



What's New in Unity XP for Worldwide when Upgrading from XPr

Multi-platform Support

Unity now supports Reply Worldwide, Standard Reply, and Reply EZ hardware systems, and allows simultaneous usage of any of these systems (each on its own port) up to a maximum of 3750 keypads.

Two New Slide Types

There is now a 'Review' slide and a 'Demographic Filter' slide. Like the 'Compare Two' slide they allow you to display data in your presentation that until now, you had to do on-the-fly.

'Review' simply reviews the results of another slide. Often times, you will have a series of slides that you want to present but you do not want to show the results of those slides just yet. Now, you can insert a Review slide (or a series of Review slides) exactly where you do want to show those results. This can help reduce operator error during the presentation since a simple 'Spacebar' is used to bring up each Review.

The 'Demographic Filter' works in the same way. If you need to repeatedly filter slides by a given demographic, you can set it up before hand and simply spacebar through the presentation.

These two slide types are especially handy if you are both the presenter and the audience response technician, since you can now click through a complex presentation without returning to the keyboard.

Save as PDF

From the 'File' menu, you can now save most reports and all slide files as PDF documents. This makes the job of emailing presentation files and reports a snap.

Larger Results Screen Text

In addition to 'Same Aspect' there is now a '2/3' setting for Results Screen text. When checked, the default text size is 2/3 the size of Polling Screen text, substantially larger than before. This should save time in adjusting text sizes.

More Choices on Playing Movies

Until now, movies started immediately when the slide is presented. Now though, to have them start automatically, you need to check 'Movie / Music Autoplay' on the Presentation Setup Options tab. With this unchecked, movies will not start automatically and neither will your music. To play either, press the 'M' key or pop up the menu.

Demographic and Priority Slide Labels

When you change demographic group names or priority item names (using the edit button) you will now be prompted whether you want to replace 'text box number 2'. Most often, these labels are in text box number two, and by choosing 'replace' you avoid a duplicate box and ensure synchronization between the two.

You also have the option of making the change in text box number two and updating labels by selecting edit and then the 'Reset' button.

Re-Vote

From your Home Page you can now overwrite the data for a previously asked question. A common use for re-voting is to replace demographic questions because a significant number of people entered the meeting late and now wish to be included in your demographic groups. Care should be taken as this action can not be reversed.

Advanced Priority Slide

The Priority slide, used for forced ranking, can now use a custom weight per round. In prior versions, the first round of voting was worth ten points, the second round was worth 9, and so on down to one point.

In this version you can make a first choice much more important than a second choice by assigning round one 100 points and round two 25 points, for example. The maximum number of points per round is 100.

Graph Data Options

You can now display the number of votes received instead of the percent of votes received, both in the presentation and in presentation file editing. You will find this option on the "Presentation Setup Form" - Options tab and in edit mode on the View menu.

Show Non-Voting Keypads - Enhanced

Since each base station is now designated by a letter (A through O) you can now display non-voting keypads on a given base station. The default view is for all base stations but pressing the keyboard A through O displays non-voting keypads on the corresponding base station.

Turn off Autosave

With a presentation open for editing, you can now disable autosave.

Improved 'View Display Screen' Functions

From the Presentation Setup Form, when you view the display screen, you can now set the location of the status box by pressing CTRL+ any arrow key. When you save your Quick File, the status box location will be saved as well.

Also, while viewing the display screen you can resize it using the minus and plus keys. If it is smaller than your full screen, you can move it by using the arrow keys. The 'Home' key and 'End' key will toggle between placing the status box on the smaller display window versus the larger screen display.

Greater 'Range To Poll' Control

In a either single or multiple system environment, you can set a specific range (or ranges) of keypads to poll. In the past, you could only set a range if you used one base station. And even then, it was one range only.

For example, you can now configure your system to poll: 1-150 on base station A, 50-175 on base station B, and 1-110 plus 200-240 on base station C. This becomes important when you have blocks of keypads that are not on-site and then need to show keypads that have not yet voted on a given question.

It is also important to overall polling speed. Now, if you used 4 systems and each used keypads 1-50, your polling speed would be .5 seconds rather than a full 3 seconds as it used to be.

Easy Replace of Pictures & Movies

If you have spent some time positioning a picture or movie exactly and at the last minute need to change the picture or movie, you can now right click it and choose a new source.

Presentation File Save with Keyboard CTRL+S

With a presentation file open, the standard key combination of CTRL+S saves your file.

Test Keypads - Configurable

On a base station by base station basis, you can now specify one or more ranges of keypads to poll and therefore to test. This allows you to easily discard entire groups of keypads that may not be on site, and limits the keypad ranges that would be displayed using the 'Show Non-Voting keypads' function in the presentation.

It is also possible to remove from the 'live' group of keypads, any keypads that did not successfully vote during the keypad test. This ensures that during the presentation, you poll only those keypads that are present and working correctly.

Call List Functionality Has Changed

In the past, users could request a 'Call On Me' by pressing the '10' key while the system Call List was open. Now, Worldwide users can signal that they have a question, or signal a comment, or cancel their request using the keypad's soft-keys. See 'Call List' in the Advanced Features Section for more.

Upgrading from ComTec 2000

If you are upgrading from ComTec 2000 the following features are also new for you.

- You can now Resize the Presentation Screen. This allows you to run the presentation in a small window if you would like, so that it appears to be a box floating on top of PowerPoint, Word, the Internet, or any other program. It is also quite useful if you need to shrink your image slightly to fit on a meeting room screen.
- The slide sorter now offers drag and drop functionality. This substantially speeds the task of moving, deleting, and globally changing large groups of slides.
- In Synthesis, the Demographic Standings screen, and Individual Standings screen are now fully customizable. So, you can size the graph as you would like, sort the groups or not, add a title, add a picture, and assign music, giving you all of the capability that before you could only get by creating a Team file.
- You can now change bar colors on a slide-by-slide basis without using a custom layout.
- A new feature called 'Same Aspect' sets the text on your Results Screen to the same exact size as the Polling Screen. So during the presentation, since both screens are identical, when you display results the graph seems to simply 'appear' on the lower half of the screen.
- In the past, doing a quick and easy impromptu question meant settling for a 'Please Respond Now' polling screen. With XPr, you can add a text box thereby allowing you to enter meaningful question text and to save time in having to add it later.
- All standard Presentation screens (Home, Custom Impromptu, Team Standings, Opening Message and Ending Message) now allow you to add a picture and to assign music. So if you need to play a pre-recorded announcement (e.g., 'Your Attention Please') or sound effect (e.g., ringing bell) simply go Home, and press M.
- Weighted Voting is now available in Unity. Using the Roster file, you can assign any keypad anywhere from 1 to 10,000 votes.
- A 'Call On Me' capability is available from the Home Page. Simply open the 'Call List' and instruct the audience to press the number 10 on their keypad if they have a question or comment.
- Slides can now have up to 99 text boxes
- Both Unity and Synthesis now play Microsoft's newest super quality multimedia format, Video 9. So you can take your high quality DV video, convert it to highly compressed *.wmv (using the free Windows Encoder 9 download) and play it with ease in your interactive presentation.
- Flash is here. Yes, XPr now plays Macromedia Shockwave Flash (*.swf) movies. This popular format is widely used for animations, and training videos. To place a flash movie on a slide, simply choose 'Insert a Movie', browse for the file and select it. There is no special coding or formatting required.