

Get Feedback v2.6

(Release Notes)

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Introduction

Get Feedback v2.6 is the most recent and significant software update Meridia will start providing its clients with starting on January 1st, 2012. It addresses several bugs reported by our users, as well as improvements in the user interface, the API and overall functionality.

The most important underlying change was the implementation of our new, much faster API. All users should benefit from speedier vote collection and improved handling of the USB and Ethernet connection. There have been many other enhancements that will resolve existing issues, or enhance the way the users are interacting with the software. Let's take a look at the list of what's new in this release.

We hope that you'll enjoy using the new version of our software, and as always, we will be happy to hear your feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact us at support@meridiaars.com with any comments on the new version of the software, or suggestions that we can implement in the next one.

Your Meridia Audience Response Development Team

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What's New

- **New:** Installation graphics, logo and some icons (due to new functionality)
- **New:** Convert to GF Slide. User can convert a regular PPT slide into an interactive Get Feedback slide
- **New:** Option to turn off the startup splash screen (via Personal Default Settings)
- **New:** Option to use any number of Simulated Votes (via Personal Default Settings)
- **New:** Export setting to "Save PPT file", "Save PPT and CSV reports", and "Save PPT, CSV reports and close". Export only occurs when passing through the 'black' screen at the end of a PowerPoint presentation. CSV reports generated: All Data Report and Graded Results Report
- **New:** 'On-the-fly' slides (Team Score, Individual Score, Fastest Finger, Filter and Comparison) retain custom modification to slide layout
- **New:** API improves handling of USB receiver and issues with initialization of the USB receiver
- **New:** Added more colors to grid settings
- **New:** Added an option to show the graph in 2D (via Settings)
- **New:** Escape key (ESC) closes all dialogs
- **New:** All settings dialogs are resizable
- **New:** Ethernet receiver IP address is remembered until manually removed
- **New:** Multiple Ethernet bases can be listed and user can enable them manually
- **New:** Get Feedback does not search for IP address upon start up (prevents time out)
- **New:** Enter key confirms the IP address after typing
- **New:** Copy, cut & paste IP addresses
- **New:** AutoUpdate feature. GF users will now be notified of new updates, or check for updates manually
- **New:** Convert Slide feature added (creates a new GF slide from a non-ARS PowerPoint slide)
- **New:** Get Feedback now installs from a single executable file
- **New:** Drivers are included in the installation package and will be installed prior to connecting the base
- **New:** Get Feedback now detects an earlier version of the software and updates automatically in one step
- **New:** Clear Responses procedure now repairs a presentation where slide inconsistencies have been detected
- **Improved:** Redesigned and vastly improved bar and text alignment. Works with Convert to GF Slide, too.
- **Improved:** When question is deleted, the content of the slides is properly updated
- **Improved:** Participant List CSV file import with close-ended descriptors works more intelligently
- **Improved:** GF now checks for inconsistencies and can fix 'broken' ARS slides using Clear Responses process
- **Improved:** Recognition of the application name in Add/Remove Programs or Programs and Features section
- **Improved:** Grid color settings are reflected within the Response Grid object properly (correct vs. incorrect). The colors are applied AFTER polling is closed, to prevent revealing correct answer during polling
- **Improved:** When copying & pasting slides, the correct answer and points are now being transferred correctly
- **Improved:** Custom user settings are now preserved when updating the software
- **Fixed:** Get Feedback (PowerPoint) prompts to save a blank file when closing the PowerPoint window
- **Fixed:** Issue when ARS objects cannot be inserted
- **Fixed:** Comparing Responses slide showing 0% on all answer choices
- **Fixed:** Certain occurrences of PowerPoint application entering into "Not Responding" mode
- **Fixed:** ARS objects cannot be inserted if more than one presentation is opened side by side
- **Fixed:** Issue when (Results by Question) reports cannot be generated even when data is recorded in the presentation
- **Fixed:** URL in Help → Get Feedback Online
- **Fixed:** Changing open-ended descriptors to close-ended descriptors clears their values
- **Fixed:** Chart bars showing disproportionate lengths when percentages are close to each other
- **Fixed:** Filter slide produces multiple unwanted answer choices
- **Fixed:** Filtered Results report produced incorrect/incomplete data set. Fixed report's layout issue
- **Fixed:** Some reports produced text different from the one on the slide
- **Fixed:** Team Score slide produced incorrect calculations
- **Fixed:** Control Bar shows before an actual ARS slide (due to Slide Transition effect put in place via PowerPoint)

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Software Enhancements

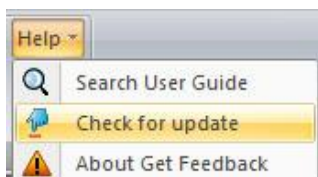
We continuously capture and remedy bugs reported by our internal testers, clients who signed-up for our Beta test program and all other customers who bought a Get Feedback system. If you would like to become a Beta-tester for Meridia, please send an email to beta@meridiaars.com.

Highlights of New Features

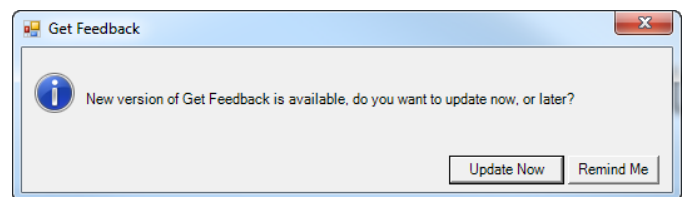
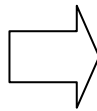
The following section highlights the most significant improvements in the Get Feedback v2.6 release:

AUTOUPDATE FEATURE

The AutoUpdate feature will automatically check for the most recent version of the software every 30 days, or you can use the "Check for update" link under the Help menu.

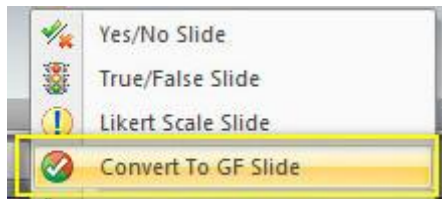


When a new version of the software is found, you can download it immediately, or postpone the AutoUpdate prompt for another 30 days.



CONVERT TO GF SLIDE FEATURE

User can convert an existing PowerPoint® slide to a fully-interactive Get Feedback slide using a single button in the Insert Get Feedback Slide menu.



Using the Convert to GF Slide command, a new slide is inserted and is ready to be used with the wireless clickers.

