

Session Title

Wicked Waves: Making a Big Splash with Wick Animation

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Right now there is Disney animation in the process of being created... so that it can be ready in 3 to 5 years from now! When creating an animation, it takes 24 frames to create one second of video. In your own way, you can experience that animation process with Wick Editor. No, we are not going to spend the next 3 years making a movie, but we will spend some time learning the basic skills and vocabulary so that you can create your own short animation. Wick is a free browser-based animation tool that is available for use on a PC, Chromebook, tablet, or phone. In this session, you will learn how to create short, animated videos, GIFS and so much more!

Materials

All you need is a PC, Mac, Chromebook or mobile device and the ability to access the Wick Editing Tool via the internet.

Overview

This session will show the students the magic behind digital animation. We will discuss the process behind creating animated shows or movies and then explain how they will have the opportunity to create their own short animations using Wick Editor. Wick Editor has an easy-to-use interface with drag-and-drop and intuitive menus that allow users to quickly create animations and games without needing extensive coding knowledge. With Wick Editor, students will learn the animation concepts such as frames, timing, onion skins, and object motion. They will then be able to apply those concepts by creating their own short animation. Students can create their own objects and scenes while also having the option of importing any pre-made ones from Wick's "assets". While some students will be comfortable exploring the basic features of Wick Editor, there will also be an opportunity for others to dive deeper into the animation process by exploring the coding aspects. In the end, students should be able to complete their own animation as a final product from this session.

Teacher Expectation

Teachers are expected to support students in the classroom while they work and to be ready to relay any questions the students might have via the chat in Zoom.