



## Introduction

It has never been possible to animate tables directly in PowerPoint. Most workarounds involve destroying the table making further edits difficult or impossible.

We believe that the best workaround is to create “cover shapes” that hide the table content and then animate them to exit. This works well but is very time consuming.

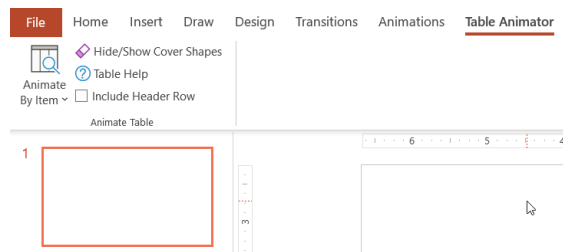
This Add in simply automates the process.

## Requirements

The Add In is designed to work on Desktop PC versions from 2007. It does not work on a Mac or online based versions.

## How to Install

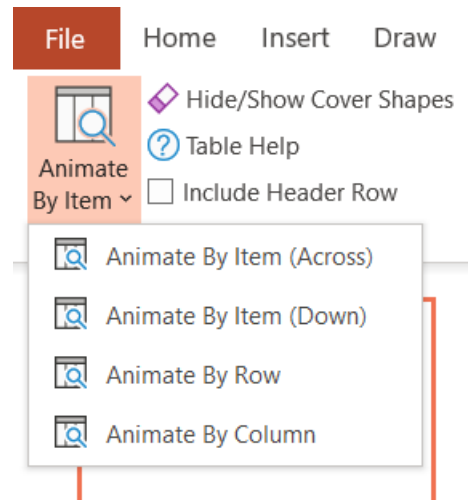
With PowerPoint CLOSED run the install file Tabler.msi. The Add In will install and register itself and when PowerPoint is next opened and there should be a new group in the TABLE ANIMATOR tab.



This contains all the controls required to work with the Add In.

## How to Use

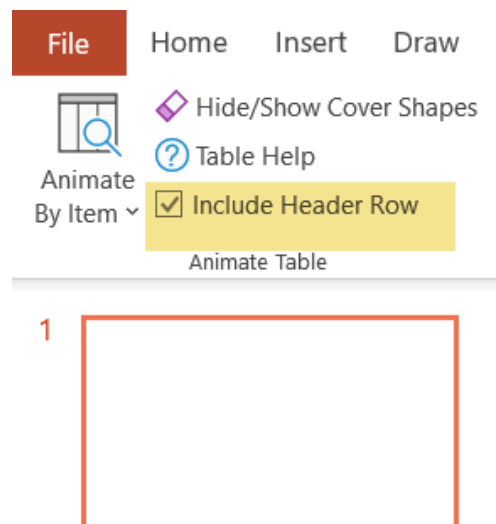
Create your table in the normal way. SELECT it and choose one of the four options from the ‘Animate by Item’ Menu.



Cover shapes are automatically created and animated. Run the Slide Show to see how this works.

If you need to edit the table, the cover shapes can be removed by selecting either the table or one of the covers and clicking ‘Hide / Show Cover Shapes’. Once the edit is complete click the ‘Hide / Show’ button again to show the animated covers.

By default the Header Row is not animated. If you would like it to be included tick the box ‘Include Header Row’.



## Known Limitations and Restrictions

### Merged cells.

Microsoft provides no way to detect merged cells in the table code object model. Table Animator includes algorithms which will usually detect and account for most merged cells. This is, however, NOT foolproof. Some features may be unavailable e.g. 'Animate By Column' may not work if columns are not all the same size because of merging.

### Non Standard Cell fill

The Add In does not support Gradient, Picture, Pattern and Texture fills. The covers will be created but will not reflect the actual cell fill. You may be able to manually modify the cover shapes to give a more accurate effect but this is not simple.

If the table has cells with no fill then it may sometimes fail to create suitable cover shapes. Best practice is to have a solid fill.

## Some Hints and Tips

If you delete a table leaving behind orphaned cover shapes., select one shape and choose Show / Hide Cover Shapes. This will remove all shapes that were associated with the deleted table. Cover shapes from other tables will not be deleted.