Site Building

Linking files and videos in modules gives you a great way to quickly push out information to Learners, but they can only take you so far. To create an interactive presentation with more content and options, we need to create a Site.

A Site in Frog is a mini-website, with multiple pages, where you can embed videos and files. You can layout each page differently and include interactions such as image hotspots and questions to check understanding.

To create a Site, use the big plus button in the FrogBar and choose Site.

You'll be presented with a blank template. Later on, we'll look at how you can create your own templates to make it easy to create a house-style, but for now, I'll just click on Blank Template.

Next I give my Site a name and description. At this stage, I will NOT click Create template or worry about the theme and icon, or Tags and keywords and instead click Create.

The site opens with this Clouds view. And in the corner, where a module would have its grey edit button, here we have a black edit button.

Clicking it sees the edit panel slide out. It's very similar in operation to the module editor, but with a few more options.

On the Settings tab, I can change the name of the Site and add a description. We'll come back to presentation mode later.

In the theme section, I can customise the look of my site. A theme helps set the tone of the Site – formal or informal.

You can add a background picture and an icon. The icon will appear in the Site widget in the module view and depending on the theme, may also appear in next in the menu area of this site.

I can have up to three levels of pages in a site, and Frog will create the menus for me by just clicking on this plus button.

Note how the edit panel updates to a Page tab.

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Unlike a module which has one dotted box for widgets, here I can choose my layout.

Widgets will stack up underneath each other in each box, so I can get quite creative with my content.

I have a few extra options underneath the layout boxes and at the bottom, I have the option to delete the page.

Switching to the widgets tab, you'll see I have a lot more widgets than I do with modules.

None of these widgets has a completion status, instead they are here to present information to the learner.

I can drag them into the page in the same fashion as before.

The Text widget is similar to the Content widget and allows me to paste from MS Word and similar or type and format my text directly.

The media widget lets me add images, audio and video files. Audio and Video files are restricted to those which play in a web browser of course. Files such as the videos in the WMV format do not play in the browser. MP3 and MP4 files are the usual format you would expect to use.

> It is worth noting though that Frog is not a streaming video service. The platform does not convert video nor does it stream video. If you have a video file it will download the contents to the user's computer before playing. If you do have a large video, there are several streaming services available which provide the ability to embed video.

Frog can embed from Vimeo and YouTube and within the Widget's Advanced section, you will find the **HTML widget** which allows you to add embed codes from other services.

If you have a file such as a PowerPoint or other media which cannot be embedded in a web page, then the **Link to File widget** is a way of providing it to your users.

As with the Module widgets, selecting a widget, updates the Settings view in the edit panel, giving me options associated with that particular widget

We have video guides available for the other widgets, which you can explore when you're ready.

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As with editing a module, remember to save your changes often as you are updating a live website.

One last this for this video. Currently, my site is laid out with multiple pages and users can choose how to work through the information. But if I want to present the information in a linear fashion and have the site report back to my module that the Learner has completed it, I can activate **Presentation Mode**.

I click anywhere on the site, except on a page link or widget and the Settings panel reverts to my site settings.

Clicking Presentation in the Display Mode brings up the presentation bar. And if I save my changes and leave the editor, the Site's menu disappears and I am left with a Back and Next buttons.

The presentation bar remembers my progress, so I can close the site and return later to the same point. On the final page, the next button is replaced with a Finish button. Clicking that closes the site and reports to the module that I have completed the Site.

In the next section, we will look at a special set of Site widgets which control the next button, giving you the ability to test each Learner's understanding of the material presented.