Progress Dots Version 1.1.64b as of 2017-05-31

I had to create a good looking PowerPoint presentation. Fine. I was looking for a nice way to show the progress through the presentation to the viewers. This way I found Edward Loper *Progress Dots* webpage
(http://ed.loper.org/projects/progress_dots/).

I am using Windows 10 64bit with Office 2016 64bit.

Edwards page stated the macro would crash office x – but it did not crash my office.

Nevertheless the macro needed quite a makeover. Further searching brought me to Adam Wilsons github version of the above macro (https://github.com/adammwilson/progress_dots). This macro did not either.

Back to the drawing board.

I checked out the VBA code and found some missing references (probably because of 64bit and/or old office versions).

I removed those and – here comes the news – updated the seemingly uncompleted form from Edward to a just perfectly running version. Just look at the images.

When you click on the macro button *Create* now, the form from the images pops up and offers very simple adjustment options for the progress dots.

Tab/image *Spacing* shows, that you can easily adjust the left, right and top margin of the dots. I added a slider to change the spacing between sections in an easy way. Next to the slider a value is show, so that you are able to replicate the settings later again.
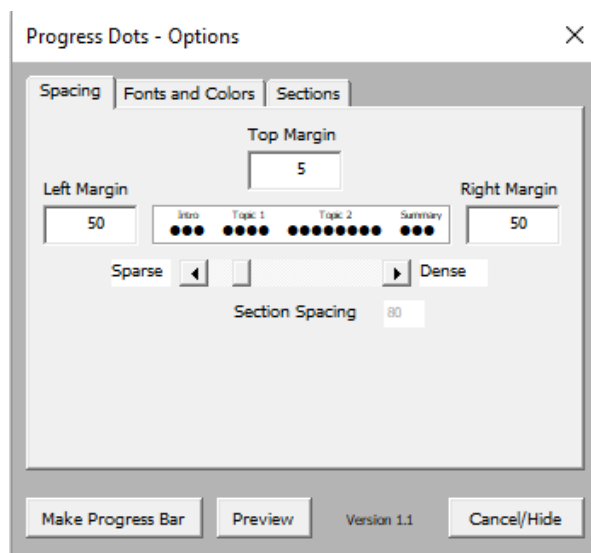
Tab *Fonts and Colors* has been reworked and improved: A slider for the dot size (with a text value for later reproduction). On the left and right, you can change the colors of the (un)seen dots now easily and you get direct visual feedback: The corresponding labels are colored accordingly. Further, you can use a button to either load base fonts or all fonts installed on your machine. A preview of the font is shown below.

In the third tab *Sections* you can now remove sections by simply selecting those and clicking the remove button!
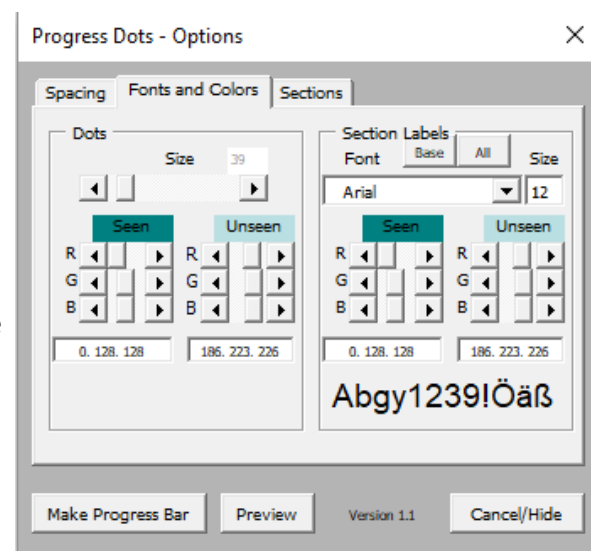
Last but not least I added (mouse-over) help for many elements as well as error handling to the VBA code – and of course, all buttons work and no error message pops up anymore.

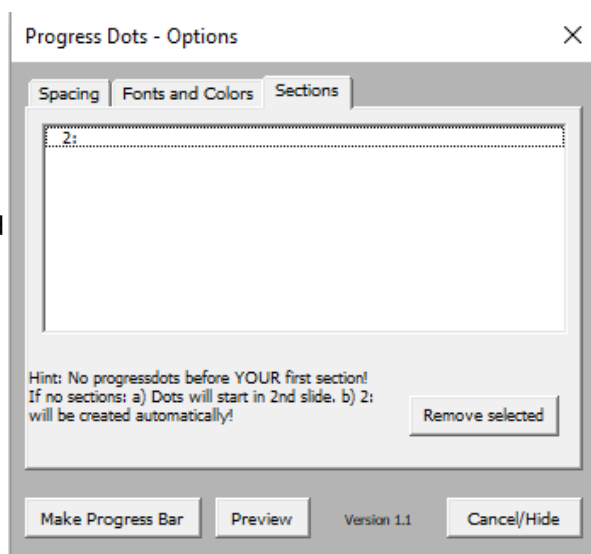Tested on Windows 64bit with Office 2016 64bit and Windows 7 and Office 2010 32bit.

Take care and share. Olaf Nöhring, http://www.datenbank-projekt.de

Spacing

Fonts and Colors

Sections