

# VBrick VBPresenter PowerPoint Addin

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# VBPresenter v2.1 Release Notes

This document contains Release Notes for v2.1 of VBPresenter. See the upgrade instructions below if you are upgrading from an earlier version of VBPresenter. Any information contained in this document is VBrick Systems customer confidential and should not be reproduced or distributed to non-VBrick customers. This document has the following information:

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## What's New in VBPresenter v2.1

Item	Description	Comment
Viewer Login	Live presentation viewers must now enter their name or other identifier to gain access to the presentation.	The presenter now knows exactly how many viewers are watching, and knows their entered names.
Questions	The presenter may view user logins and questions in real time. Audience Questions has its own button	More rapid response to questions. The presenter is less likely to forget to check for questions. An assistant can view questions on another computer and relay them to the presenter.
Save History	The presenter may save the viewer history and all questions	Provides input to analysis of webcast success. Logs viewer durations, and questions.
Poll	The audience poll has its own button	Easier, more rapid access to polls.
Messages	The presenter may now post text messages to viewers	Text is useful for start-up banners (e.g. "The Presentation will begin at 2:00 PM"), and in similar cases.
International	VBPresenter may be installed on non-US versions of Windows	Universal product
Multiple Configurations	VBPresenter supports any number of stored configurations	Multiple users may use the same computer but with different server accounts.

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External Video	Viewers may launch an external video and/or external slide viewer	The video and slides may be resized as desired. Very useful for dual-screen computers.
Improved Viewer	The viewer sports an improved look	More pleasing display
Publishing	After recording, a presentation may be saved to local disk	Creation of local video without publishing to a server
Content Index	The content index page supports sorting, automatic thumbnail images, and an improved look	More rapid and more convenient identification and selection of archived presentations
Password	Password protection of live and stored presentations for IE 7	No unusual security settings are necessary for Internet Explorer
Admin Wizard	The Admin supports a Wizard to help make configuration easy. Any number of configurations may be created and saved as a file.	An administrator may create configuration files for users. The files are encrypted so that server parameters are not exposed.

## Compatibility

This VBPresenter v2.1 software release is tested, supported, and compatible with the following:

- VBrick VB6000 Series WM encoders: v1.1.0 or higher.
- VBrick VB6000 Series MPEG-4 encoders: v3.2 or higher.
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 or higher.
- Microsoft Windows 2000 with latest Service Pack.
- Microsoft Windows XP with latest Service Pack.

## Installing or Upgrading

- ▼ To install/upgrade from an earlier version of VBPresenter:
  1. Remove the previously installed application:
    - a. Go to **Start > Control Panel > Add or Remove Programs > VBPresenter**.
    - b. Highlight **VBPresenter** and click **Remove**.
  1. Insert the VBPresenter Product CD in your computer.
  2. Navigate to the "VBPresenter Software" page, double-click on the setup program, and follow the online instructions. Click **Finish** when done.
  3. After running the setup program, open PowerPoint and verify that the VBPresenter toolbar (see below) is present. If not, go to **View > Toolbars** and select **VBrick VBPresenter**.
  4. If prompted by PowerPoint, select **Enable Macros** and **Initialize ActiveX** controls.

**Note** Macintosh viewers must install Windows Media Player in order to view WM presentations in Safari or Firefox. MPEG-4 presentations are not supported at all on a Macintosh; nor is audience polling or thumbnail slide navigation.

## Caveats

This section addresses known issues in this release, most of which have an easy workaround. For more information about any item, or help with an issue not listed here, contact your reseller or VBrick Customer Support.

- An MPEG-4 presentation stream can be displayed on an iPod but the presentation images are not displayed.
- Thumbnail viewing timing is less accurate when viewing archived MPEG-4 presentations.
- MPEG-4 does not support the audience polling feature due to metadata size limits.
- VBPresenter rich media presentations are available on Windows PC desktops only. They are not supported on set top boxes.
- Viewers must have Microsoft Windows Media Player installed in order to view Windows Media streams.
- VBPresenter and StreamPlayer share some common components. If you uninstall StreamPlayer you will no longer be able to record from VBPresenter.
- If you are using a reflector server and click a slide during a presentation, there is typically a delay of 10–15 seconds until your audience sees the new slide (and the synchronized video). If you are recording a presentation, be sure to wait 10-15 seconds *after* you click **Offline** before you stop recording.
- You should generally avoid using a speaker phone during a live presentation. Any normal delay introduced by reflector server will conflict with the audio from the speaker phone.
- The first slide in your presentation may not be displayed if you are already online. We recommend that when you start a presentation and go **LIVE ONLINE** that you advance to slide 2 and then go back to slide 1. Or, you can duplicate the first slide in your presentation so that slide 1 and slide 2 are identical.
- Be aware VBPresenter modifies certain VBrick encoder parameters during normal operation. If you subsequently attach the VBrick to your network to use as an encoder, you may need to reset these parameters in IWS, as explained below, in order to multicast or view streams from the VBrick.

VBPresenter Function	IWS Parameter
Live Online	Configuration: Encoder > Multicast. VBPresenter sets the multicast <b>Transmit</b> parameter to <b>Enabled</b> .
Live Online	Configuration: Encoder > Server. VBPresenter sets the <b>Max. Allowed Clients</b> to <b>100</b> .
Offline	Configuration: Encoder > Multicast. VBPresenter sets the multicast <b>Transmit</b> parameter to <b>Disabled</b> . You must reset this parameter to enable multicast.

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Offline	Configuration: Encoder > Server. VBPresenter sets <b>Max. Allowed Clients</b> to <b>0</b> . You must reset this parameter to enable client viewing.
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