

# Become a Microsoft Office Ribbon Hero!

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The screenshot shows the Microsoft Office Labs website for the 'Ribbon Hero' project. At the top left is the Microsoft Office Labs logo with the tagline 'Explore. Experiment. Discuss.' Below this is a search bar. On the left side, there are navigation links for 'PROJECTS' (with sub-links for 'concept tests', 'grassroots', and 'envisioning'), 'BLOG', and 'ABOUT'. The main heading is 'Ribbon Hero'. Below the heading is a descriptive paragraph: 'Ribbon Hero is a game for Word, PowerPoint, and Excel 2007 and 2010, designed to help you boost your Office skills and knowledge. Play games (aka "challenges"), score points, and compete with your friends while improving your productivity with Office. As a **concept test**, this add-in is not supported, but is an opportunity for you to try out an idea we are working on and let us know what you think. For additional challenges and the opportunity to earn more points, download [Office 2010 Beta](#).' To the right of the description is a star rating of five stars and the text 'TRY IT / SHARE IT'. Below this, it says 'Downloaded: 50,962 times' and 'Shared: 743 times'. Further down, there are three video thumbnails with descriptions: 'Doug with Office Casual gives a great overview of Ribbon Hero along with some pointers on how to stay ahead of your competition.', 'Check out additional instructions on how to use Ribbon Hero to earn points while learning new ways to get your work done faster.', and 'Expand your Ribbon Hero experience by sharing and comparing your success with your Facebook friends.' At the bottom right, there is a box titled 'IN THE NEWS' with a link to 'Microsoft Ribbon Hero: A Microsoft Technet Word Blog'.

Learn Microsoft Office by playing games? Now there's an idea, from Microsoft Office Labs, a free download. (You do need Office 2007 onwards though...) Thanks to Rob Englebright for bringing this to my attention on the ever excellent ILT champs mailing list.

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