

IPod e-books using eXe Learning



eXe, an open-source XHTML editor, is a web based authoring tool available for download from <http://www.exelearning.org/Download>. It's an excellent tool to help you create multimedia learning objects however, there is a limit to text-only objects that can be synchronised to the iPod.

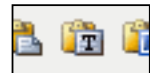
A simple Word document can be saved as a text file and transferred to the hard-drive of an iPod quite easily but eXe Learning offers the opportunity to create 'pages' of an e-book showing navigable links.

The following instructions will help you to create a simple e-book and transfer to an iPod.

Step 1: Start the eXe Program. Start > All Programs > eXe.

Step 2: To rename the Home Page click on to Rename and, in the 'Enter a new name' dialogue box, type in: *a heading of your choice*. Then click on OK.

Step 3: Click onto the **Free Text** iDevice in the left panel. In the main screen you will see the Free Text panel open. Type a few sentences or paragraphs. (*For a quantity of typed text you may wish to initially use MS Word. When you copy the text from MSWord click on the 'Paste as Plain Text' button to paste the selected text into the Free Text panel. This removes unnecessary code associated with the text*)



Step 4: Highlight the pasted text and enlarge to size 12.

Step 4: Click on the green tick at the bottom of the Free Text panel to confirm OK.



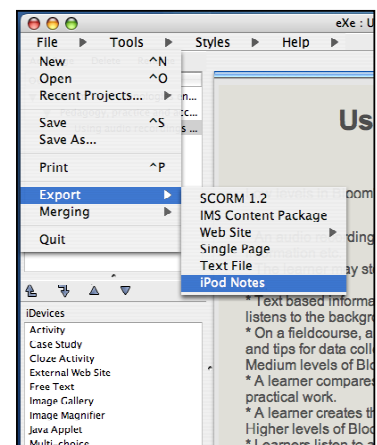
A second page can be added:

Step 1: Click on Add Page and then click on Rename. Type in a heading for the second page and confirm OK.

Step 2: Insert a **Free Text iDevice**. Repeat the actions at Step 3 above.

Step 3: Click on the green tick at the bottom of the Free Text panel to confirm OK.

Go to File > Save. A prompt will confirm the object has been saved as an eXe file.



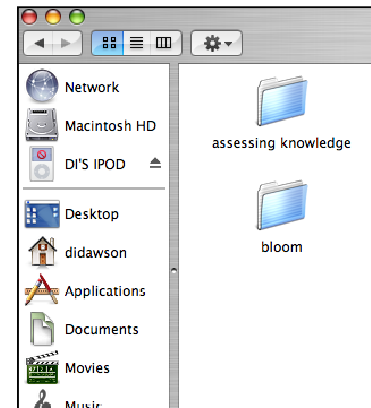
Exporting and publishing the eXe object.

Step 1: Go to File > Export > iPod Notes. Give the file a name and confirm OK.

Step 2: Plug your iPod into the computer using the USB cable and ensure it is recognised as a hard-drive. (Click the Summary Tab against the iPod device within iTunes and select 'Enable disk use')




Step 3: Open My Computer or Windows Explorer to view and explore the contents of the iPod. Open the Notes folder.



Step 4: Copy and paste the folder named into the Notes folder.

IMPORTANT

Step 5: Eject the iPod either within iTunes, My Computer or on the Taskbar. 

View the files within the Extras Section of the iPod > Notes.