Cheat Sheet for comprehensive Microsoft PowerPoint Advanced

Slide Navigation and Management

- Slide Sorter View:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + Shift + S`
- **Use**: Quickly rearrange slides, apply themes, and manage layouts.
- Slide Navigator:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + Shift + H`
- **Use**: Access a mini-version of the Slide Sorter for quick navigation.
- Duplicate Slide:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + D`
- **Use**: Create an exact copy of the current slide.
- New Slide:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + M`
- **Use**: Insert a new slide with the default layout.
- Delete Slide:
- **Shortcut**: 'Delete' or 'Backspace'
- **Use**: Remove the selected slide.

Text and Formatting

- Text Box:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + Shift + N`
- **Use**: Insert a text box on the slide.
- Font Size:
- **Shortcut**: 'Ctrl + Shift + >' (Increase) / 'Ctrl + Shift + <' (Decrease)
- **Use**: Adjust the font size of selected text.

- Bold, Italic, Underline:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + B`, `Ctrl + I`, `Ctrl + U`
- **Use**: Apply bold, italic, or underline to selected text.
- Bullet Points:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + Shift + L`
- **Use**: Toggle bullet points on or off.
- Align Text:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + L` (Left), `Ctrl + E` (Center), `Ctrl + R` (Right), `Ctrl + J` (Justify)
- **Use**: Align text within a text box.

Slide Design and Themes

- Apply Theme:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + N, T`
- **Use**: Apply a theme to the entire presentation.
- Slide Layout:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + H, L`
- **Use**: Change the layout of the current slide.
- Background Styles:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + H, B, S`
- **Use**: Apply different background styles to slides.
- Slide Transitions:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + H, T`
- **Use**: Apply and customize slide transitions.

Animations and Effects

- Add Animation:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + H, A`
- **Use**: Add animations to objects on slides.

- Animation Pane:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + Alt + K`
- **Use**: Open the Animation Pane to manage animations.
- Reorder Animations:
- **Shortcut**: Drag and drop in the Animation Pane.
- **Use**: Change the order of animations.
- Timing:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + H, A, T`
- **Use**: Adjust the timing of animations.

Presenting and Sharing

- Start Presentation:
- Shortcut: `F5`
- **Use**: Begin the presentation from the first slide.
- From Current Slide:
- **Shortcut**: `Shift + F5`
- **Use**: Start the presentation from the current slide.
- Next Slide:
- **Shortcut**: 'N' or 'Enter' or 'Page Down'
- **Use**: Move to the next slide during a presentation.
- Previous Slide:
- **Shortcut**: 'P' or 'Backspace' or 'Page Up'
- **Use**: Move to the previous slide during a presentation.
- Black Screen:
- Shortcut: `B`
- **Use**: Temporarily black out the screen during a presentation.

- White Screen:
- Shortcut: `W`
- **Use**: Temporarily white out the screen during a presentation.
- Exit Presentation:
- Shortcut: `Esc`
- **Use**: End the presentation and return to editing mode.

Advanced Features

- Slide Master:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + H, M`
- **Use**: Customize the master slide for consistent formatting.
- Custom Slide Show:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + S, C`
- **Use**: Create a custom sequence of slides for specific presentations.
- Rehearse Timings:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + P, R`
- **Use**: Practice the presentation and set automatic timings.
- Record Slide Show:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + R, S`
- **Use**: Record the entire presentation with timings and narrations.

Collaboration and Sharing

- Co-Authoring:
- **Shortcut**: `Ctrl + Shift + E`
- **Use**: Enable real-time collaboration with others.
- Comments:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + N, C`
- **Use**: Add and manage comments on slides.

- Share:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + F, S`
- **Use**: Share the presentation via email or OneDrive.

Tips and Tricks

- Quick Access Toolbar:
- **Customize**: Right-click any command and select "Add to Quick Access Toolbar."
- **Use**: Quickly access frequently used commands.
- Slide Zoom:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + S, Z`
- **Use**: Create a zoom effect to focus on specific slides or sections.
- Presenter View:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + F5`
- **Use**: Use Presenter View during a presentation for notes and slide previews.
- Smart Guides:
- Toggle: `Ctrl + G`
- **Use**: Align objects on slides with visual guides.
- Slide Notes:
- **Shortcut**: `Alt + N, N`
- **Use**: Add and view presenter notes for each slide.

Examples

- Example: Creating a Custom Slide Show:
- 1. Go to Slide Show tab.
- 2. Click Custom Slide Show.
- 3. Click New.
- 4. Select the slides you want to include.
- 5. Name the custom show and click OK.

- Example: Applying a Slide Transition:

- 1. Select the slide.
- 2. Go to Transitions tab.
- 3. Choose a transition from the gallery.
- 4. Customize the transition speed and sound if needed.

- Example: Adding an Animation:

- 1. Select the object on the slide.
- 2. Go to Animations tab.
- 3. Choose an animation from the gallery.
- 4. Use the Animation Pane to adjust the order and timing.

Summary

This cheat sheet covers essential features, shortcuts, and tips for advanced PowerPoint usage. Mastering these tools will enhance your ability to create professional and engaging presentations.

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