

# **Camtasia Theater Online Help**

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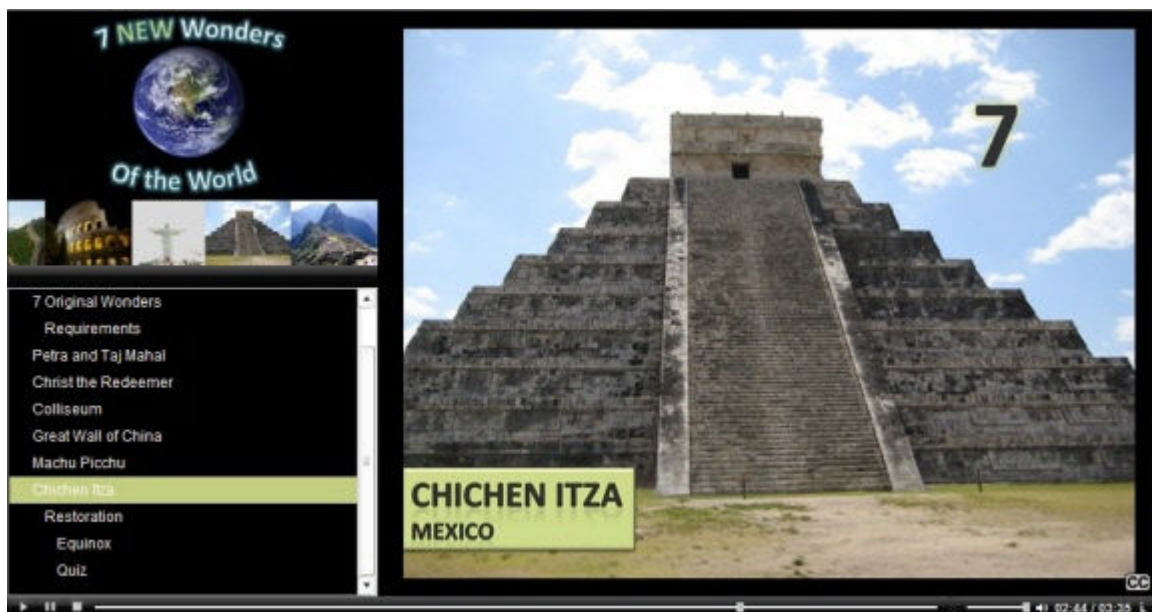
# Camtasia Theater

Start > All Programs > Camtasia Studio 6 > Applications > Camtasia Theater

From a Camtasia Studio application, select Tools > Camtasia Theater

In Camtasia Theater, you can:

- ▶ **Create a New Theater Project:** Combine multiple Camtasia Studio produced Flash files into a single Web menu.
- ▶ **Edit a Flash Production or Theater Project:** Edit Camtasia Studio Flash productions without reproducing the video in the Production Wizard. Make simple changes such as fixing typos, adding a table of contents, etc.



For more information about the file formats supported in Camtasia Theater, see [File Formats Overview](#).

## File Formats Overview

⚠ You can only add Camtasia Studio produced Flash files to a Theater project.

Drag any of the following file formats onto the playlist to create a new Theater project or to edit a video's production settings.

File Format	Created In	Description
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Config.xml	Camtasia Studio Production Wizard	<p>When you produce a Flash movie file (SWF, FLV, or MPEG-4) in Camtasia Studio with a template other than ExpressShow, the Production Wizard creates a <i>projectname_config.xml</i> file.</p> <p>Config.xml files include information about a Camtasia Studio produced .swf, .flv, or .mpeg-4 file, such as TOC settings, quizzes, and other custom Flash settings.</p> <p><b>Create a Web menu/Theater project:</b> Add config.xml files to the playlist.</p> <p><b>Edit a Flash production or Theater project:</b> Edit production settings such as TOC entries and quiz settings by opening the config.xml in Camtasia Theater.</p>
Config.xml	Camtasia Theater	<p>When you click the <b>Save and Preview</b> button, Camtasia Theater creates the config.xml. The config.xml is the Camtasia Studio project file.</p> <p>To edit a Theater project, click the <b>Open</b> button and select a config.xml.</p>
Flash movie file (SWF, FLV, or MPEG-4)	Camtasia Studio Production Wizard	<p>Add Flash movie files (SWF, FLV, or MPEG-4) to the playlist to play in your Web menu/Theater project.</p>

**See also:**

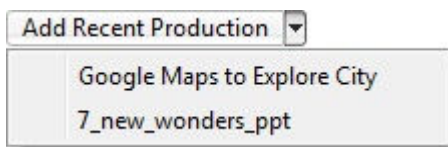
- ▶ **Create a New Theater Project**
- ▶ **Edit a Flash Production or Theater Project**


## Create a New Theater Project

With Camtasia Theater, you can combine multiple Camtasia Studio produced Flash files into a single Web menu. Viewers can quickly navigate between multiple movies or view the movies in a predefined sequence. Share your Theater presentations online or on a CD-ROM.



 You can only add Camtasia Studio produced Flash files to a Theater project.

1. Open Camtasia Theater.
2. To add files to a Theater project, complete any of the following:
  - Drag a config.xml, .swf, .flv, or .mpeg-4 file(s) onto the Playlist.
  - Select a recent Camtasia Studio Flash production from the **Add Recent Production** dropdown.



- Click the **Add File** button  to browse to select file(s) to add.
3. Complete any customizations on the **Playlist** and **Customize** tabs. See **Customize the Theater Project**.

4. Click the **Save and Preview** button. See **Save and Preview the Theater Project**.

To arrange the files in the Playlist, select a file and click the **Move File Up**  or **Move File Down**  buttons.

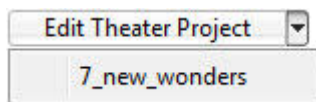
## Edit a Flash Production or Theater Project

Camtasia Theater allows you to edit and update Camtasia Studio Flash productions without needing to produce the files again in the Production Wizard.

Use Camtasia Theater to:

- ▶ Add TOC entries
- ▶ Modify the end action
- ▶ Add or delete videos from the Playlist
- ▶ Correct typos in the TOC, About Box, quizzes, and captions
- ▶ Customize the appearance of the TOC, player bar, Flash quiz, and captions.

1. Open Camtasia Theater.
2. To open a config.xml file from a Flash production, complete any of the following:
  - Select a recent Theater project from the **Edit Theater Project** dropdown.

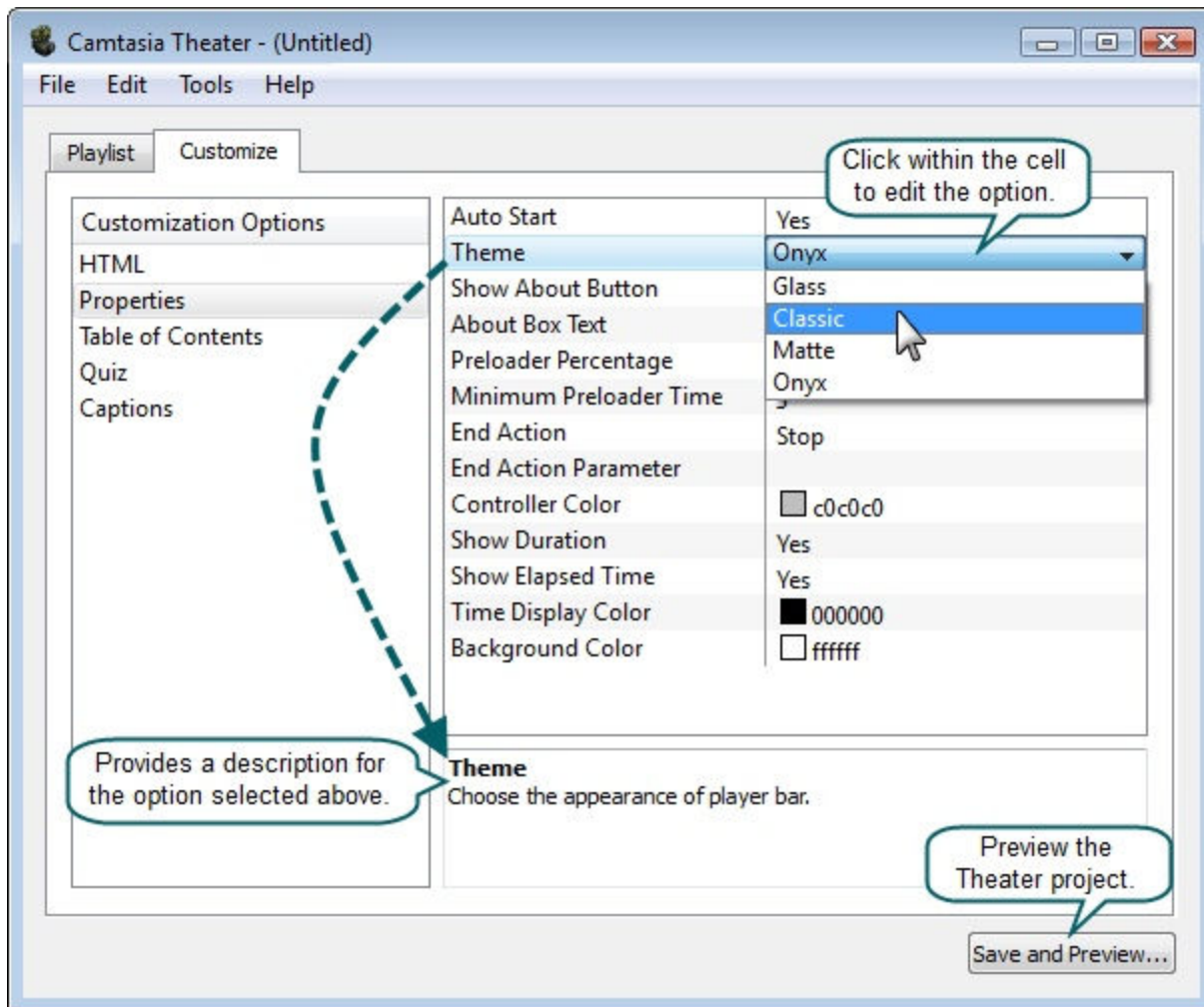


- Click the **Open** button to browse and select a config.xml to edit.
3. Complete any customizations on the **Playlist** and **Customize** tabs. See **Customize the Theater Project**.
  4. Click the **Save and Preview** button to update the config.xml. See **Save and Preview the Theater Project**.

Camtasia Theater updates the config.xml file.

## Customize the Theater Project

On the Customize tab, edit the settings for a Flash production or for a Theater project. To access the settings, click a Customization option (HTML, Properties, Table of Contents, etc.) to display the available options for the Flash production or Theater project.




See also:

- ▶ [Edit a Table of Contents Entry](#)
- ▶ [Add a Table of Contents Image](#)
- ▶ [Theater Presets](#)

## Edit a Table of Contents Entry

The table of contents displays all entries from the Playlist in Camtasia Theater. In your Web menu, viewers can click the TOC entries to navigate to topics within a video or videos.

### Add a TOC Entry

1. Click to select an entry or file on the Playlist.
2. Click the **Add TOC Entry**  button. A new TOC entry appears below the selected entry.
3. Click to select the **Time** cell. Enter a time in Minutes:Seconds.Partial Seconds.
4. Click to select the **Name** cell. Enter the text to appear as the TOC entry in the Web menu.

## Indent a TOC Entry

### ▶ Decrease Indent

Time	Name	Time	Name
7_new_wonders_ppt.mp4 (640x480), 7_new_wo			
00:00.00	7 New Wonders	00:00.00	7 New Wonders
00:03.37	Introduction	00:03.37	Introduction
00:10.87	7 Original Wonders	00:10.87	7 Original Wonders
00:38.47	Requirements	00:38.47	Requirements
01:02.77	Petra and Taj Mahal	01:02.77	Petra and Taj Mahal
01:31.27	Christ the Redeemer	01:31.27	Christ the Redeemer

### ▶ Increase Indent

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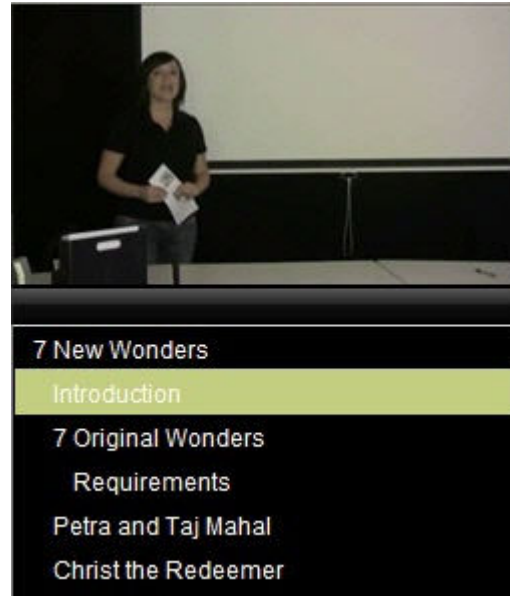
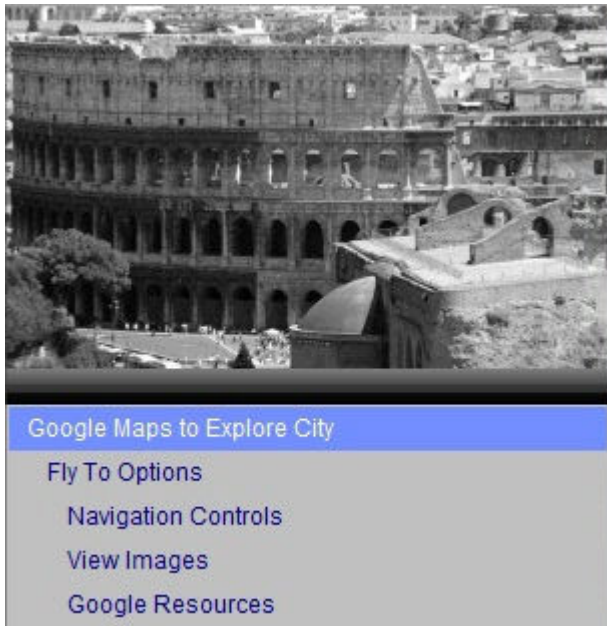
To change the amount (in pixels) to indent, select **Custom tab > Table of Contents > Row indentation**.

## Add a Table of Contents Image

You can add image (.jpg, .png, .gif, .bmp) or Flash .flv movie files to the Table of Contents. Add images or movie files to:

- ▶ Display an image of each presenter
- ▶ Play Web camera video simultaneously with the main video
- ▶ Brand the Web menu with your company's or institution's logo

The image or movie file appears above the selected file. You can add one image per Flash production included in the table of contents.



1. Select a production file in the Playlist to add the image above.

Time	Name
7_new_wonders.mp4 (640x480)	
00:00.00	New 7 Wonders of the World
00:13.80	Remaining Original Wonder
00:20.20	Original 7 Wonders

2. Click the **Add TOC Image**  button.

Time	Name
7_new_wonders.mp4 (640x480)	Intro slide.jpg (507x349)
00:00.00	New 7 Wonders of the World
00:13.80	Re
00:20.20	Or
00:34.10	Req
01:07.20	Petra and Taj Mahal

The image file name and dimensions display in the row.

## Theater Presets

Camtasia Theater allows you to save the settings from the **Customize** tab as a Theater preset to apply to other projects.

### Save Customization Options as Preset

1. Select the desired Customization options on the **Customize** tab.
2. Select **Edit > Theater Presets > Save**.
3. The *Save Preset* dialog box appears. Select a file location and click **Save**.

Camtasia Theater saves the preset as a preset.xml file.

### Apply Theater Preset to Current Project

1. Select **Edit > Theater Presets > Open**.
2. The *Open Theater Preset* dialog box appears. Locate the preset and click **Open**.

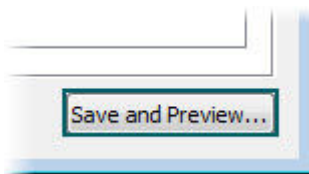
Camtasia Theater applies the preset to your current project.

## Save and Preview the Theater Project

Use the **Save and Preview** button to preview the options selected on the **Playlist** and **Customize** tabs. You can save and preview your Theater project at any time.

### For New Theater Projects

1. Click the **Save and Preview** button.



2. The *Save Project* dialog box appears. Enter a **Project name**.
3. Click the **Browse** button to select the project directory. Enable the **Create folder** option to create a new folder with the Project name. Click **OK**.

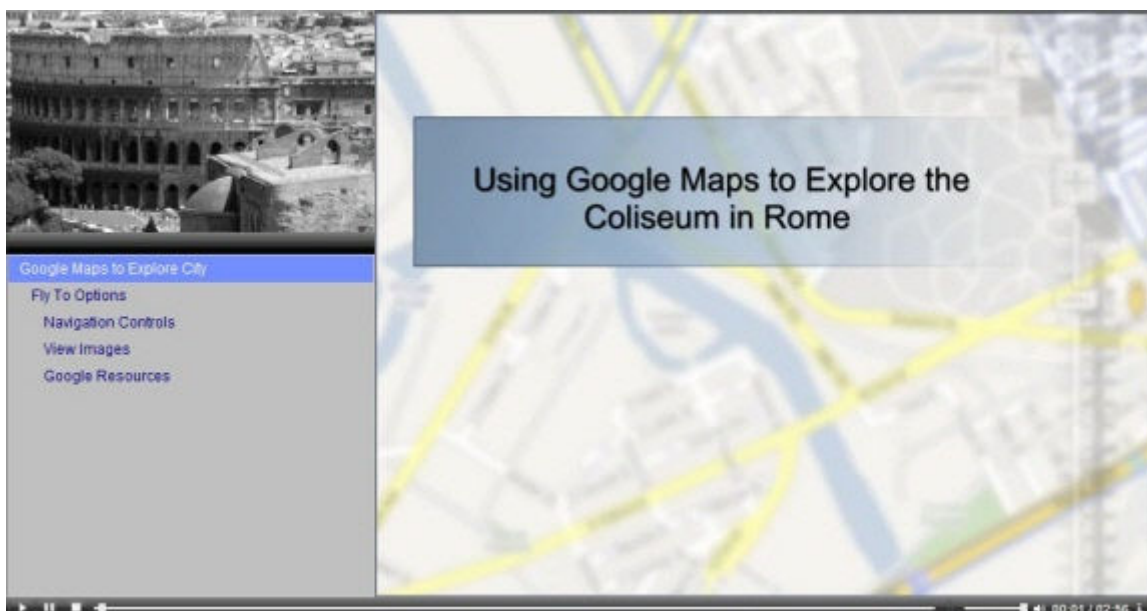
The Theater project preview opens in a separate window. Camtasia Theater creates a config.xml file and copies the original files into the project directory.



Camtasia Theater copies the original files. When you delete a file from the Theater project, Camtasia Theater moves the file into a folder within the Theater project directory called "Unused Files".

### For Existing Theater Projects

When you click the **Save and Preview** button, Camtasia Theater updates the config.xml file in the project directory. A preview opens in a separate window.





## Publish the Theater Project

After you save and preview your Theater project, share your Web menu on a CD-ROM or on the Web. Camtasia Theater creates a folder with the project and media files similar to the directory below.

Name	Date modified	Type
7_new_wonders_media	9/24/2008 3:17 PM	File Folder
Unused Files	10/1/2008 1:18 AM	File Folder
7_new_wonders.html	10/1/2008 1:18 AM	Firefox Document
7_new_wonders.js	9/4/2008 3:23 PM	JScript Script File
7_new_wonders.mp4	9/4/2008 3:23 PM	MPEG-4 Movie
7_new_wonders.smil	9/4/2008 3:23 PM	SMIL
7_new_wonders.txt	9/4/2008 3:23 PM	Text Document
7_new_wonders_config.xml	10/1/2008 1:18 AM	XML Document
7_new_wonders_controller.swf	10/1/2008 1:18 AM	SWF File
7_new_wonders_nofp_bg.gif	9/4/2008 12:30 PM	GIF Image
7_new_wonders_PIP.mp4	9/4/2008 3:20 PM	MPEG-4 Movie
7_new_wonders_preload.swf	9/4/2008 3:17 PM	SWF File
FlashTemplate.css	9/4/2008 3:23 PM	Cascading Style S...
Intro_slidesmall.jpg	10/1/2008 1:18 AM	JPEG Image
ProductionInfo.xml	9/4/2008 3:23 PM	XML Document
swfobject.js	9/4/2008 12:30 PM	JScript Script File

### Publish the Web Menu on a Web Site

1. Upload the entire Theater project directory (except for the Unused Files folder) onto you Web server.
2. Link to the HTML file to launch the Web menu on your Web site.