

A One Page Presentation

In this project, you will be making a one-page presentation with graphics, a bit of text, narration, and video. Click on the Steps below and be creative!

Remember: if you must leave your activity before the end, jump directly to Step 8 to save your project.

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Step 1: Write a title

Create a 1-page presentation about where you live. Start by putting a title on your page.

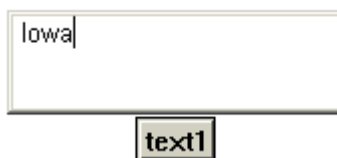
To write the title on your page, you must first create a text box. Click on the Text tool button on the Toolbar:



Click on the screen, near the top of the page. A text box appears

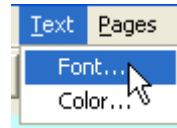


Type something in the text box.



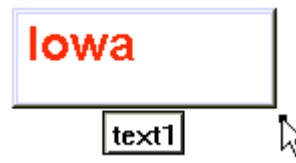
More style? Select your text (click at one end and drag along to the other end, holding the mouse down).

Then, choose **Font...** in the Text menu:



Select a font, a style, and a font size in the dialog box. Click OK to see the result. You can reopen the Font dialog box and try other settings. Also, you can select **Color...** in the Text menu and change the color of your text.

If the box is too small for your title, select the text box by clicking slightly beside the text box and dragging the mouse over the text box or by pressing CTRL and clicking on the text box.. Four "handles" appear. Drag one of them until the box is the size you want.



If you need to move the box, drag it by its label (text1):



Once you've placed the text box, right click on it and choose **Transparent** from the menu:

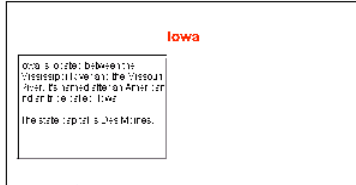


If you choose, you can move the text box even when it's transparent by clicking on the text and dragging it.

Step 2: Add more information

Once you have a title, you may want to add more text.

Create another text box and type in text to describe the state or neighborhood in which you live. Place the text below the title, but leave room for graphics and other multimedia objects.



Step 3: Create an illustration

Next draw a map of your area – of your country, state, or neighborhood.

Click on the Painting/Clipart button in the Toolbar to display the Painting tools palette.



Pick a color for the outline:



Click on the pencil tool.



Draw an outline of your country or state.



If drawing a neighborhood map, you may want to use the straight line tool to draw streets.



Use the Paint Can to fill the map outline with a color.



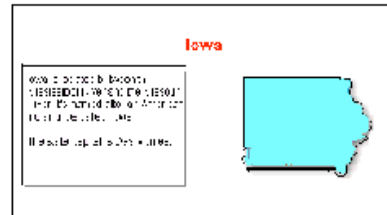
Your illustration may look like this:



If you've filled the entire page by mistake:

- Choose **Undo** from the Edit menu (or press Ctrl-Z).
- Select whatever color you had picked for the outline and the Pencil tool
- Make sure that the outline has no holes and is completely closed.
- Try to fill again.

Your page probably looks something like this:



Step 4: Add some shapes from the library

You can now add some shapes to represent different places on your map. There are three sets of shapes in the Clipart library: Backgrounds, Singles, and Animation. (Sometimes a fourth set, Favorites, is also available.)

Click on the Singles shapes button:

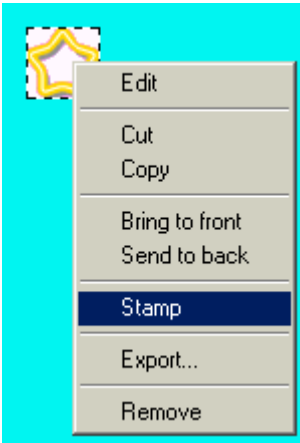


Scroll through the list and find a star shape. Click on it, then click on the page.



The star is in a pinkish box. The pink color disappears when you stamp the shape.

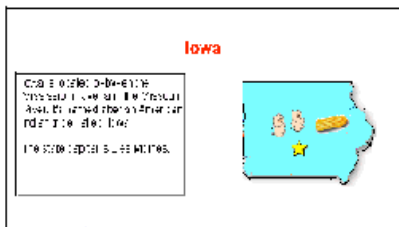
Next, drag the star to where the capital of your country or state is. When you're sure the star is where you want it, right-click on the star and choose **Stamp** from the menu:



The star is now part of the background.

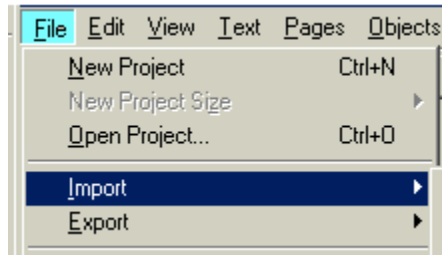
Remember: If you change your mind about using a clipart shape that you have put on the page, it is much easier to remove it before stamping. If the shape is not stamped, right-click on the shape and choose Cut from the menu. If the shape is already stamped, it is part of the background. The only way to get rid of it is to draw over it using the Painting tools.

Place several other shapes on your map to indicate additional landmarks; for example, a tree to indicate a forest, a picture of a person to show where you live, and so on.

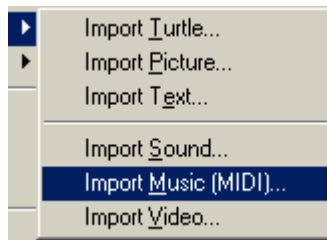


Step 5: Add some sound

A picture this nice deserves some sound! Select **Import** in the File menu:



In the Import submenu, select **Import Music (MIDI)...**:

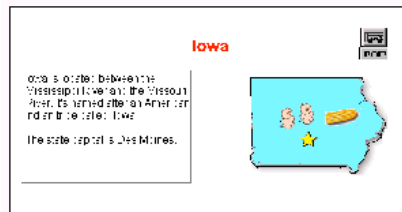


A browser dialog box opens. Locate the Music directory within the LCS1 and MicroWorlds EX directory.

Select a music file and click Open. A Music icon appears on your page:



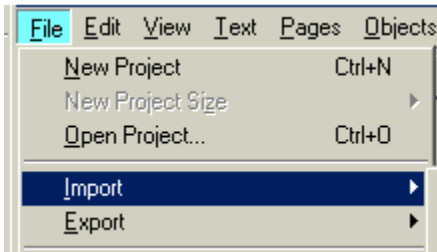
Drag the icon to an appropriate place, and click on it to hear the music. Click on it again to stop it before the end if you wish.



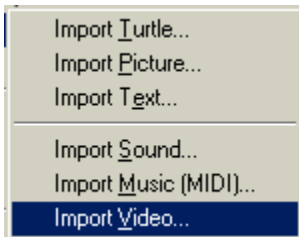
Step 6: Add some video

Maybe you have an interesting video clip about your state, your city, or your school. Add it to your presentation.

Select Import in the File menu:



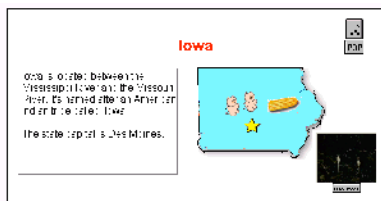
In the Import submenu, select **Import Video...**:



A browser dialog box opens. Locate the video clip by browsing on your computer.

Select the file and click Open. A Video viewing window showing the first frame of the video appears on your page:

Drag the window to an appropriate place, and click on it to watch the video. Click on it again to stop it before the end, if you wish.



Step 7: Finishing Touches

Before showing your project to your friends, add some finishing touches.

First, stamp the text box for your title (Iowa) so the text won't move. Select the Stamper in the Toolbar and stamp the text box. The text is stamped on the background, but the text box is still there. You can now delete the text box by right-clicking on the text box and selecting **Remove**.

Next, "frame" your presentation. Click on the **Presentation Mode** icon in the Toolbar:

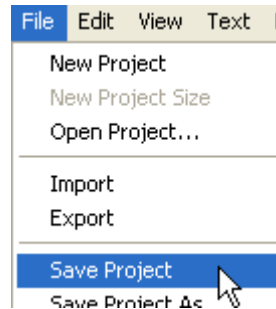
The screen looks like this:



Double-click anywhere outside your page or press ESC to return to the normal view.

Step 8: Save your work

Don't forget to save your work frequently. Choose **Save Project** in the **File** menu:



In the Save dialog box, choose the appropriate directory, give a name to your project and click **Save**.

If you have to stop in the middle of the tutorial and you wish to save your work, click on the **Back to Welcome Screen** icon on the Toolbar. MicroWorlds EX asks if you want to save your work.

Click **Yes**. Then, use the Save dialog box to save your project.

The next time you start using MicroWorlds EX, choose Tutorials from the Welcome Screen, if it isn't already selected. In the menu, double-click on the icon for this Tutorial. Once the Tutorial's opening screen appears, click on the Step on which you had been working.

Next, in the **File** menu, select **Open project....**

The Open dialog box appears. Select the project that you had previously saved.