How to Add Narration (Voice Over) to PowerPoint slides

using PowerPoint 2010

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What do you need?

 Computer equipped with sound card, microphone and speakers

Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2010 software

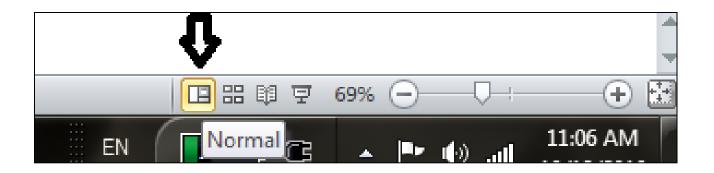
Your presentation

Preparation Steps

Rehearse your speech before you start recording

Find a quiet location away from any noise and distractions

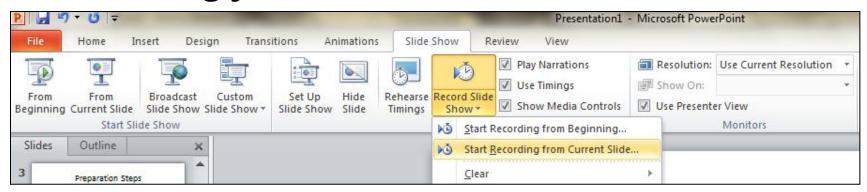
- In Normal View select the slide you want to add narration to
- If you are not in *Normal View* click the button on the bottom right hand side



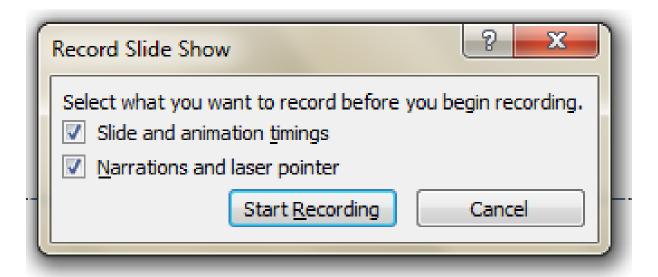
Click the Slide Show tab on the top menu bar



- Click Record Slide Show
- Select Start Recording from Beginning to start from the first slide
- To start from the current slide select Start Recording from current slide



The Record Slide Show dialog box will be shown



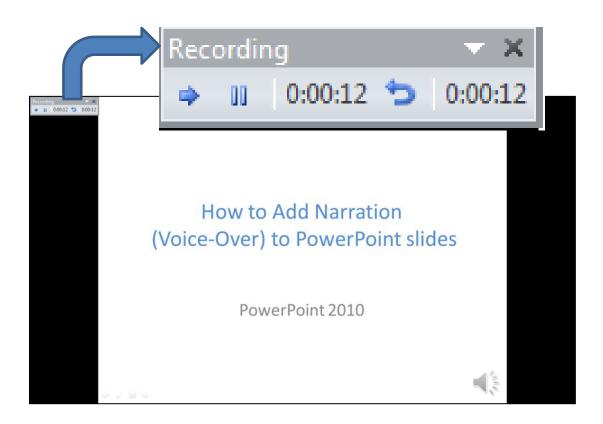
Make sure the *Narrations and laser pointer* box is checked

 Check the Slide and animation timings button if you want the slides to advance automatically according to the recorded timing



Click Start Recording button

 You will see the *Recording* control box on the top left-hand side next to the slide



- III icon will *pause* the recording



- The *timer* on the left/right shows the timing on the current slide/the whole presentation
- Hit the icon to repeat the narration on the current slide
- icon on the top right (or the ESC button) will *end* the recording (it will be automatically saved)

Adding Voice Over using PowerPoint-Recording Tips

- The recording is not continuous; it will pause when you hit the icon and will restart when the next slide is displayed.
- Make sure to pause your narration during the slide transition or your voice over will be cut off.



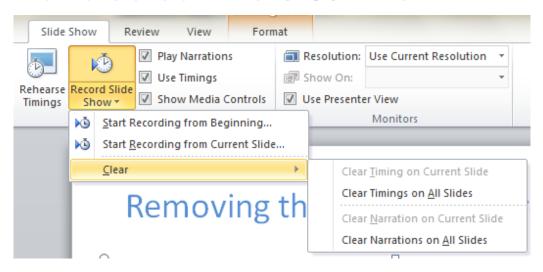
Adding Voice Over using PowerPoint-Laser Pointer

- During your speech you can also utilize the built in *laser pointer*
- During recording hit Ctrl + left mouse button to activate the laser pointer mode.
- A red dot will replace the mouse pointer

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Removing the Voice Over From Slides

 On the Slide Show tab, hit Record Slide Show button and select the Clear item



 You can clear timings and/or narrations on all slides or only on the current slide

Playing the Voice Over back

- In **Normal View** select the slide and move the mouse pointer over the icon on the bottom right
- Play the narration using the displayed controls



Distributing the Slides

- In order to view the PowerPoint slides, your students do not need to purchase the Microsoft Office PowerPoint software.
- A separate *PowerPoint Viewer* software is available as a *free download* from Microsoft
- Try to keep the file size as small as possible by not including background image and keeping the narrative as short as possible