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Add-In for Microsoft PowerPoint[©] Enhances Display of Voting and Timing Data



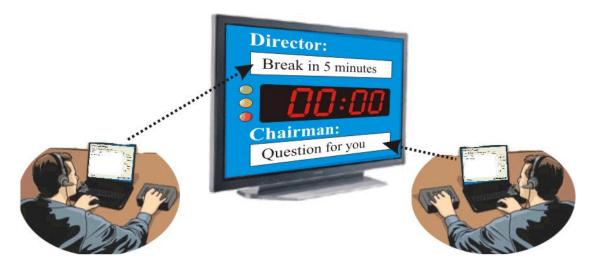
DataConnect™, is a software add-in that allows data from any DSan device to be displayed in PowerPoint. It differs from a DSan companion product, Video Clock. Whereas the time and associated bitmaps that mimic phase lights in Video Clock are displayed in a window on top of PowerPoint (or any other applications), the time data using DataConnect is embedded within a PowerPoint slide. In this way, the full design capabilities of PowerPoint can be harnessed to display the time.



(1) A text box is drawn on a PowerPoint slide. (2) Once the DataConnect add-in is loaded, a DSan menu item is displayed. From this menu, the DSan device providing the data associated with this slide object is selected. (3) Depending on the selected

device, different data is available for selection. If device Limitimer is selected, Time Remaining and Green-Yellow-Red phase lights data is available. (4) The data is provided to the PowerPoint application by a device connected via a USB dongle to the PC. Alternatively, the data can be obtained over a network. (5) A dialogue box allows the data source to be selected and the status of the connection is reported. (6) The PowerPoint slide will swap images stored on the PC in real time.

A companion application, MessageConnect is shipped with the DataConnect product. This application allows a PowerPoint slide object to be configured to display live text messages via a TCP stream from a remote computer (or from the same computer running the PowerPoint application). MessageConnect provides two text entry dialogue boxes – one for short headline-type messages and the other for longer messages that can be scrolled, line-by-line within the PowerPoint text box.



DataConnect was originally developed to provide flexibility to display voting and debate data from DSan's meeting management system, The Deliberator®

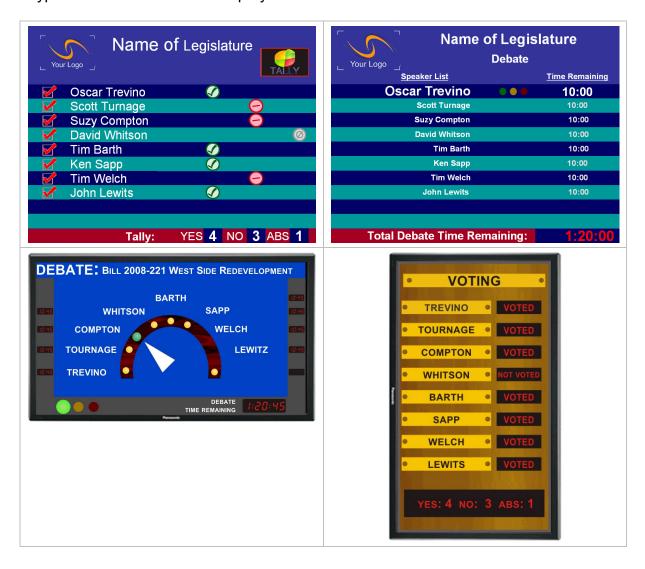
The use of PowerPoint enables screens to be formatted in a way that maximizes the font size of the names of legislative members. It also enables screens to include custom logos and graphic images.

When a solid background color is used as a chromakey, the resulting slide can be mixed with a video feed giving a professional look.





Types of screens that can display data from The Deliberator in PowerPoint



MSRP: \$385 (Includes RS422-USB dongle).

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