

Bloom Session 11

Introduction

There are other more advanced features of Bloom that have not been covered in this course. Some of them could be covered in this session. Below is a list of potential features with a brief explanation that may be covered in this session.

List of potential features

1. **Custom Page:** Bloom allows the user to setup a custom page. The user can define how many text frames and image frames can be on a page and their location on the page. See [video on custom page](#). A good exercise is to have the participants create an alphabet chart using the custom page feature.
2. **Topic on Front Cover:** The user can choose a topic to be displayed on the right bottom corner of the front cover. Just click on **Click to choose topic** on the front cover page.
3. **Textbox to an image:** One way to add a caption to a picture is to use the "Add a text box to image" feature. Right-click on the picture and select Add Text Box to Image. It will create a text box that you add text to and that you move to a particular location within the picture.
4. **Create a new Style:** The user can create a new style that is different from one of the default styles. In the text box, click on the Gear icon. In the **Style Name** tab of the Format dialog box, click on **Create a new style**. Give the new style a new name and select the base style. Then you can make whatever changes you want to the new style.
5. **Text Box Properties:** There is a Change Layout control that allows you choose text box properties. These properties include languages, vertical alignment of word, borders and background. Set the **change layout** icon for the text box. Then click the Gear icon in the center of the text box. The **Text Box Properties** dialog box appears. Make whatever changes you would like.
6. **Unlock a Shell Book:** The **locked** button at the bottom of the **Pages** pane tells you that the book is in translated only mode. Click the **locked** button. Now the user can add, duplicate and remove pages. The **Change Layout** control is now available for use. The **Format** dialog box allows more format changes.
7. **Logo on Title Page:** To use this feature, you must choose an organization (e.g. SIL-International) in the **Bloom Enterprise Project** textbox in the **Settings** dialog box. Then the logo for that organization will appear on the title page or on some other designated page.
8. **Template Starter:** In the left pane of the **Collections** tab, the Template Starter is one of the available templates. When you click it, the right pane displays how to use the Template Starter. Template Starter is a template you can use to provide a set of related page layouts that a user can choose while authoring an original book.