

Blackboard Focused Workshop Using Images and Multimedia with a Course

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Adding a Banner

1. Click on **Control Panel**.
2. Click the **Course Design** link in the *Course Options area* of the Control Panel.
3. Click the **Course Banner** link.
4. Click the **Browse** button beside the **New Banner** field to view your file management system and locate the banner file (in .jpeg or .gif format) that you wish to upload. When finished click Submit.

The Text Box Editor

Compatibility

The text box editor is only available on Windows computers using Internet Explorer version 5 or later.

Java

Before you can use the text box editor, you must make sure you have the latest version of Java installed on your computer. To install the latest version Java go to <http://www.java.com> and follow the instructions on the website.

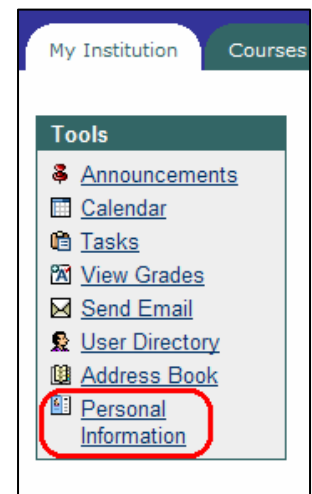
Enabling the editor

To use the text box editor you must turn it on by clicking on the **Personal Information** button in the Tools section of the My Institution tab. Then click on **Set Text Box Editor Options**. Click the button next to "Available" and click submit. This will enable the text box editor for your use in all of your Blackboard Courses.

Using the editor

You can use the text box editor just as you would a word processor (like Microsoft Word®), but because it is creating HTML there are a few key differences:

- Blackboard uses the HTML font scale from 1 to 7 where 3 is the default font size.
- You will not get the same list of fonts as you do when you use other applications on your computer. Blackboard only lists fonts that are common to the majority of computers.
- While editing pressing the enter key creates a new paragraph (double-space). If you want a single space use **Shift-Enter**.



Once you have added the text you want you can use the **Preview** button to see how it will look in Blackboard. If you notice any errors, you can then go back and correct them.

A very useful feature of the text box editor is the ability to copy & paste from Microsoft Word or Excel® while retaining the formatting.

Image Resources

CIRT's Sources for Multimedia: <http://www.unf.edu/dept/cirt/links/multimedia.htm>

Learning Objects:

MERLOT: <http://www.merlot.org/>

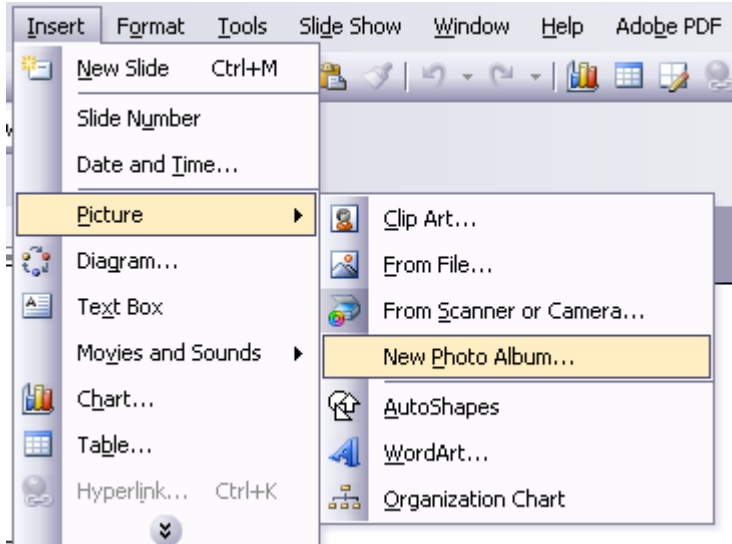
Orange Grove: <http://www.theorangegrove.org/index.asp>

ConceptTutor: <http://engage.doit.wisc.edu/tools/ConceptTutor/>

QuizImage: <http://engage.doit.wisc.edu/tools/QuizImage/>

Creating Web Galleries

1. Open a new presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint®.
2. Click **Insert** → **Picture** → **New Photo Album**.



3. When the Photo Album wizard appears, click the **File/Disk** button.



4. Browse to the folder containing the slideshow source images.
5. To select all the images in the folder use the **Ctrl-A** keyboard shortcut, then click the **Insert** button.
6. Review the settings, and then click the **Create** button.
7. Instructions for publishing a PowerPoint® presentation to Blackboard are provided in section VI.



Saving a PowerPoint as a Website

A Blackboard Learning Services Tip Sheet

Introduction Saving a PowerPoint presentation in HTML format has two advantages. First, a web page is much faster for students to download than a .ppt file. Second, students can access the presentation without having Microsoft PowerPoint or PowerPoint Viewer installed on their computers.

This tip sheet is designed for Instructors who will be building and teaching courses with the *Blackboard Learning System*.

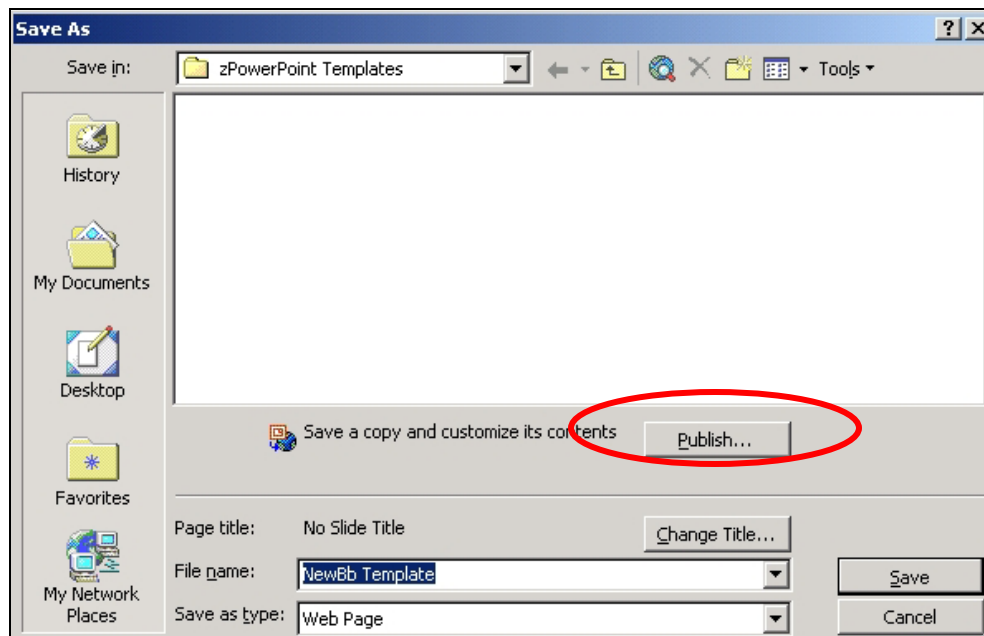


Note: Concepts introduced in this tip sheet are continued in another document: "[Importing a Website](#) into Blackboard."

Saving, Publishing the Presentation

Procedure: To save then publish the presentation, perform the following steps:

1. Open your presentation, and Click **File** then select **Save as Web Page** (available in Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 or higher)

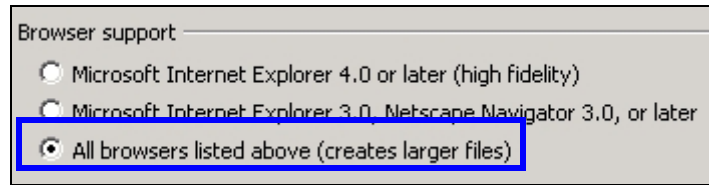


➤ Save As dialog box appears.

2. Click **Publish**.

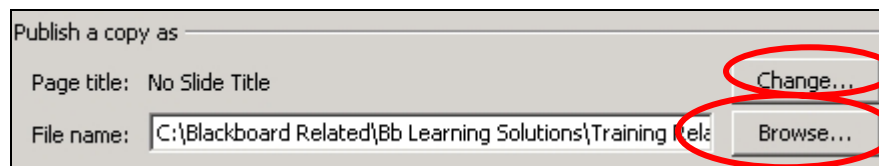
➤ **Publish as Web Page** dialog box appears.

3. Under **Browser support**, choose **All browsers listed above**



Note: This ensures the widest possible audience will be able to view your presentation.

4. Under **Publish a copy as**, click **Browse** to specify the location where you would like to save your presentation.



➤ The **Publish as** dialog box appears.

5. Select the desired location to save presentation, then click **Ok**.



Note: In this example, we are saving the presentation to a folder called “MyWebsite” on the computer’s desktop.

6. When you return to the “Publish as Web Page” option screen, click **Publish** to publish the presentation as a web site.



Note: The elapsed time will depend on the overall size and number of slides in your original Microsoft PowerPoint presentation.

7. Locate the folder (in this case, the folder “MyWebsite” appears on the computer’s desktop) where you saved your presentation. The folder now contains two items: a file, and another folder.

Microsoft PowerPoint creates these items automatically when you use the Save as Web Page option. The file, My Presentation, is an .html file. The folder contains all of the images and other files that make up all of the individual slides in the presentation.



Note: While you are still on this screen, you may want to write down the name of the .html file; you will need to refer to it later!

“Zipping” Your File

About File Compression

In order to maintain the integrity of your presentation, the Web Site that you just created needs to be compressed in one of these formats: zip, gzip, or tar. The tar and gzip formats are primarily used only on UNIX or Linux computers. The zip format is standard on all Microsoft Windows computers and can also be used on Apple Macintosh computers. We will only deal with the zip format here.

The procedure for creating the zip archive file will vary slightly depending upon the compression utility that you choose. WinZip (for Windows users) and StuffIt (for Macintosh users) are popular, but there are other freeware and shareware programs available as well. Refer to the documentation for your compression utility to learn how to operate that particular program. Whichever program you choose, make sure that:

- the compression tool retains the directory structure
- the compression tool saves to the .zip format

After you have selected the compression utility that suits your needs and set the options, compress the entire directory that contains the Web site you wish to incorporate into Blackboard. This should result in a single file with a name that ends in .zip.



Note: This process is very simple for WinZip users. When WinZip is installed, it adds commands to the context-sensitive menus (the menus that pop-up when you right-click on something). If you are using WinZip, follow these steps to create the zip archive that contains your Web site:

Step 1: Right-click on the folder containing your Web site

Step 2: Select "Add to filename.zip" where filename is the name of the folder.

Additional Reference Materials

To add this presentation into a Blackboard course, follow the directions for:

- [Importing a Website into Blackboard](#)

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