



using the pachyderm frame editor (beta)

Now you can put your own brand on your presentations! The Pachyderm Frame Editor makes it easy to change the color of the background, add text, graphics, and links, and create your own custom frame.

Adding a New Frame to Your Presentations

Once you have created and published your Pachyderm presentation as you normally would, follow these steps to create a new frame and transfer it to your presentation:

1. Download the .zip file of your presentation (there is an option to do this on the Presentation screen inside the authoring tool).
2. Unzip the downloaded file and place it on your own website.
3. Go to the frame editor on the web and create your frame, using the instructions below.
4. Publish and download your frame.
5. Unzip the downloaded file and copy the contents into the folder that has your Pachyderm presentation inside. The files from the frame editor replace the frame files that come with your Pachyderm presentation, and presto! You get a custom frame.

You can find the Pachyderm Frame Editor (BETA) here: <http://ccw.arts.ubc.ca/pfe/>

Creating Your Own Frame

1. When you load the URL above, click "Enter here" (If you are a new user to frame editor, Enter here) to create a new account.
2. *Write down* the long ID number that you are assigned on the next screen; you'll need it if you return to edit your frame later.
3. Click "here" in the first line of text to get into the frame editor. Next time, you can just type your number in the box on the first page.

The frame editor is divided into several parts. From top to bottom, these are:

- Add Image
- Add Text
- Change background color
- Change back button color

Instructions appear on the right (in the gray box), and you can name and save your template using the controls under the instruction box.

To change the border color:

1. Click the box under "background color" and select a new color.
2. Click "Apply Color" to set the new color.

To change the color of the back arrow:

1. Click the box under "Navigation button color" and select a new color.
2. Click "Apply Color" to set the new color.

To add a text box / custom text:

1. Under "Add text block," click the color box and select a text color.
2. Choose a size and font, if desired, from the dropdown menus.
3. Click the "Add" button. A text box appears at the top of the frame in the middle.
4. Click in the new text box and type your text.

5. You can drag the text box around by clicking at the edge just inside the box (I found the top edge to work best most of the time).
6. You can expand the text box (or shrink it) by dragging the small square at the lower right of the text box.
7. Place your text anywhere you like. If you need to adjust the color, size, or font, you can do so using the text controls as long as your text box is selected.
8. You can add a link to the text by typing the URL in the link box (it appears in the gray instructions area).
9. You can delete a text box by selecting it and clicking the "remove" button (in the gray instructions area).

To add an image:

1. Click "Add Images"
2. Type a URL in the box if your image is on the web, or click "browse" to upload one from your hard drive. Only JPG or SWF files work.
3. In either case, click "Add new image to list"
4. Click "Back to Frame Editor" to get back.
5. Your image appears in the middle of the frame editor.
6. You can put it wherever you like on the frame.

To save your frame:

1. Type a name for your frame in the box and click "Save Changes"
2. If you are ready to publish, click "publish your frame border"
3. To preview, click "view presentation," or to download the frame, click "download the zipped file"

To apply your frame to a presentation:

1. Make sure you have downloaded and unzipped your Pachyderm presentation.
2. *** **NOTE:** You may wish to make a backup copy of your downloaded Pachyderm presentation BEFORE you apply the frame ***
3. Unzip your frame file.
4. Open the folder and copy all the files into your Pachyderm presentation.
5. Launch your presentation by clicking "index.html" -- check out your new frame!

We hope you enjoy playing with the frame editor. Your comments and suggestions are welcome; please send them to pachybug@nmc.org. Have fun customizing your presentations!