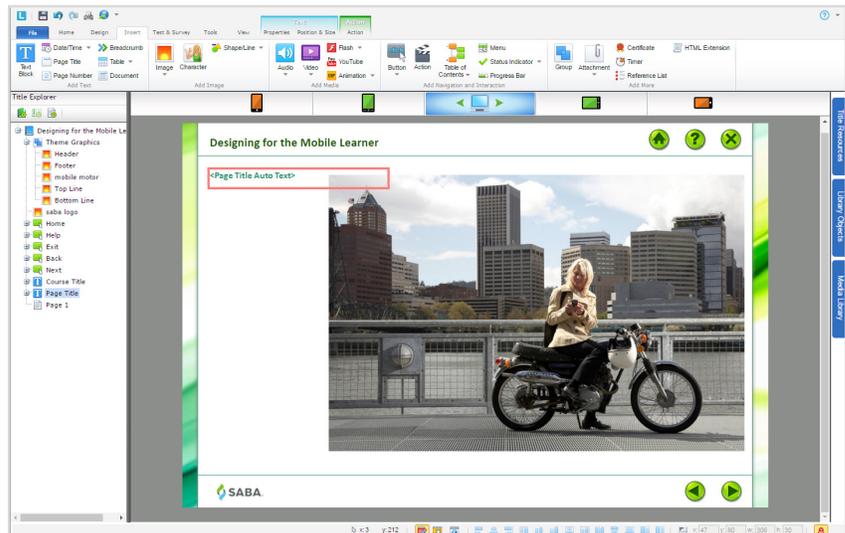# Saba Publisher Online

With Saba Publisher Online, you and your team can collaborate to quickly and easily create interactive and engaging e-learning. Animate, customize and publish for both the desktop and mobile learner, all with no programming.

Features and Benefits

- Start and finish projects quickly with templates, PowerPoint import, and a comprehensive media library with clip art, characters in various poses and editable Flash animations.

- Author once and publish on any device with Responsive Course Design. Convert existing courses in three clicks.

- Pre-made actions and customizable games let you animate and engage with ease.

- Support of SCORM, AICC and xAPI (Tin Can) for each and every project.

- Built-in collaborative capabilities let you bring in experts and reviewers at each stage of the development process.

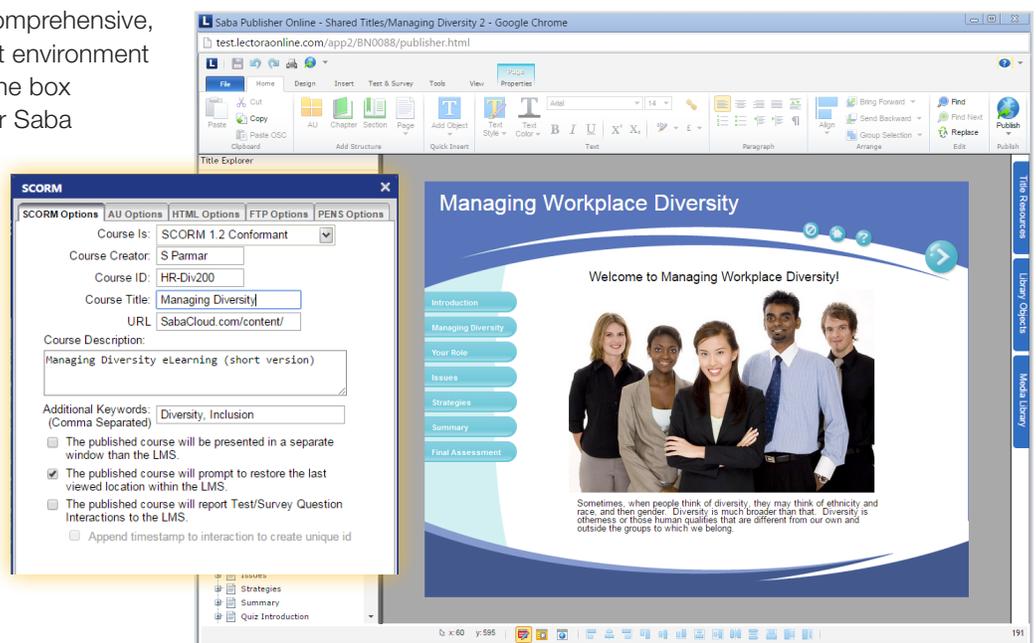- Reach your Saba Cloud learners in an instant with one-click publishing.

Interactive e-learning has never been quicker or easier

E-learning provides many advantages over other modes of delivery, allowing learners the flexibility to complete training at their convenience. But for e-learning to be effective, it needs to be interactive and engaging, and that used to mean long hours for course designers. Not anymore, as Saba Publisher Online not only supports animation, video, music and games, but also has a streamlined user interface so you'll move from story board to completed project in a snap. Responsive course design lets you author once and easily publish for phones, tablets and desktops, and you can convert your current courses to responsive in three clicks. Being 100% cloud based, it's easy to collaborate on projects across your team, no matter where they are.

SABA

Saba Publisher Online provides a comprehensive, professional e-learning development environment and is the only solution that out of the box allows you to publish directly to your Saba Cloud content repository.

In addition to check-in and check-out, Saba Publisher Online offers messaging, assignments, notifications and additional features supporting collaborative development of e-learning titles. Automatic backup and versioning provide not only peace of mind, but quick access to older versions.

Save time by publishing directly to your Saba Cloud content repository.

Responsive Course Design (RCD) Features

Convert Existing Titles to RCD	With just three clicks you can convert your existing courses to RCD, and then make device-specific adjustments to ensure your course looks and functions perfectly on all devices.
Auto-Fit Mobile Devices	No need to worry about the varying and often changing tablet and smartphone screen dimensions. Saba Publisher's RCD will automatically fill the screen of any device.
Responsive Title Themes	All Design Title Themes are fully responsive, ensuring a great look on all device types and sizes.
Responsive Page Layouts	Page layouts are a great way to get started organizing content. You can see how it will appear on each device and orientation. Each layout has been designed to provide the best look on each device. You also have the option to create your own page layouts.
RCD Device Inheritance	The desktop design is inherited by the tablet, and the tablet by the phone in the corresponding orientation. Any changes will propagate down to the smaller device(s).
Reset Overrides	Reset lets you override any customizations you have made and restores the layout back to the inherited design.
Cross-Device Object Moving and Resizing	Move or resize an object proportionally on all views at the same time by using Ctrl+Shft+drag.
Automatic Page Height Adjustment	If content on any mobile device is too low on the page to appear within the default height, RCD will automatically grow the page to create vertical scrolling, ensuring no content is lost.
Shrink/Grow Text Scaling	Scale text to appear smaller or larger on a mobile device by applying a scale factor to the base point size.

Current View Variable	The new reserved variable (CurrentView) allows you to display content and control actions based on the device type and orientation. For example, you could display a message saying "Rotate your device to landscape for this exercise" if Saba Publisher detects that the current view is in the portrait orientation.
Device Rotation Trigger	Trigger actions when students rotate their tablet or smartphone from landscape to portrait or vice versa.
Enhanced Preview in Browser	Preview any page or published title in your browser. Resize the browser window to emulate how the content will appear on tablets and smartphones.

Standard Features

Ribbon-Based Properties and Tasks	Saba Publisher Online uses an intuitive ribbon-based layout organized by similar tasks. The ribbons provide access to objects, tools and wizards you can use to build your courses.
Title Explorer	See the entire structure of your course in the Title Explorer. Build your title using Chapters, Sections and Pages, and drag and drop objects and pages to reorder them.
Canvas Area	The canvas is your work space where you can drag and drop files, resize and move objects, and create the overall design of your course or project.
Grids, Guides and Rulers	Display grids, guides and rulers on the canvas area to help you align and position objects on a page and ensure consistent design across all pages. Use the Add Guide and Clear Guide options on the View ribbon to quickly add and remove guides. Use the handles on the ruler to easily move a guide horizontally or vertically on the page. Optionally choose to snap objects to Grids and Guides.
Previewing Modes	Use Saba Publisher Online's Run mode to test the interactive components of your content before you publish. You can also preview a page of your title in a separate browser window to test custom scripting components.
Title Resources	Using the Title Resources tab of your Media Library, you can access a categorized list of all the media assets used within your content. Easily reuse media within your titles and see what's already in your title.
Chapter, Section and Page Organization	Organize your Saba Publisher Online content like a book. Pages are the screens your students will view, while chapters and sections provide a convenient means of organizing those pages. Take advantage of the inheritance feature to save time and eliminate repetitive development tasks.
Quick Access Toolbar	Save time with your most-used commands in the quick access toolbar. You can find this toolbar in the top-left corner of the Saba Publisher Online window. The bar contains handy default options to save, undo and redo, along with the ability to publish your course.
Keyboard Shortcuts	Use built-in keyboard shortcuts to perform common tasks in Saba Publisher Online or define your own custom keyboard shortcuts.
Library Objects	Use Library objects to save significant development time. You can save individual objects or groups of objects for reuse in other titles or for sharing with other Saba Publisher Online authors.
Resource Manager	Manage your image, audio and video files along with external attachments in the Resource Manager. Edit, replace and rename files without leaving your title.
Debug Mode	Use Debug Mode to test and troubleshoot the functionality in your title. Actions performed on a page are recorded in a debug window along with variable values and additional information.
Languages	Saba Publisher Online is available in seven languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Swedish, Chinese and Brazilian Portuguese.

Getting Started

Getting Started Screen	The Getting Started screen is displayed when you first launch Saba Publisher Online. Choose from several different ways to create a new title, open existing titles, access free learning resources, read up on the latest in Saba Publisher Online news or launch Review Link.
Custom Templates	Save a boilerplate version of a title as a custom template and share the template across your organization. Create a new title using your custom template for a consistent look and feel across multiple titles.
Predefined Templates	Access more than 250 templates directly within Saba Publisher Online, which are conveniently categorized and include helpful descriptions of each template. Templates cover a range formats including content for smartphones, tablets and Section 508 compliance.
Import PowerPoint	Import a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation to create a new title. Saba Publisher Online will convert text, objects and animations into their equivalent text blocks, objects and transitions in Saba Publisher Online.

Design Assistants

Page Sizes	Select one of the optimized page sizes based on your intended output device (iPads, smartphones, tablets, most computers or other monitors) or select Custom to specify custom dimensions for the pages of your title.
Page Layouts	Ensure consistency of the look of pages by utilizing any of the 25 predefined page layouts with placeholders for images and text. Create your own custom layout to save time and share with colleagues.
Inheritance	An underlying inheritance principle works with the organization of your content, and enables you to eliminate repetitive inserting of the same objects by inheriting specific objects throughout your entire title, a specific chapter or a specific section.
Title Design	Design the overall appearance of your title, including the page size and alignment, background colors and sounds, and default text styles. Changes made at the title level apply to the chapters, sections and pages of your title by using Saba Publisher Online's inheritance feature.
Design Themes	Use one of Saba Publisher Online's professionally designed themes to save time and provide inspiration when designing your title. A theme is a set of design elements, such as navigation buttons and background graphics, which together provide a cohesive look to your title.
Alignment and Layering	Use object alignment tools to ensure objects are properly aligned and organized on your page. Layer objects within your title to affect how they appear to your users. Move an object up or down a layer, place an object on the top layer, or move the object to the bottom layer.
Groups	Group objects to ensure the objects are always associated with one another. Grouping objects enables you to move one object in the group and correspondingly reposition all others, define the visibility of all objects in the group, and execute actions with groups as the target so that the action affects all objects in the group.
Common Objects Properties	Save time by selecting multiple objects to change common properties for those objects at one time.
Custom Radio Buttons and Checkboxes	Create finger-friendly controls for use on mobile and touch devices. Custom controls are also valuable when building application simulations.
Stock Library	Saba Publisher Online's stock library contains over 6,500 clip art images, a gallery of pre-programmed Stock Buttons, and customizable Flash games and animations. Browse the Media Online folder for even more free resources including a Live Model Gallery, Theme Stock Buttons and content contributed by other authors and the Saba Publisher development team.
My Library	Save approved logos, corporate graphics or any media type that you want to reuse from title to title. Your "My Media" location can be accessed by other Saba Publisher Online authors in your organization.

Text Formatting

Text Styles	Save time with predefined Text Styles that automatically apply text attributes such as font face, style, size and color to the text blocks within your title.
Pasting Unformatted Text	When pasting text into a title, you can discard any text formatting associated with copied text from an external document source. Pasted text will take on the formatting of the default Text Style.
Text Formatting	Format text with font, font size, bold, italic, underline, superscript, subscript, text color, text shadow and text highlight color options. Fonts are not embedded in the final, published output. Use Web-friendly fonts to ensure they are cross-system compatible.
Text Block Styles	Change the properties of a text block by adding a border, outline, background color, opacity and margins. Text blocks can be set to wrap text around objects or include a scroll bar for text that is longer than what can be displayed within the text block.
Paragraph Formatting	For a text block you can adjust alignment, paragraph spacing and indentation, and turn on paragraph formatting marks for finer control of the text in your title.
Numbered and Bulleted Lists	Add numbered and bulleted lists.
Tables	Build and format tables to structure and display data. Apply a predefined table style to provide a professional look to your text.
Hyperlinks	Make text interactive by adding a hyperlink. Hyperlinks can be used to execute any Saba Publisher Online action.
Symbols	Easily insert symbols such as copyright and trademark symbols right into text.
Hover Text Menus	Quickly format text with the Hover Text Menu. The menu will automatically appear when you select letters or words or when you right-click on text in a text block.

Media Management

Media Events	The Audio and Video properties support the ability to manage events — markers or cue points at specific times in your media file used to trigger actions during video playback. Synchronize captions, display images or trigger any interactivity using events.
Video Closed Captioning	Easily make your video files accessible by adding closed captioning. Use Saba Publisher Online's caption template and replace with your text and timing for use with your media.
Convert Audio/Video to MP3/MP4	Convert individual audio and video files to .mp3 and .mp4 file format. This provides better compression for faster loading of content, high-quality files, smaller-size files to free up bandwidth space, complete browser compatibility, and the option to view videos in full screen.
HTML5 Media Support	.mp3 and .mp4 files are presented using HTML5 when a mobile platform is detected, enabling the successful delivery of audio and video to a variety of devices, including tablets and smartphones.
Audio and Video Files	Saba Publisher Online supports all of the popular audio and video file formats. Audio can be converted to .mp3 and video can be converted to the .mp4 file format for mobile compatibility and the addition of events.
Streaming Audio and Video	Saba Publisher Online supports streaming audio, video and the addition of YouTube videos. Properties such as Auto Start, Loop and Controller options are available to customize the appearance and behavior of streaming media.
Advance Image and Animation Capabilities	For enhanced image and animation editing capabilities, use Pixlr and GoAnimate, which are integrated with Saba Publisher Online.

Media Controllers	Change the color and style of the Player by choosing from predefined Player skins or create your own custom skin.
Animations	Add your own .swf Flash files or configure one of the media library's Flash animations, activities or games as a creative way to quiz and engage learners. Saba Publisher Online also supports 3-frame animated .gif files.

Objects and Resources

Images	Saba Publisher Online supports all of the popular image file types, including .jpeg, .gif and .png.
Characters	Choose from a gallery of characters to add to your title. Characters are live people images in various poses. With the use of actions, characters can take on any of the supported poses and react to the Change Character Pose action to display dynamic feedback to your learner.
Shapes and Lines	Draw shapes and lines, such as arrows, circles, squares, clouds and more.
Buttons	Add buttons in Saba Publisher Online to build navigation or create interactivity on the page. Create text buttons, image-based buttons or choose from a gallery of predefined stock buttons.
Hot Spots	Use transparent buttons to build hot spots and rollover effects in any of Saba Publisher Online's shapes. Transparent buttons have a blue tint in Edit Mode and are completely transparent once published.
Table of Contents	Build an index of the chapters, sections and pages in your title. Users can select the chapter, section or page from the table of contents to navigate directly to that area of the title. Choose from a tree view, indented list or drop-down list style.
Menu	Build customizable horizontal and vertical menus quickly and easily with optional borders, colors and backgrounds. Menu items can execute any of the available actions.
Progress Bar	Add progress bars for use in interactive exercises, to show time elapsing or to show progress through a course. Progress bars can be customized to work with actions, and can be stylized with orientation, color, background and fill options.
Timer	Use a timer object to create your own timed quizzes or games. Trigger any action when the timer is finished counting down (or up).
Attachments	Insert attachments to provide users with access to external files, documents or presentations associated with your content.
Certificates of Completion	Reward users for a job well done by quickly creating certificates for tests or course completions. Use certificate templates that you can easily customize with desired styles and fonts as well as specified names and dates.
Reference Lists	You can associate reference information such as the author, title, publisher and date of publication for most objects. Add a reference to automatically build a complete reference list that includes all of the reference information in one place.
Forms and Form Objects	Forms allow you to group a set of form objects and optionally submit the contents of the data entered to a custom CGI script program or directly to Google Drive, Google's online storage system. Forms can contain one or more of the following form objects to collect user input: Radio Buttons, Check Boxes, Drop-Down Lists, List Boxes and Entry Fields. Alternatively, standalone form objects can be used throughout your title to collect user input. A variable associated with each form object reflects the user's input and can be used in conditional actions for branching exercises.
Notes	Notes are for your eyes only. Leave a note on any page of your title as a way to add reminders, to-dos and more. Saba Publisher Online tracks the name of the author who created the note and the time it was created. Pages containing a note will appear in bold and italics in the Title Explorer. Use the Notes Report tool to view the notes associated with a title.

Questions and Assessments

Graded Tests	Create quizzes, tests and formal assessments with a specified passing score and built-in branching upon pass or fail.
Random Tests	Create randomized tests that can randomly present a sub-set of pages within a test. Choose the number of pages to display, and each user taking the test will have a unique test experience.
Test Submission	You can submit the results of a test using a custom CGI script program or directly to Google Drive, Google's online storage system. If the title has been published as a SCORM/AICC/xAPI module and resides within Saba Cloud's content repository, test results are automatically submitted to Saba Cloud, and no additional submission information is necessary.
Multiple Quizzes	Create multiple tests, such as pre-tests and post-tests within a single title. Choose which tests will be included in the overall course score.
Question Types	Choose from 12 question types to add effective and engaging assessments to your title: True/False, Multiple Choice, Multiple Response, Fill-in-the-Blank, Number Entry, Matching, Rank/Sequence, Drag-and-Drop, Hot Spot, Essay Questions, Short Answer and Likert.
Question Banks	Organize groups of questions into Test Sections or Tests so that you can randomly pull a subset of these questions for use. You can save these questions as library objects to easily reuse them between titles.
Surveys	Create surveys containing survey questions that can be used to allow users to evaluate your content or training, for example. You can enable the program to submit the results of a survey using a custom CGI script program or directly to Google Drive, Google's online storage system. If the title has been published as a SCORM/AICC/xAPI module and resides within Saba Cloud's content repository, test results are automatically submitted to Saba Cloud, and no additional submission information is necessary.
Question Attempts	Limit the number of times users have the ability to process their answers in search of the correct answer. Issue specific feedback to users when their final attempt is still incorrect.
Question Feedback	Provide feedback to users as they answer the question. Feedback can be issued based on correct/incorrect answers, or can be issued for individual selected choices. Feedback issued to the user can support any Saba Publisher Online action, such as showing an object on the page, or opening a page in a pop-up window, and defaults to display textual messages such as "Sorry, that is incorrect. Try again."
Review Questions	Add standalone questions to your title that are not necessarily part of a graded quiz or test. Use questions as brief knowledge checks, or to provide learning activities throughout your content.
Test Results	Saba Publisher Online can automatically generate and display test results to the learner. You can turn on Customized Test Results to further control the information displayed.
Question Answer Shuffle	For supported question types, you can enable the Randomize Choices option to shuffle the order of the answer choices on the page.

Interactivity

User-Defined Variables	Create custom variables to store text and numeric-based values. Custom variables can even be random whole numbers between a specified minimum and maximum value. Custom and randomized variables can be displayed in a text block or used to build custom, conditional and gaming interactions.
Reserved Variables	Take advantage of Saba Publisher Online's set of reserved variables. Variables such as BrowserType, PageInTitle and CurrentDate are dynamically updated. All questions, tests and form objects have an associated variable that stores the learner's input, selection or score. Display these variables in a text block or use them to build custom or conditional interactions.
Actions	Create interactivity in your title with the use of actions. Actions can be triggered based on timing, user interaction within the content using a mouse, typing keys or key combinations, and with the show or hide of objects. When the actions are triggered, you can dynamically show and hide objects; change the contents of text blocks and images; submit tests; move and resize objects; communicate with Flash animations; navigate to pages and Web addresses; play, pause and stop media; open pop-up windows; display textual alerts; change character poses; and more!
Conditions and Else Actions	Create variable-based conditions, similar to IF statements, which enable the author to specify that actions should only be triggered based on meeting a set of specified criteria. Optionally, execute alternative or Else actions if the conditions are not true. In this way, you can create branching scenarios based on your learner's input or behavior in the course.
Object Transitions	Select from over 20 different transitions to specify how an object will load on a page. Transitions will produce a visual effect as the object appears and disappears. Specify separate Transition In and Transition Out effects to trigger when the object shows or hides on the page.
Page Transitions	Select from over 20 different transitions to customize the way pages load within the title.
Smart Text	Add a Date, Time, Page Title, Page Number or Breadcrumb text to your title without any programming. Actions are already attached to populate the text block with the correct information.
Action Triggers	You can trigger an action based on a number of events in your course. With the On Page Show trigger, the action is triggered as soon as the page is loaded. Use the Objects triggers to trigger an action when an object is shown or hidden. Use the Mouse (Select) triggers for actions when the user single-clicks, double-clicks, right-clicks with a mouse, or uses a mouse to enter or exit an object. On a page you can trigger actions with the press of certain keys or key combinations. Finally, you can validate the value of any form object with the Select/Change trigger. Each time the user modifies or selects the form object, a specified action can be triggered.
HTML Extensions	The functionality and power you can build in Saba Publisher Online is limitless with the use of HTML Extensions. You can extend Saba Publisher Online's native capabilities to integrate custom meta tags, JavaScript, custom HTML and more. Saba Publisher Online makes it easy to develop custom scripts by exposing HTML page and object names on the Properties Ribbon.
Lightbox Pop-Ups	Display a Web page of an existing page in your title in a lightbox pop-up window to provide additional information to your learner without having them navigate away from your course.

Publishing and Review

Translation	With Saba Publisher Online's Translation Tool, translating content for different languages is a straightforward and timesaving process. Use the Translation Tool to extract the text in your title to an .rtf (rich text format) file. .rtf files can be used by any language service provider to create translation files that can be imported back into your title.
Section 508 and WCAG Support	Create titles that comply with the standards set in Section 508 - 1194.22 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 AA. These standards govern the requirements that must be met to enable Web-based content to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Saba Publisher Online's extensive documentation will provide you with the tools and options needed to build accessible and compliant content.
SCORM, AICC and xAPI LMS/LRS	With Saba Publisher Online, you can publish titles that meet the SCORM (2004, 1.2 and earlier), AICC and xAPI (Tin Can) specifications for use with Saba Cloud.
Error Check	When you publish your title, Saba Publisher Online immediately runs your title through an error check process. An error check identifies any logical errors within your title. The errors that are displayed are dependent upon the type of title and publishing format chosen. You can also run an error check at any point during your development process. Click on each error or warning to locate the precise object, action or page so that you can quickly resolve the issue and resume title development.

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