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Discover how to set up a slide show, layout the text and images, add transition effects and play back your presentation without ever leaving Canvas.

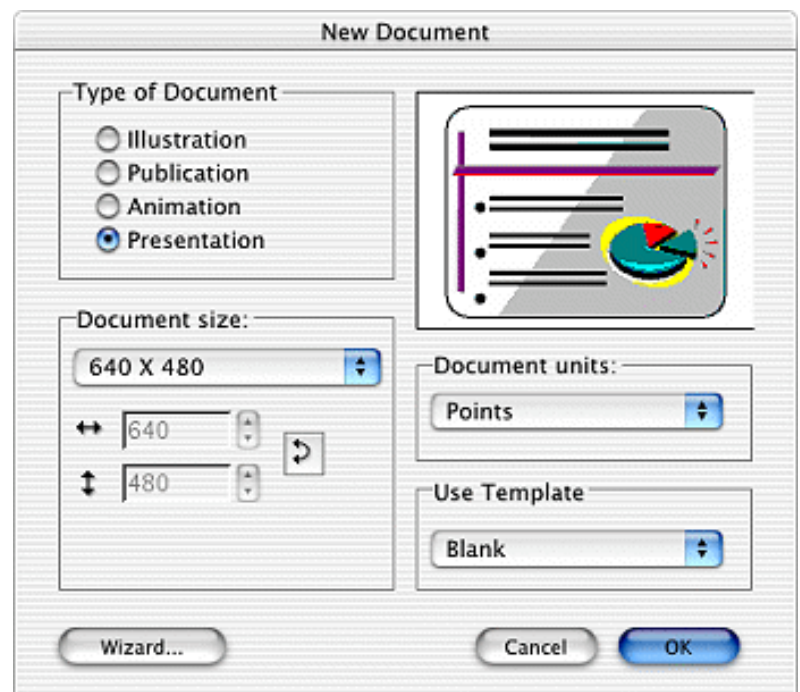
If you've ever had to work with a presentation program, you know that other than creating basic shapes and using clip art, they are not very flexible when it comes to creating custom graphics. The results are presentations that look canned or generic. The only way to really create custom images is to use a graphics program and then import the images into the presentation program, which is extremely time-consuming.

In the following tutorial, we will explore Canvas' presentation tools and show you how easy it is to create and play a slide show presentation. Our presentation will be titled "Black Holes Explained"

Step 1

Creating a New Document

We start by opening a new Canvas file. Choose Presentation as the file type and press OK.



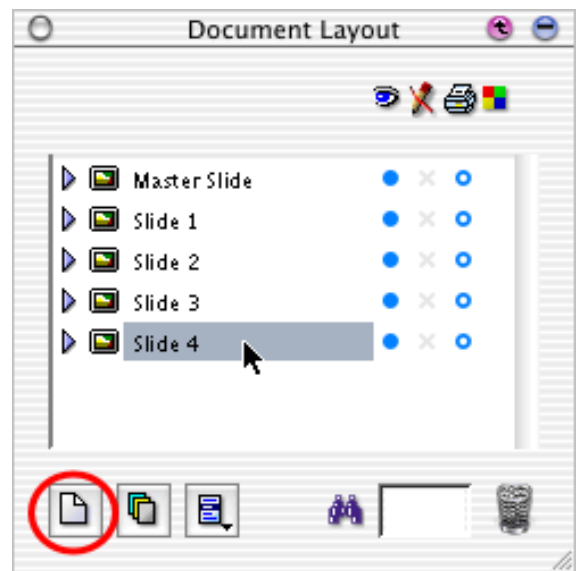
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Step 2

Preparing the Document

Next, we will prepare the document by adding the slides required for the presentation. To do this choose Layout > Document Layout to open the Document Layout palette. Then add the pages by pressing on the Add Slide icon.

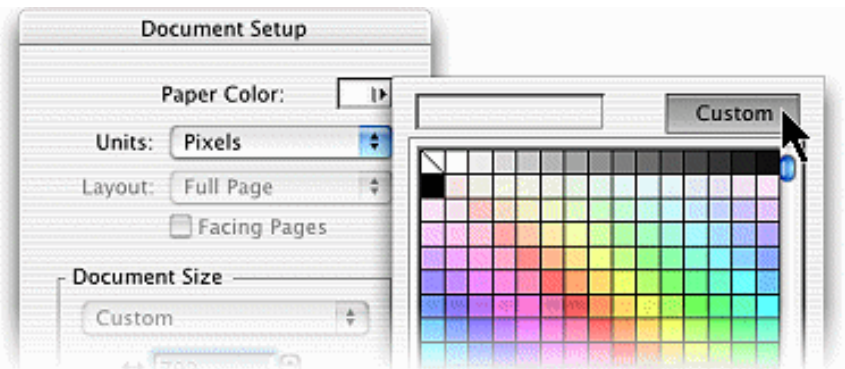
- ✓ To remove slides, simply drag the slide you wish to remove into the trash can icon.



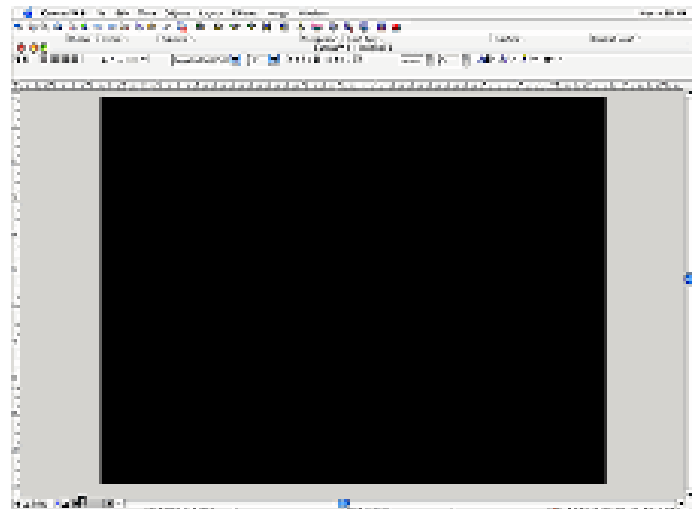
Changing the Paper Color

For our example, we want to use a black paper color.

To change the paper color, choose Layout > Document Setup. Click on Paper Color and choose the color from the Inks palette. If you wish to use a custom color or if you know the color values, choose Custom from the Inks palette and enter the value.



Your work area will look like this with the paper color changed to black.

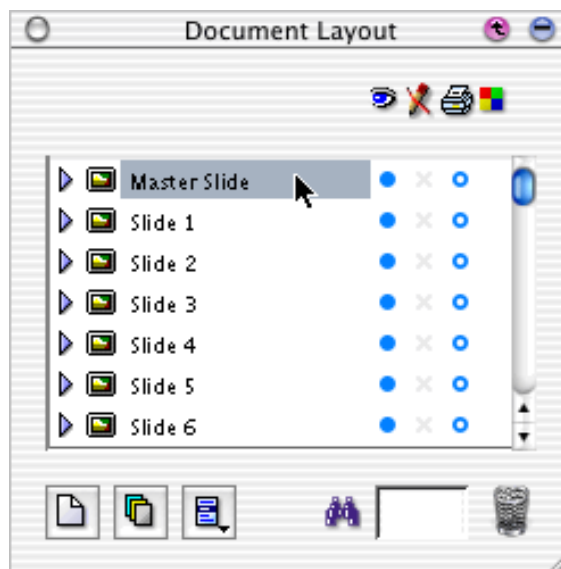


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Using Master Slides

Master Slides are used when you have a layout that requires certain objects to appear on every slide. By placing objects on the Master Slide they will appear on every slide.

The Master Slide is accessible through the Document Layout palette.



To give our presentation the appearance of deep space, we will add this background image to our Master Slide. Doing so will place this image on every slide in our presentation.



Step 3

Designing the Presentation

Before we get started, make sure you are working on Slide 1. To select or return to Slide 1, go to the Slide buttons at the bottom of the layout area and click on Slide 1.

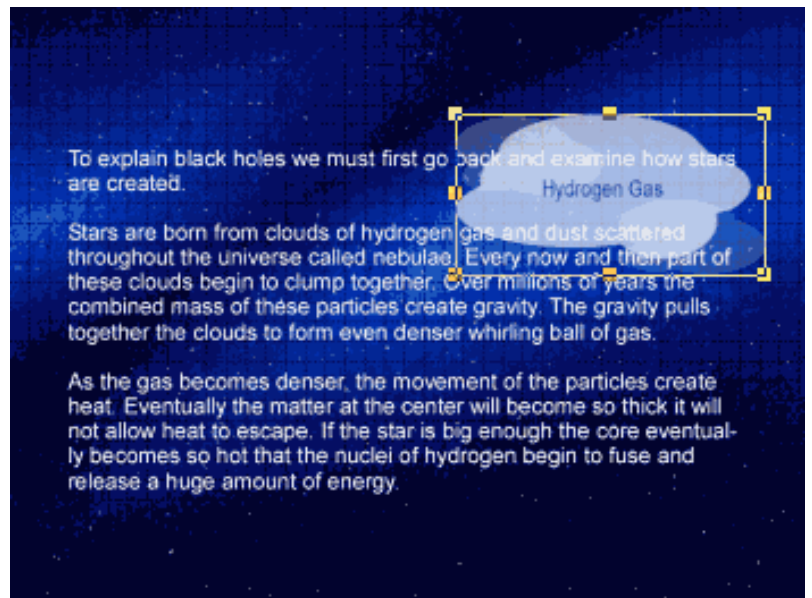


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Now you are ready to lay out your presentation. Use the Text tool to layout and format your text.

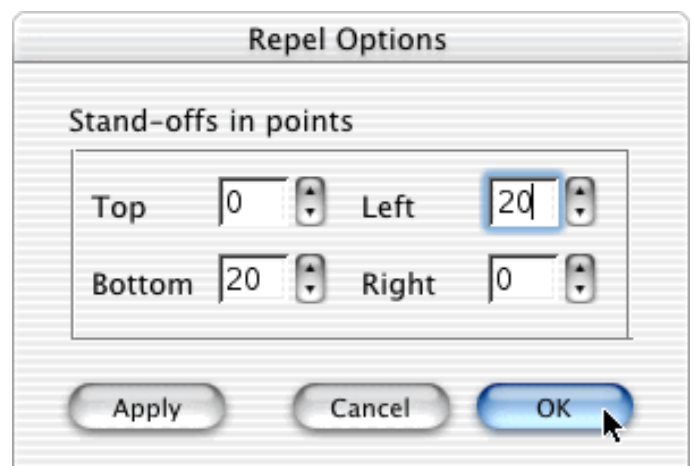


To wrap text around an object or image, first place the object over the text you want to wrap. Then, with the object still selected, choose Text > Wrap > Repel in the menu bar. This will cause the text to wrap tightly around the object/image.



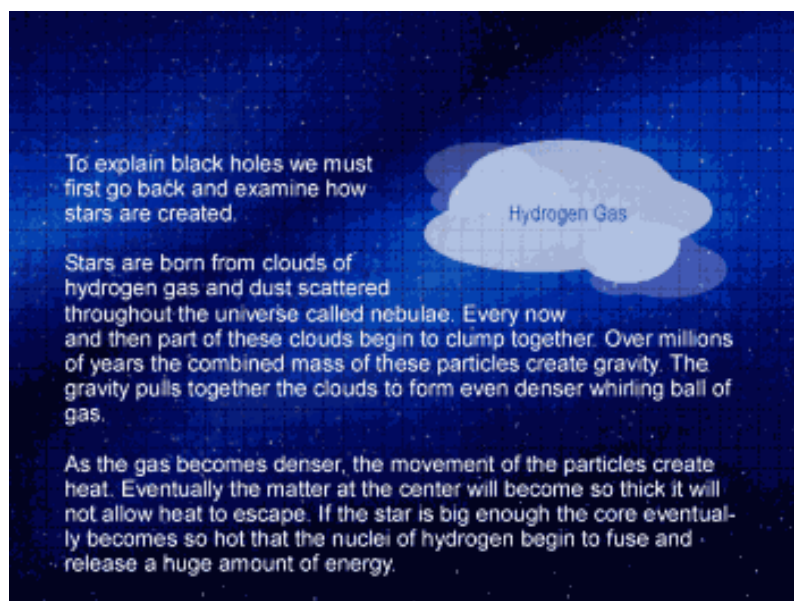
If you require more spacing around your object choose Text > Wrap > Repel Options. Choosing this option will allow you to set the amount of space between the object and the text it repels.

- ✓ To remove a repel setting, select the object and choose Text > Wrap > Remove Wrap.



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Here is our text wrapped around the image.



Next, click on Slide 2 at the bottom of the layout area and continue laying out your presentation.

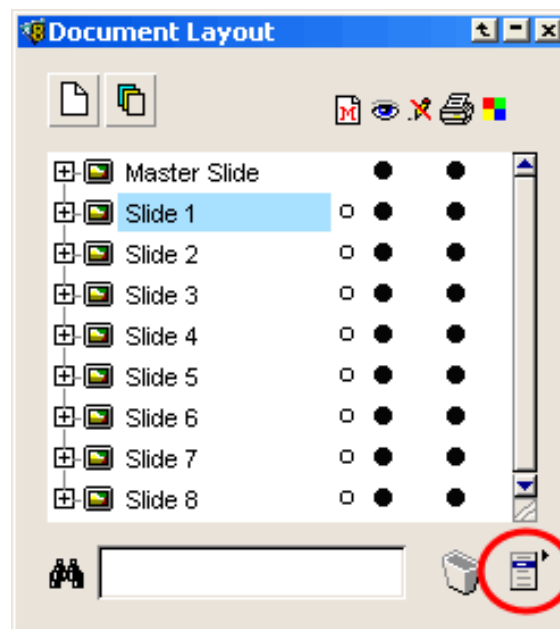


Step 4

Adding Transitions

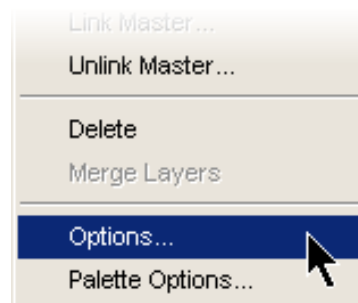
When you are finished laying out your presentation it is time to add Transitions. Transitions appear between slides to add exciting visual effects to a presentation. Canvas has a number of Transition effects such as cascade, dissolve, starburst, and many more. They may be added to one or multiple slides in a document.

To access the list of transitions, you must first open the Document Layout palette (Layout > Document Layout). Select the slide to which you wish to add the transition, then click on the Document Layout menu button on the bottom right.

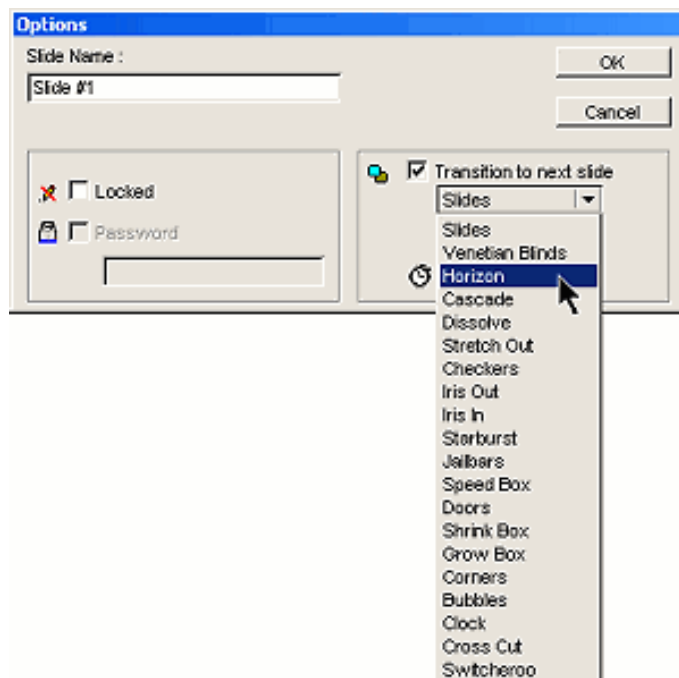


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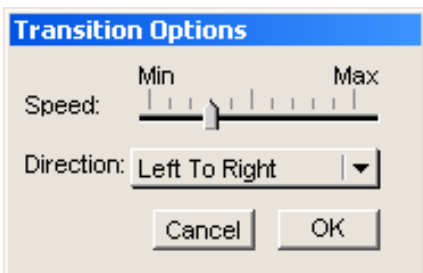
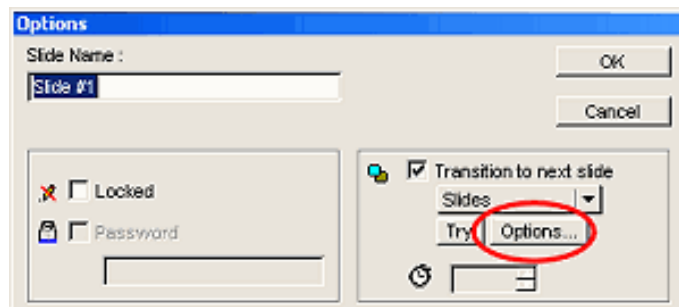
Next, select Options from the Document Layout menu.



Now choose the Transition you wish to add from the drop-down list.



You may also adjust the transition speed within this dialog box by pressing the Options button and using the slider to adjust the transition speed from Min (slowest) to Max (fastest). Click OK to return to the Options dialog box.



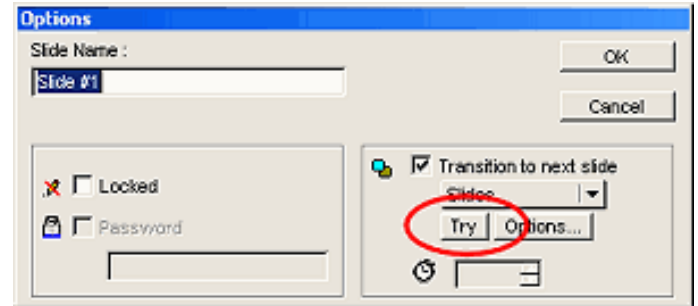
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To preview the transition effects, click Try in the Options dialog box. To apply the setting, press OK.



Unchecking Transition to Next Slide will remove all transitions.

Now you are ready to view your slide show presentation



Step 5

Viewing your Slide Show Presentation

Canvas Presentations saved as Canvas files (.CNV) can be viewed within Canvas on both Mac and Windows. When you play a Canvas Presentation, Canvas displays the document's slides in order using the specified transition timing and effects.

To view a slide show presentation you must first open the Slide Show palette (Layout > Slide Show). This is a floating palette that may be kept open to create, configure, and play slide shows.

From this palette, you could select the following options:

Fit to Screen reduces or enlarges the document's slides to fit within the screen area during playback.

Show Pointer displays a pointer on the screen during playback.

Loop cause the slide show to play continuously until you interrupt it.

Auto Play QuickTime movies (Mac only) causes any QuickTime movie files that have been placed in the presentation document slide to begin playing automatically when that slide is displayed.

Advance Every _ Seconds makes the slide show self-running by advancing from one slide to another after a specified interval without any operator intervention.



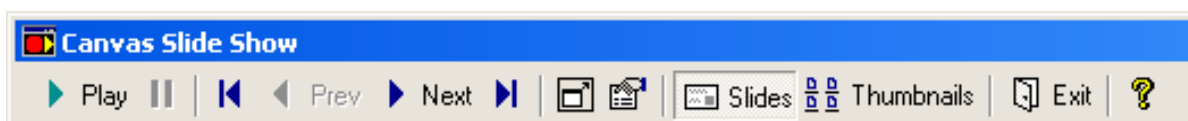
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Progressive Build allows you to play a self-running slide show either layer by layer or slide by slide.

Start from Selected Slide (Windows only) allows you to start the presentation playback from the current slide.

Anti-Aliased Play Quality applies anti-alias to object and text during playback.

Build Slide Show (Windows only) creates a self-running .EXE slide show file that could be shared with other Windows users. The .EXE recipient does not need to have Canvas installed in their computer to play back the slide show, so it is perfect for sharing with colleagues and friends. The resulting slide show will appear as an icon (see the example on the right) and have its own presentation playback controls.



.EXE slide show playback controls

Previous/Next allows you to advance through the slides in a presentation.

Play allows you to play the slide show presentation. To advance to the next slide, use the mouse and click anywhere on the screen.

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