

Software Package/ authoring environment	Ability to incorporate multimedia video, audio, text	Exports to HTML	Learning curve	Compatibility issues
Microsoft Power point	Yes Templates can be easily developed. Quick linking to external media files.	Yes	Low For the most part the user can create graphics and animation with in the application. Outside media can be pulled in easily.	Cross platform some issues on the windows side with embedding video
HTML	Yes but no drag and drop author must now tagging language and the correct file formats for the web. Templates can be developed for students	Yes	High even if the users an HTML editor ideally they need to learn the HTML markup language to build and effective portfolio	None but, must choose browsers you want to develop for.
Hyper studio	Yes Templates can be easily developed for students	Not easily	Low	Authoring environment only available on windows. Tech support from sunburst is limited and developer has no plans to release any new versions. There is also talk about it being phased out in the K-12 market.
Authorware	Yes Not easy to develop templates for.	Not as HTML but, files can be exported to Shockwave for	High	Authoring environment only available on windows but

		use on the web		files can be played on either platform.
Keynote	Yes drag and drop files in. Easy to develop templates for students	Exports out as PDF, Quick time file, flash, power point	Low	Authoring environment only available on Mac but files can be viewed cross platform via PowerPoint. Some issues with video files playing correctly on windows.
Ezida	Yes external files can be linked easily. Templates for students to use can be easily developed.		Low	Authoring environment is cross platform.
Macromedia Director	Director can incorporate video, audio, and images.	Does not export to HTML but, files can be put on the web using Shockwave however this adds and additional step	High – users must learn the lingo programming language.	Authoring environment is cross platform.