

Setting Reading Order in Microsoft PowerPoint

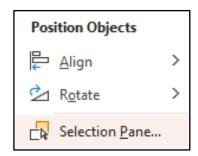
Review the order of objects in the slide.

Step

1

Activate the **Selection Pane** by selecting the **Home** ribbon, selecting **Arrange** under the **Drawing** group, and selecting **Selection Pane** from the dropdown menu.

Note: If you use a screen reader, you do not need to activate the Selection Pane.



Step

2

In the **Selection Pane** on the right, review the reading order of the slide elements. Note that the reading order moves from bottom to top in this list, so the first item to be read should be at the bottom, with the last to be read at the top.

OR

Press **TAB** to move through the slide objects and review their reading order.



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To re-order objects, select the object on the slide or in the **Selection Pane** and select the **up** or **down arrows** near the top right of the **Selection Pane**.

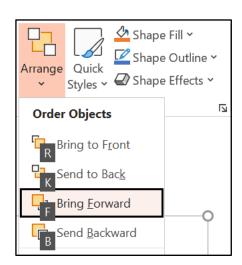
OR

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Select the object in the slide view, select the **Home** ribbon, and select **Bring Forward** or **Send Backward**.

OR

Press SHIFT + F10 to open the context menu on the selected item. Use the ARROW keys to navigate to the Bring to Front or Send to Back item and press ENTER to open the submenu. Use the ARROW keys to navigate to Bring Forward or Move Backward and press ENTER to select.



Step

Check the **Selection Pane** on the right to confirm that the correct reading order (bottom to top) has been applied.

OR

Press **TAB** to move through the objects on the slide to confirm that the correct reading order has been applied.



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