

PowerPoint hidden-content exercise

Sales enablement, strategy and IT

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Before uploading a PowerPoint file, review speaker notes, hidden slides, embedded workbooks and other content beyond the visible slideshow. Work on a copy, use the inspection features available in your Office version and inspect remaining embedded material manually where needed. A deck that looks clean on screen can still contain information in its package.

Inspect the real source deck and compare a counterpart containing only the intended visible content and chart data.

Entirely synthetic PPTX files. Known canaries were checked structurally; no customer deck or AI upload was used.

Your review

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

Organisation or team: _____

☐ **Inspect a copy of the editable file**

Review notes, hidden slides and the underlying chart workbook rather than only slideshow output.

☐ **Review limitations and retained embedded data**

Keep intended editable chart values while checking for unrelated cells or hidden content.

☐ **Identify the exact prepared file**

Reopen it and record what was removed or retained before an authorised upload.

Checked items record your review, not a compliance approval or an installed-product test result.

Notes and next actions

Decision and scope: _____

Evidence to collect: _____

Owner and next review date: _____

Review matrix

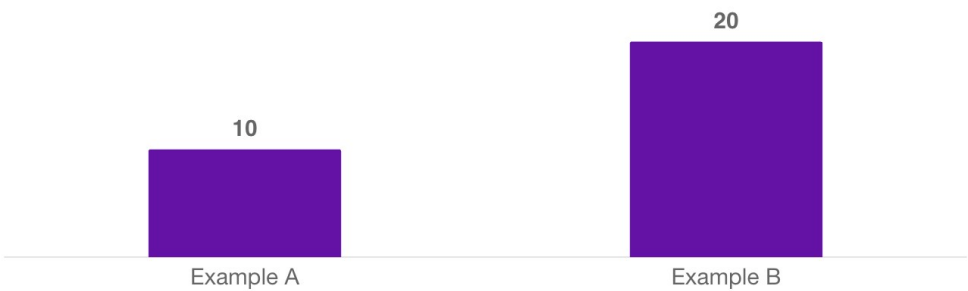
Known canary	Location	Reviewed-copy state
Notes marker	Slide 1 speaker notes	Absent
Hidden-slide marker	Hidden slide 3	Absent
Embedded-data marker	Workbook hidden row 99, cell Z99	Absent

Three hidden-content locations

- **Speaker notes:** A genuine note attached to slide 1
Not visible on the slide canvas
- **Hidden slide:** Slide 3 remains in the source package
Hidden is not deleted
- **Embedded workbook:** A non-plotted canary in hidden row 99
Visible bars do not show every cell

Rendered visible chart from the synthetic source PowerPoint

Example workstream totals

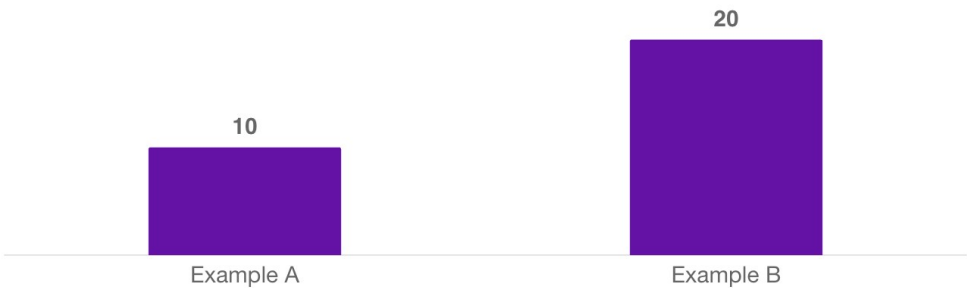


Synthetic values. The chart uses an editable workbook.

Visible source slide: the bars show 10 and 20, while the file also contains the known hidden-content canaries.

Rendered visible chart from the reviewed synthetic PowerPoint

Example workstream totals



Synthetic values. The chart uses an editable workbook.

Reviewed counterpart: intended chart values are preserved. The known notes, hidden slide and unused workbook canary are absent.

Synthetic PowerPoint inspection exercise

Both decks contain only fictional material. No macro, customer content or live connection is included.

Source: synthetic-hidden-content.pptx has three slides, with slide 3 genuinely hidden. Slide 1 notes contain SYNTHETIC_U02_NOTES_CANARY_9V4. Hidden slide 3 contains SYNTHETIC_U02_HIDDEN_SLIDE_CANARY_4M7. The chart's embedded workbook contains SYNTHETIC_U02_EMBEDDED_CANARY_6K2 in hidden row 99, cell Z99, outside the plotted values.

Reviewed counterpart: synthetic-reviewed-copy.pptx keeps the two intended visible slides and the editable chart's 10/20 data. It has no notes parts, hidden slide or known canary. It was constructed from intended content, not produced by a claimed automatic sanitization service.

Inspect a copy in your supported presentation application. Review the notes pane, hidden-slide list and chart workbook. Compare the counterpart and complete inspection-record.csv.

Package/relationship/chart-data checks and rendered-slide inspection were performed, but no native PowerPoint session, Document Inspector operation or AI-provider ingestion test is claimed.

Inspection record

Component	Source fixture	Reviewed counterpart	Your observation
Visible slides	Two intended slides	Two intended slides	UNREVIEWED
Notes	Known notes canary	No notes parts	UNREVIEWED
Hidden slides	Slide 3 marked hidden	None	UNREVIEWED
Embedded workbook	10 and 20 plus hidden-row canary	10 and 20 only	UNREVIEWED

Component	Source fixture	Reviewed counterpart	Your observation
Exact upload filename	RECORD	RECORD	NOT SELECTED

Practice files

The complete download pack includes these original working files. Keep their original formats when running or inspecting the examples.

- [Synthetic hidden content \(synthetic-hidden-content.pptx\)](#)
- [Synthetic reviewed copy \(synthetic-reviewed-copy.pptx\)](#)
- [Source visible chart \(source-visible-chart.png\)](#)
- [Reviewed visible chart \(reviewed-visible-chart.png\)](#)

Sources and scope

Sources checked 2026-09-21. Review the current requirements and your actual agreement before using this workbook for a real decision. This guide does not establish PPTX redaction, hidden-slide detection or inspection of every embedded object by Aona.

[Microsoft: Inspect documents for hidden data](#). Describes Document Inspector, working on copies, presentation notes and inspection limitations.