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PhotoStage Slideshow



Why to use PhotoStage Slideshow at your classroom?

A picture is worth a thousand words and a film is much more than that. Integrating a video into a lesson is very important because the contents of the lesson can be understood much better. A video can easily be added to other applications, either by using the specific tools of each program or by posting a link that will open the application used (example: YouTube).

PhotoStage is a program for creating video slideshows from your digital pictures, photos, and video files.

Features:

- Load a variety of image file formats such as .jpg, .gif, .tiff, .png, .bmp, and many other;
- Write your video slideshow in any format to play it anywhere: DVD, Windows PC, Mac and CD. Many portable devices are also supported: mobile phone and iPhone;
- PhotoStage allows you to export video files to other applications to burn data discs such as Blu-ray and HD-DVD discs;
- Narrate your slideshow with the microphone;
- Preview your slideshow live while editing;
- Add effects and transitions;
- Simple, intuitive and powerful interface.
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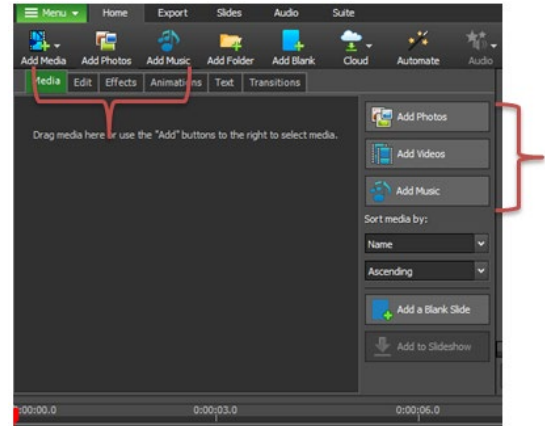
To download the program you can use the link <https://www.nchsoftware.com/slideshow/download-now.html>.

Add pictures/video

Start your project by adding files to the Media List area. Every image or video you add to PhotoStage is considered to be a slide.

To add files to PhotoStage, either click Add Media button on the toolbar, or one of the Add Photos, Add Videos or Add Audio buttons to the right of the Media List. In the file browser dialog, select the files you wish to use and click Open.

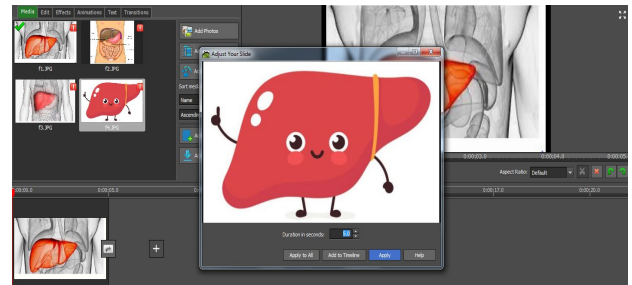
Once your files have been added, if you wish to remove any of them, right click on the files and select Remove item(s) from the menu



Adding Media to the Slideshow

Once you have added all of your media to the Media List, you can then add them to the slideshow. You can do this two ways:

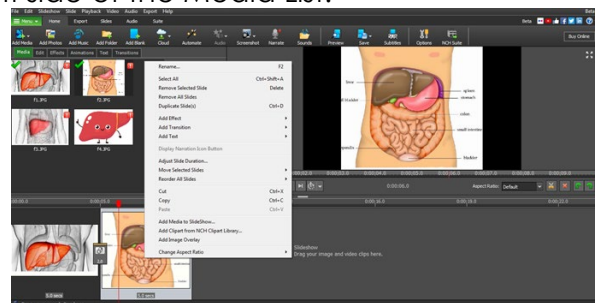
1. From the Media List area: Just select the file in the Media List and, with the left mouse button pushed, drag it down onto the slideshow area. Alternatively, you can right click on the selected file and choose Add items to the Slideshow from the menu. Your slide has now been added to the slideshow and is part of your project.



2. Add to Slideshow button: Click on the files you want to move so they are highlighted, then press the Add to Slideshow button, at the right side of the Media List.

Once your files have been added, if you wish to remove any of them, right click on the slide and select Remove selected slides(s) from the menu, or Remove all slides

to remove all the slides. In alternative you can use the delete button (with a red 'X' icon) below the preview panel, this will remove the slide that is currently visible in the preview.

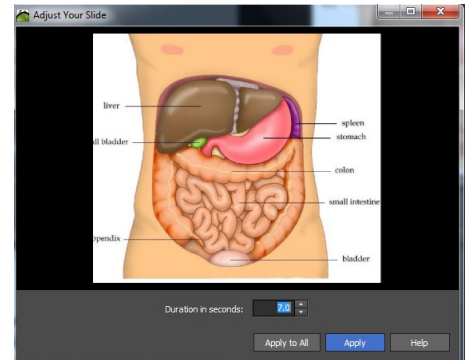


Adjusting the Duration of a Slide

If you want to change how long a slide is displayed for, you can click on the length of time displayed below the slide on the slideshow



or by double clicking on the slide. A dialog will appear, showing the slide and a textbox with the current duration in it. Change the number to be the amount of seconds you want the slide to display for, then click Apply to apply the new duration to the slide

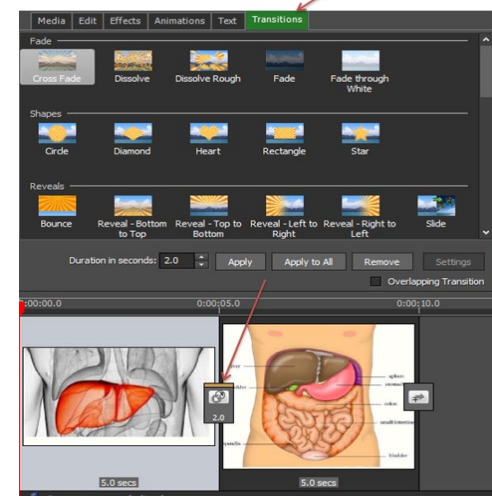


Editing Slides on the Slideshow

You can add effects to your slides on the slideshow by first clicking on the slide, then on one of the effect tabs located on the left of the preview, you can choose between **Edit**, **Effects**, **Animations** and **Text**. The tabs are accessible also from the Video top menu. To apply effects to multiple slides at once, select the first slide, hold the Shift key and left-click on the last slide you want to select, then select the effect you want to apply from the Video -> Apply Effect menu.

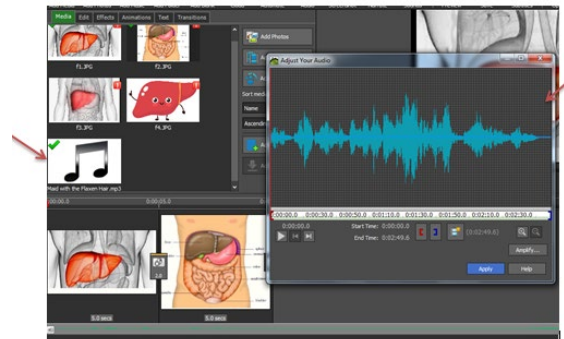


To add a transition between slides, click the button between two slides on the slideshow and pick the transition you wish to apply, change the duration if desired, then click Apply. Alternatively, you can select the first slide, then click Video -> Transitions in the top menu. You can also multi-select slides and apply a single transition to many slides.



Adding Audio and Narration

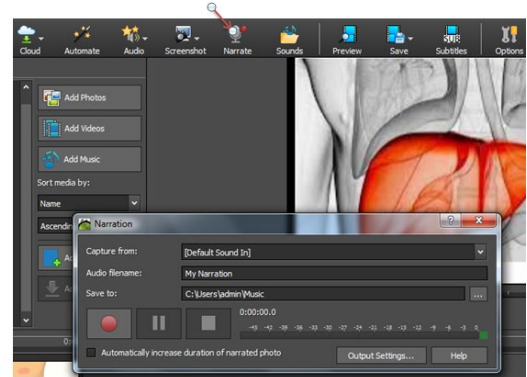
You can add a soundtrack to your slideshow by first adding the audio file to the Media List area (using the Add Media button from the toolbar). If your audio file is not long enough for the slideshow, you can add another audio file to the Soundtrack area after it. You can also add narration to your slideshow. First select the slide you would like to begin narrating from, then click on





Narrate button from the toolbar. Configure the narration options if needed, then press the Record button to begin recording. When you have finished narrating, click the Stop button. The narration will automatically be added to your slideshow from the point you selected.

Only one sound file will be heard at a time, and sound files will automatically fade to allow another sound file to be heard.

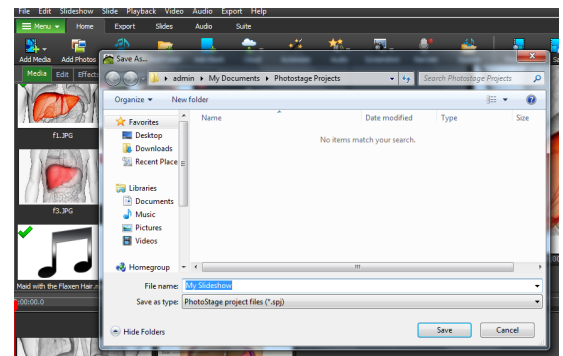


For example, if you have added a video slide, its audio will be heard over the soundtrack or narration. A narration will be heard over the soundtrack.

Saving and Loading Your Video Project

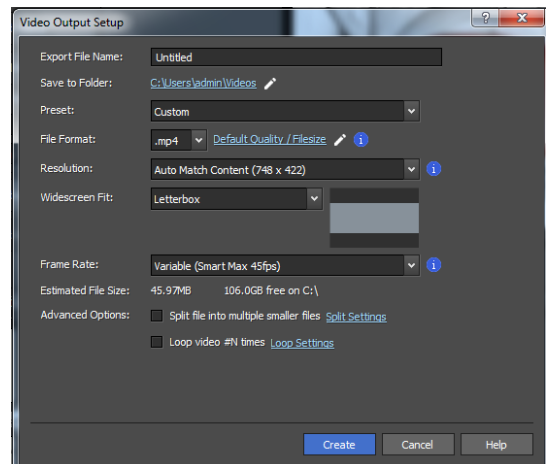
If you want to save your project, select File -> Save Project As from the menu and select a destination file to save your project to. Saving this way will allow you to come back and edit your slideshow project later.

To load the saved project select File -> Open Project from the menu. Then select your saved project file. *When you save your project file you do not actually save your slides into it. Only filenames are saved. If you want all the data including slides, narrations and soundtracks to be safe do not rename, delete or move any files that are used in the project from their original folders. If you want to move your project together with your files you have to go to Files -> Back Up Project Files to Folder.*



Creating the Movie Slideshow

Once you have finished putting all your pictures, videos, music, and narrations together, you still need to build the slideshow. Open the Video Output Setup window by clicking the Export button on the toolbar. Select the destination device and format you want to build your project for. Change the name of your output video file in the Save Destination field. There is a help page for every destination type (access them by pressing the F1 key while you have the page you need help with open). Once you have selected the output format and save options, click the Create button at the bottom of the tab to create the movie. If you have not saved the project, a dialog will ask if you want to save before creating the movie.





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You can use the following links:

Started with PhotoStage	https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=70&v=q87s8ehlgus&feature=emb_logo
Adding Photo, Video and Audio Files	https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=RZsXWfR6vCQ&feature=emb_logo
Adding Transitions	https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=WrwJtTQne1Q&feature=emb_logo
Editing Slides and Adding Effects	https://www.nchsoftware.com/slideshow/tutorial.html#start
Adding Text	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYfvFubm1I0&feature=emb_imp_woyt
Adding Music and Narrations	https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=QIEIWsYPiU&feature=emb_logo
Export Your Slideshow	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPpY5oUH2rE&feature=emb_imp_woyt

Flixpress

Why to use Flixpress at your classroom?



Flixpress is used to make an online video. Flixpress is an online video creation tool, owning various video intro templates. Not too many complicated operations to edit and allow personal content to create intro, these features have made Flixpress impressive compared to other similar tools.

Flixpress is an important tool that can be used to make short videos that can then be integrated into other videos made with other applications but can also be used as stand-alone entities to capture attention, Flixpress Templates are eye-catching that allow the addition of sound.

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Creating an account

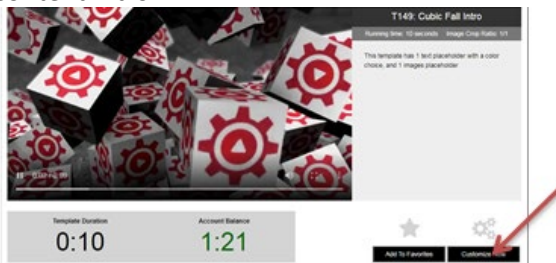
Users access the homepage of Flixpress following the link below and proceed to register an account. Click Register in the top right corner to register information.

<https://flixpress.com/>

When creating a successful account the user is taken to the notification interface using free intro video templates, click Get Free Plan .

At the Show for plan section to convert into Free for free account. The results show the intro video templates for us to choose from. There are about 15 different video samples.

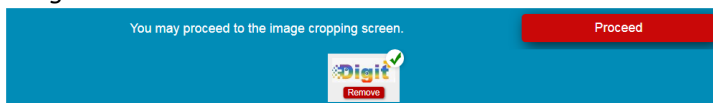
Search intro video template and click to proceed to edit. In this interface, you click on Customize Now to change the video content intro.



Editing interface

You can edit your chosen template by choosing by uploading images, sound and writing text. Depending on the chosen template, you can choose different options:

Images



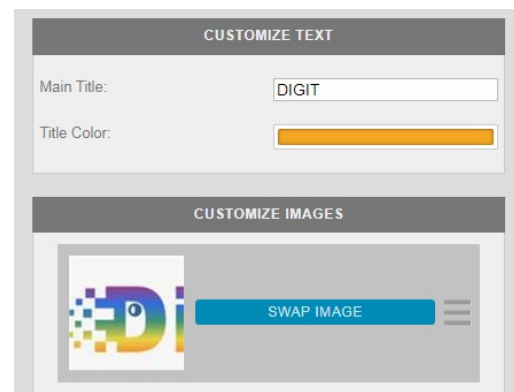
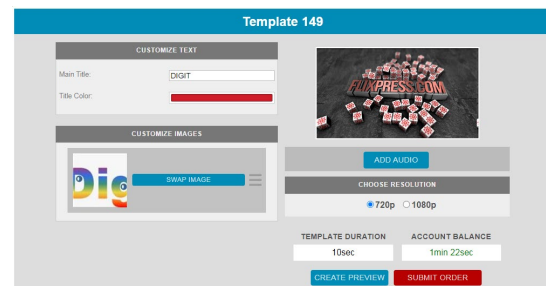
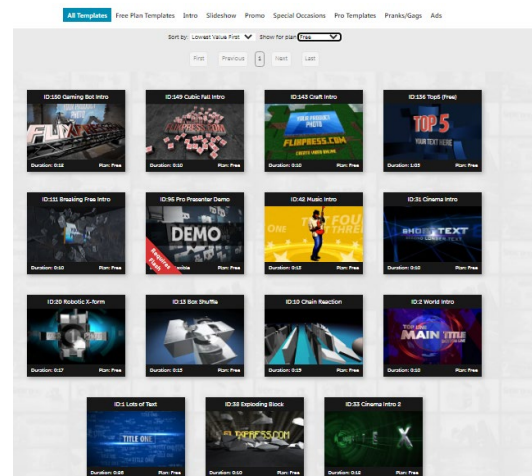
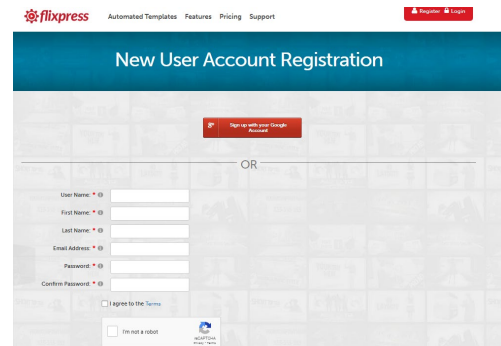
Choose your own images

Upload Image

Text

In the editing interface we enter the necessary content for the video. You enter the content for the video including:

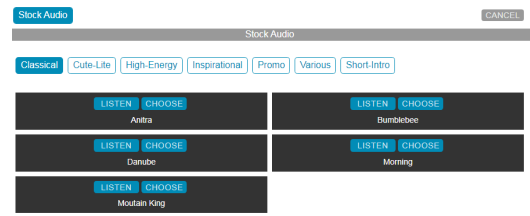
- ✓ Top Line: Enter the text at the top, you can enter your website name, YouTube channel, .
- ✓ Bottom Line: Enter the Text line at the bottom, adding information for the first name line.
- ✓ Title color





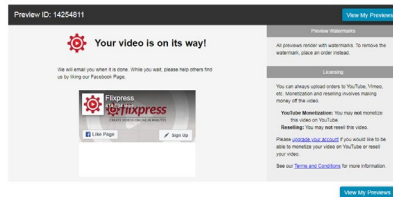
Sound

Next to the right, users can insert other audio for the video, if you do not want to use the audio available in the video. Click Add Audio to change the sound. Show other audio topics so you can add video intro. Click Listen to listen. If you like this sound, click Choose.

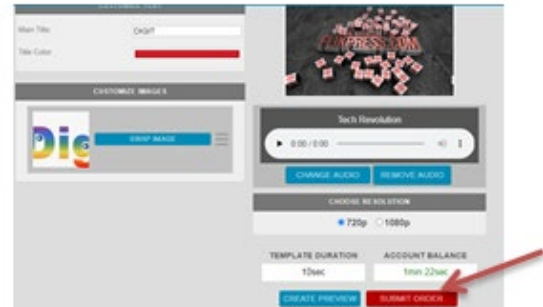


Preview

Go back to the video editing interface intro, select the video quality at the Choose Resolution section of 720p or 1080p. After you have edited the content for the video, click on Create Preview below to view the video before exporting it to a file.



To view or edit the video you have made, you can click the My Previews button. It allows you to view or edit the video but also to download it.



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Animoto

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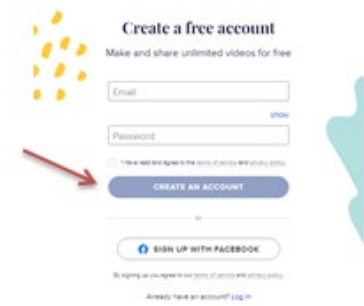
Animoto is a cloud-based video creation service that produces video from photos, video clips, and music into video slideshows and customized web-based presentations. A video made with Animoto can be used as an important element in a lesson and will make the content presented easier to understand. Content can be projected or Animoto can be used by pupils to make attractive material.



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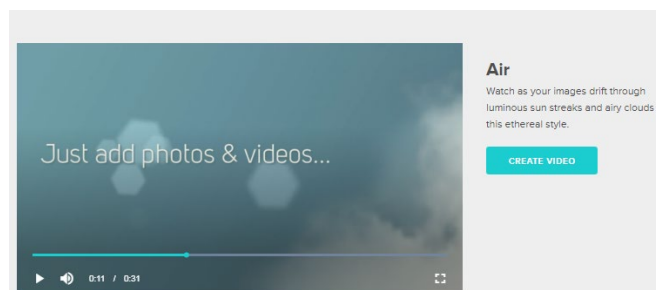
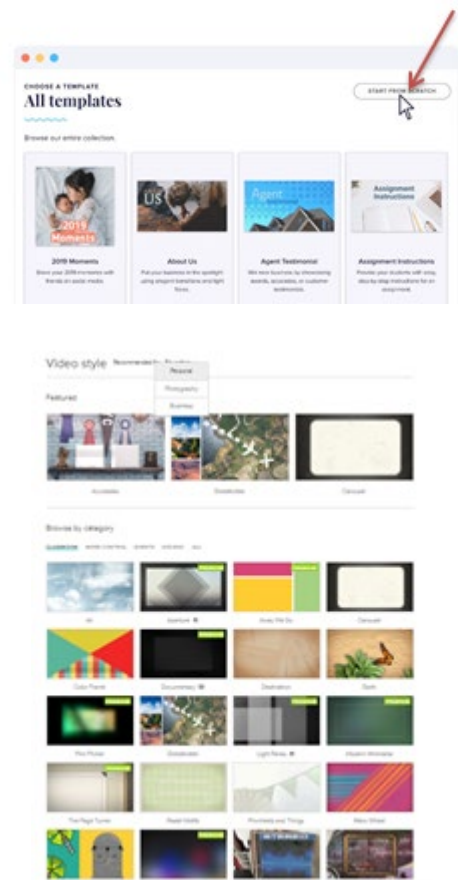
Choose a video template

Video templates are designed to give you a head start on your project. Begin by choosing a template that matches up with the type of project you're creating, like a promo video, a tutorial, or a personal message. If you're looking to start from a clean slate, you can also create a video from scratch.

You can choose the style for your video; Personal, Photography, Educational, Business.

After choosing the style you can select one of the following categories: Classroom, More Control, Events, Holiday, All.

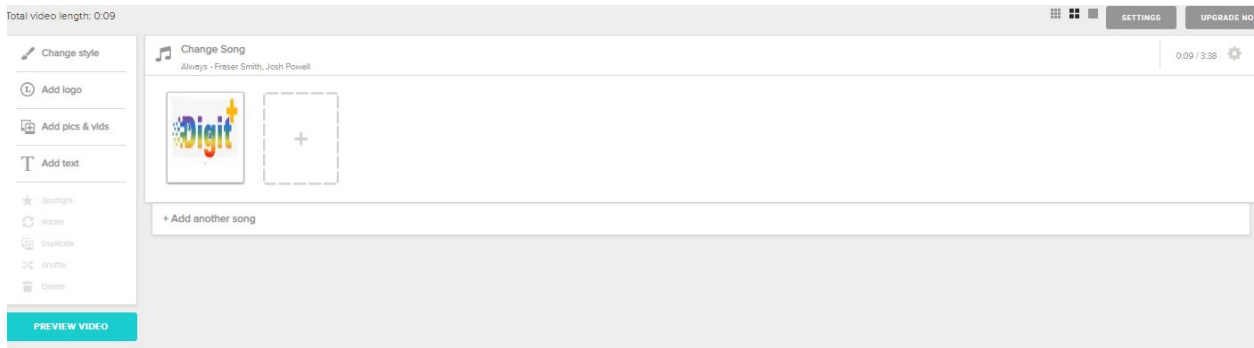
Once you have made these choices, select the Create Video button.





Add photos and video clips

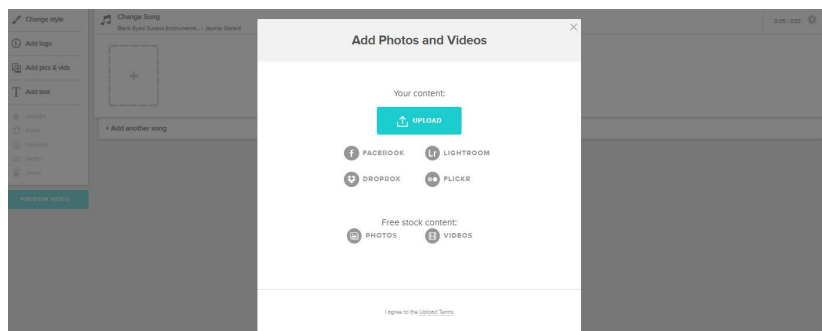
Start by uploading your video clips and photos. If you don't have images, that's no problem. Stick with the media that's already in the template or check out our Getty Images stock library with over 1 million free clips and images. Then drag and drop your media right into your project.



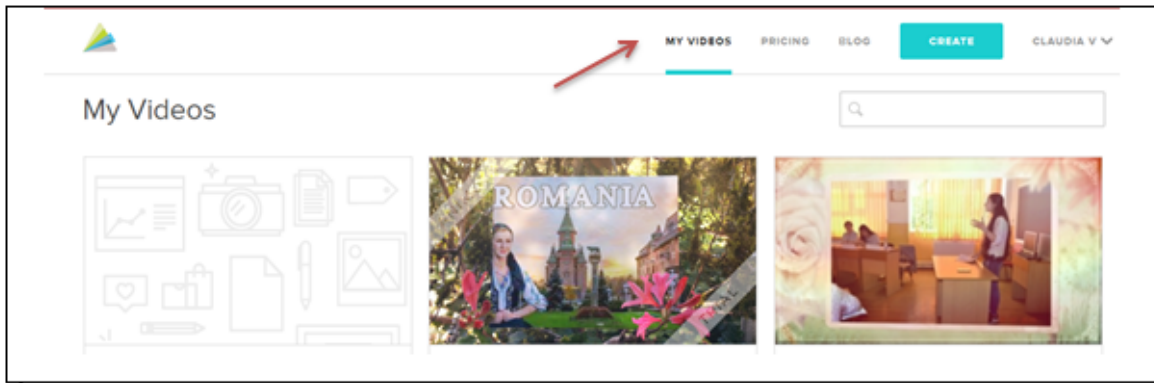
Editing your video

Replace the template text with your own message. Then position your text wherever you want. Add dynamic media layouts that mix photos, video clips, and text to engage your audience. Then, set the look of your video in the Design Settings menu.

Get creative with text animations, video styles, filters, fonts, and your brand colors. Or set the mood with a single click by choosing one of our curated themes. Last but not least, select your music from our catalog of thousands of licensed songs.

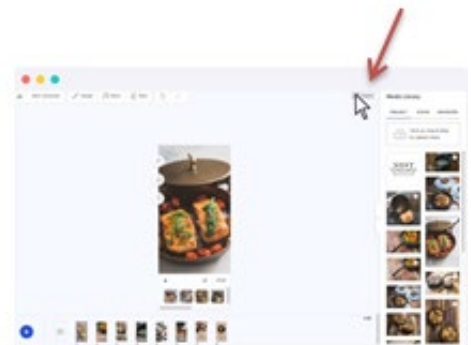


Selecting My video will display all movies made in that account.

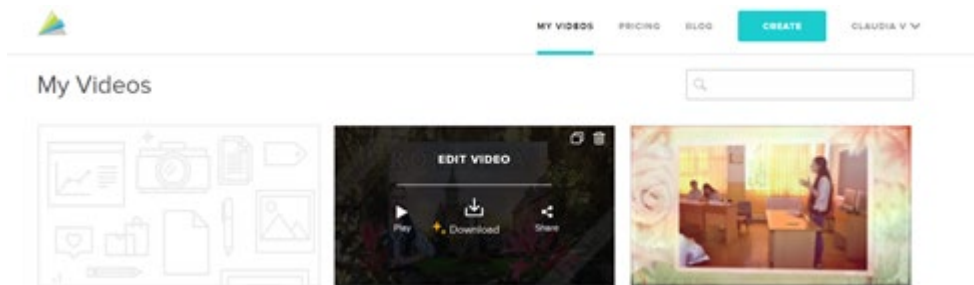
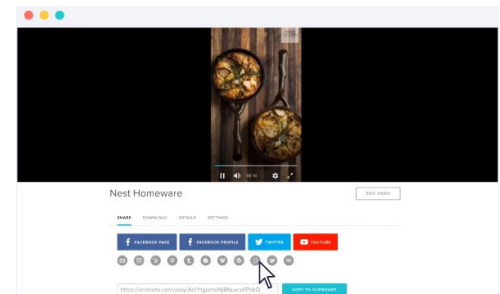


Preview and export your video

Click the blue Play button on the bottom-left-hand corner of your screen to preview your video. When you're happy with your video, click export to produce your finished HD video. Post your video to your social networks directly from Animoto or download your video as an HD file to embed on your website or share via email.



You can come back anytime to download, edit, or share your video again.



Educational film is increasingly finding its usefulness in teaching activities, both in terms of instructional and extracurricular activities.



The use of films is very useful for those who want to convey content, teachers, trainers, students, as it increases interest in educational content and can successfully replace presentations. The development of knowledge in the field of information and communication technology has increased among young people and for this reason, teachers, trainers need to be in step with new technologies and software programs so their inclusion in the instructional-educational process is necessary.