Tagxedo
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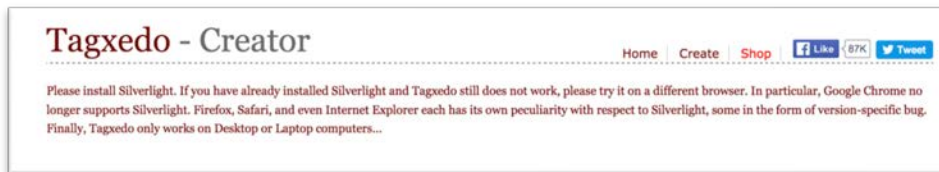
Tagxedo allows uses to make beautiful shapes and artwork out of words. These words can come from anywhere: websites, documents, songs, mission statements, etc. Users can create shapes from the templates provided or can upload their own pictures to be turned into word art. Tagxedo allows for endless personal variation to its provided settings.

Some common uses for Tagxedo:
- Generally make art with words (i.e name art)
- Show a summary of main ideas of a document or text
- Turn songs into word pictures
- Advertisements
- Capture an audience's attention
- To make a statement

Before Getting Started:
- Click create to make sure Tagxedo works
- Tagxedo does not work well on a variety of browsers including Google Chrome, so please check if the website works on your browser
- You may have to download Microsoft Silverlight to get Tagxedo to work
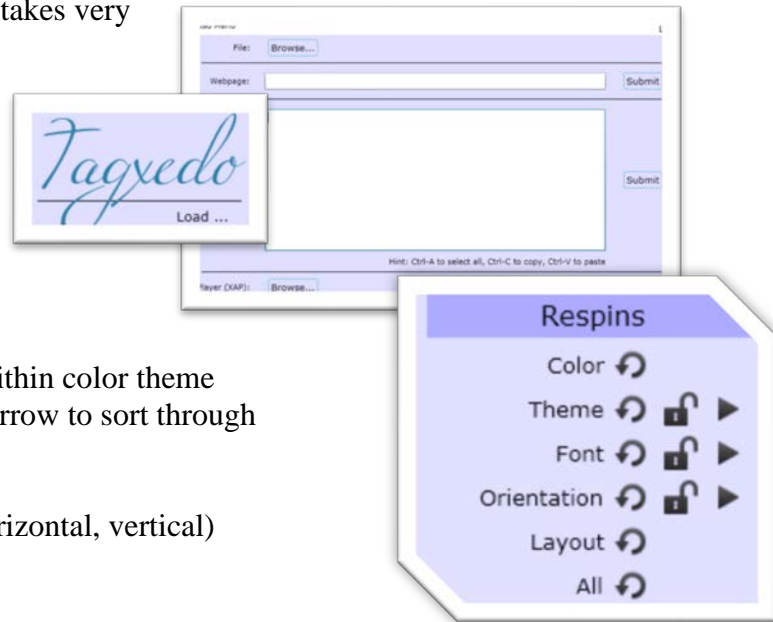- Files to upload must be saved as txt files, the application does not support word files

Some things to keep in mind while creating:
- Use tilde (~) to link words in phrases
- Tagxedo removes small words such as "so, is, the," called *stop words*
- Tagxedo uses a method called *stemming*, which links similar words as the same word—such as *Dog* and *Dogs*
- Word size is based on frequency- can adjust emphasis to make frequencies appear more profound

Step one:
- Click create on homepage
- Click "Load" on create screen
- Either upload a txt document, write in text yourself (into the box provided), or copy and paste text into the box.
  - Note: Only control-c and control-v for paste work

- You can also enter webpages, though this takes very long
- When satisfied, click submit and wait to load

Step two: Edit Respins

Regular arrow= View all

Reverse arrow= Shift through

- Color: Click this arrow to reshift colors within color theme
- Theme: Click Change color scheme, use arrow to sort through different schemes
- Font: Change word font style
- Orientation: Change word position (i.e horizontal, vertical)
- Layout: Shifts through colors/fonts
- All: Randomly shifts all elements

Step three: Edit Options

- Tagxedo has tons of shapes to choose from!
- Click arrow next to shape under options to see lots of shapes
- Click classic cloud on bottom for a plain word cloud (Horizontal or vertical)
- Click invert to make the words the background of the image
- Tagxedo allows you to upload your own images to be used as shapes (the simpler the better)
- Tagxedo also allows you to turn your words into the shape of other words

History Option:

- Regret a change you made?
- Click history to see what your image previously looked like

Step four: Word/Layout Options

- Use this screen to get specific: How you want your words to appear, how tight words should fit, how large frequent words are

- Edit which words you want to include/ leave out

When Complete:
- Either click *save* to print, share, upload or save your creation as an image (pop up menu gives options)
  - Some other advanced option
- There is also an option to share over social media or even have your creation turned into an item such as a mug or shirt

Option Menu ⊠

| Word | Layout | Skip | Advanced |

Emphasis:		80%
Maximum Word Count:		200
Tightness:		125%✳
Color Variation:		57%✳
Normalize Frequency:	Yes No Spread: 40	
Hard Boundary:	Yes No	
Use Source Color:	Yes No	
Allow Replication:	Yes No	
Theme Preference:	Any Bright Dark White Friendly Black Friendly	
Font Preference:	Any 1 Any 2 Any 3 All	

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