

Impatica for PowerPoint

Description

Impatica for PowerPoint is fast, easy, and economical to use. The program compresses and converts a PowerPoint presentation into files suitable for Web delivery over Java-enabled browsers (including Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer). Impatica does not require attachments or additional software add-ons (plug-ins). Impatica is also able to support and reproduce most PowerPoint slide transitions and animations. This makes it very easy to create media-rich educational resources and link them into a WebTycho Classroom.

The use of Impatica for PowerPoint files has four big advantages for instructors:

- Impatica is not browser-dependent; students do not need to have PowerPoint or any kind of plug-in on their computer to view Impatica files.
- Impatica files can be played at model speeds as low as 28.8 kbps.
- Impatica files are streamed, meaning they play in real time and students do not need to wait until they have been downloaded to view them.
- Impatica preserves any multimedia elements embedded in the original PowerPoint so students can experience the presentation in the format intended by their instructor.

Installing Impatica

To install Impatica for PowerPoint, follow the directions to download and register the program through the Faculty Center in WebTycho or click the following link:

<http://tychohub.umuc.edu/WTResour.nsf/impatica.html?OpenPage>.

To get started

There are several steps involved in preparing PowerPoint presentations for delivery over the Web using Impatica for PowerPoint:

Note: The following steps assume that you are already familiar with creating PowerPoint presentations that include voice narration and animated effects and you have the ability to upload files to the Web.

After you have created a PowerPoint presentation and added voice narration as well as animated effects if desired, follow the steps below:

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1. Open Impatica for PowerPoint.
2. Click on the *Add* button, then select the PowerPoint presentation on your computer you wish to Impaticize.
3. Double-click the PowerPoint presentation. The file will then appear under the *Source PowerPoint Files* list.
4. From the *Slide Show* tab, select the *Include playback controls*.
5. From the *Output Files* tab, select: *new Impatica format (-imp.jar) and apply extra compression (recommended)*.

Note: From the *Output Files* tab, Select *HTML file* under **Generated Support Files** if you plan to upload your Impaticized presentation to the Web. Select *HTML file* or *plain text file* under **Exported Notes** if you are Impaticizing a narrated presentation in which you included a transcript in the notes area of PowerPoint (Plain text may be a better option because HTML files can not be directly attached to WebTycho). Impatica will generate a separate file which includes the text typed in the notes section of each slide.

6. Click on the *Impaticize* button; Impatica for PowerPoint will automatically generate the necessary files required for Web delivery.
7. Click on the *Preview* button to view the presentation as it will appear on the Web.

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3. Double-click the PowerPoint presentation. The file will then appear under the *Source PowerPoint Files* list.
4. From the *Slide Show* tab, under *Playback Controls*, select the *Include playback controls*.
5. From the *Slide Show* tab, select: *New Impatica file format (-imp.jar) and apply extra compression (recommended)*.

Note: From the *Extra Output Files* tab, Select *HTML file* under **Generated Support Files** if you plan to upload your Impaticized presentation to the Web. Select *HTML file* or *Plain text file* under **Exported Notes** if you are Impaticizing a narrated presentation in which you included a transcript in the notes area of PowerPoint (Plain text may be a better option because HTML files can not be directly attached to WebTycho). Impatica will generate a separate file which includes the text typed in the notes section of each slide.

6. Click on the *Impaticize* button; Impatica for PowerPoint will automatically generate the necessary files required for Web delivery.
7. Click on the *Preview* button to view the presentation as it will appear on the Web.

Attaching Your Impaticized Presentation to WebTycho

You can upload audio files the same way you would any other file from your computer:

After entering the title and brief text into appropriate text boxes, scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will see (Optional) Attach File(s).

Step 1: Click on the ***Browse*** button. This function will open an Attachments window, which will allow you to look for your file on your computer. Once you find your file, highlight it and click ***Open***.

Step 2: Click ***Attach File***. Wait for the file name to appear in the box before you attach another file (or click ***Continue***.)

Step 3: After you see all of your files listed below, click ***Continue***.

Step 4: Click ***Submit***

Source: WebTycho Help and Support Site: Why Use Attachments?
http://tychousa.umuc.edu/wtdocs/wthelp/html/attach_files.html#why

Additional Information

Impatica for PowerPoint Web Site
<http://www.impatica.com>

UMUC Computing Resources
<http://www.umuc.edu/suppserv/it/impatica/>

Impatica for PowerPoint User's Guide
<http://www.impatica.com/support/guides/imp4ppt.html>

PowerPoint in the Classroom
(slightly-outdated but a very useful and entertaining PowerPoint resource)
<http://www.actden.com/pp>