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### Introduction

No doubt this freeware will change your way to look at presentations. Splint will help you to unify the world of digital presentation tools with traditional analog slide projectors. Similar to the world of photography, presenters can now use the best of both mediums.

Modern business presentations are determined by use of laptop together with a powerful presentation software and a digital projector as the output medium. That is a fact. It is also fact, that the traditional (photo) slide is still the better image in terms of resolution and colour reproduction. Of course slides can be scanned and pasted into PowerPoint.

This may be sufficient if you have only a few (photo) slides to show and if top quality is not requested. Individuals who have large (photo) slides archives (hospitals, colleges, universities etc.) still go on with presenting slides the traditional way because they know about the good quality of slides. Especially here Splint will be appreciated.

### **Splint The add-in to allow Microsoft PowerPoint to control a Kodak Ektapro Slide Projector**



### What is Splint?

Splint is a Microsoft PowerPoint 97 or PowerPoint 2000 add-in which allows you to link your PowerPoint® presentation to slides in a Kodak **Ektapro** slide projector (model 40XX or higher). Once you have put your presentation together you can simultaneously show your PowerPoint screens with relevant slides from your projector.

This approach means you can use a computer-based presentation and yet still make excellent use of your legacy 35 mm slides without the need to scan and digitise them.

While you are running your PowerPoint presentation, the Splint controller appears as a narrow band at the top of the screen, and can be hidden so as not to confuse your audience.

## Requirements

- \_ Personal computer with at 486-100MHz processor or better and 16MB of RAM or better.
- \_ Available communications serial port on computer.
- \_ Windows 95, 98 or Windows NT Workstation 4.
- \_ Microsoft PowerPoint 97 or PowerPoint 2000
- \_ Kodak Ektapro projector (model 40XX or higher)
- \_ Serial cable

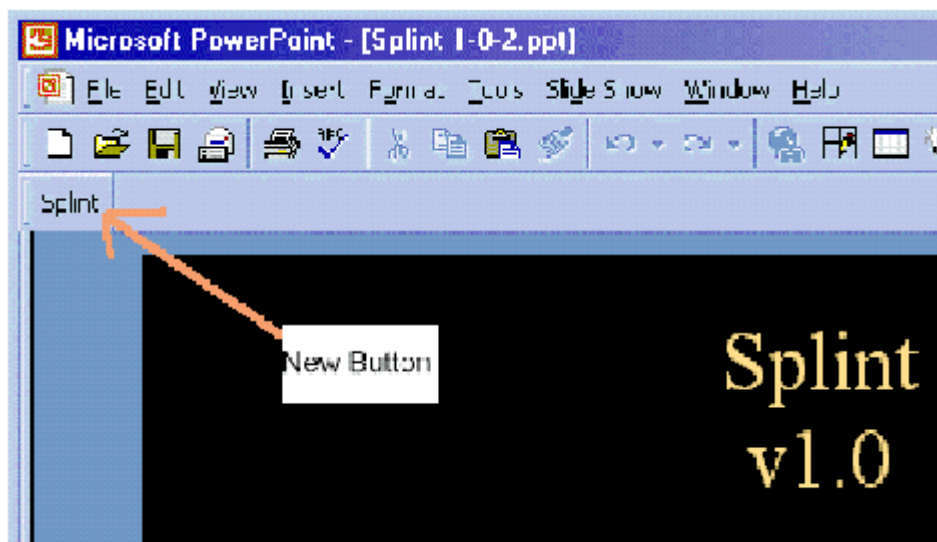
## Setting Up Splint as a PowerPoint Add-In

The standard installation installs Splint as a permanent feature of PowerPoint by including it as an "Add-In". When you open PowerPoint you should see an additional button on a toolbar, labelled simply "Splint", as in the sample screen above. With a cklick on it you will activate your PowerPoint presentation.

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## Basic Principles

Splint makes associating photo slides with PowerPoint screens very easy and flexible. Any number of photo slides (or none) can be readily associated with a PowerPoint screen, by embedding a special code - **Photo#** - in the Speaker Notes associated with each slide. Once the Splint controller is running, each time you move to a new PowerPoint screen, the controller scans the Speaker Notes for the special code and moves the Ektapro projector to the first of the associated photo slides.

Here is an example. Let us say you have typed the following text in the Speaker Notes for a particular PowerPoint screen:

**Photo# 12, 13**

When you move to this PowerPoint screen, the Kodak Ektapro projector will automatically go to photo slide 12 and project it. Advancing through the presentation using the mouse or keyboard will first project the next photo slide, slide 13. Another mouse click or keystroke will then move to the next PowerPoint screen.

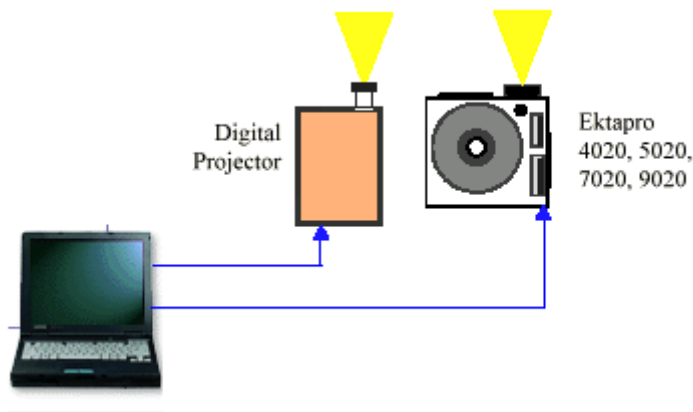
It is also possible to use animated builds in synchronisation with photo slides. For example, on a screen with animated fly-ins of each bullet point, you can associate each bullet point with a new photo slide.

Further information and all commands will be found in the manual that comes together with the macro.

## Where can you get Splint?

Note, Splint is no product of Eastman Kodak. It was written by David Grigg, a private Australian person. Splint is freeware that means it can be used without cost. You will find and download it at

<http://www.rightword.com.au/products/Splint>



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