

how not to use powerpoint

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In this entertaining video, available on YouTube, US comic Don McMillan performs a sketch about PowerPoint presentations, focusing on the most common errors of formatting, graphics and text. Some of the mistakes ridiculed in the video include: the excessive use of bullet points (the slide used to exemplify it is sublime), the unrestrained deployment of animation and the use of long-winded, illegible texts against clashing backgrounds.

Don McMillan, a one-time electrical engineer who switched to the world of showbusiness, has participated over the past decade in hundreds of corporate events. He describes himself as 'technically funny' and is the ONLY comic whose stock-in-trade is PowerPoint. By making the most of his many years in the employ of companies such as IBM and AT&T, the inimitable McMillan – inventor of so-called 'corporate comedy' – offers us an irresistible portrait of the business world from the perspective of a former employee.

Don McMillan's presentation is part of the YouTube Toastmasters channel, created by Toastmasters International, a US-based non-profit association that is committed to improving oral communication skills across the globe. The association currently has almost 220,000 members in 11,300 clubs, scattered throughout 90 countries.