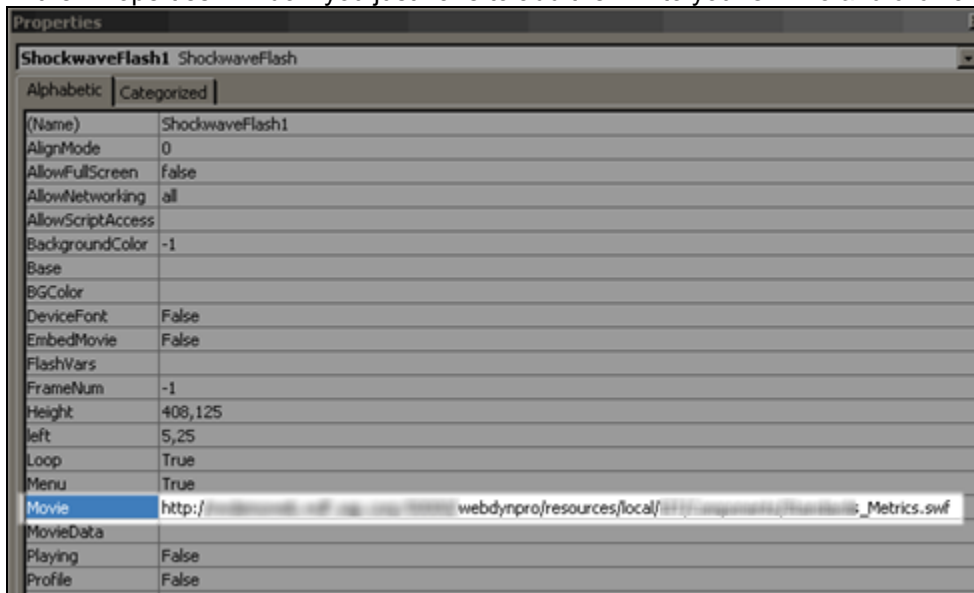
2. Select the “Shockwave Flash Object” and click on “OK”



3. You'll notice that your mouse pointer changed its form so that you now can draw a rectangle that is a placeholder for you XCelsius file.
4. Now you should see a crossed rectangle. Right-click on it and select the “Properties” button.



5. In the “Properties” window you just have to add the link to your swf file and click on “Save”



6. Now do step 1 – 5 for each of your swf files and position them in your slides properly

Start the Presentation

Now that you’ve added the swf objects into your presentation you can start the presentation mode. You should see the dashboards and you should not get any 2048 or 2032 error.

Note: You need to start the presentation mode. Otherwise you will just see a slide with a crossed box on your screen.

Below I’ve added a link to a PowerPoint slide (will be starting in presentation mode automatically) as an example. The samples have been taken from [4]:

<http://sdn.sap.com/irj/boc/index?rid=/library/uuid/60fd826a-318e-2c10-3c97-edd70be653fe>

Related Content

- [1] Forum entry: [Error # 2048 while exporting to SWF](#)
- [2] [XCelsius page on SDN](#)
- [3] [Trial downloads and shop for XCelsius](#)
- [4] <http://www.sap.com/solutions/sapbusinessobjects/sme/xcelsius/demos/index.epx>

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