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ActivInspire 1.6 Update

Promethean continues to evolve the ActivInspire software to maximize functionality, simplify lesson preparation, and enable you to deliver dynamic interactive lessons. There are several new tools available in version 1.6 of the ActivInspire software, in addition to some enhanced functionality within existing features.

This addendum contains information about the new and updated features in ActivInspire 1.6 and step-by-step instructions for using them.

The first section, `New Tools`, introduces the new features, including Page Extender and Equation Editor capabilities. The second section explains the enhancements that have been made to existing tools included in the Core Essentials and Beyond the Essentials manuals. For easy reference, the corresponding manual and page number are listed next to each feature for access to a full description of the tool.



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New Features

With the release of ActivInspire Version 1.6 you will find a number of exciting new features and functionality. These new capabilities are explained in this section of the ActivInspire v1.6 Addendum.

Automatic Software Upgrade Notification

ActivInspire 1.6 offers an automatic notification of software upgrades upon startup. This option requires an internet connection. To disable/enable this option:

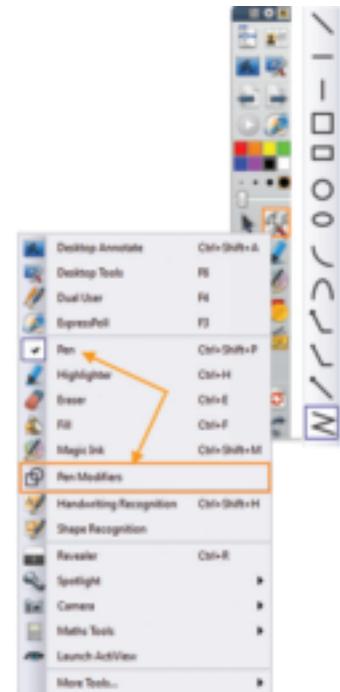
- Choose Edit>Profiles.
- Choose the 'Settings' tab.
- Select 'Online Settings' from the menu on the left side of the 'Edit Profiles' Dialog Box.
- Place a check in the 'Check for software update on startup' box to enable, Remove the check to disable.

Pen Modifier Tool

The Pen Modifier tool offers options to create lines and simple shapes when used in conjunction with the annotation tools. Objects created using the Pen Modifiers are annotations and default to the Top layer of the flipchart page.

The Pen Modifiers are only available if an annotation tool is currently active. The annotation tools are the Pen, Highlighter, and Magic Ink.

- Choose the desired annotation tool.
- Click the Tools icon on the Main toolbox.
- From the drop-down menu choose Pen Modifiers. The Pen Modifier toolbox will be displayed.
- Choose the desired modifier. The selected modifier's icon will be highlighted with the Pen Modifier toolbox.



- Set the desired width of the annotation from the Preset Widths or the Pen Width Slider. Choose the desired color from the Color Palette.
- Place the cursor on the flipchart page. Click and drag to draw. Release the mouse click when the shape or line reaches the desired size.

The Pen Modifier toolbox options remain available for use until a tool other than an annotation tool is selected. To draw freehand while the Pen Modifier toolbox is active, click again on the currently selected modifier to toggle it off. The annotation tool will draw freehand until a modifier option is again selected.

The Line-Chain modifier can be used to draw irregular shapes or lines.

- Activate an annotation tool.
- Select 'Pen Modifiers' from the Tools menu.
- Select the 'Line-Chain Shape' option from the Pen Modifier toolbox.
- Move the cursor onto the page and apply a single mouse click to establish the start point for the shape or line.
- Move the cursor to the point where the line is to change direction. A straight line follows the cursor.
- Apply a single mouse click. Move the cursor to the point where the next direction change is to occur. Apply a single mouse click. The straight line continues to this point.
- To create a irregular shape, continue to move the cursor, applying a single mouse click at the point of each direction change required to draw the desired shape. When the cursor is clicked at the start point of the shape, the shape is complete and the line is released from the cursor.
- To create an irregular line, continue to move the cursor, applying a single mouse click at the point of each direction change required to draw the desired irregular line. When the line is as required, double-click. The line is released.



Objects created using pen modifiers are edited in the same manner as all other annotation objects.

Note: A profile can be edited to add the Pen Modifiers tool to the Main toolbox for easy access. Choose Edit>Profiles>Commands to make changes to a profile's toolbox.

Page Turn Effects

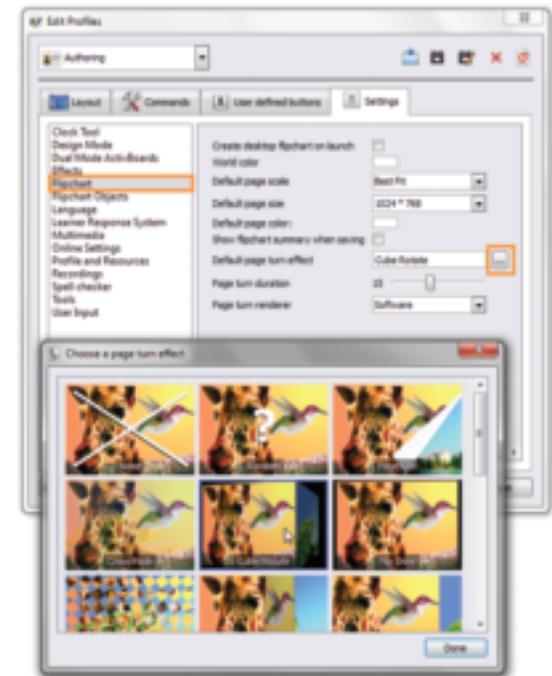
Page Turn Effects are a property of each profile's settings. The default page turn setting for all the profiles in ActivInspire is 'None'. You can choose to change a profile's default setting to one of several effects so that when that profile is active, the selected effect is applied each time a page is turned.

It is also possible to edit the properties of an individual flipchart page so that it turns with a specified effect. When a page turn effect is set within the page properties, the page setting will override the active profile.

To edit a profile's 'Page Turn Effect' setting:

- Choose Edit>Profiles.
- Choose the 'Settings' tab.
- In the Profiles drop-down menu, choose the profile to be edited.
- From the left side of the Edit Profiles box, choose 'Flipchart'.
- Click the Browse button next to 'Default page turn effect' to display the 'Choose a page turn effect' Dialog Box.
- Scroll through the options. Click on a thumbnail to select it and to view an example of the effect.
- Once the desired effect has been selected, click 'Done' to close the dialog box.
- Click 'Done' to close the 'Edit Profiles' Dialog Box.

Note: The 'Page turn duration' setting may be altered by using the slider to lengthen or shorten the timing of the effect.



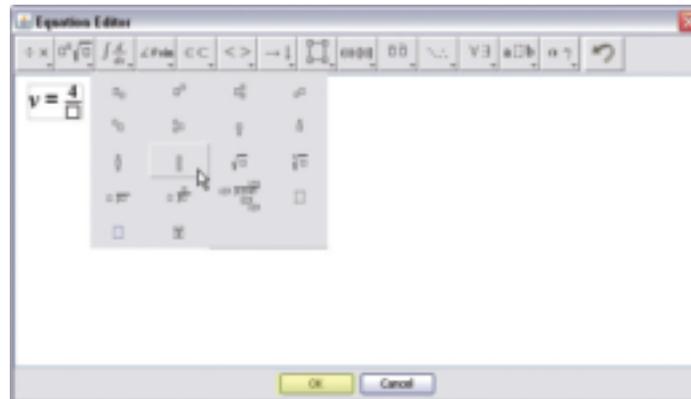
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Equation Editor

The Equation Editor allows you to create equations and formulas and add them to the flipchart page. Equations may be created away from the board using your computer keyboard or while at the board using the On-screen Keyboard with your Equation Editor tool.

To create an equation:

- Choose **Main Menu>Insert>Equation**. The cursor will change to the pi symbol indicating that the Equation Editor tool is chosen.
- Click on the flipchart page in the area where you wish to place the equation.
- The Equation Editor palette will launch displaying a ribbon of equation building options.
- Select an option from the ribbon that meets your need. A drop-down menu will display a sub-set of options. Select from many different equation building symbols including, exponents, square roots, fractions, and divisions to name a few.



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Page Extender Tool

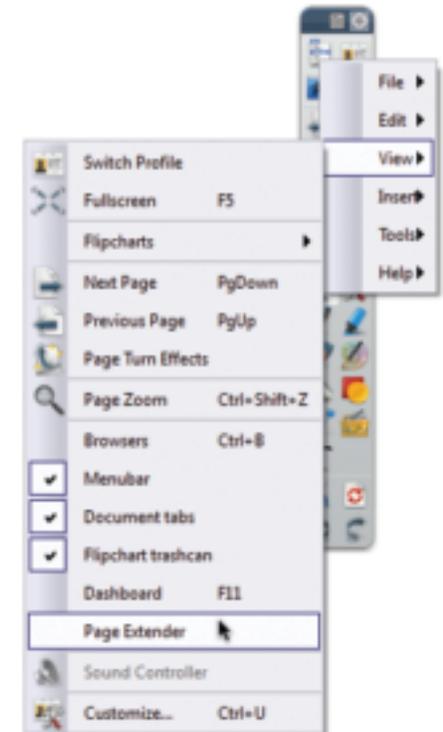
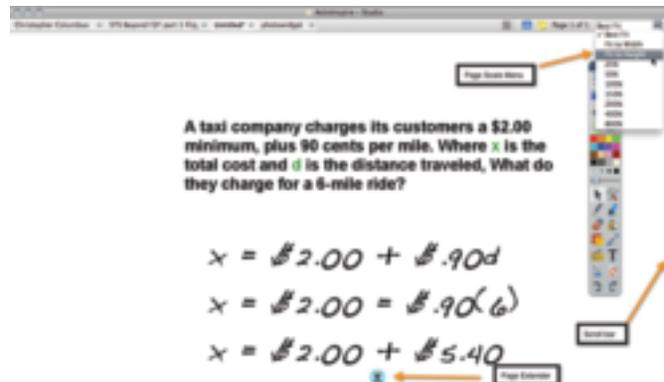
The Page Extender allows you to quickly add more workspace by extending the height of the active flipchart page.

The Page Extender is not displayed by default.

To view the Page Extender:

- Click on Main Menu > View > Page Extender.
- The Page Extender icon appears at the bottom of the flipchart page. It can be clicked and dragged to any desired location on the page.
- Click the Page Extender icon to extend the height of the current page by 10 percent.
- Continue to click the Page Extender icon to add more space as needed.

When additional height is added to the page, a scroll bar appears to the right of the flipchart page to allow access to the added space. Use the scroll bar to scroll up and down the page as needed.



Note: The entire page may be viewed by clicking the 'Page Scale' menu and choosing 'Fit to Height'.

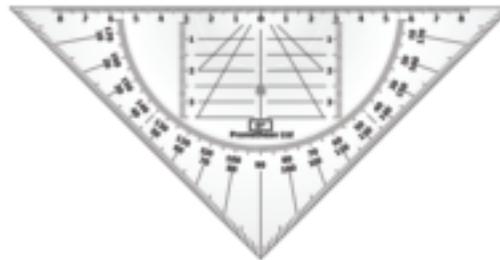
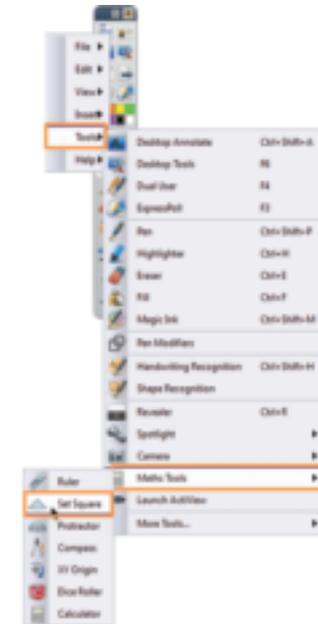
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Set Square

The Set Square is an addition to the Math Tools. It has many uses such as measuring angles and checking that lines are parallel.

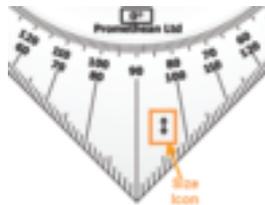
To access the Set Square tool:

- Select Tools>Maths Tools>Set Square.



To move the Set Square:

- Move the cursor inside the area of the small white lined arc of the Set Square tool. The cursor will display as the Freely Move icon.
- Click and drag to move the Set Square.
- Release the mouse click when the tool is in the desired location.



To change the size of the Set Square:

- Move the cursor over the area to the outside of the numbered arc. The cursor will display as the Size icon.
- Click and drag to the desired size.
- Release the mouse click when the tool reaches the desired size.

Enhancements

ActivInspire Version 1.6 offers some functionality enhancements to existing tools, making your options more expansive. These upgrades are explained in this section of the ActivInspire v1.6. Addendum.

Pen Tool (Core Essentials, Page 20) and Select Tool (Core Essentials, Page 26)

The Pen tool now remembers the last color and width used upon restart.

When using the Pen tool, it is possible to access the Select tool using a right click. This is especially helpful when working at the ActivBoard.

To quickly convert the most recently created annotations to text:

- Right-click and choose 'Convert to text' from the pop-up menu.



The Pen tool cursor can be turned off so it does not display.

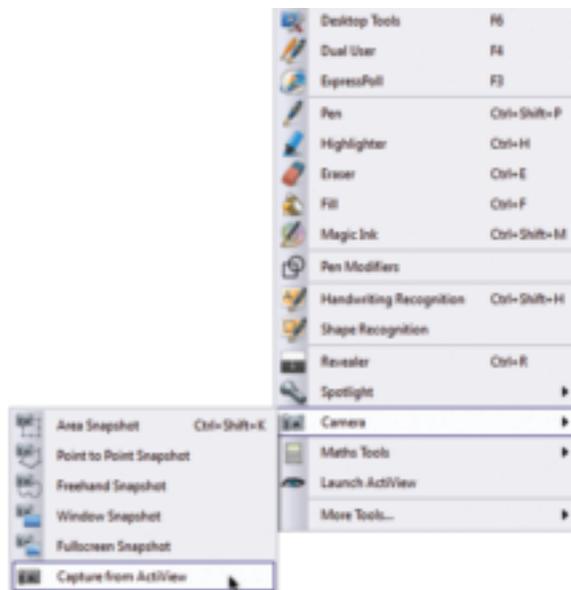
- Choose Edit>Profiles.
- Choose the 'Settings' tab.
- Select 'Tools' from the menu on the left side of the 'Edit Profiles' Dialog Box.
- Remove the check from 'Show pen width indicator'.

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Camera Tool (Core Essentials, pg. 54)

You can now capture an image from the ActiView using the Camera Tool.

- Select Tools from the Main toolbox.
- Choose Camera>Capture from ActiView.
- Select an option from the Camera Snapshot window.
- The image will be placed according to your choice.



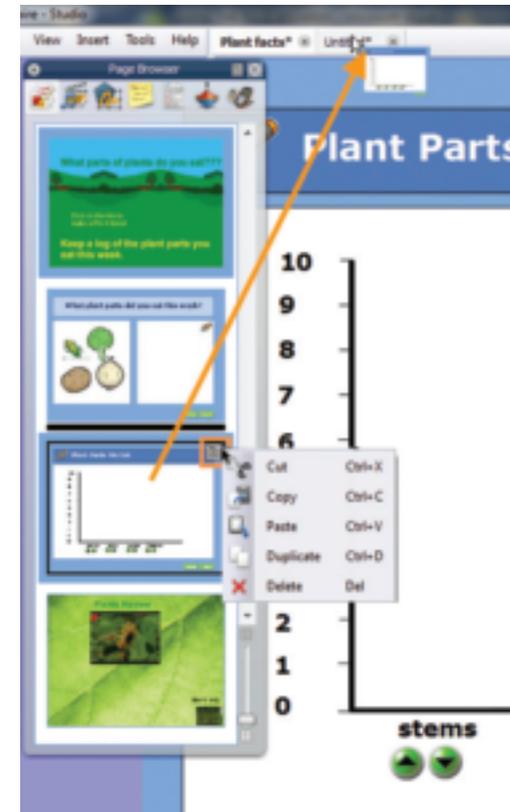
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Page Browser (Core Essentials, Page 70)

The border surrounding a selected page within the Page Browser has been changed to black to make identifying the selected page easier.

It is now possible to copy, paste, delete and duplicate multiple pages within the Page Browser.

- To select consecutive pages, click on the page thumbnail of the first page in the series, press and hold the Shift key and click the last page to be edited.
- To select non-consecutive pages, click on the first page to be included in the selection. Press and hold the Control key as the other desired pages are selected.
- A black outline surrounds the first page that was selected using one of the above methods; the other selected pages are outlined in blue.
- The Page Edit drop-down menu is available in the top right corner of the black outlined thumbnail. This menu offers edit options to cut, copy, paste, duplicate or delete the selected pages.
- The selected pages may also be copied to another flipchart using the drag and drop method. Simply click on one of the selected pages and drag to the tab of the flipchart where they are to be pasted.

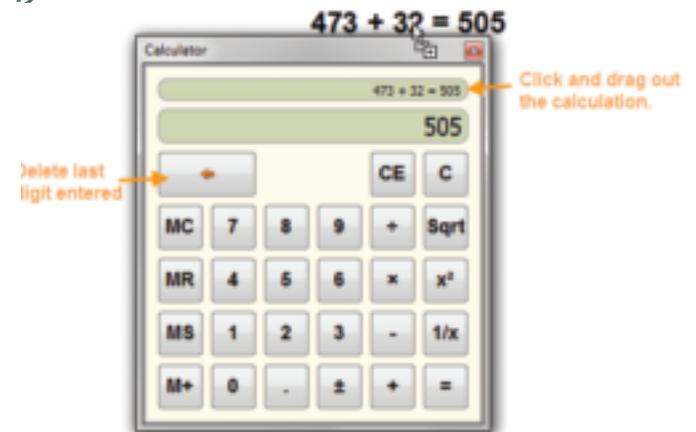


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Studio Calculator (Core Essentials, Page 94)

The calculator now offers more robust options.

- A backspace key is available to remove the last digit entered.
- The calculation can be clicked and dragged onto the flipchart page as a textbox. Simply click on the calculation and drag it onto the page.

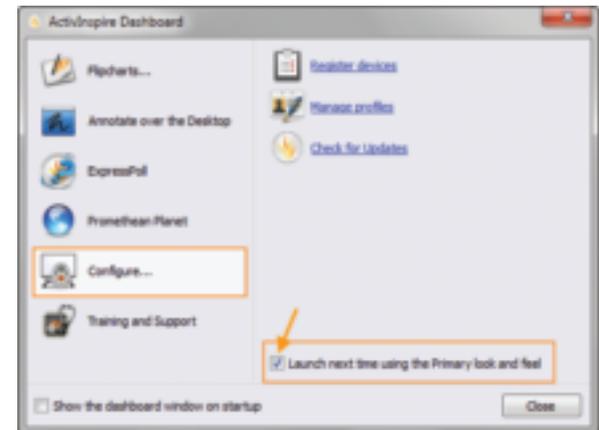


Primary Calculator (Core Essentials, Page 94)

The child's Calculator is now accessed by changing ActivInspire's interface to Primary rather than through a right-click pop-up menu. To make the Primary interface active:

- From the View menu, choose 'Dashboard' > 'Configure'.
- Place a check next to 'Launch next time using the Primary look and feel'.
- Quit ActivInspire. When ActivInspire is next opened, it will do so in the Primary interface.

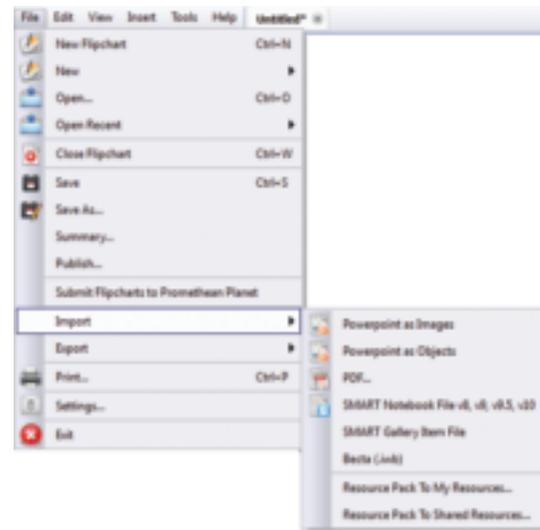
Note: To return to the Studio interface, follow the same steps. The checkbox will indicate 'Launch next time using the Studio look and feel'.



Importing Files (Core Essentials, Page 111)

In addition to the file types listed on page 111 of the Core Essentials manual, Becta (.iwb) files can now be imported. Becta is a common format for interactive whiteboard documents and allows files to be shared across different software programs.

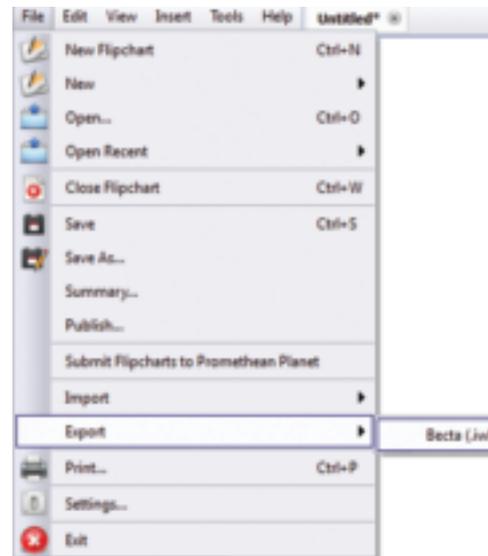
IMS, QTI, XML files, and ExamView XML files can no longer be imported.



Exporting Files

It is now possible to export flipcharts as Becta (.iwb) files.

- From the file menu choose **Export>Becta (.iwb)**.
- In the 'Save' dialog box, choose the location to which the file is to be saved, give the file a name and click save.
- The file will be created and exported.

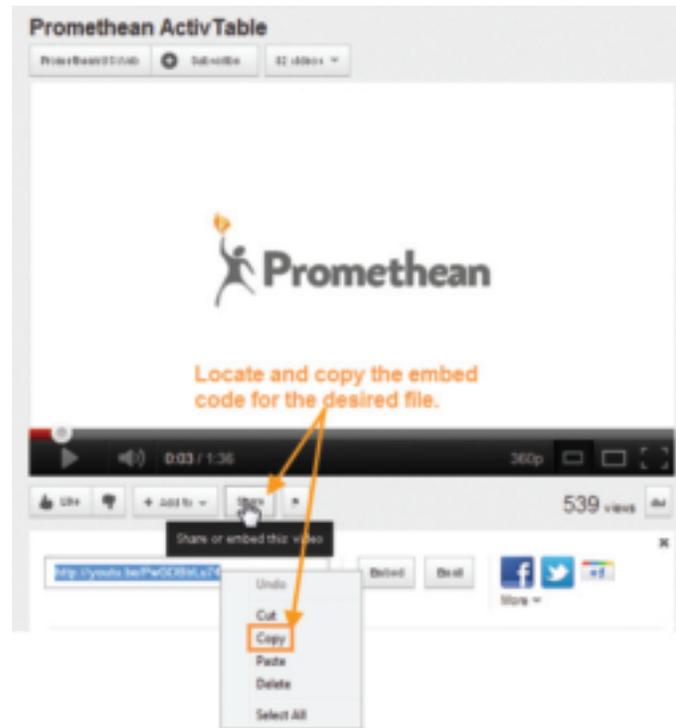


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Insert Link (Beyond the Essentials, page 82)

Insert Link now includes the option of 'Embedded HTML'. This option allows you to embed content directly into the flipchart page so that content is immediately accessible within the flipchart rather than having to launch a browser. You can embed videos, widgets, Google Maps and documents. The embedded file will maintain all functionality. Embedded content is streamed live, so custom live feeds from Twitter, news feeds or other live sites will update immediately upon refreshing the embedded placeholder.

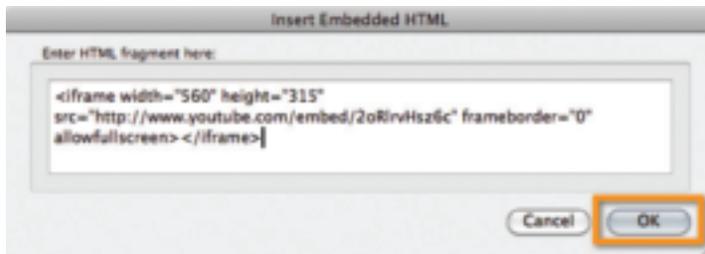
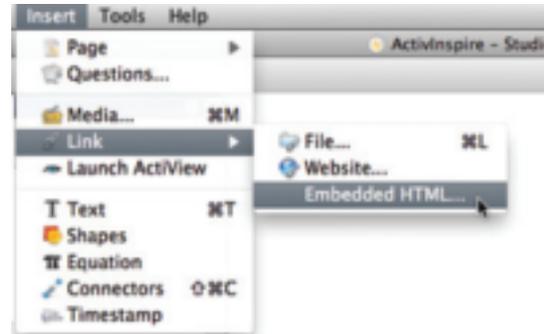
To embed a HTML code, you must first obtain an embed code for the desired file. Many popular video sites such as YouTube, SchoolTube and TeacherTube provide an easy to locate 'Share' or 'Embed' link. Google Maps provides a chain link icon that, when clicked, displays the embed code.



To insert an Embedded HTML:

In ActivInspire, select Insert>Link>Embedded HTML.

- Right-click in the 'Insert Embedded HTML' window and select 'Paste'.
- Click 'OK'.
- The file is now added to the page as an embedded placeholder.



To position the placeholder on the flipchart page:

- Choose the Select tool.
- Click and drag around the placeholder to select it.
- Click and drag the Freely Move icon to reposition the placeholder.





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