

Mac FlipAlbum 3 Pro Allows Easy Cross Platform Transition

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I've been working on an interactive children's book that would be easy to pop in any computer and it would begin to run automatically.

The closest technology I've found that works with today's technology, is Mac FlipAlbum® 3 Pro. The program has cross platform capability, allows one to produce background sounds using MP3, WAV and MID files; As well as importing popular image formats such as .GIF, .PNG, and .JPG.

You also have the capability of inserting translucent text.

The album itself allows an intuitive 3-D experience. You can set the pages to flip automatically or manually in the preferences. You can preview an individual image in full screen mode, display file names for easy reference, flip to the page you want to view by clicking on thumbnails on the contents page.

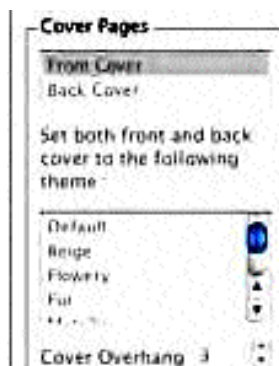
FlipAlbum® Pro 3 also enables drag & drop and the ability to place multiple images on a single page.

The program allows you to create your own themes, choose from ready made themes provided with the package, or there are several you can download at www.flipalbum.com. You can also purchase designs from other FlipAlbum users. I'm a graphic artist so I prefer to create

my own designs.

There are many security features on FlipAlbum® 3 Pro. Such an image encryption option to protect your copyrighted material or images from being taken from the CD. You can also password protect your work to allow limited access for others to share or use. One can also embed copyright watermarks to images; This is very useful for sending out sample CD's to potential customers. While we're on the subject of protection, the photo lock option makes it so your images on your CD can't be printed. You are also allowed to set up expiration dates so the CD will not work after a certain date.

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can choose from in the preferences. I'll just go over a few.

- Cover- you can choose any number of colors or you can pick out themes
- Right page, Left page or



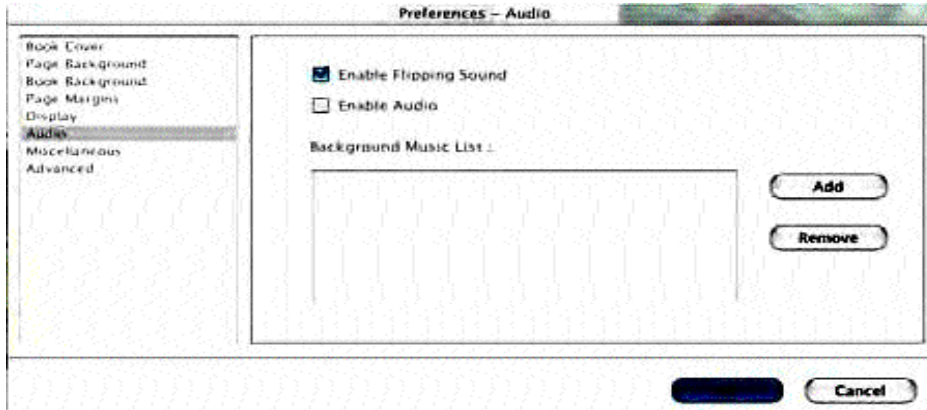
Centerfold mode- allows you to select different items for the backgrounds of your pages

- Auto Flipping- allows you to set the amounts of time you want each page to hold before it turns automatically
- Sound- allows you to choose

if you want page flipping sounds and whether or not you want background sound

These are just a few of many options you will find in the preferences area.

The program's capabilities are extensive and useful for people who are in photo and graphics industries especially.



System Requirements:

- OS X.1.3 and higher
- G3 450 MHz and above
- 256 RAM and above
- 35 MB free hard drive space
- CD ROM

For optimum performance your Macintosh should have the following configurations or better:

- Mac OS X.2 and above
- G4 700Hz and above
- 512 MB RAM
- 35 MB Hard drive space
- CD ROM



Portfolios and presentations can easily be created and exported to share cross platform.

There is one more option that I should mention. Mac FlipAlbum® Pro 3 will allow you to export as many albums as a CD can handle. It's library capabilities allow one to choose any particular album from the library book-

shelf.

There are certain things I would like to see developed for future editions of FlipAlbum® Pro 3 for the Mac, such as; animated .gif capability and the ability to incorporate movie files as well as incorporate a codec to make it possible to play on standard DVD players. I hope in time that those options will be available for Macintosh users.

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