

How to insert hyperlinks in a PowerPoint

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Introduction

This poster aims to present adequate information about ‘How to insert hyperlinks in a PowerPoint’. To make the poster informative, the definition of a hyperlink has been provided at the beginning of the poster. The complete step-by-step process of inserting hyperlinks in a PowerPoint and the ways of creating effective hyperlinks are presented here. The poster also mentions a number of things that should be avoided to ensure the inclusion of hyperlinks in the PowerPoint accurately.

Hyperlink

In simple words, a hyperlink indicates the method of presenting any text, image, or document in the form of a link (Grätzer, 2024). In a broader sense, a hyperlink refers to the link by clicking which the users can directly access to the desired information (Grätzer, 2024). Different images, texts, email addresses, websites, PDF or Word files, and presentations are presented by using hyperlinks. In order to make necessary information easily accessible for individuals, hyperlinks are used (Keşkekci and Sponholz, 2025). Usually, an individual has to search different webpages and files to get the required information which may take huge time. The use of hyperlinks may save the time of that individual by enabling him or her to directly go to the information of his or her need (Keşkekci and Sponholz, 2025). Various information need to be included in a PowerPoint presentation to make the presentation useful. But the inclusion of excessive text or images may make the presentation less engaging to the audience. To make a PowerPoint presentation engaging as well as informative, desired information can be included in the form of hyperlinks (Keşkekci and Sponholz, 2025).

Process of inserting hyperlinks in a PowerPoint

To ensure the effective insertion of hyperlinks in a PowerPoint, the relevant individual has to follow a structured process. Appropriate steps for inserting hyperlinks in a PowerPoint are discussed below:

Selecting the information: The information such as text, image, email address or webpage which is required to be transformed into hyperlinks needs to be selected first (Zhao and Shen, 2023). Information in the form of text can be selected by clicking on it and then dragging. To select information in the form of images, one has to click on the images.

Opening the hyperlink dialog box: After selecting the information, the insert tab in a PowerPoint needs to be opened. At the top left side of the ribbon, the users can find the insert tab. From the insert tab, they can select links or hyperlinks. One can also open the hyperlink dialog box by right-clicking on the selected images or text and picking hyperlinks from the context menu (Zhao and Shen, 2023).

Choosing the type of link: The users can get four types of links such as existing file or webpage, place in this document, create new document, and e-mail address, from which they need to choose the type of link which they want to insert (Jialong et al., 2022).

Entering the link: Based on the selected type of link, users have to enter the link of their desired information (Jialong et al., 2022). Individuals have to adopt different ways to enter these four types of links. For example, the URLs need to be pasted, the email addresses should be typed, and the files have to be selected.

Testing the hyperlink: After entering the hyperlink, one has to test the hyperlink to ensure that it has been inserted properly into the PowerPoint and desired information can be presented to the audience through it (Jialong et al., 2022).

Ways to create effective hyperlinks in a PowerPoint

When inserting hyperlinks in a PowerPoint, users have to focus on specific aspects to ensure a higher level of effectiveness of the hyperlinks.

Descriptive: A descriptive text need to be included with the link to give a brief idea to the audience about the information that is linked with the inserted hyperlinks (Bodera et al., 2023).

Visible: The hyperlinks should be inserted in such a way that it is clearly visible to the audience. For ensuring the visibility of the hyperlinks, users can make the links bold and underlined (Bodera et al., 2023).

Avoid inserting excessive hyperlinks: The use of excessive hyperlinks in a PowerPoint may create confusion among the audience regarding the inserted information, and they may fail to identify the most important information (Jayes et al., 2022).

Short and clean: Users have to ensure that the inserted hyperlinks are short and clean as these hyperlinks are attractive to the audience (Bodera et al., 2023).

Accessible: The accessibility of the hyperlinks through different devices need to be ensured to make the audiences more engaged with the PowerPoint (Charlina and Rasdana, 2022).

Differentiate with colour: Different colours should be used for the hyperlinks to differentiate it from the general presentation text (Bodera et al., 2023).

Things to avoid while inserting hyperlinks

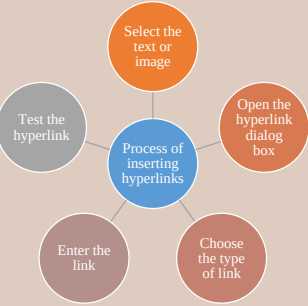
A number of things need to be avoided while inserting hyperlinks in a PowerPoint. Some of these are presented below:

Missing files: The users should avoid the insertion of any file which is missing or any slide which have already been deleted (Price et al., 2021).

Inaccurate words: The use of inaccurate words to indicate the information inserted through the hyperlinks may make the users unable to provide a clear idea about the information to the audience (Price et al., 2021). So, the use of inaccurate words needs to be avoided.

Incorrect hyperlinks: The users should be careful while inserting hyperlinks because the insertion of incorrect hyperlinks may interrupt the flow of information (Price et al., 2021).

Contrasting design: The colours and designs of the hyperlinks which are contrasting to the colour and design of the slides, should not be chosen (Price et al., 2021).



Conclusion

An individual has to follow the steps mentioned in the process of inserting hyperlinks in a PowerPoint to ensure the accurate insertion of hyperlinks. By adding descriptive text, making the hyperlinks visible, avoiding the insertion of excessive hyperlinks, keeping the links short and clean, ensuring the accessibility of the links in different devices, and differentiating the links from normal text, one can ensure the development of effective hyperlinks.

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