ORISON

User Manual

Orison is about lifelogs.

Lifelogging is all about recording your life digitally. You do this from the photos you take, the content you produce online or on your desktop or the things your doing on your mobile.

Orison lets you bring all this information together, and once in harmony, you can start to tell stories about your life

Orison is about stories

A lot of the content we produce, the photos we take or the online information we post, describes things we have done - our past actions, notable experiences and activities.

From Orison, you can revisit this content, select it, arrange it, mash it up and remix it to tell stories about past action.

WHAT'S IN THIS MANUAL

INSTALLING ORISON
A description of how to install, set up and configure Orison will be provided
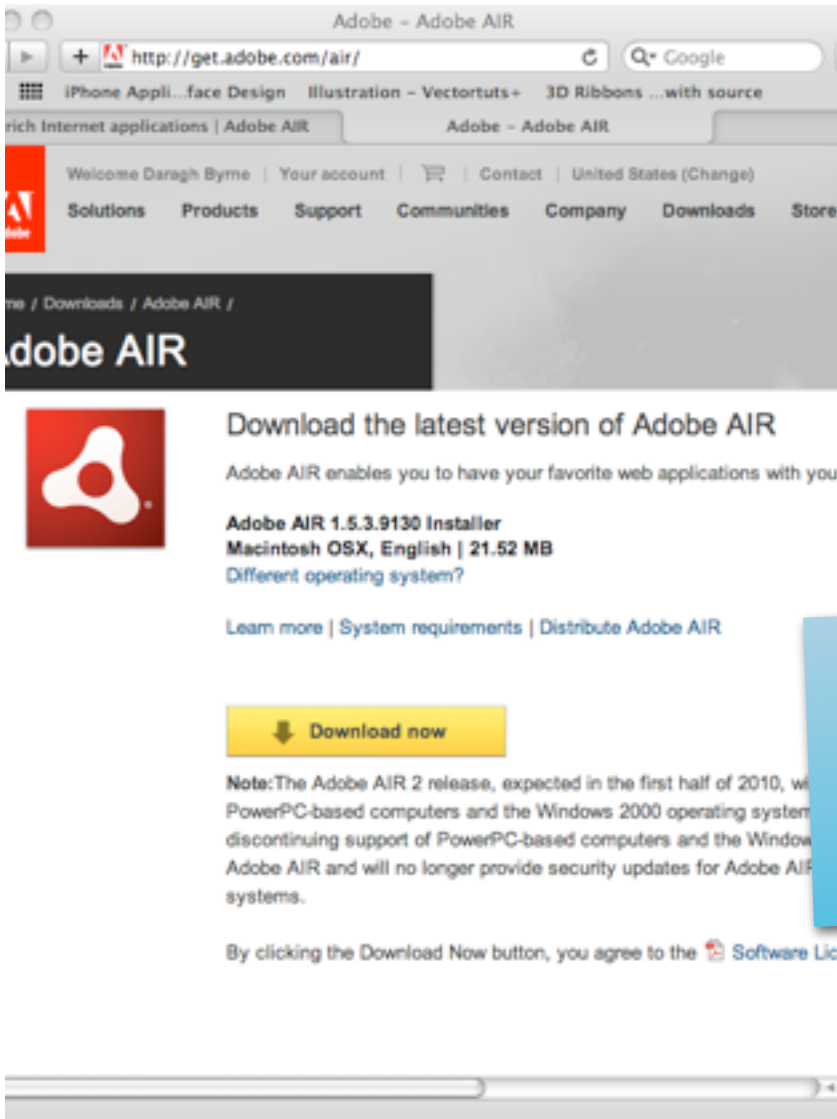
BROWSING FOR CONTENT
This section will talk about how to find the content within the collection, how to add this content to a story and things like that.

WORKING WITH THE SCRATCHPAD
Whats a scratchpad and why would you want to use it?

CREATING ALBUMS AND EDITING CHAPTERS
How to build your stories, organise and manage them.

INSTALLING ORISON
STEP 1.

In order to run Orison, you need to have the Adobe AIR runtime installed.
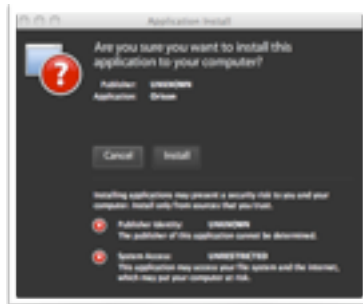
To install AIR, visit

http://get.adobe.com/air/

Once downloaded double click the installer and follow the instructions.

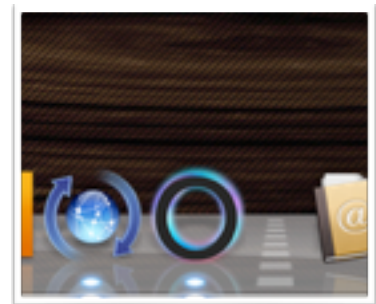When AIR has been successfully installed move to Step 2 below...

DOWNLOAD AIR FOR FREE AT:

http://get.adobe.com/air

STEP 2.
Double cllick on the Orison AIR package to begin the installation process.

STEP 3.
Once the installer launches, click 'INSTALL' and follow any other instructions

The set up may take a few minutes.

STEP 4.
Once installed Orison will automatically launch.
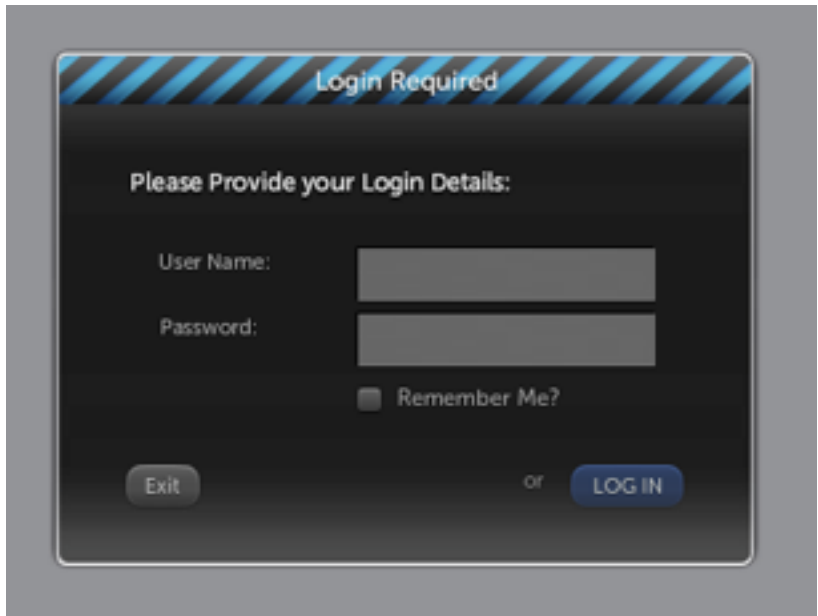
INSTALLING ORISON
STEP 5

When Orison launches for the first time, it will automatically create a new database. By default, the username will be *defaultuser* and the password will be *password.* Use this information to login for the first time. You also will need to agree to any terms and conditions to begin using the system.
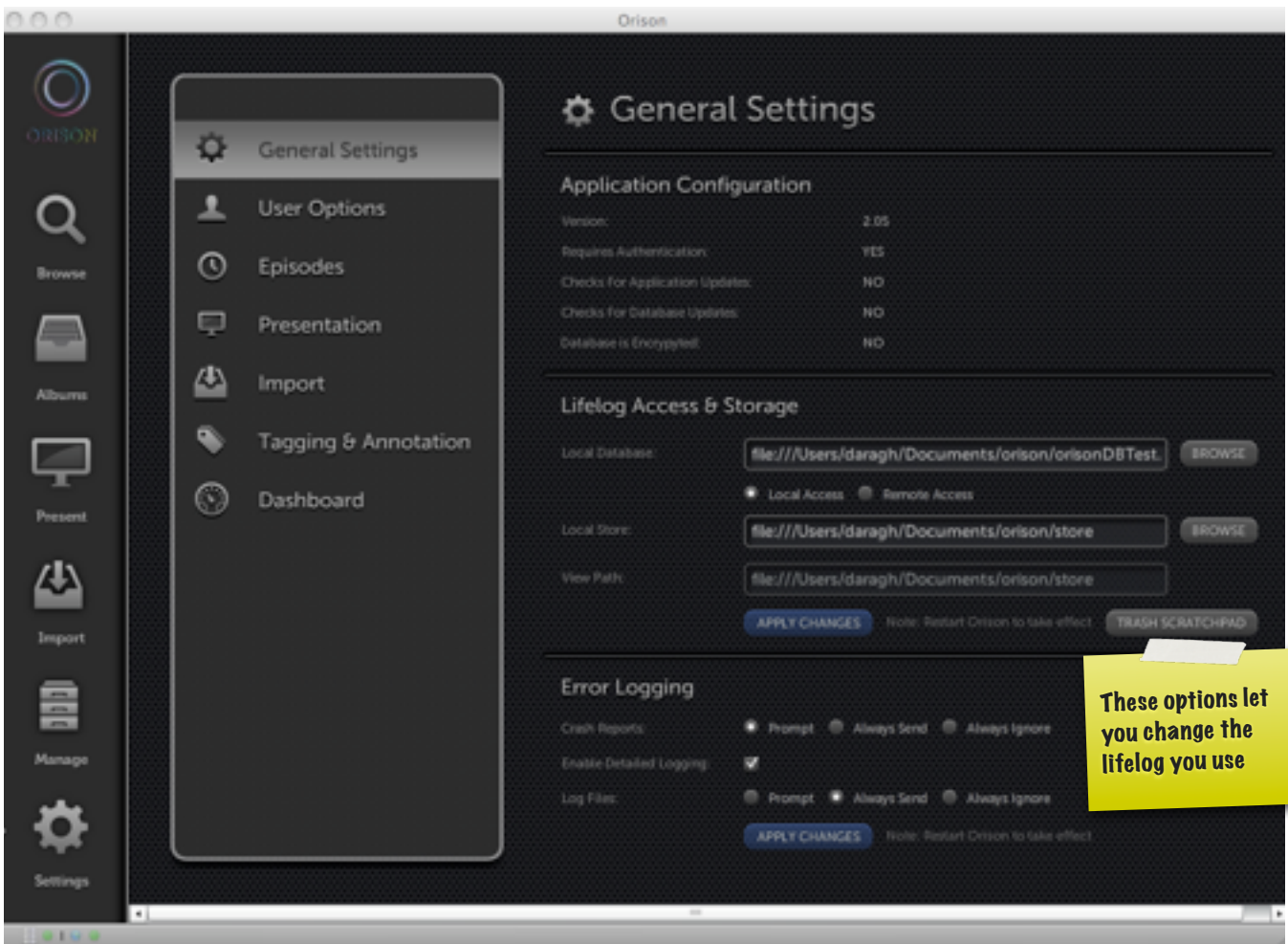
User: defaultuser
P/word: password

STEP 6

If you have a database that you want to use its pretty easy to set it up. You can do this from the Settings Screen. Just click the settings option on the right hand side, and modify the information as you need.

1. Browse to the existing database and add it to the application

2. Select 'Remote Access' and add the URL: http://campaignr.cdvp.dcu.ie/orison/db/store

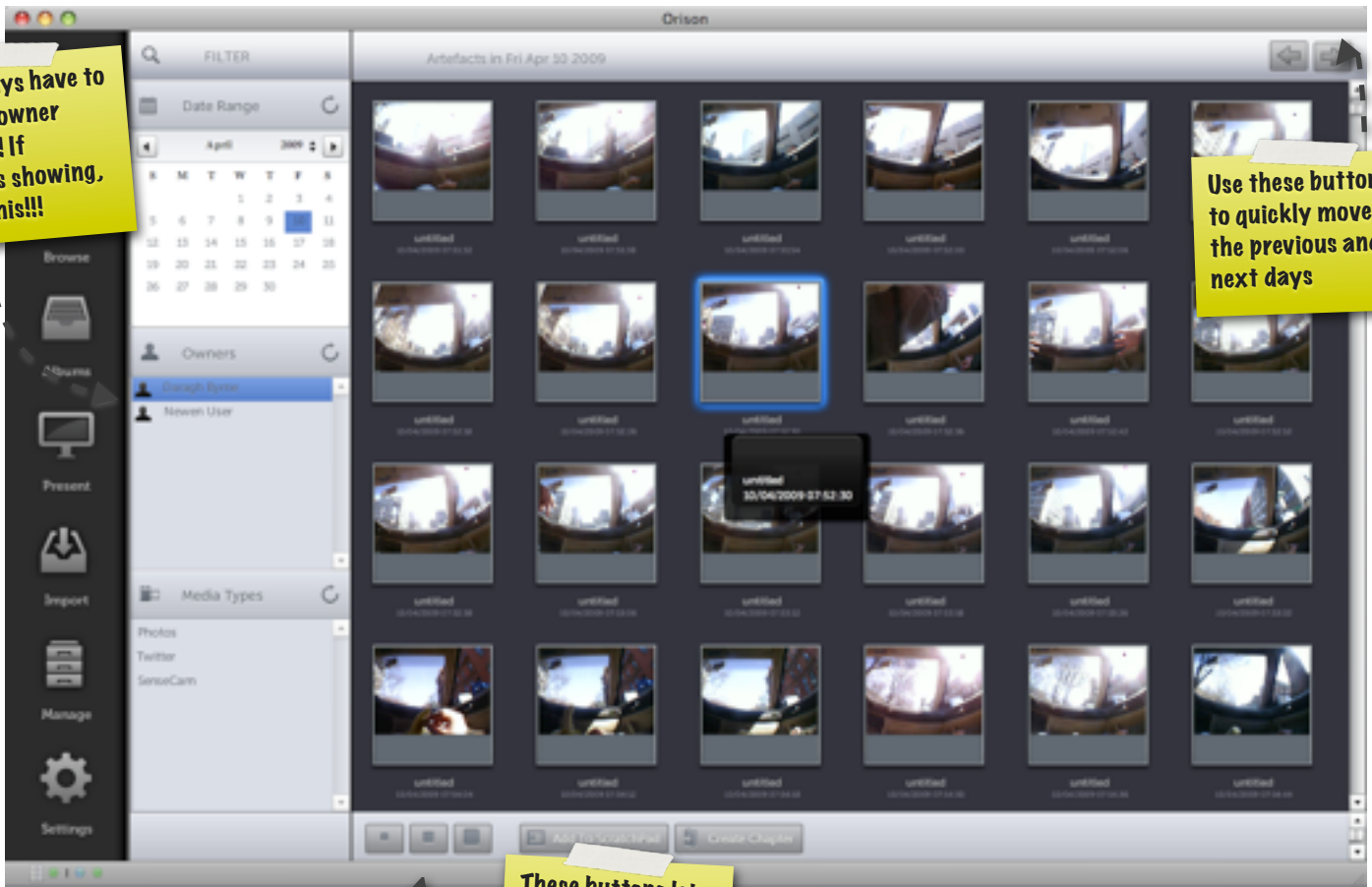These options let you change the lifelog you use

BROWSING
HOW TO FIND LIFELOG CONTENT FOR YOUR STORIES

The browsing panel allows you to find some content that you want to use in stories. Here's some tips and tricks to get to the content you're looking for.
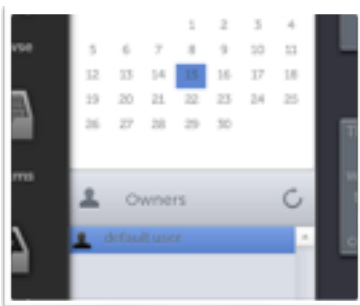

You always have to have an owner selected! If nothings showing, check this!!!

Use these buttons to quickly move to the previous and next days

These buttons let you make the results bigger or smaller!
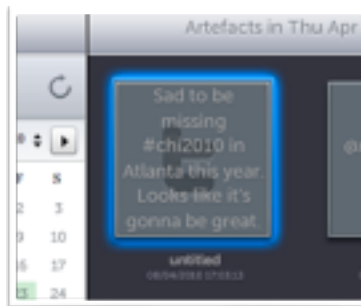
STEPS TO FINDING CONTENT

1. CONFIGURE
First, configure your browsing options.
a. Select a date of interest
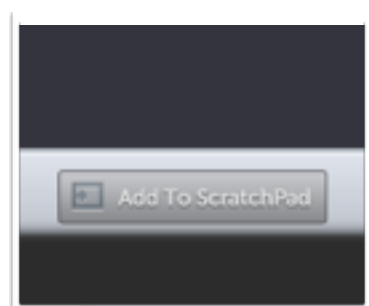b. Choose a collection owner you want to find content for.
When you change options the results are automatically refreshed

2. SELECT
When results have returned, find the item of interest and then simply click on it to select it.
When selected it will look like the image above.

3. ADD TO SCRATCHPAD
With the item selected, just click the *'Add to ScratchPad'* button to begin using this content in a story.

SCRATCH PAD

WHAT IS IT?

The ScratchPad is your working space. Its the first thing you see in Albums. Use it to hold items of interest until you're ready to use them or use it to try out layouts, items and arrangements. Its for stuff that's a work-in-progress.

WHY SHOULD I USE IT?

When you browse for content it gets added here first. The scratch pad is your working space. It allows you to play with layouts and tweak them until your happy with them. And then when you've finished working a layout, you can move it to an album. Basically it allows you to try things out without committing the layout. Nifty, eh?

To view your saved albums or create a new album use this button

This slider lets you zoom in and out of the layout!

The 'i' button lets you open the edit panel

SAVING SCRATCHPADS   OR   MOVE AN ITEM

SCRATCH PAD
LETS MAKE STUFF PRETTY

The ScratchPad also lets you style the items within it. You can do this through the editting panels. Just click on the 'i' button in the bottom toolbar to bring it up....

POSITIONING
You can drag and drop the items on the surface to move them about. Or grab the resize handles to make them bigger and smaller too!
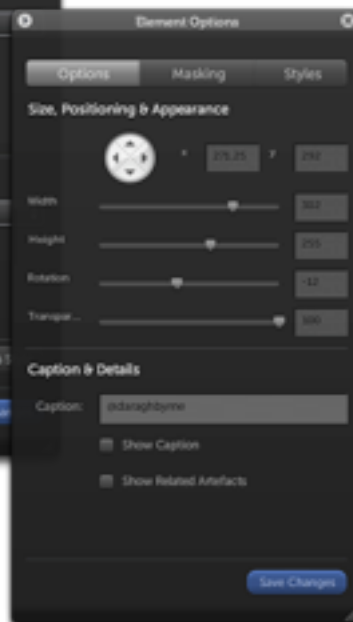
BACKGROUNDS
When no items are selected you will see options to change the background. There are 20 to choose from!

FONTS
There are roughly 30 fonts to choose from ranging from conventional, to strange so you can customise the look of your layout. You can also change the size, position and weights

LAYOUT
You can also 'tweak' the layout options for each item, from the 'Options' Tab.

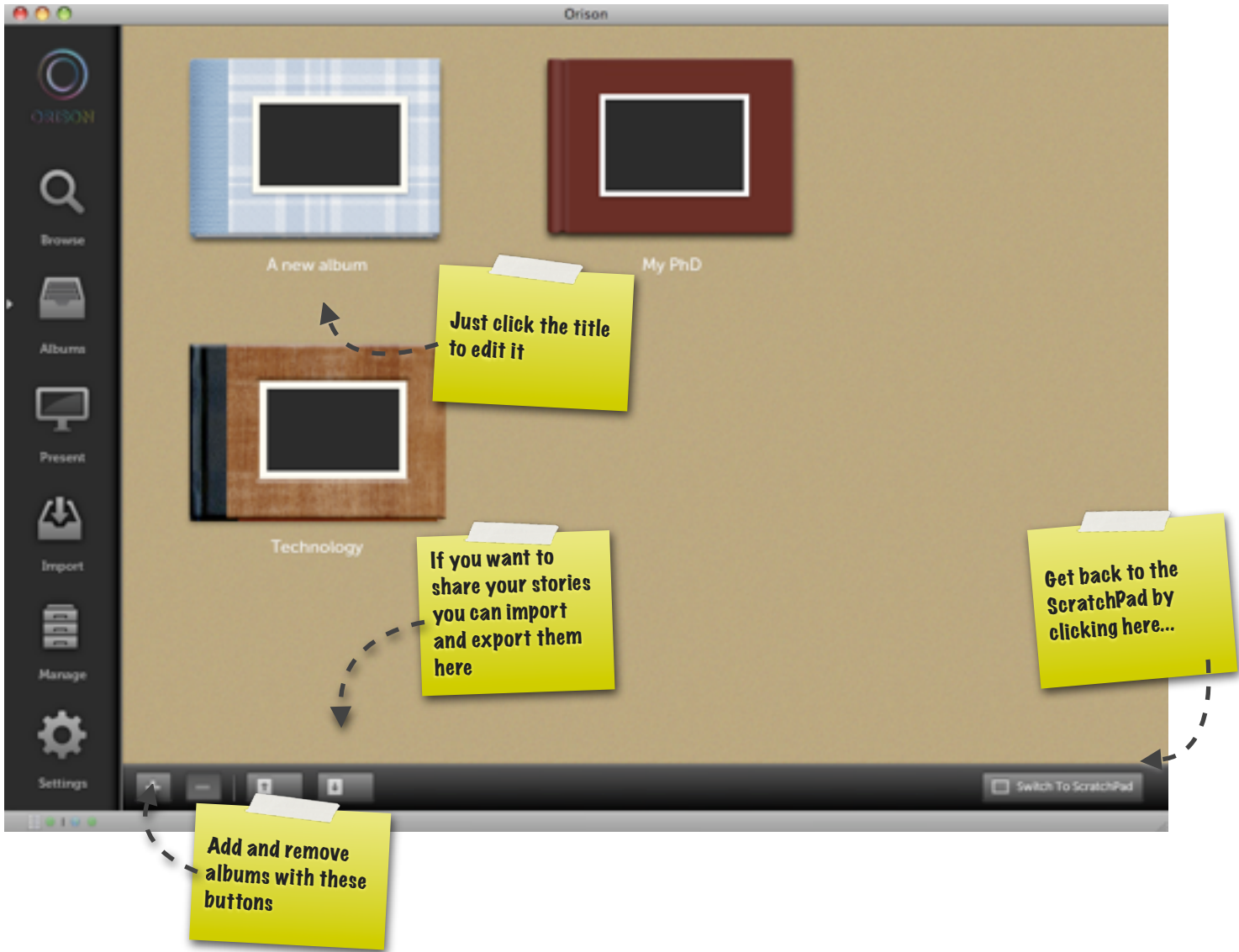Here you can adjust the on screen postion, size and rotation of the object

ALBUMS

WHAT IS IT?

The albums contain your finished stories. If you want to modify stories you've worked on come to this area, or if you want to review them this is where you'll find them

WHY SHOULD I USE IT?

The scratchpad can only hold so much. Albums are for finished works, and albums can contain chapters, or multiple layouts.

EXPORTING A STORY

EXPORT: STEP 1
Click on the Export option in the bottom right (see image)

EXPORT: STEP 2
Choose the Album you want to export.

EXPORT: STEP 3
The button to choose a file to export to will now be enabled. Choose a file to export to. It will automatically be named with the title you have given your album

EXPORT: STEP 4
Click the option to export.

CHAPTERS
EVERY ALBUMS HAS CHAPTERS

Each chapter is a separate layout and can tell a different part of the story. If you're telling a story about a holiday you might for example, create a chapter for each day of the holiday or for each interesting site you visited. Each chapter is a layout, just like the scratchpad. When you save a scratchpad to an Album it becomes a chapter. Confused? I hope not!

Get back to the list of Albums

Just click the chapter title to edit it. CLICK AGAIN to save!

This area has a list of chapters within the album

Get back to the ScratchPad by clicking here...

Add, Delete or move a chapter to a different album with these buttons

You can add a custom caption to the content with this button

You can open the edit panel just like in the ScratchPad

THEMES AND STYLES

MAKING THINGS PRETTY... BUT FASTER

When working from the ScratchPad or from the Chapter Edit view, you can make styles and apply them to any content in the pane. To create a style just do the following steps

STEPS TO CREATING A STYLE

1. CONFIGURE
Create a custom style for an item in the layout. Once you're happy with the look. go to the bottom of the editing panel, add a name for your style and click 'Save as Style'

2. SELECT
Choose a new element in the layout and return to the editing panel.
This time choose the option to 'Select A Style' and pick the style name you entered from the list.

3. STYLE
Once you have selected an element and a new style, it will be automaticallly applied to that item. You can use that style as many times as you like on as many items of content.

STEPS TO CREATING A THEME

Themes allow you to create a set of styles and background which can be quickly applied to all content in a chapter or the ScratchPad. It will even apply this look to content as is it added to the layout or moved between layouts! Handy

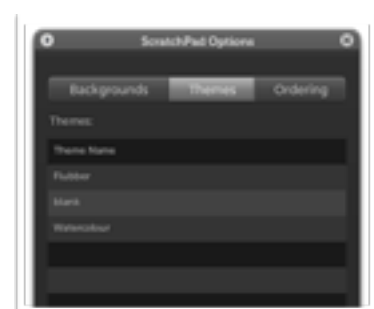

1. MANAGE & CONFIGURE
Select the 'Manage' screen in the menu and Themes will be the first option presented.
Click the 'Create New Theme' button in the top right to start making a new theme
Or
If you would like to refine an existing theme, click on its name in the list.

2. SET UP
For your theme you must:

1. Give it a *name* you will recognise

2. Select a style for *artefacts* (i.e. items of content

3. Select a style for *captions* (i.e. user added labels into the layout)

4. Select a *background* to use

5. Save / Update the Theme

3. APPLY THEME
Once you are happy with your theme, go back to the Album view and open the editing panel (Press *i*).

Select the 'Themes' option and select the theme you want to apply.

Note:
You must tick the option 'Apply to Existing Elements' if you want to update the styles on the elements already in the layout.