

## Sheet1

### Presentation Graphics Software for Windows

The presentation graphics software packages that met the requirements for the PC/Computing 200 are Windows applications with a full complement of presentation features: They can create a wide variety of both text charts and graphs; create slides that can be sent a service bureau for conversion to 35mm slides; and create and display screen-show presentations.

#### Product

Harvard Graphics for Windows  
Software Publishing Corp.  
3165 Kifer Rd.  
Santa Clara, CA 95051  
(408) 986-8000  
Price: \$595

Persuasion 2.1  
Aldus Corp.  
411 First Ave. South  
Seattle, WA 98104-2871  
(206) 628-2320  
Price: \$495

Lotus Freelance Graphics  
for Windows  
Lotus Development Corp.  
55 Cambridge Pkwy.  
Cambridge, MA 02142  
(617) 577-8500  
Price: \$495

Claris Hollywood  
Claris Corp.  
5201 Patrick Henry Dr.  
Santa Clara, CA 95052  
(408) 727-8227  
Price: \$499

Evaluation	Score
<p>Harvard Graphics for Windows, our top pick, is as much an analytical tool as a presentation package. It's also an industrial-strength charting package clearly the product of choice for people who present many charts. It's a great tool for what-if analyses because it can launch other applications from within a slide show, and its ability to branch from one slide to two or more other slides lets you take a presentation in several directions.</p>	88
<p>Aldus Persuasion, a pioneer in Windows-based presentations, introduced many of the ideas on which other presentation packages are based. This full-featured program is based on an outliner in which you sketch your ideas; Persuasion 2.1 then turns the outline into visuals. It offers a rare combination of ease of use and visual power.</p>	86.20
<p>Scores alone don't tell the whole story of Lotus Freelance Graphics for Windows. This exceptional presentation package includes the most beautifully designed templates of any program on the market. Freelance lets you quickly create polished, professional presentations. It lacks a few features (including a hotlink to Excel and an org-chart module) that we used in our presentation software testing script, but that shouldn't prevent you from considering this package especially if you want to create presentations quickly.</p>	85.90
<p>Claris Hollywood is a complete presentation program that includes an outliner, attractive templates, a variety of chart options, and a screen-show runtime module. The program's Achilles' heel is its interface, but Claris recently purchased the marketing and development rights from IBM and plans an upgrade that will improve the interface.</p>	74.20