



Using WebBlender

Students can use WebBlender to create a web site or a presentation that can be viewed with a browser like Safari or Firefox. Create each page, add text and graphics, and link them together! It is appropriate for any grade level.

Why should I use WebBlender with my students?

Danbury Learning Guide Objectives:

- **Use appropriate technologies to create written, visual, oral and multimedia products to communicate ideas, information or conclusions to others**

Initial Understanding

Understand strengths and weaknesses of various media formats in creating a presentation

Making Connections

Construct slide shows, multimedia presentations, web pages, spreadsheets, databases to communicate ideas or data and present conclusions

Create and use digital images in presentations

Critical Stance

Determine the most appropriate technology and format to present information and new knowledge

Create and share clear and meaningful presentations that communicate information and new knowledge appropriate for a specific audience

Need more help?

Find more specific step-by-step directions at www.myt4l.com. (click on Snacks > WebBlender)

Tips:

1. Remember that the purpose of the web page/presentation is for students to present what they have learned. A list of facts does not demonstrate critical stance as required by the Learning Guide. It must include the student's thinking/understanding of the topic.
2. Students should create a simple storyboard prior to working in WebBlender that includes the text and suggested images. Let them decide what goes on which page. The sequence of the content should be up to the student.
3. Create all the pages and add the text before adding images. Students get caught up in the way it looks rather than the content and won't get finished.
4. Set a time limit for the project and stick to it. Students will play with what it looks like forever! They should be able to finish 2 to 3 pages each lab period.
5. Be patient! WebBlender is slow to respond to a command like inserting a picture. Click then wait!
6. Don't link the pages until the end. They may move the sequence of pages and the links will be wrong. It is easiest to do them all at the same time.
7. If the teacher wants to share images from the digital camera, export them out of iPhoto (don't just drag) and put them in the Take Out folder. Students can import them from the folder to the WebBlender page.
8. SAVE often!



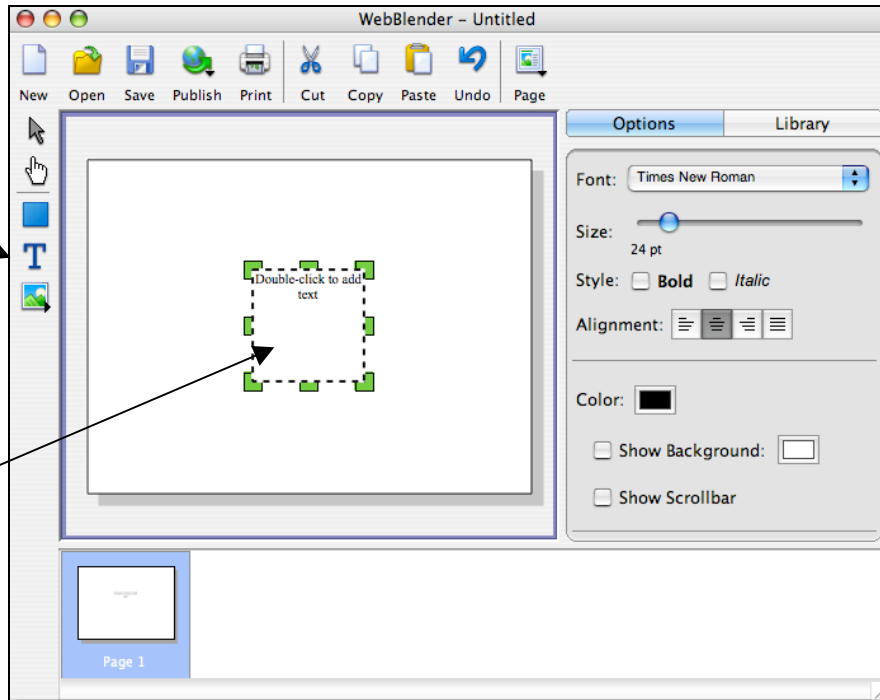
WebBlender

Open WebBlender from the Dock -A new page will appear.

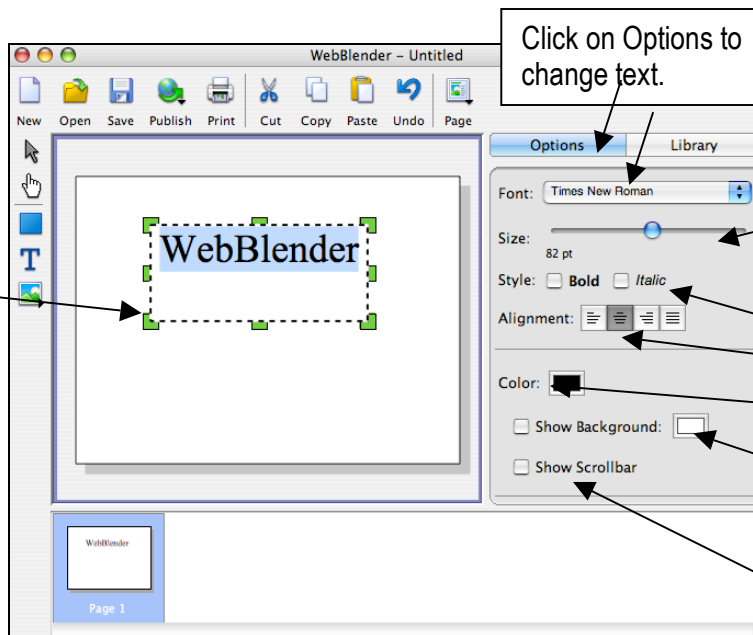
Add Text:

Click on Text tool to make a text box.

Double click in the text box and type text.



Tip:
Make the text box larger before you change the size of the text.
Drag the handles to make the text box larger.



Click on Options to change text.

Highlight the text

Change the font

Move the size bar to change text size

Change font style

Center text

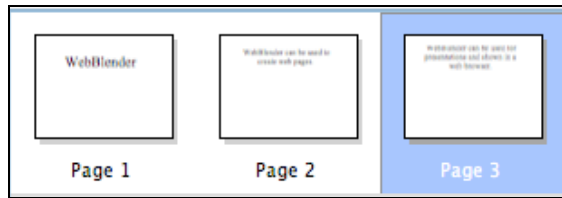
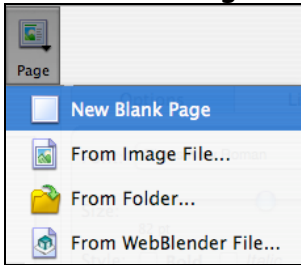
Text Color

Add color to the background of the text box.

Show a scrollbar to scroll text.

Add New Page:

Click on the Page Icon in the Toolbar and select New Blank page:



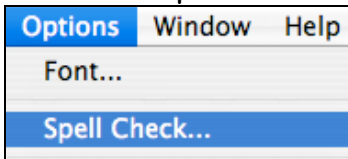
You will see new pages in the storyboard.

Continue to add pages and text as needed.

SAVE

Check Spelling

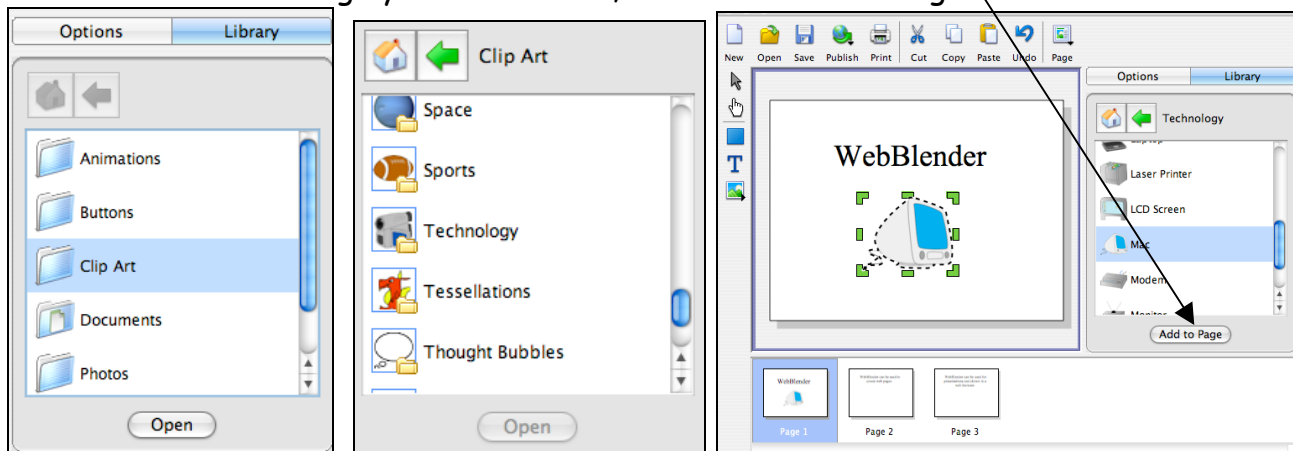
From the Options Menu, select Spell check



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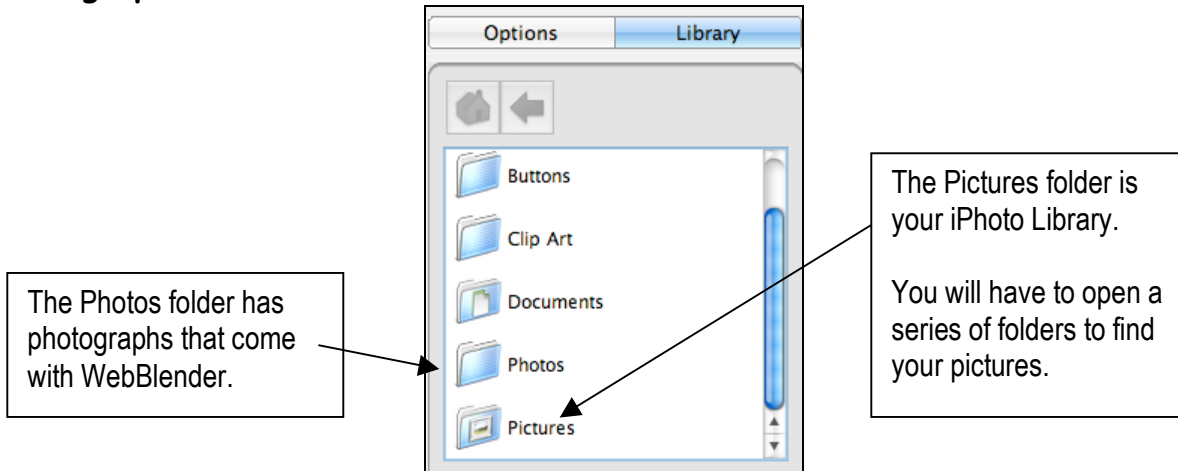
Add Images from the Clip Art

- Click on the Library Tab > Clip Art > topic of choice > image
- Click on the image you want to use, then click Add to Page

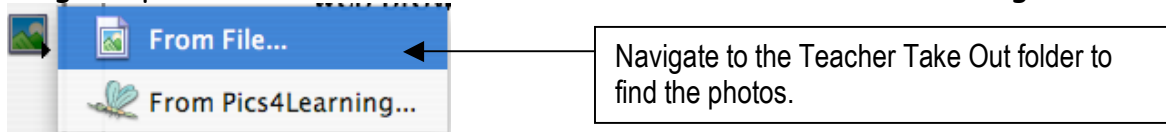


- To go back to find other images, use the back arrow
- You can move the image with a click and drag.
- Resize the image by dragging the handles around the image.

Add Photographs

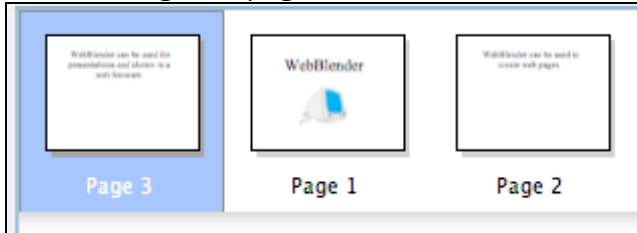


To get a photo from the Teacher Take Out folder use the Add Image button:



To Change the order of the pages:

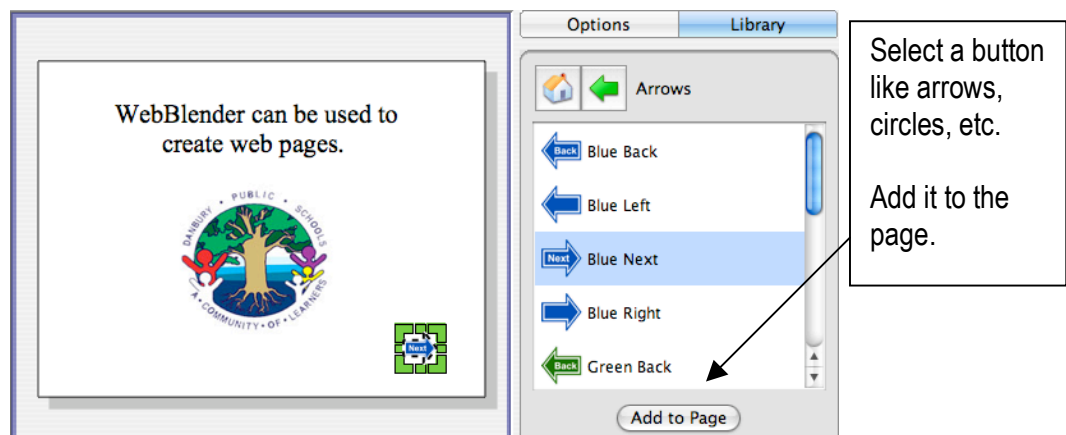
- Click and drag the page icons to a new location.



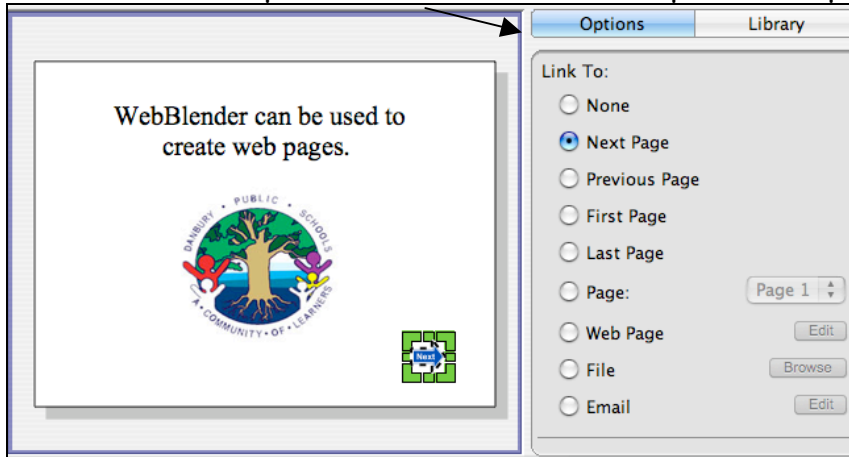
You can rename the pages if you wish. From the Options Menu, select Edit Page Title. Select the page and type a new title.

Create Links:

- Links to other pages can be clip art from the Buttons folder, images, or text.



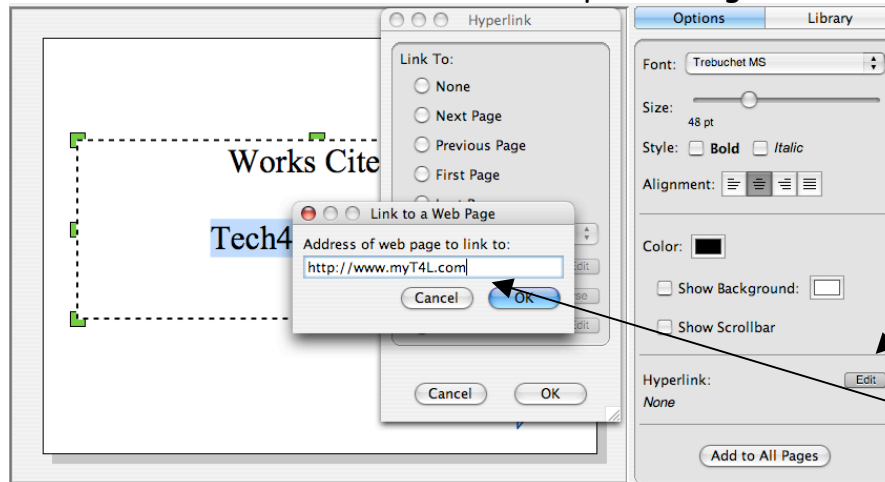
- Click on the Options Tab to see the link options for pages within the web site:



Choose a link option to complete the link.

Usually the link is to the Next Page, but you can put more than one link on a page and the viewer can then choose which link to take.

- Links to the Internet can also be clip art, images, or text:



Highlight the text that will be the link.

Click Edit in the Hyperlink area.

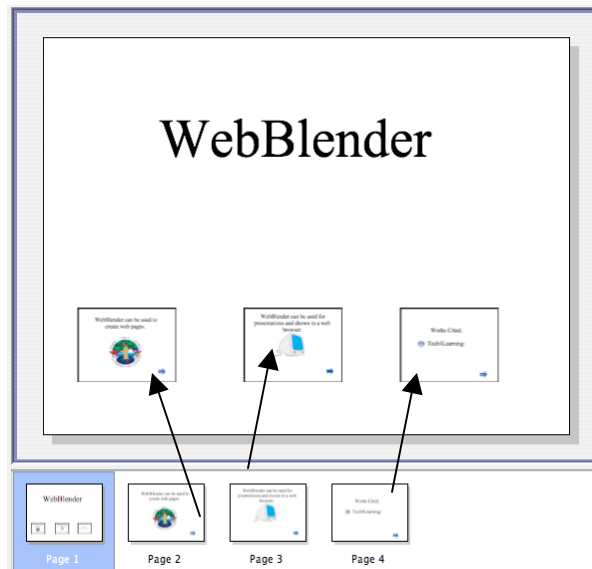
The Hyperlink window will appear. Select Web Page.

Type in the full address,

- You may choose to create Quick Links to pages in your site instead of buttons:


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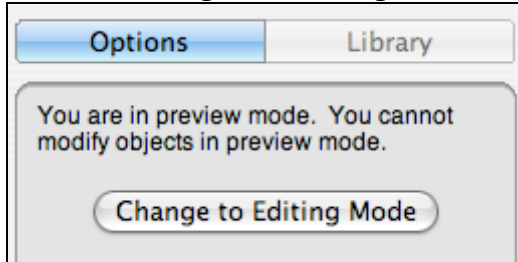
Drag the storyboard page onto the web page. It will create a little image that is linked to that page.



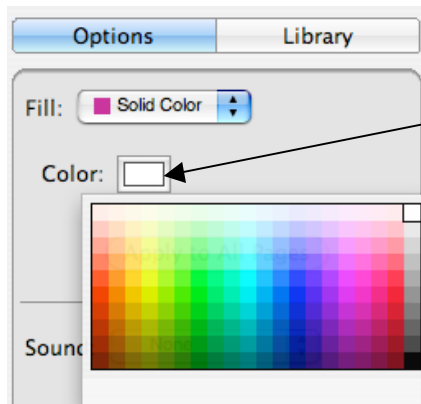
To Browse your site:



- Click on the Browse Tool  to try out your links.
- Click on Change to Editing Mode to continue editing your web pages.



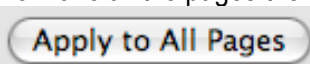
Add Background Color:



Click on the white background of the page.

Click on the color box in the Options panel.

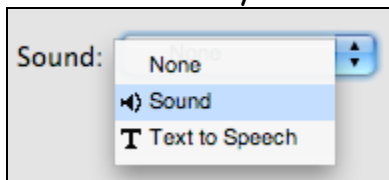
Select a color.

To make all the pages the same color, click on 

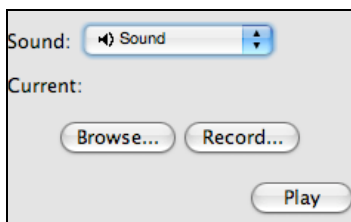
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To Add Sound:

You can record your voice to add to the web page.



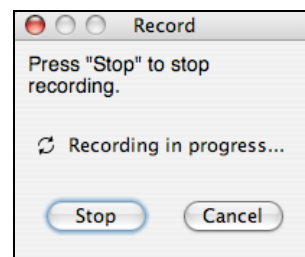
Change the Sound pull down menu to Sound



Click Record.



Click on Record to begin recording your voice.

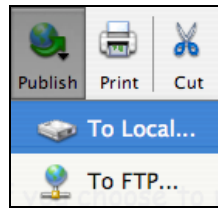


Click Stop to stop recording.

Publish the Web Page:

When the web site is completed, you need to Publish the page to turn it into a web page.

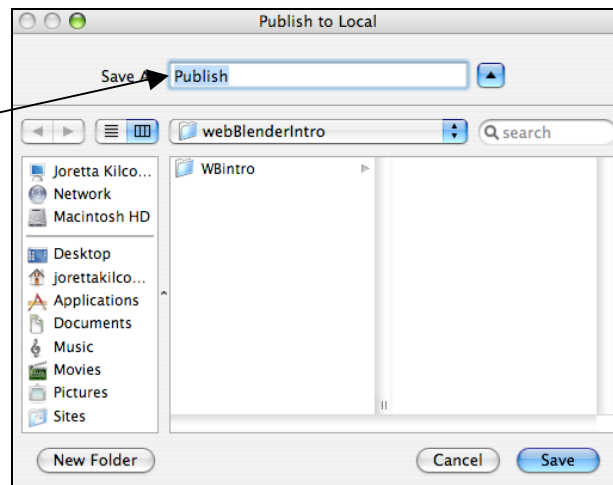
1. Click on Publish



2. Choose To Local:
3. Create the site:

Change the name of the website.

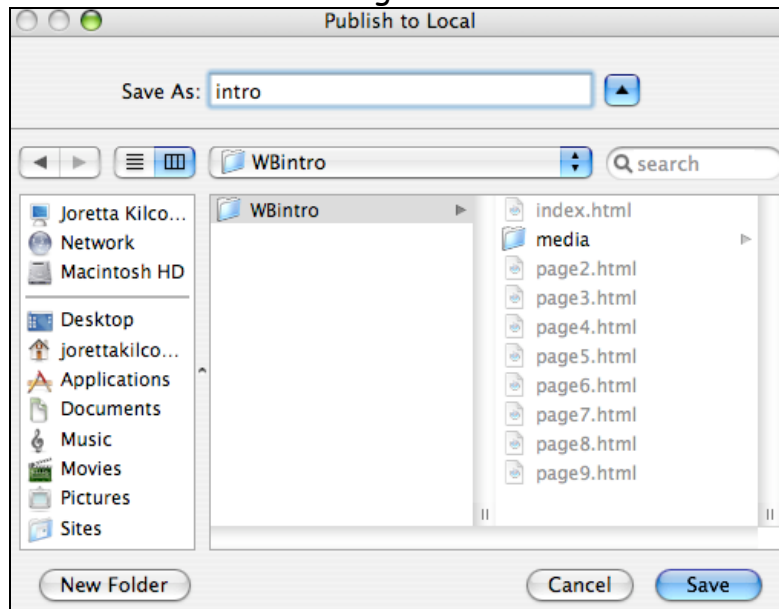
WebBlender automatically names it Publish, but you will want a name you can identify with the project or student.



This process will create a new folder that holds all your web pages.

Click Save.

The saved folder contents will look something like this:



You will see each of the pages in the site along with a media folder that holds the pictures.

To view your web page, double click on the index.html file. The web browser will open and you can view your finished web page!