

Introduction to Express

Express is a program that helps instructors create standalone learning modules. Instructors use Express to present media (text, images, audio, and video) and add annotations to the media in order to increase their pedagogical effect and value. By adding annotations to materials, the content can be made more approachable and accessible.

A presentation is a collection of screens, each of which contains media and interactivity. Instructors create screens, using templates that guide the instructor through the process of creating pedagogical materials. Students use the presentations to learn. They view the media, and use the annotations to gain understanding, insight, and analysis that the instructor put into the presentation.

Presentations can be viewed online, or downloaded for use in locations where reliable high-speed Internet access is not available. When viewing online, every presentation has a unique URL, which students use to access the presentation.

The Analects of Confucius

Title of the presentation

Title	學而時習之，不亦說乎？	樂
Listen to Chapter 1	有朋自遠方來，不亦樂乎？	Another special pronunciation. Usually "yùe" but here "lè."
Read and Understand Chapter 1	人不知而不慍，不亦君子乎？	
Learn to speak chapter 1		Gloss view.
A checkup: do you understand chapter 1?		
Images of the Sage		
The Sage		
Video lecture: What is a 君子?	Individual slides. Click the name of the slide to view.	
Re-read chapter 1 論語		
Movie Trailer		

Slide content. This slide, a Text Gloss slide, separates the content view into two panes: the content on the left, and the gloss on the right.

student view of a presentation

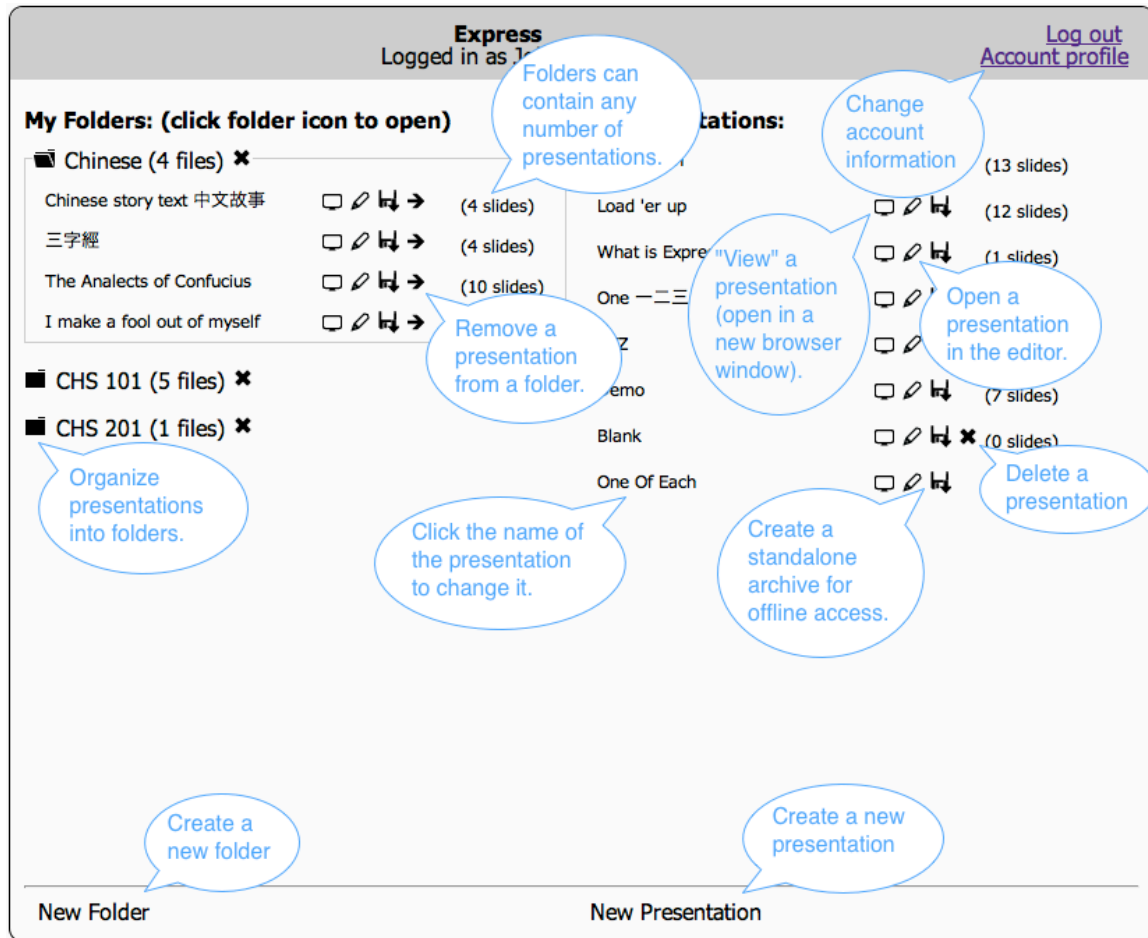
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Instructor Accounts

The Instructor Main Screen

When logged in, an instructor sees a main screen that looks like this. From this screen, you can access and manage all of your presentations.



instructor main screen

Log In

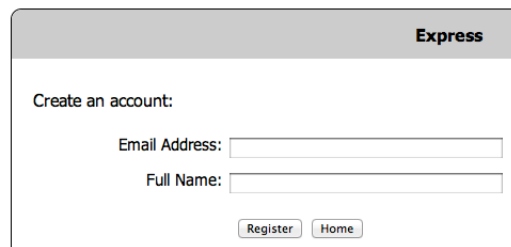
Students do not have to log in to access presentations, but instructors must log in to create or edit presentations.



The screenshot shows the Express login interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the word "Express". Below the header, the text "Please log in:" is displayed. Underneath, there are two input fields: "Email address:" and "Password:". A "Log In" button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "What is Express? Watch this video (4:20)".

Create an account

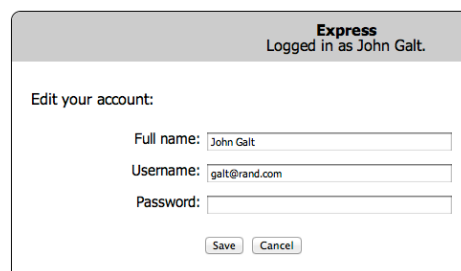
Authoring accounts can be created by clicking the “Need an account?” link. Login information is emailed to the account holder.



The screenshot shows the Express account creation interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the word "Express". Below the header, the text "Create an account:" is displayed. Underneath, there are two input fields: "Email Address:" and "Full Name:". Below the "Full Name" field, there are two buttons: "Register" and "Home".

Recover forgotten password

On the home page, click the “Password Reset” link. Follow the instructions to reset your password.

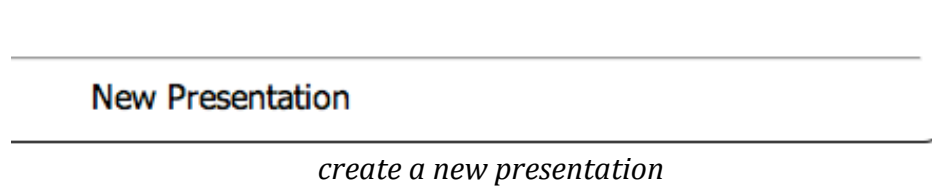


The screenshot shows the Express account editing interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the word "Express" and the text "Logged in as John Galt." Below the header, the text "Edit your account:" is displayed. Underneath, there are three input fields: "Full name:" (with the value "John Galt"), "Username:" (with the value "galt@rand.com"), and "Password:". Below the "Password" field, there are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel".

Presentations

Create a presentation

On the main screen, click the “New Presentation” link.



You will be prompted for a name.



After you have named the presentation, it will appear in the list of “My Presentations” on the right-hand side of the screen.

Edit a presentation

To edit a presentation, click the pencil icon (✎) next to the name of the presentation. The presentation will open in a window that looks like this:

The screenshot shows the presentation editor interface. At the top, the title "The Analects of Confucius" is displayed. On the left, a sidebar titled "Your Slides (double-click to edit)" lists the current slides: "Title", "Title Slide", "Listen to Chapter 1", "Media", "Read and Understand Chapter 1", "Glossed Text", "Learn to speak chapter 1", "Glossed Media", "A checkup: do you understand c ...", "Multiple Choice", and "Images of the Sage". A callout points to the "X" icon in the top left corner, stating "Close the editor." Another callout points to the title, stating "Presentation name (click to edit)". A callout points to the slide list, stating "Slides in the presentation (double-click to edit, click and drag to re-order)". In the center, a section titled "Add a slide (Double-click to add)" contains a grid of template buttons: "Title Slide", "Glossed Text", "Glossed Media", "Multiple Choice Questions", "Picture Gallery", "Picture Zoom", "Rich Text", and "Media File". A callout points to this grid, stating "Slide templates (double-click to add to the presentation)". Below the templates, a section titled "Restrict access to this presentation" shows the status "Status: This presentation is private" and three radio button options: "private: only I can view it" (selected), "public: anyone can view this pres...", and "restricted: type password" with an input field. A callout points to this section, stating "Set the access permissions for this presentation." A "Change" button is located at the bottom of the access control section.

edit a presentation

Add a slide to a presentation

While editing a presentation, double-click a template to add a slide with that template to the presentation.

Re-order slides

While editing a presentation, drag and drop the slides into the order that you want. The presentation is saved automatically.

Set viewing permissions for a presentation

While editing a presentation, you can set permissions. The options are:

1. Private: only the owner of the presentation (who is logged in) can view it.
2. Public: anyone who has the URL of the presentation can view it.
3. Restricted: a password must be entered before it can be viewed.

When presentations are created, the default setting is “private.”

Restrict access to this presentation

Status: This presentation is private

private: only I can view it

public: anyone can view this presentation


restricted: type password

Change


set the access level for a presentation

Click on the radio button next to your selection, and then click the “Change” button. You can change the access settings at any time.

View a presentation

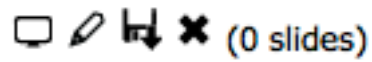
Click the display icon () to open the presentation in the a new web page. The URL of that web page is the URL of the presentation. Give that URL to your students so that they can access the presentation online.

Download a presentation

Click the download icon () to create an archive of the presentation for offline access. The archive will be in zip (compressed and archived) format. Unzip the file, then open the index.html file in your browser to view the presentation.

Delete a presentation

Only empty presentations (presentations with no slides in it) can be deleted. If a presentation is empty and can be deleted, a delete icon (✕) will be visible. Click on it to delete the presentation.



only empty presentations can be deleted

Folders

Create a Folder

On the main screen, click the “New Folder” link.



You will be prompted for a name.



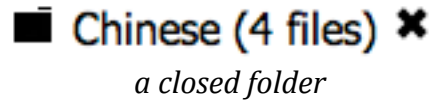
After you have named the presentation, it will appear in the list of “My Folders” on the right-hand side of the screen.

Put presentations into folders

To put a presentation into a folder, drag it from the right-hand side of the screen onto the name of the folder.

View a folder's contents

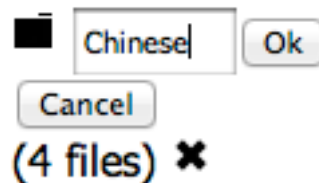
Click on the icon next to the name of the folder to open it.



an open folder

Edit a folder's name

Click on the name of a folder to edit the folder's name. Click the "OK" button to save the changes.



edit the name of a folder

Remove a presentation from a folder

Click the arrow icon (➔) next to the name of the presentation in a folder to remove it from the folder and return it to the list of presentations on the right-hand side of the screen.

Delete a folder

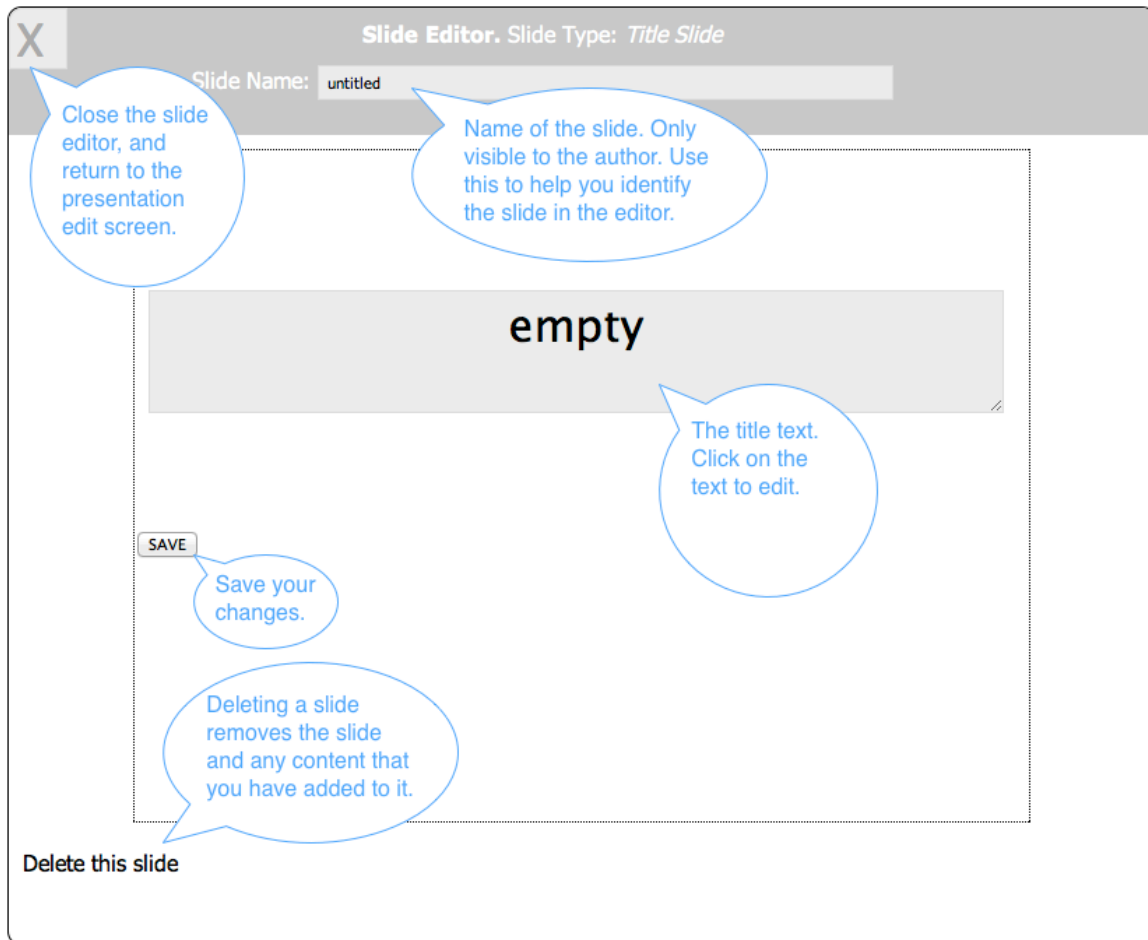
Click on the delete icon (✕) next to the name of a folder to delete the folder, and move all of the presentations in the folder to the list of presentations on the right-hand side of the screen.

Deleting a folder will not delete the presentations in that folder. Rather, the presentations will be returned to the list of unorganized presentations on the right-hand side of the screen.

Slides

Title Slide:

Intended purpose of this slide type: To inform students of a main topic or important point.



edit a title slide

Special features of this slide type: This slide holds only a large headline, which will not display a large amount of text.

Glossed Text:

Intended purpose of this slide type: Make a text passage more accessible to learners by glossing words or phrases.

Special features of this slide type: Glosses can be in the form of text, images, or audio files.



glossed text: edit the text

To make glossed text, first type (or paste) the text passage into the text editor. Then one by one, highlight the words or phrases that you want to gloss. Use the icons in the toolbar to add and remove glosses.



After you have marked all the words for glossing, click the link to enter the gloss editor. One by one, click on the links, and enter the gloss information for each word. You can choose any combination of text, image, and sound for glosses.

Slide Editor. Slide Type: *Glossed Text*

Slide Name: Read and Understand Chapter 1

Edit the glosses here. [Edit Text](#)

學而時習之，不亦說乎？
 有朋自遠方來，不亦樂乎？
 人不知而愾之，不亦君子乎？

Click a marked word to edit the gloss.

the marked word.

Type text to appear as part of the gloss.

Gloss Information:

Glossed text: 學

Text Gloss: [X]
 xue To Learn
 SAVE

Upload an audio file to play as part of the gloss.

Audio Gloss: [X]
 Select MP3

Image Gloss: [X]
 Upload an image to appear as part of the gloss.

Select Image

Delete this slide

glossed text: edit the glosses

Rich Text:

Intended purpose of this slide type: To present a large amount of text for students to read.

Special features of this slide type: A rich text editor allows you to format the text just as if it were a web page or a word processor document.

The screenshot shows a slide editor window titled "Slide Editor. Slide Type: Rich Text". The slide name is "Re-read chapter 1 論語". The main content area contains a rich text editor with the following text:

子曰：“學而時習之，不亦說乎？有朋自遠方來，不亦樂乎？人不知而不慍，不亦君子乎？”

有子曰：“其為人也孝弟，而犯上，而好作亂者，未之有也。君子務本，本立而道生。孝弟也者，其為仁之本與！”

子曰：“巧言令色，鮮矣仁！”

曾子曰：“吾日三省吾身：為人謀而不忠乎？與朋友交而不信乎？傳不習乎？”

子曰：“道千乘之國：敬事而信，節用而愛人，使民以時。”

子曰：“弟子入則孝，出則弟，謹而信，汎愛眾，而親仁。行有餘力，則以學文。”

子夏曰：“賢賢易色，事父母能竭其力，事君能致其身，與朋友交言而有信。雖曰未學，吾必謂之學矣。”

子曰：“君子不重則不威，學則不固。主忠信，無友不如己者，過則勿憚改。”

A callout bubble points to the toolbar with the text: "Use the toolbar to format the text as you want it to appear to students." The toolbar includes options for font family, font size, text color, background color, bold, italic, bulleted list, numbered list, link, and unlink.

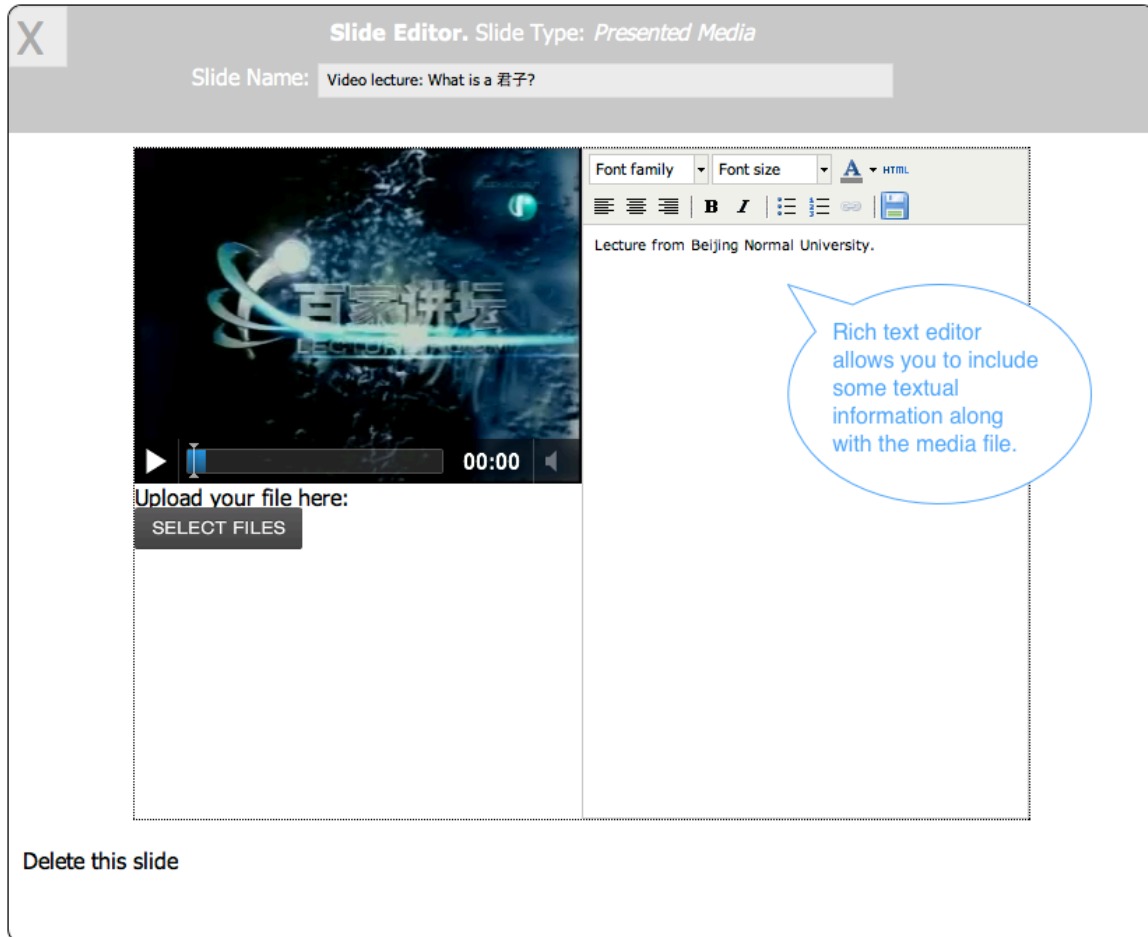
At the bottom left of the editor, there is a button labeled "Delete this slide".

rich text

Media File:

Intended purpose of this slide type: To play an audio or video file for students.

Special features of this slide type: A slide can contain either an audio or a video file. The template will accommodate either media type. You can also include some text to provide context, background, or instructions.




presented media with video file.

Picture Zoom:

Intended purpose of this slide type: To show detail of a picture.

Special features of this slide type: The zoom feature allows students to examine a picture up close.

One Of Each	
Title	empty
Chinese glosses	
Appalacian Dance	
US Trivia	
Natural Beauty of National Parks	
Lake Ritchie Detail	
Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening	
Strangest lip sync you will ever see	



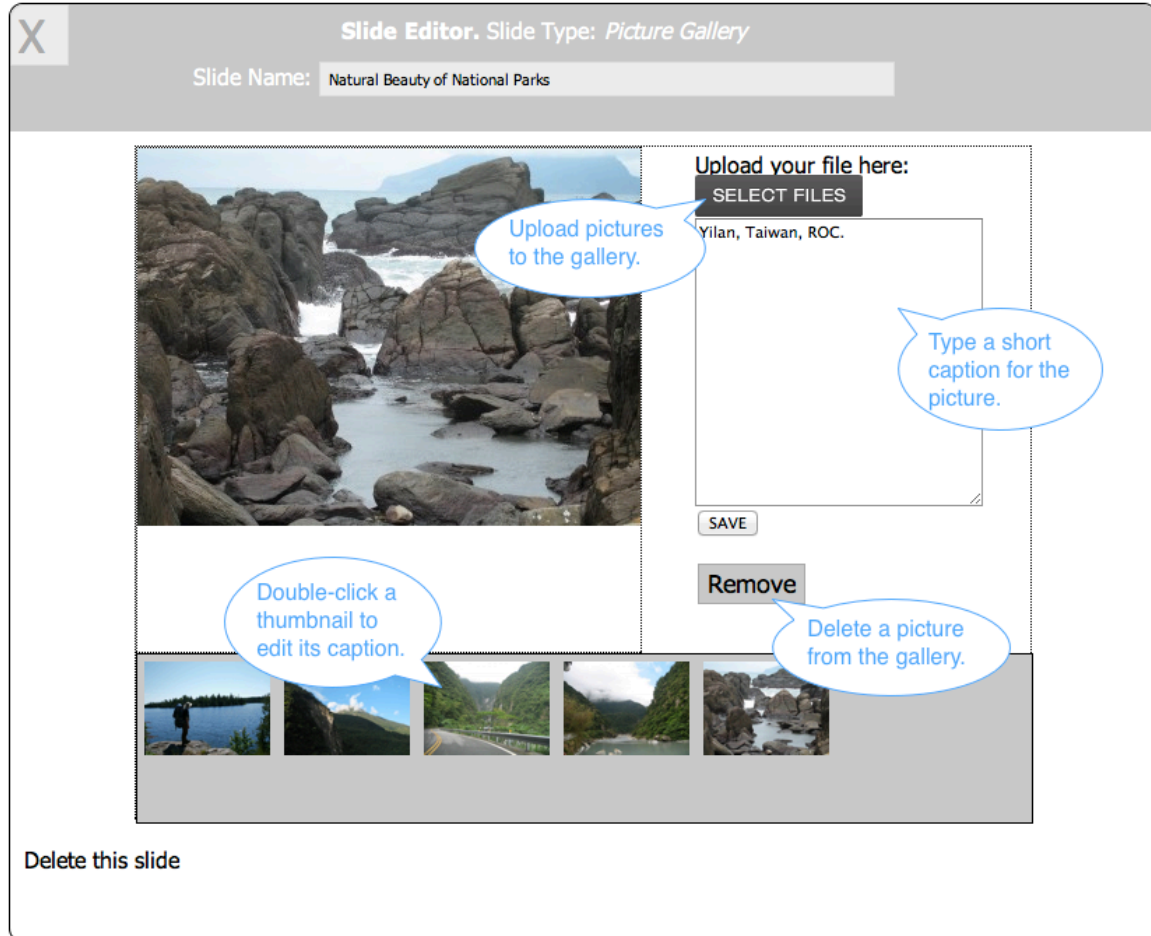
The slide displays a photograph of a hiker with a backpack standing on a rock by a lake. A circular magnifying glass is positioned over a tree in the background, with a speech bubble above it that reads "Virtual magnifying glass shows detail." The slide is part of a collection titled "One Of Each" and is currently selected, indicated by a bolded title in the left sidebar.

picture zoom

Picture Gallery:

Intended purpose of this slide type: To show a series of related pictures.

Special features of this slide type: Thumbnails, short text captions for each picture.



picture gallery

Multiple-Choice Questions:

Intended purpose of this slide type: Check understanding. Students self-assess. Not a test.

Special features of this slide type: Multiple-choice questions with instant feedback.

The screenshot shows the 'Slide Editor' for a 'Multiple Choice' slide. On the left, a list of questions is shown with a yellow highlight on question 2. On the right, the details of question 2 are visible, including the question text, a list of responses, and a feedback field. Callouts provide instructions: 'Click a question to edit it. Currently-edited question is highlighted yellow.' (pointing to the yellow highlight), 'Add a question' (pointing to the '+' icon), 'Click a response or feedback item to edit it.' (pointing to a response), 'Every response has feedback associated with it.' (pointing to the feedback field), and 'A question can have any number of choices. Add them as needed.' (pointing to the response list). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Add Response', 'Delete this question', and 'Delete this slide'.

multiple-choice questions

Glossed Media:**Intended purpose of this slide type:****Special features of this slide type:**

Slide Editor. Slide Type: *Glossed Media*

Slide Name: Learn to speak chapter 1

Media File

Upload your file here:

SELECT FILES

Upload an audio or video

Preview the media file to get the time codes for your glosses.

Current time: [00:03]

2.5	bù yì yuē nǚ
4.0	yǒu péng zì yuǎn fāng lái
5.8	bú yì lè hū
7.8	rén bù zhī ér bú yùn
9.5	bú yì jūn zǐ hū
10.0	bye bye

ADD ROW

Add glosses at specific time points in the media file.

Delete this slide

Any number of glosses can be added.

glossed media