



## Topic 4: Creating digital media

Ready to make your presentations stand out with dynamic digital media? This course empowers educators and professionals to create and edit images, audio, and video that capture attention and enhance learning. Discover practical techniques for inserting multimedia into PowerPoint, editing images with GIMP, and producing engaging narrated videos. By the end, you'll have the skills to transform your training materials and presentations with polished, interactive digital content.

 Inserting audio and video in PowerPoint

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# Inserting audio and video in PowerPoint

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## Why use audio and video in your presentations?

Incorporating audio and video into your presentations can transform static slides into dynamic, engaging experiences. Multimedia elements help capture your audience's attention, clarify complex ideas, and make information more memorable. For educators and professionals alike, mastering these skills means you can create learning or training sessions that truly resonate and stick with your audience.

This lesson will guide you through the process of enhancing your PowerPoint presentations by incorporating multimedia elements. You will gain practical skills to effectively use audio and video within your slides for a more engaging presentation experience.

- 1 Locate and use the Insert tab in PowerPoint.
- 2 Embed audio and video files into slides.
- 3 Identify supported file formats for troubleshooting common issues.
- 4 Organize multimedia elements for a smooth presentation flow.

# Key features of the Insert tab in PowerPoint

Explore the main media features available in the Insert tab of PowerPoint to enhance your presentations with audio and video elements.

What does the Audio feature in the Insert tab allow you to do in PowerPoint?

It allows you to add music, narration, or sound effects to your slides for greater impact.

How can you visually enhance your presentation using the Insert tab?

By inserting video clips from your computer using the Video feature.

What do Media Controls in the Insert tab provide?

They provide playback options so you can control when and how your media plays during the slideshow.

## **Inserting audio or video into PowerPoint slides**

Learn how to enhance your PowerPoint presentations by adding audio or video files to your slides. Follow these simple steps to insert media and make your presentations more engaging.

## Step 1

### Open your presentation

Start by opening your PowerPoint file and selecting the slide where you want to add audio or video.

## Step 2

### Go to the Insert tab

Click on the **Insert** tab located at the top of the PowerPoint window.

### Step 3

## Select media type

In the **Media** group, choose either **Audio** or **Video** depending on the type of media you want to insert.

## Step 4

### Browse and select file

Click **Audio on my PC** or **Video on my PC**, then navigate to and select the file you wish to insert.

## Step 5

### Insert the media

Click **Insert** to add the selected audio or video file to your slide.

## Step 6

### **Adjust placement and size**

Move and resize the media object as needed to fit your slide layout and design.

## Summary: Adding media to PowerPoint slides

By following these steps, you can easily insert audio or video files into your PowerPoint slides, making your presentations more dynamic and engaging for your audience.

## Practical considerations for adding multimedia files

Adding audio and video to your slides can be straightforward, but a few technical details can make the process smoother. Expand each section below to learn about supported file types, troubleshooting tips, and playback settings.

### Supported file types —

PowerPoint supports common audio formats like MP3 and WAV, and video formats such as MP4 and WMV. Using these formats helps ensure your files play correctly across different devices.

### Troubleshooting tips —

If your media file won't play, check that it's in a supported format and located in the same folder as your presentation. Sometimes, missing codecs or moving files can cause playback issues converting your file or relinking it often solves the problem.

### Playback settings —

You can set your audio or video to play automatically, on click, or loop during your presentation. Adjust these settings in the Playback tab after selecting your media file to control how and when it plays.

Tip: Keep your multimedia files in the same folder as your PowerPoint presentation to avoid broken links and playback errors!

Which of the following file types can be inserted into PowerPoint as a video?

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MP4

JPG

WAV

WMV

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# Organizing multimedia for smooth presentation flow

Expand each tab to discover strategies for managing your audio and video files within your slides. These tips will help you create a seamless and professional presentation experience.

## ORDERING MULTIMEDIA

## LAYERING AND OVERLAP

## PREVIEWING PLAYBACK

Arranging your audio and video files in the correct sequence ensures that each element plays at the right time. Use the Animation Pane to set the order and timing of your media, so your presentation flows smoothly from one point to the next.

Carefully planning the order of your multimedia elements prevents confusion and keeps your audience engaged. Test the sequence before presenting to make sure everything aligns with your talking points.

## ORDERING MULTIMEDIA

## LAYERING AND OVERLAP

## PREVIEWING PLAYBACK

When you have multiple media elements on a single slide, layering helps you control which one appears on top. Use the Bring Forward or Send Backward options to arrange audio and video objects as needed.

Managing overlap is important for clarity avoid placing media over important text or images. Adjust the size and position of each element to maintain a clean, readable slide layout.

## ORDERING MULTIMEDIA

## LAYERING AND OVERLAP

## PREVIEWING PLAYBACK

Always preview your presentation to check that all audio and video files play as intended. Use the Slide Show view to test playback and transitions in real time.

Previewing helps you catch any issues before your audience sees them, allowing you to make adjustments for a polished final product.

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Great job! You've learned how to add and manage audio and video in PowerPoint. Next, you'll discover how to edit and enhance digital images using GIMP, giving your presentations even more visual impact.

# Editing and enhancing digital images with GIMP

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## Why image editing matters for engaging presentations

High-quality, well-edited images can transform a presentation from ordinary to captivating. Clear, visually appealing images help your audience focus on key information, making your message more memorable and easier to understand.

Whether you're teaching, training, or presenting professionally, mastering basic image editing skills ensures your visuals support your goals and keep your audience engaged. Let's explore how you can use GIMP to enhance your presentations with polished images.

This lesson will guide you through essential image editing tasks in GIMP, helping you prepare images for presentations.

- 1 Import images into GIMP.
- 2 Resize images.
- 3 Enhance brightness, contrast, and color.
- 4 Export images for presentations.

# Getting started with GIMP

Let's get familiar with the GIMP interface and some basic tools to help you start editing images effectively.

Opening images

The first step is to launch GIMP and use File > Open to select your image for editing.

Toolbox

The Crop Tool and Rotate Tool are essential for adjusting image composition and orientation in GIMP.

## Layers

Layers let you edit parts of an image separately, making complex edits easier and more flexible.

## **Getting started with importing images in GIMP**

This lesson will guide you through the steps to open and import images into GIMP, preparing your workspace for editing.

## Step 1

### Launch GIMP

Start by opening the GIMP application on your computer.

## Step 2

### Open your image

Go to File > Open, then browse your computer to find and select the image you want to edit.

### Step 3

## Confirm selection

Click Open to load your chosen image into GIMP's workspace.

## Step 4

### Add more images (Optional)

If you want to work with multiple images, use File > Open as Layers to add them as separate layers in the same project.

## Step 5

### Ready to edit

Your image is now ready for editing. You can see it in the main window and start making changes.

## Summary: Importing images into GIMP

By following these steps, you can easily open and import images into GIMP, allowing you to begin editing and working with single or multiple images in your project.

## Explore the most common image editing actions in GIMP.

GIMP offers a variety of tools for basic image adjustments. Understanding how to crop, rotate, and resize images will help you tailor visuals for your specific presentation needs.

Expand each section below to learn more about these essential editing actions.

### Cropping —

The Crop Tool lets you select a specific area of your image to keep, removing unwanted edges or distractions. Click the Crop Tool, drag to select your desired area, and press Enter to crop.

Cropping helps focus attention on the most important part of your image, improving composition and clarity.

### Rotating —

Use the Rotate Tool to adjust the orientation of your image or a specific layer. Select the tool, click on the image, and set the desired angle.

Rotating is useful for straightening photos or aligning elements for a balanced look in your presentation.

## Resizing —

The Scale Tool allows you to change the dimensions of your image. Select the tool, click your image, and enter new width and height values.

Resizing ensures your images fit perfectly within your slides without distortion or loss of quality.

## Simple enhancements to improve image quality

Once you've made basic edits, you can further enhance your images to make them stand out. GIMP provides several tools to adjust brightness, color, and sharpness, helping your visuals look their best on any screen.

Expand each tab below to learn how these enhancements can improve your images for presentations.

**BRIGHTNESS & CONTRAST**

COLOR BALANCE

SHARPNESS

Adjusting brightness and contrast can dramatically improve the visibility of your images. In GIMP, use the Colors > Brightness-Contrast option to make light areas lighter and dark areas darker, which helps important details stand out.

Fine-tuning these settings ensures your images are clear and easy to see, especially when projected in different lighting conditions. Experiment with the sliders to find the best balance for your presentation needs.

**BRIGHTNESS & CONTRAST**

**COLOR BALANCE**

**SHARPNESS**

Color balance adjustments let you correct or enhance the colors in your image. By accessing Colors > Color Balance, you can shift tones to make images warmer, cooler, or more vibrant.

This is especially useful for correcting color casts or making visuals more appealing. Accurate color can help your audience interpret information correctly and keep their attention focused.

**BRIGHTNESS & CONTRAST**

**COLOR BALANCE**

**SHARPNESS**

Sharpening an image makes edges and details more defined, which is crucial for clarity in presentations. Use Filters > Enhance > Sharpen to increase the crispness of your visuals.

Be careful not to over-sharpen, as this can introduce unwanted noise. Subtle sharpening can make text and important features stand out without sacrificing image quality.

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Tip: Use 'Undo' (Ctrl+Z) in GIMP to easily revert unwanted changes as you experiment with editing!

## **Exporting your edited images for presentations**

Learn how to properly export your edited images so they are ready to use in your presentation slides.

## Step 1

### **Finish your edits**

Make sure you are satisfied with all your changes before exporting your image.

## Step 2

### Open export dialog

Go to File > Export As to start the export process.

### Step 3

## Choose format and name

Select a file name and choose a format such as PNG or JPEG, which are widely supported in presentation software.

## Step 4

### **Adjust export settings**

Click Export and adjust any settings as needed for quality or file size.

## Step 5

### Save to presentation folder

Save your exported image in a folder you can easily access when building your presentation slides.

## Summary: exporting images for presentations

By following these steps, you can ensure your edited images are exported in the right format and location, making it easy to add them to your presentation slides.

Which of the following actions would you use to improve the clarity and color of an image in GIMP?

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- Crop
- Adjust Brightness/Contrast
- Color Balance
- Resize

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Well done! Now you can confidently edit and enhance images using GIMP, making your presentations more visually engaging. Next, you'll discover how to record and edit video and audio to add even more impact to your digital content.

# Recording and editing video and audio

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## Bringing your presentations to life with video and audio

Incorporating your own narration, video, and audio can transform a standard presentation into an engaging, memorable experience. By adding your voice and visuals, you make your content more accessible and relatable, helping your audience connect with your message. Storytelling and clear communication through multimedia are powerful tools for educators and professionals looking to create impactful training materials or educational content.

This lesson will guide you through the essential skills needed to create and edit narrated videos for your presentations.

- 1 Record narrated videos using PowerPoint or Movie Maker.
- 2 Add transitions and narration for a polished look.
- 3 Trim, split, and adjust audio/video clips.
- 4 Prepare your media files for seamless use in presentations.

# Multimedia creation toolkit flashcards

Let's get familiar with your multimedia creation toolkit. Review each flashcard to discover the core tools and their main functions for recording and editing video and audio.

PowerPoint Recording

You can record narration, screen activity, and even webcam video directly within PowerPoint to create dynamic presentations.

Movie Maker

Movie Maker allows you to combine video clips, add transitions, insert audio, and edit your project for a professional result.

## Audio Narration

Adding narration helps explain concepts, guide viewers, and make your videos more engaging and accessible to all audiences.

## **Recording a narrated video in PowerPoint or Movie Maker**

This guide will walk you through the steps to record a narrated video using PowerPoint or Movie Maker, ensuring your presentation is clear and engaging.

## Step 1

### **Prepare your project**

Open your PowerPoint presentation or Movie Maker project. Make sure your slides or video clips are organized in the order you want to present them.

## Step 2

### Start recording

In PowerPoint, go to Slide Show > Record Slide Show. In Movie Maker, select the 'Record' or 'Narrate' feature. This is where you'll begin capturing your narration and visuals.

### Step 3

## Set Up equipment

Connect and test your microphone, and if you plan to include video of yourself, set up your camera. Check audio levels and camera framing before you begin.

## Step 4

### **Record your narration**

Start the recording. Speak clearly and advance through your slides or scenes as you narrate. Try to maintain a steady pace and natural tone.

## Step 5

### **Add transitions**

After recording, add transitions between slides or video clips to ensure a smooth, professional flow. This helps keep your audience's attention.

## Step 6

### Review and save

Stop the recording and review your video. Make sure the narration is clear and the visuals are synced. Save your project for further editing or exporting.

## Summary of recording a narrated video

By following these steps, you can create a polished narrated video in PowerPoint or Movie Maker. Remember to prepare your materials, set up your equipment, record clearly, and review your final product for the best results.

## Essential Editing Techniques for Audio and Video

Explore these common editing actions to refine your recorded media. Mastering these techniques will help you produce polished, professional-quality presentations.

### Trimming clips —

Trimming lets you cut out unwanted sections at the beginning or end of your video or audio. This is useful for removing pauses, mistakes, or extra footage, ensuring your final product is concise and focused.

Most editing tools, including PowerPoint and Movie Maker, offer simple trim features. Just select the clip, drag the edges to the desired start and end points, and preview your changes before saving.

### Splitting clips —

Splitting allows you to divide a long clip into shorter segments. This makes it easier to rearrange, delete, or edit specific parts of your recording without affecting the entire file.

Use the split or cut tool in your editing software to break up your media. Once split, you can move, delete, or apply effects to individual segments as needed.

## Adjusting volume

Balancing audio levels is key for clear narration and background music. Adjusting volume ensures your voice is easy to hear and that music or sound effects don't overpower your message.

Look for volume controls in your editing program. You can increase or decrease the volume of each clip, fade audio in or out, and mute sections if necessary for a polished sound.

# Polishing Your Media for Presentations

Expand each tab to learn how to add the finishing touches to your video and audio projects. These steps will help you deliver professional, seamless presentations every time.

ADDING TRANSITIONS

SYNCING AUDIO AND VIDEO

EXPORTING YOUR PROJECT

Transitions like fade-ins, fade-outs, and slide transitions create a smooth flow between scenes or slides. They help signal changes in topic and keep your audience engaged.

Most editing tools offer a variety of transition effects. Experiment with different styles, but use them sparingly to maintain a professional look and avoid distracting your viewers.

ADDING TRANSITIONS

SYNCING AUDIO AND VIDEO

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Ensuring your narration matches the visuals is crucial for clarity. Carefully align your audio tracks with the corresponding slides or video clips to avoid confusion.

Use the timeline feature in your editing software to drag and adjust audio or video segments. Preview your project multiple times to check for any mismatches or timing issues.

ADDING TRANSITIONS

SYNCING AUDIO AND VIDEO

EXPORTING YOUR PROJECT

Once your editing is complete, export your project in a format suitable for presentations, such as MP4 or WMV. These formats are widely compatible and maintain good quality.

Choose export settings that balance file size and quality. Save your final file in an easy-to-find location so you can quickly insert it into your presentation.

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Tip: Before finalizing your video, preview the entire project to catch any mistakes and make sure the audio and visuals are synced perfectly.

Which of the following actions would help you remove an awkward pause from your video?

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- Trimming the clip
- Adding a transition

- Adjusting volume
- Splitting the clip and deleting the unwanted section

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**Continue**

Congratulations! You've learned the essentials of recording and editing video and audio for your presentations. With these skills, you can create dynamic, interactive training materials that truly engage your audience. As you continue practicing, experiment with combining images, narration, and transitions for maximum impact. Thank you for completing this course, your digital media journey has just begun!

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This assessment is designed to evaluate learners' prior knowledge and understanding before beginning the next topic. The purpose is to identify existing competencies, misconceptions, and areas that may require additional support. The quiz will help both the instructor and learners determine readiness for the upcoming content and guide effective learning strategies.

The assessment may include multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, matching items, true/false statements questions related to previously covered concepts. Learners are encouraged to answer independently and honestly to obtain an accurate measure of their understanding.

## Instructions for the quiz

1. Read all questions carefully before answering.
2. Answer all questions to the best of your ability.
3. Choose the most appropriate answer where multiple choices are provided.
4. For short-answer questions, provide clear and concise responses.
5. Do not use unauthorized materials unless instructed by the facilitator.
6. Manage your time effectively to complete the quiz within the allocated duration.
7. Ensure that your answers are written neatly and clearly.
8. Review your responses before submitting the assessment.
9. Academic honesty is expected from all learners.
10. The assessment is intended to support learning readiness and identify areas for improvement before progressing to the next topic.

Question

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What is a key benefit of recording narrated videos for presentations?

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- They allow for asynchronous learning opportunities.
- They are only suitable for live presentations.
- They eliminate the need for visual aids.
- They require no preparation or scripting.

*Question*

**02/10**

Adding \_\_\_\_\_ to your video can enhance its clarity and engagement by providing context and explanations.

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Type your answer here

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Question

03/10

Match the basic image editing terms with their corresponding definitions.

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⋮ Resize

To remove unwanted parts of an image by selecting a specific area.

⋮ Crop

To alter the dimensions of an image, either enlarging or reducing its size.

⋮ Adjust Brightness

To turn an image around a central point, changing its orientation.

⋮ Rotate

To increase or decrease the light intensity in an image.

Question

04/10

Which of the following are benefits of incorporating multimedia elements, such as audio and video, into presentations? Select all that apply.

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- Enhances audience engagement
- Requires advanced technical skills
- Increases the number of slides needed
- Clarifies complex ideas
- Improves information retention

Question

05/10

Match the following basic image editing terms with their correct definitions.

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⋮ Rotate

To remove unwanted outer areas of an image.

⋮ Adjust Brightness

To change the dimensions of an image.

⋮ Crop

To turn an image around a central point.

⋮ Resize

To alter the lightness or darkness of an image.

*Question*

**06/10**

What is the primary purpose of the Insert tab in PowerPoint?

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- To create new slides and arrange their order
- To adjust the transition effects between slides
- To add multimedia elements like audio and video to slides
- To change the design theme of the presentation

Question

07/10

Match the basic image editing terms in GIMP with their corresponding definitions.

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⋮ Layer

Removing unwanted parts of an image to focus on the desired area.

⋮ Filter

Adjusting the dimensions of an image to make it larger or smaller.

⋮ Resize

A separate level in an image that can be edited independently.

⋮ Crop

A tool used to apply visual effects or adjustments to an image.

Question

08/10

Match each concept related to recording and editing narrated videos with its practical application.

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⋮ Editing Software Features

Ensuring the narration is clear and free of distortion.

⋮ Audio Clarity

Removing unwanted ambient sounds from the recording.

⋮ Background Noise Reduction

Matching the audio narration with the corresponding video scenes.

⋮ Video Synchronization

Using tools like trimming, transitions, and effects to polish the video.

Question

09/10

Match the basic image editing terms with their corresponding definitions.

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⋮ Apply Filter	Select and keep a portion of the image while removing the rest.
⋮ Adjust Brightness	Change the dimensions of the image to make it larger or smaller.
⋮ Crop	Turn the image around a central point to change its orientation.
⋮ Rotate	Increase or decrease the lightness or darkness of the image.
⋮ Resize	Add a specific effect or style to the image to alter its appearance.

*Question*

**10/10**

Adding \_\_\_\_\_ to your videos can enhance their instructional value by providing clear explanations and context.

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Type your answer here

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