Adding Borders, Backgrounds, Transitions and More in Illuminatus Opus

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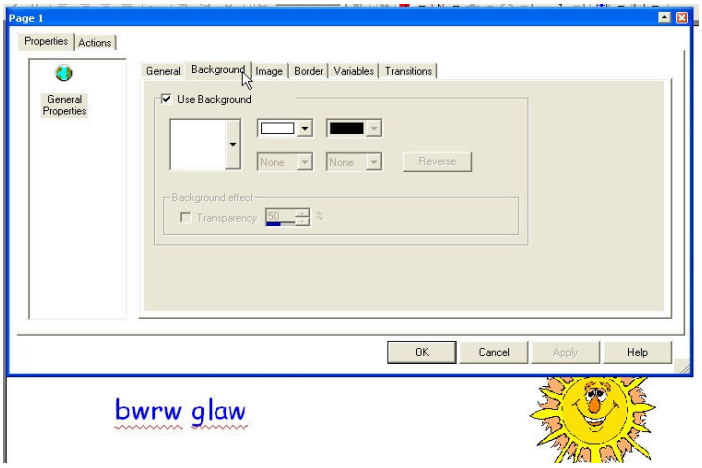
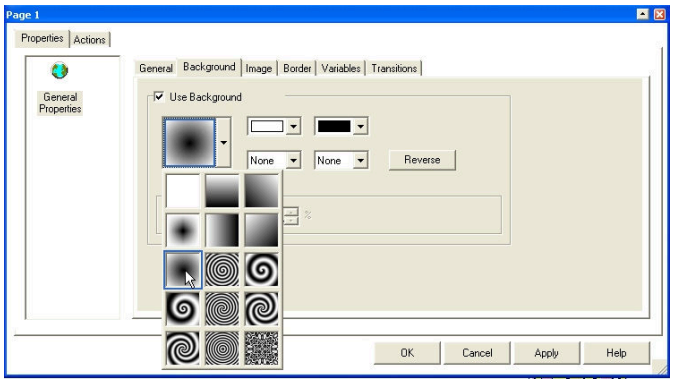
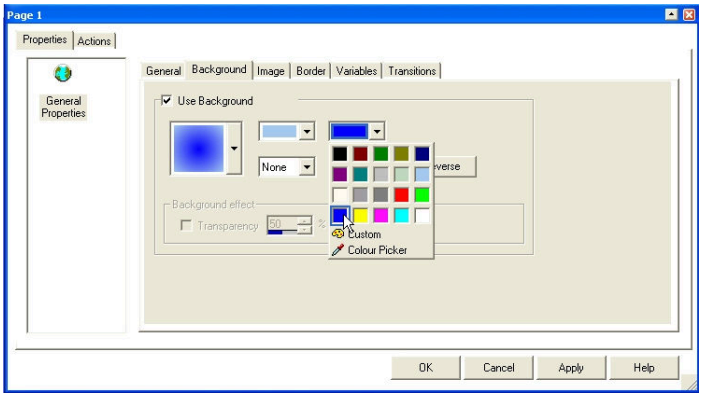


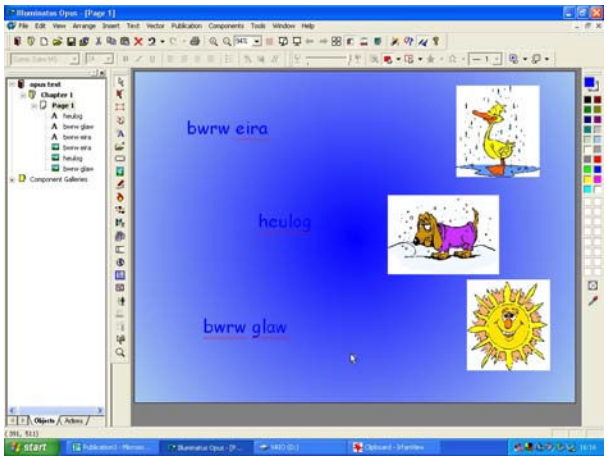
1. To add a background to the page, click twice on the page itself. The properties box opens for the page. Click on the Background tab.



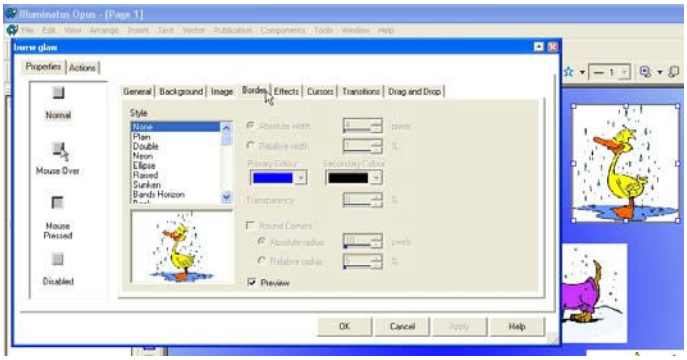
2. Click in the Use Background box, then choose a pattern from the selection that appears.



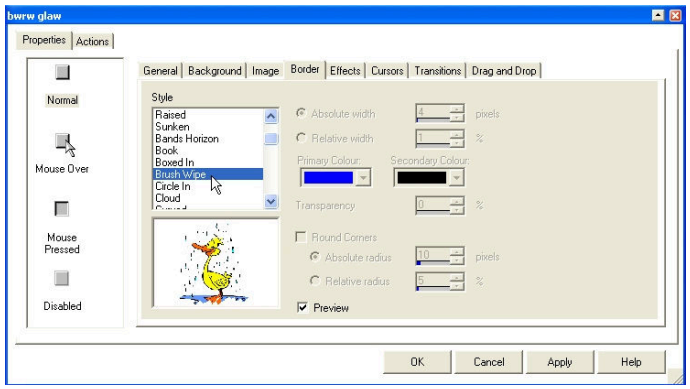
3. Choose some colours for your background by clicking on the arrow next to each colour box and clicking on a colour from the palette.



4. Click on OK then the coloured background is applied to the page.



5. To put a border on a picture, click twice on the picture to open its properties box and click on the Border tab.



6. Choose a style from the list like 'Brush Wipe' and click on Apply. This allows you to see the picture with its border and try different ones.

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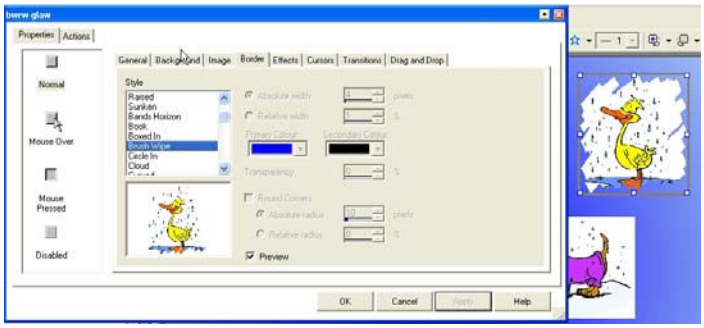
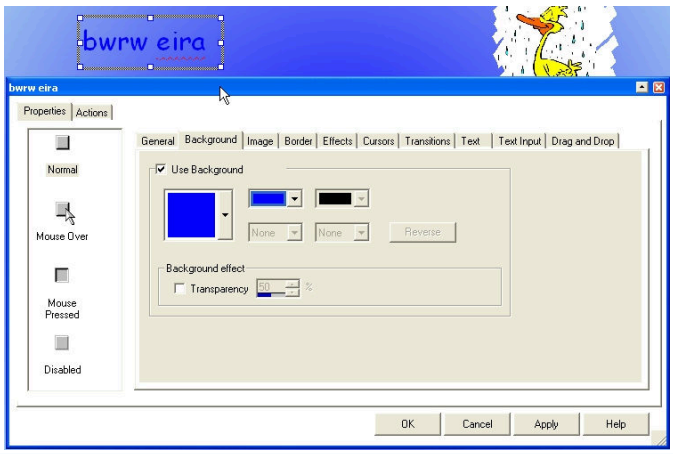
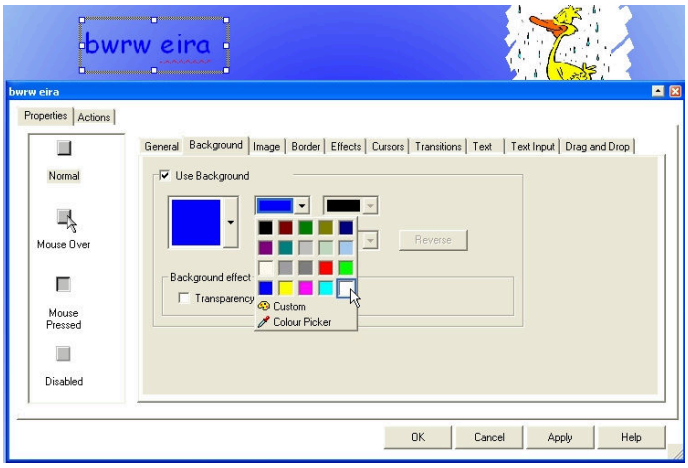


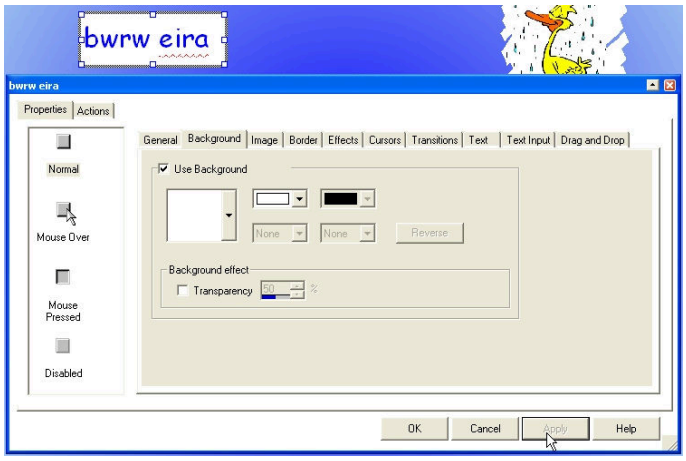
7. When you have found the border you like, click on OK.



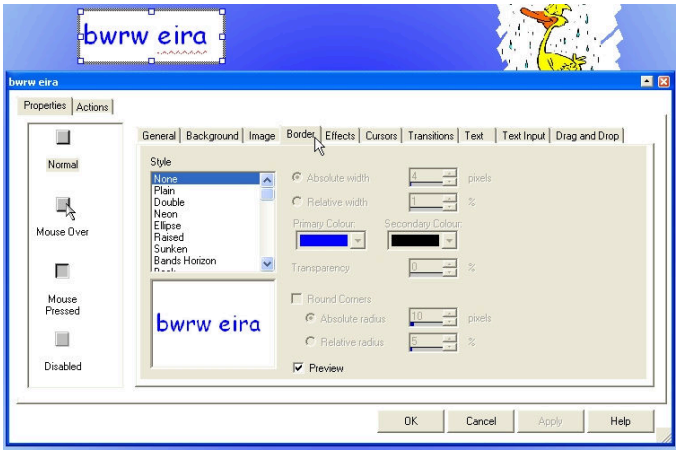
8. To add a background to a text box, click twice on the text box to open its properties box. Click on the Background tab.



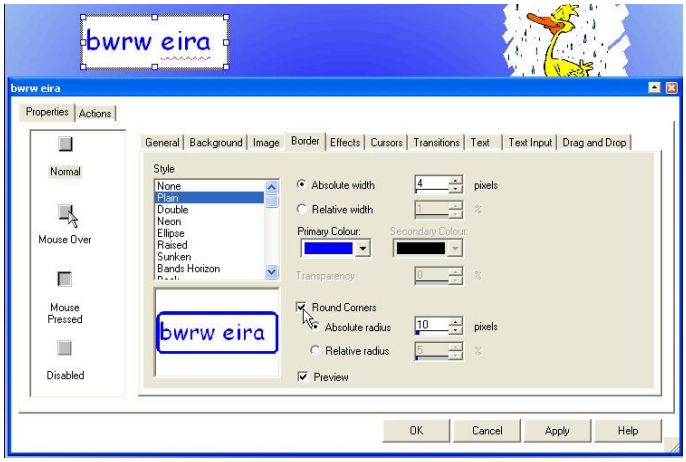
9. Click Use Background and choose a colour from the colour boxes.



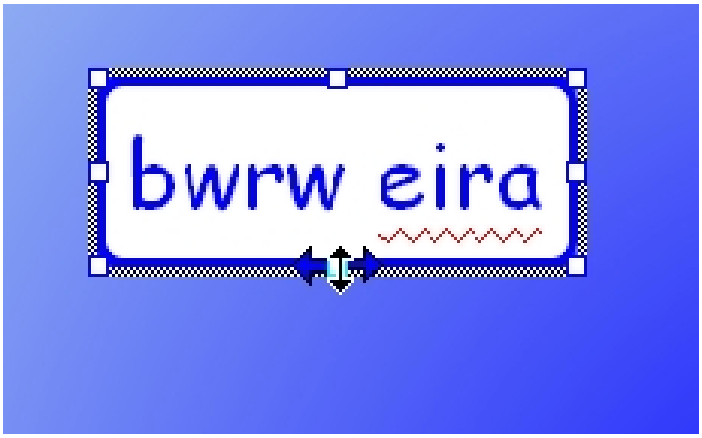
10. Click on Apply to see the colour in the text box on the page. Click on OK if you like it.



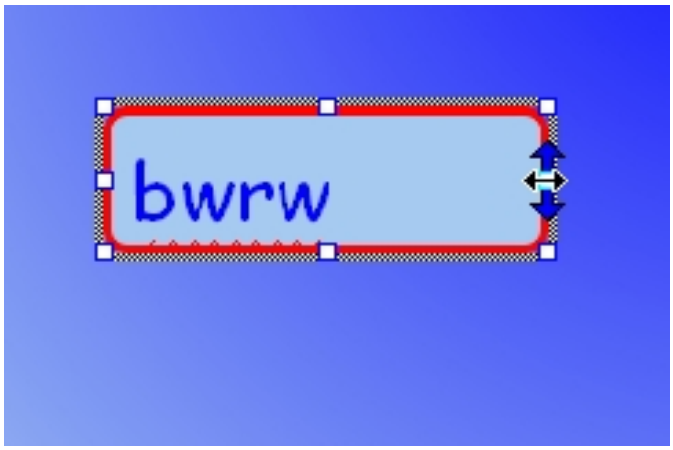
11. To put a border on a text box, click twice on the text box to open the Properties box and click on the Border tab.



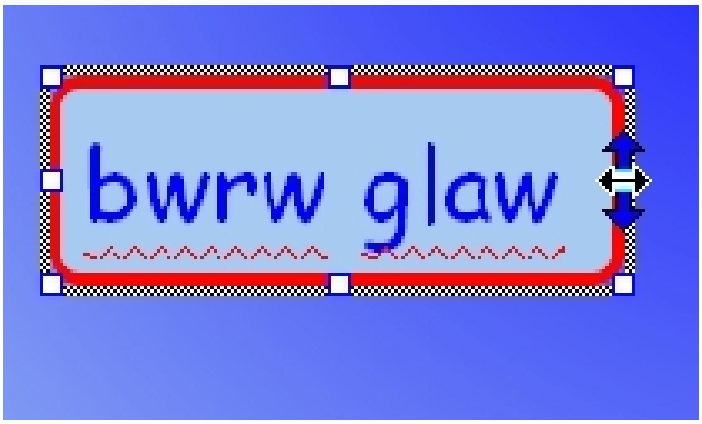
12. Choose 'Plain' from the style list. Choose a colour from the colour box. For a professional look, click on Round Corners. Click on Apply/OK.



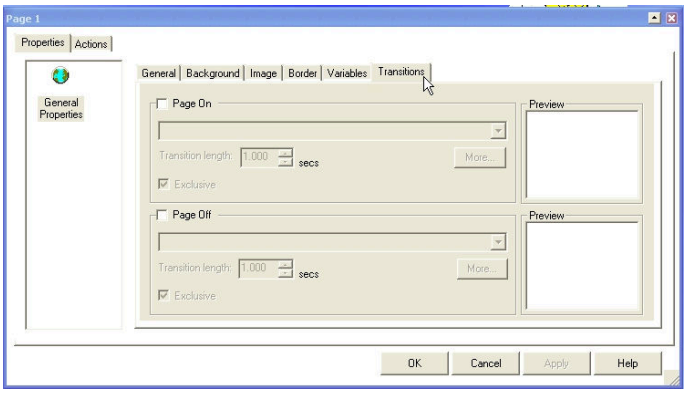
13. You may find that adding a border moves the text off-centre. If so, resize the text box by clicking on one of the handles at the edge of the box, holding down the mouse button and dragging the edge out.



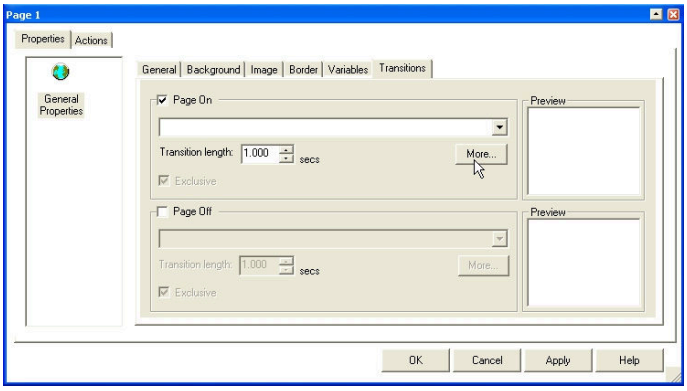
14. Adding a border can make some text disappear. If this happens re-size the box as before by clicking on and dragging a handle.



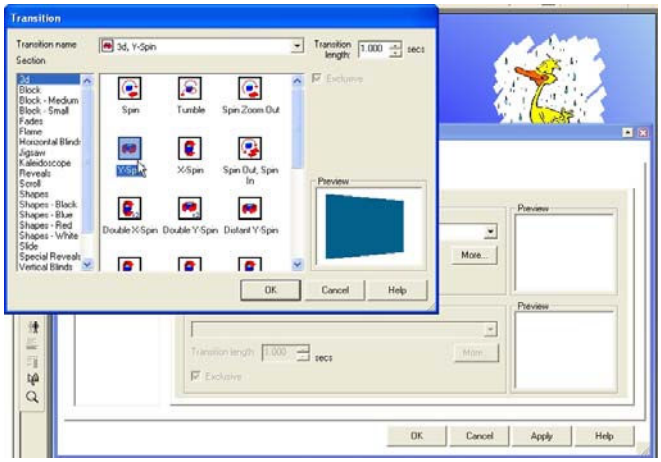
15. When the text box is big enough the text will re appear in the box.



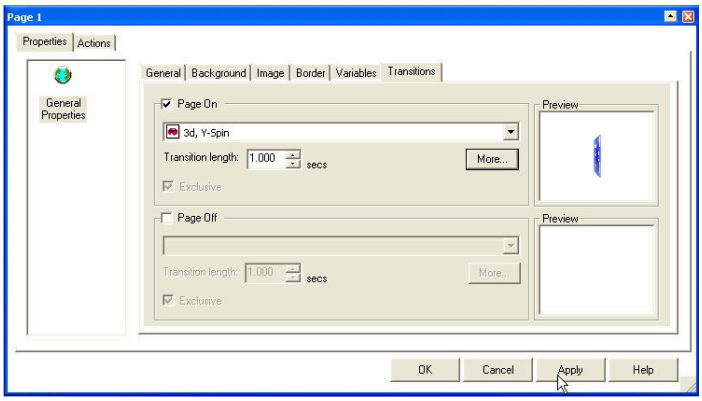
16. To add a transition to the page click twice on the page itself to open the Properties box. Click on the Transitions tab.



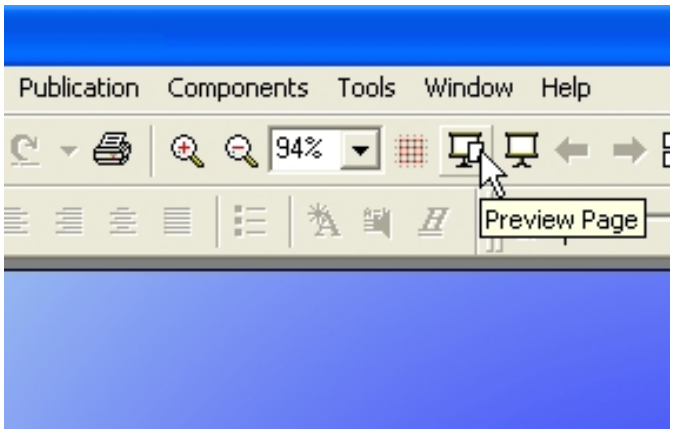
17. Click and tick the Page On box and click on More to see the full range of transitions available.



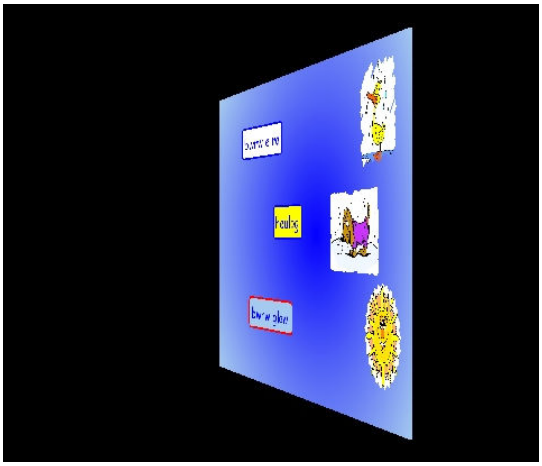
18. The transitions are organised into sections. Here I have clicked on 3D and chosen Y-Spin from the range of 3D transitions. Click on OK.



19. Click on Apply/OK and the transition is added to the page.

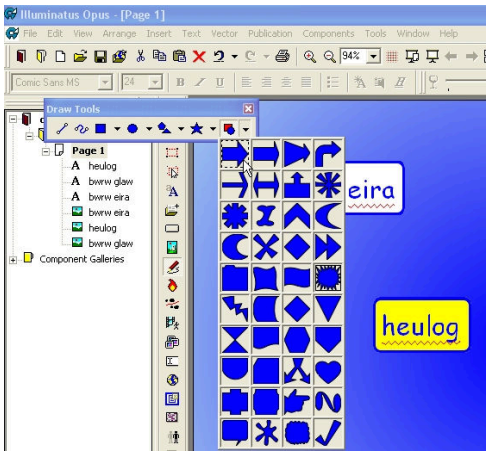


20. To see the transition in action click on the Preview Page icon at the top of the screen.

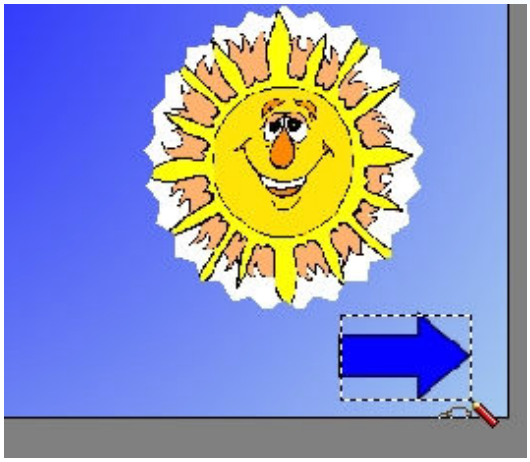


21. In Preview you will see the finished page complete with any special effects like the transition you added. Press the Esc key to return to Opus.

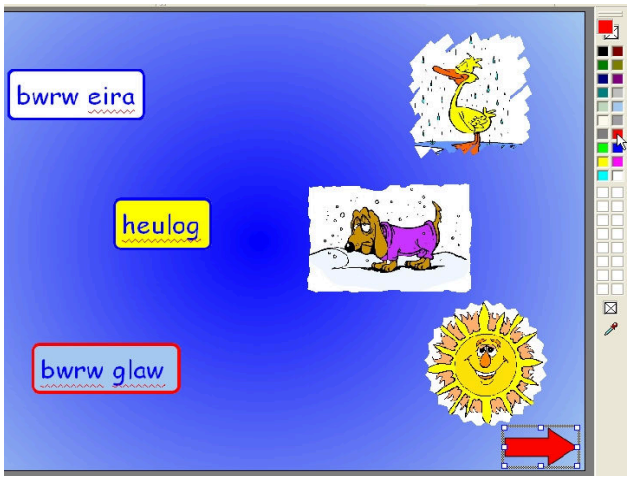
22. To make an arrow to take you to the next page of your presentation click on the Draw tool to the left of the screen.



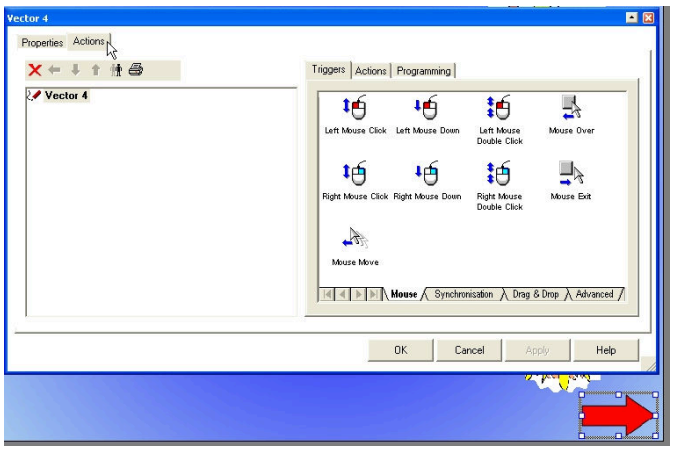
23. The Draw Tools box will open. Choose one of the arrows from the ready-made shapes by clicking on the icon on the far right of the Draw Tools box.



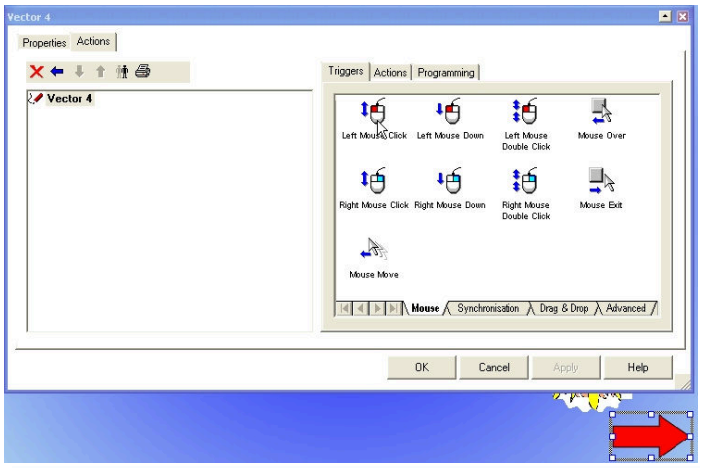
24. To draw the arrow, click and hold the left mouse button and drag out a rectangle in the place on the screen where you want the arrow to be.



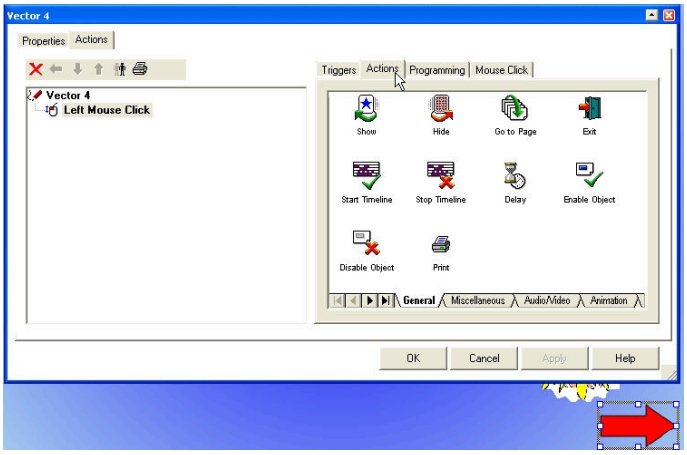
25. When you have drawn the arrow, choose a Colour from the palette on the right of the screen.



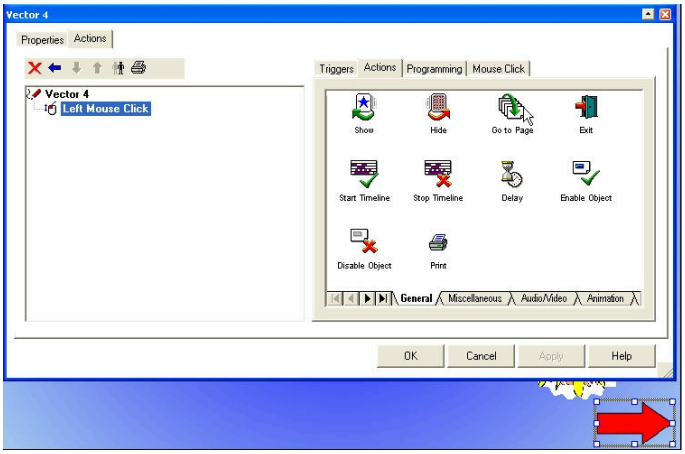
26. Now make the arrow take the user to the next page you make by clicking twice on the arrow to open its Properties box. Click on the Actions tab.



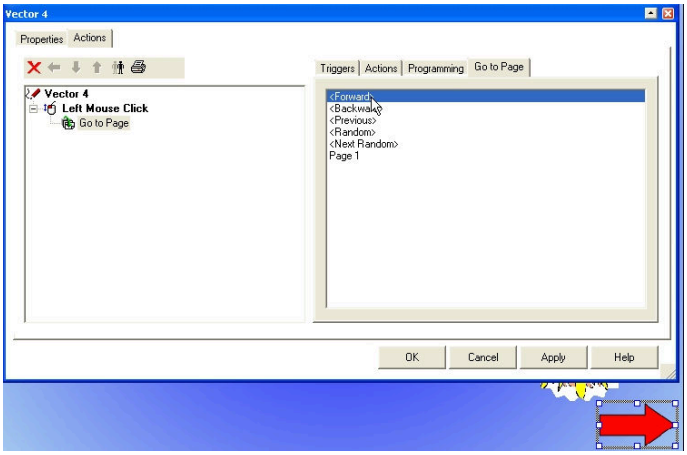
27. From the Triggers tab on the right click twice on Left Mouse Click. The command should appear in the left window.



28. Click on the Actions tab on the right.



29. Click twice on the Go To Page command.



30. Click on <Forward> from the range of options that appear.

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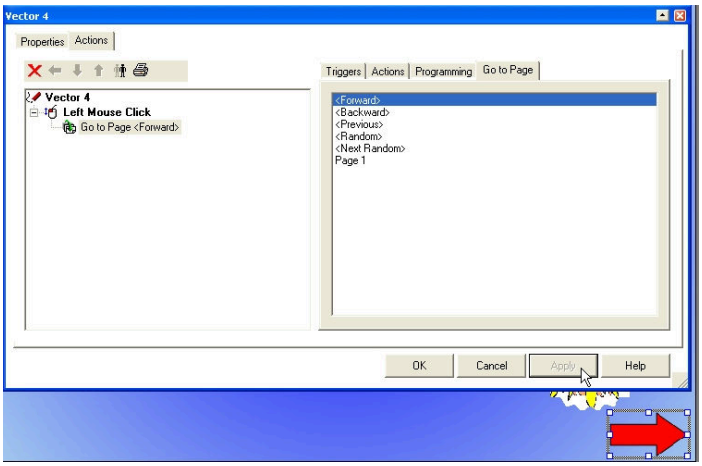
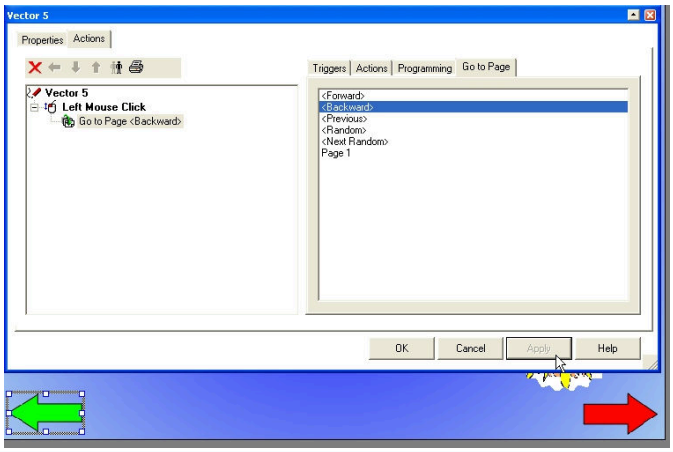
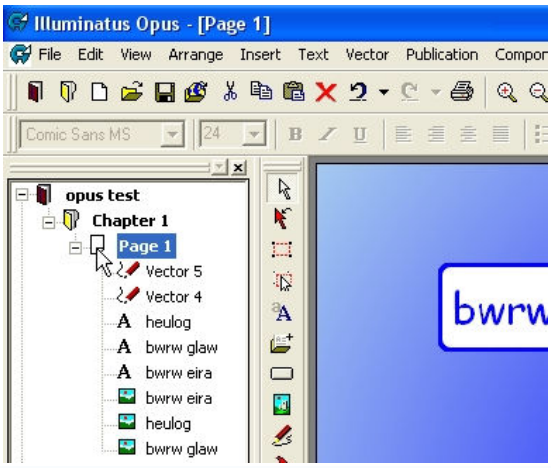


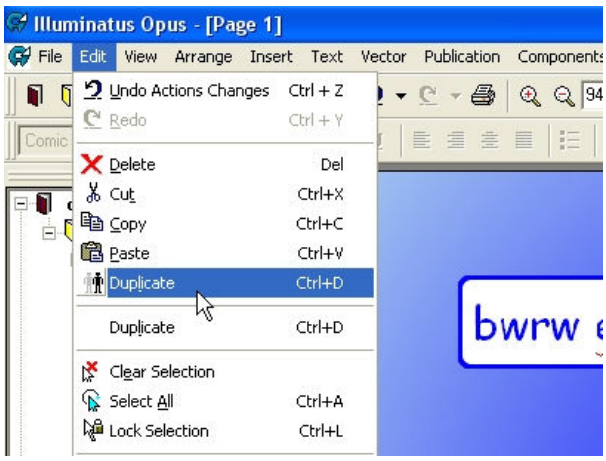
31. Click on Apply and check on your excellent piece of computer programming! When the user clicks on the arrow it will 'go to page forward'.



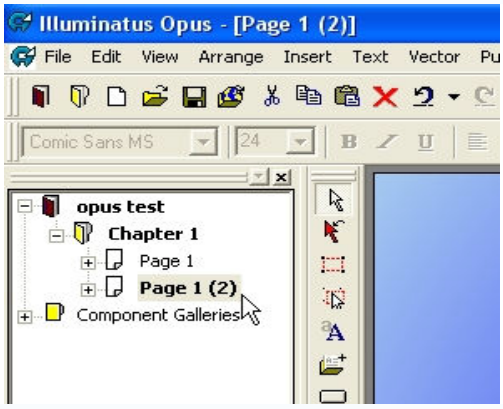
32. To make an arrow to go back a page. Draw an arrow pointing the other way and repeat the previous few steps, but in Actions choose Left Mouse Click Go To Page Backward instead.



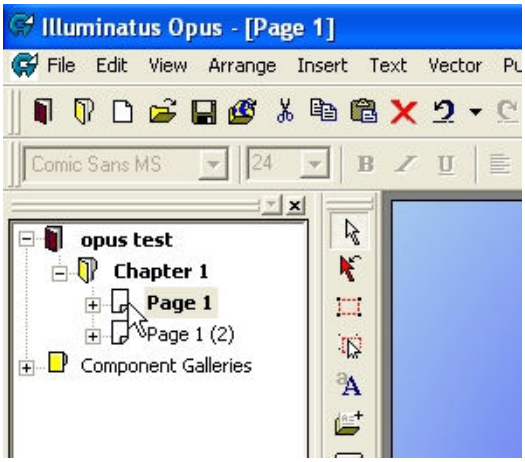
33. Now you have set up your first page you may want to make a duplicate of it to base your next page on. In the organiser on the left click once on the page you want to duplicate.



34. Click on Edit at the top of the screen and Duplicate.



35. A duplicate of the first page called Page 1(2) appears. Now you can change the pictures and text on the page. Click twice on any picture to open its properties box and choose a new image.



36. You can move between pages when you are working on them by clicking twice on page icon in the organiser. To see your finished pages working, click on Preview at the top of the screen.