

Overview

What are some ways people communicate with one another? When might you use words to explain something, and when might you use pictures to explain something else? Multimedia software lets you create presentations with words, pictures, sounds, and videos. Multimedia presentations can be used to share information as well as to entertain.

Exploration

Several multimedia software programs are available, including Microsoft PowerPoint* or OpenOffice.org Impress*. Work with your partner to start the multimedia software. Spend 10 minutes completing the following challenges:

- **Challenge 1:** Add a new slide with at least one box for words and another box for a picture.
- **Challenge 2:** Type your names in the slide.
- **Challenge 3:** Add a picture to the slide.
- **Challenge 4:** Add another new slide with a layout that is different from the first.
- **Challenge 5:** Add new words, pictures, or other elements to complete the slide.
- **Challenge 6:** Play the slideshow presentation.

Use the remaining time to discover what else you can do with multimedia software.

Discussion

Spend five minutes discussing with your partner your answers to the following questions:

- **Question 1:** What is your favorite feature of the multimedia software? Why?
- **Question 2:** What topic could you make a slideshow presentation about?

Now you will share your answers with the class as directed.

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Multimedia Resources

To learn more about multimedia skills, check the Intel® Education *Help Guide* as you complete the activities and project. Within the Multimedia section, there are nine skill groups:

- **Multimedia Group 1:** Getting to Know the Multimedia Software (**NOTE:** This group name will change depending on the *Help Guide* version being used.)
- **Multimedia Group 2:** Viewing and Working with Slides
- **Multimedia Group 3:** Building Presentations
- **Multimedia Group 4:** Making Slides Look Good
- **Multimedia Group 5:** Adding Words
- **Multimedia Group 6:** Adding Pictures and Artistic Effects
- **Multimedia Group 7:** Adding Sound, Movies, and Links
- **Multimedia Group 8:** Adding Animation and Special Effects
- **Multimedia Group 9:** Setting Up and Playing a Presentation

What is one multimedia skill that you would like to learn how to do? In which skill group might you begin looking to learn how to do that skill?

Multimedia Activities

You will have an opportunity to learn and use multimedia skills as you complete some of the featured multimedia activities:

- **Multimedia Activity:** Advertisement
- **Multimedia Activity:** Timeline
- **Multimedia Activity:** Role Model
- **Multimedia Activity:** News Program
- **Multimedia Activity:** Talents