Glogster is a Web 2.0 platform that allows users to create free interactive posters known as “glogs.” These posters may contain content such as, pictures, music, videos, sound, and graphics.

Glogster has two platforms available for use by:

  - There are over 8 million people with Glogster accounts.
  - The educational version of Glogster provides a safe and secure environment in which teachers and his or her assigned students work. This environment allows teachers to monitor, respond to, and assess student artifacts. Various licenses are available based upon the number of student that will access the system. There are over 7.5 million teachers and students that utilize this platform.

Today you will have the opportunity to create a glog on the public site. So please go to http://www.glogster.com:
CREATING AN ACCOUNT

In order to access create a glog, you must first create an account.

Click on the **CREATE ACCOUNT** button:

The following screen will appear:

Follow the instructions on the screen when entering your nickname, email address, and password:
If the data you have entered is acceptable, check marks will appear.

You can now click the **START GLOGGING** button.

The following screen will appear and you will be asked to activate your glogster account via the email link you have designated above.
LOGGING INTO GLOGSTER

Login to your email account and activate Glogster.

The first screen you see in Glogster is the Dashboard which is designed to help get you started.

A screen allowing you to enter a title for your glog will appear. Once you enter the requested information, select the **SAVE CHANGES** button.
Once you have given your form a title, the following screen will appear. You can create a glog by either utilizing a Glog template or starting from scratch.

We will utilize a template to create a glog. This example will focus on use of the Poster Glog:
SELECTING THE WALLPAPER

Select the button. The following screen will appear. Let’s begin by selecting the wall or background for the interactive poster.

There are two components for the wall: the glog wall and the page wall. The glog wall selection allows you to select a background for the interactive poster. The page wall provides a background for the poster. (This process is similar to that of matting a picture).

Let’s select Glog Wall ➔ Gallery. Select a poster background from the selections found in the Start, Papers, Music, Styles, Cartoon, Cute, or Solid Color submenus. In this example, I will select Glog Wall ➔ Gallery ➔ Styles.

The style selected will be on the right-hand side of the window. Once the style is selected, select the USE IT button. The style will appear as the poster background.
The **Page Wall**

You can select your glog wall background from backgrounds found in **Page Wall ➔ Gallery**. Select a wall background from the selections found in the Papers, Music, Styles, Cartoon, Cute, or Solid Color submenus.

In this example, **Page Wall ➔ Gallery ➔ Styles** has been selected.

Please select a page wall style that you would like to use. The selection will be highlighted and then select the **USE IT** button. The new style will then appear as the page background.
ADDING TEXT

Select **Tools → TEXT**. Select the format for the type of text you would like to insert from the selections found in the Start, Papers, Music, Styles, Cartoon, or Cute submenus.

I will select **Tools → TEXT → START**. In order to add text in an unformatted textbox, select the first choice “**Text**” text choice and then the **USE IT** button. Close the text window by clicking on “**X**.”

![Adding Text](image)

A placeholder entitled “**Your text here**” will appear on your glog wall. (You may have to scroll to find the place holder).

![Text Placeholder](image)

In order to move the placeholder to a different location on the screen, click and drag the placeholder to a different location on the screen. When you click on the placeholder, a magnetic toolbar will appear with the placeholder.
**Icon | Purpose**
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[X] | Change effects:  
  - Blurring the background,  
  - Changing the angle  
  - Changing the distance of the text item from the background
[Abl] | Change Text: Fonts and Colors
| | Change Effects: Shadow [Blur, Angle, and Distance] or Alpha [Level of element visibility]
| | Bring the element to the front
| | Clone element
| | Go Back one step
| | Lock an element on the wall in its current position
| | Delete element from the page

In order to add text and change the size of the font, click on the Change Text Button \[Abl\].

Once you have added your content, close the text toolbox by clicking on “X.”
In order to add the Banner, **Tools ➔ TEXT ➔ Styles** is selected and the Poster banner is highlighted. Select a text choice and then the **USE IT** button. The text choice will then appear on the glog wall. Close the text window by clicking on “X.”

When you click on Banner, the magnetic toolbar will appear allowing you to manipulate the text and change the color of the Banner. The **Change Text Button** allows you to enter text and change the font size and color. The **Change Color Button** allows you to change the background color of the element.

**ADDING GRAPHICS**

Select **Tools ➔ GRAPHICS**. Select the format for the type of text you would like to insert from the selections found in the Start, Papers, Music, Styles, Cartoon, or Cute submenus.

In this example, **Tools ➔ Graphics ➔ Cute** is selected and the animated flower is highlighted. Click on the **USE IT** button and animated flower will appear on the on the glog wall.
Close the graphics window by clicking on “X”. The animated image will then appear on the glog wall.

The graphic element will appear on the screen with the attached magnetic toolbar. Please note this toolbar has a new element, The **ADD URL** button, which allows you to link to a website on the Internet.
Once you have entered the desired website in the ADD URL dialog box click the APPLY button. *Special note: You will not be able to view the link until after you save/publish the page.*

Once the website is linked to the graphic, click the PREVIEW button. The “www” logo will appear when you hover on the graphic. In this instance, I linked to the SLED website.

In order to continue with edits, click the BACK TO EDIT button.

**UPLOADING FILES**

The process of uploading files is the same for video, audio, and video. In this example, an image will be uploaded.

Select **Tools → IMAGE**. Select the format for the type of text you would like to insert from the selections found in the My images, Facebook, Flickr, Picasa, and Google submenus.

Select **Upload**.
A diagram depicting the steps in the Engineering design process will be uploaded into Glogster. Several diagrams have been uploaded into an Images folder. In this example, the diagram posted by NASA.org will be uploaded.

Select **Open** to upload the file.

The diagram has now been uploaded into the Glogster account. Click on the **USE IT** button and animated flower will appear on the on the glog wall.
The image appears on the poster and the http://www.nasa.gov website will be linked to the image.

Remember to click the APPLY button to link the website to the image.

In order to view the website, you must click the PREVIEW button which is in the right-hand corner of the screen.
After you have previewed your glog and the attached Internet link, click the button in order to continue editing your glog. This button can be found in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.

Save your Glog by clicking the button. You will be prompted for to give your Glog a new name. Once you have entered a new name, press the button.
Once your glog is saved, you can assign tags, set privacy levels, or share the glog via Facebook or twitter.

Once your glog has been saved, you can always go back and edit it.
PRINTING THE GLOG:

Once you have saved your glog, you can print it by “right-clicking” on the glog.

RESOURCES:

Youtube Videos:

- Glogster – Create your first Glog:
- Basic Features - The Basic Features of Glogster: