

Creating Word Clouds with Tagxedo

1. Go to <http://www.tagxedo.com>.
2. Select “**Create.**”
3. Select “**Load.**”



4. Paste text into the text box. (I copied and pasted text from the Gettysburg Address.)
5. Click **“Submit.”**



6. Your *Tagxedo* will be created in the default shape.



7. To adjust color, theme, font, orientation, or layout, locate the menu under “**Respins**” on the left.

8. Clicking the “**Color**” button rotates the *Tagxedo* through a menu of colors.

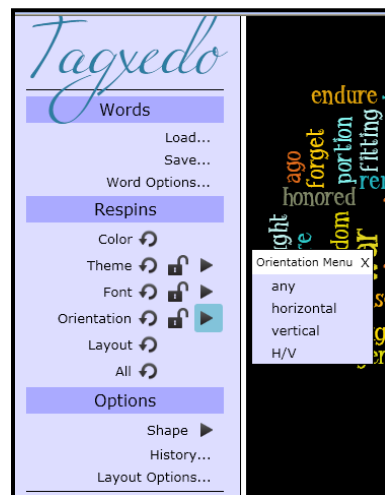
9. To change the theme, you may click the “**redo**” arrow  next to “**Theme**” or click the right arrow  to view the theme menu.



10. To change the text font, either click the “redo” arrow  next to “Font” or click the right arrow  to view the font menus.



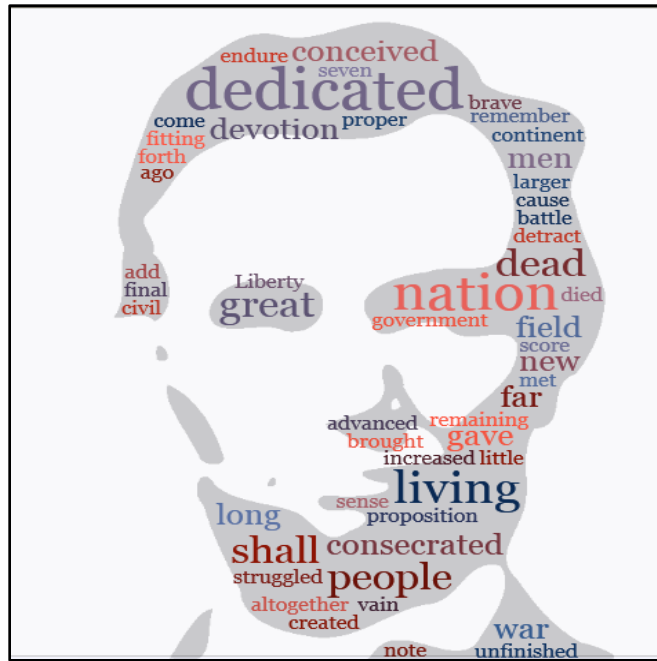
11. To change the orientation of the text, click the “redo” arrow  next to “Orientation” or click the right arrow  to view the orientation menus.



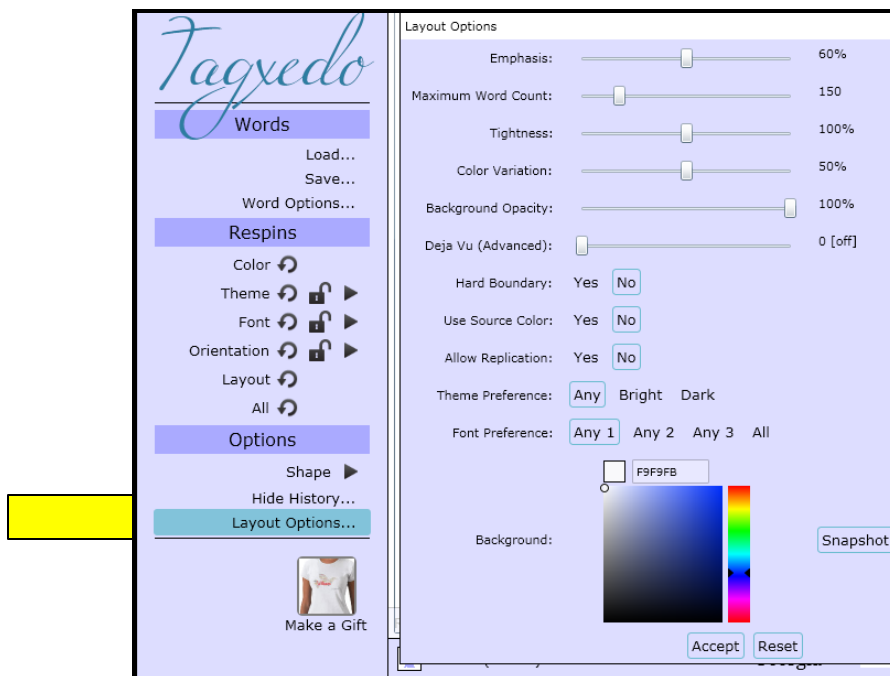
12. To randomly change everything, select the “redo” arrow next to “All.”

Changing the Shape in Tagxedo

1. Go to “Options” to “Shape.”
2. Use the right arrow  to open the “Shape” menu. There are a number of ready to use shapes in this menu.



3. Select “Layout Options” to customize the settings.



Adding Custom Shapes or Images

Tagxedo allows you to add custom shapes by importing images you have saved.

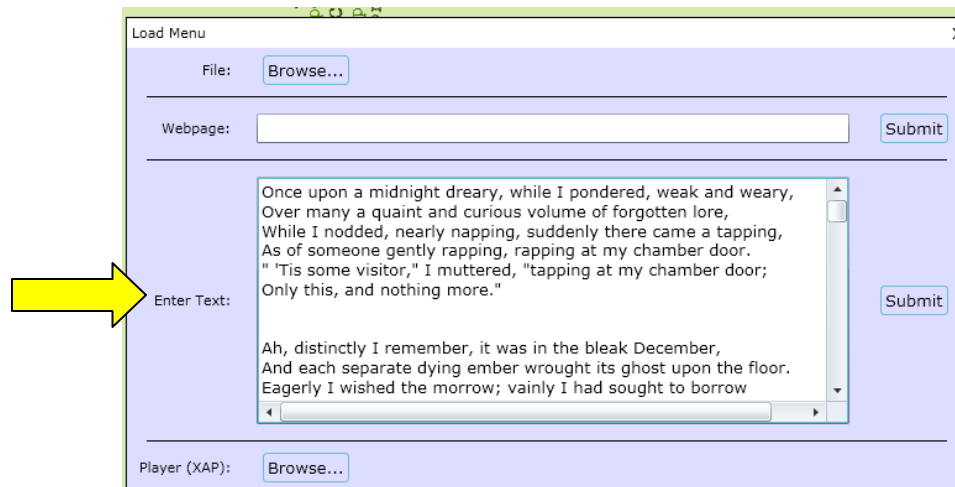
TIP about Shapes: *Tagxedo* does not work well with shapes that are complicated or contain delicate curves or corners. In other words, if your shape is very "fragile" with respect to perturbation -- i.e. the shape will look very different if words stick out or words do not hug the shape outline faithfully -- then it is not a good shape for *Tagxedo*. Good shapes tend to be robust, simple, and well-defined even when looking at a distance. See the gallery for good examples.

1. To add a custom image, locate the image you wish to use and save the image either onto your desktop or in **"My Pictures."** (Be sure to name it so that you can find it again.)

Example:

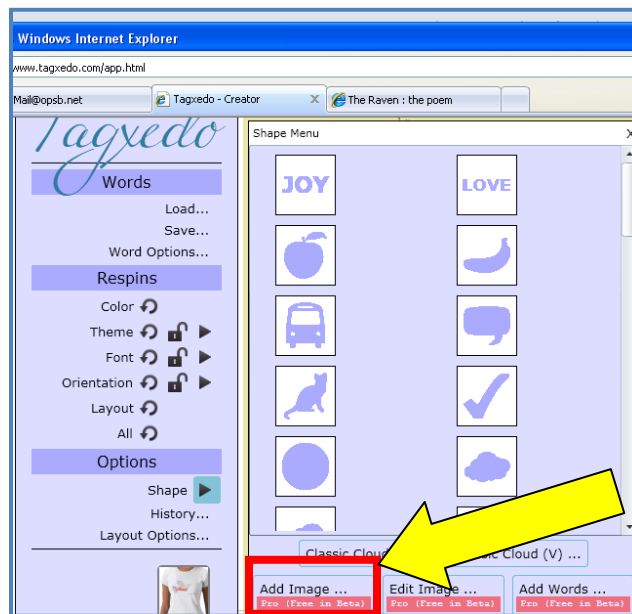


2. **Locate the text you wish to use and copy.** (I located Poe's *The Raven* online and copied it.)
3. Go to *Tagxedo* to **"Create."**
4. Select **"Load."**
5. Paste your words into the **"Enter Text"** box and click **"Submit."**

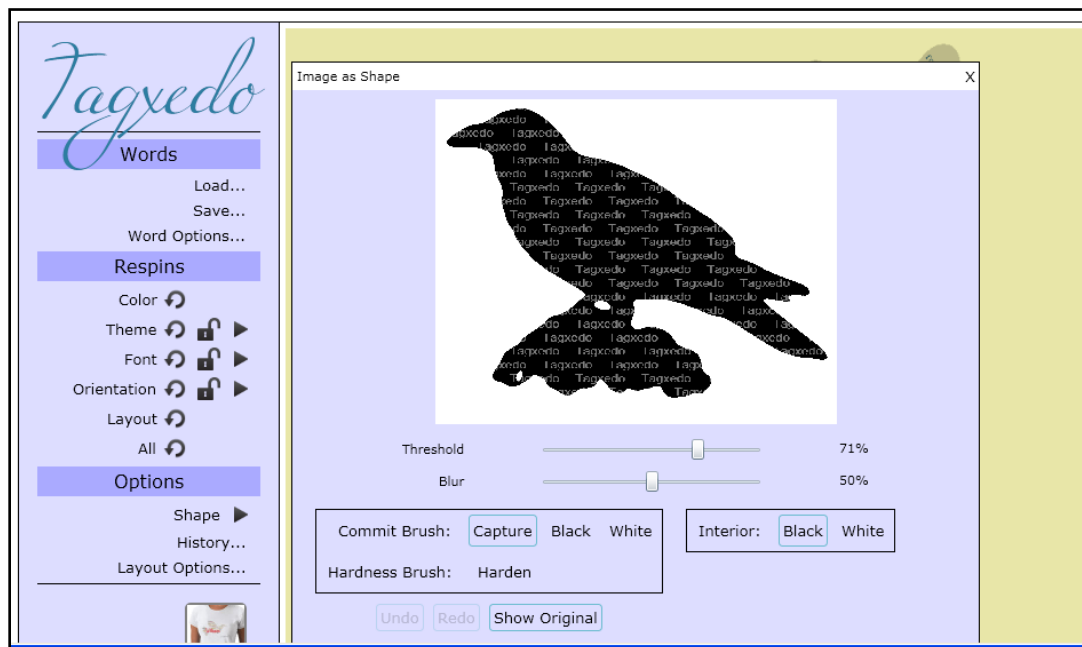
A screenshot of the Tagxedo 'Load Menu' interface. The window has a light blue background. At the top, there's a 'File:' label with a 'Browse...' button. Below that is a 'Webpage:' label with a text input field and a 'Submit' button. The main section is labeled 'Enter Text:' with a large text area containing the first two stanzas of Poe's 'The Raven'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Enter Text:' label. At the bottom, there's a 'Player (XAP):' label with a 'Browse...' button. The text in the main area is: 'Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, / Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore, / While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping, / As of someone gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door. / "Tis some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door; / Only this, and nothing more." / Ah, distinctly I remember, it was in the bleak December, / And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor. / Eagerly I wished the morrow; vainly I had sought to borrow'.

6. Your text will take the shape of the default image.

7. Click **“Shape”** to get the **“Shape”** menu.
8. Click the **“Add Image...”** button at the bottom of the **“Shape Menu.”**



9. Navigate to the location where your image was saved.
10. Select the image and double click. Your image will appear on the screen.



Customize your shape using the menu.

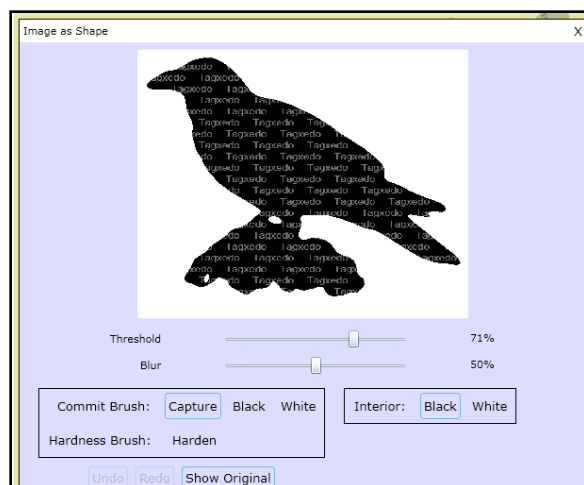
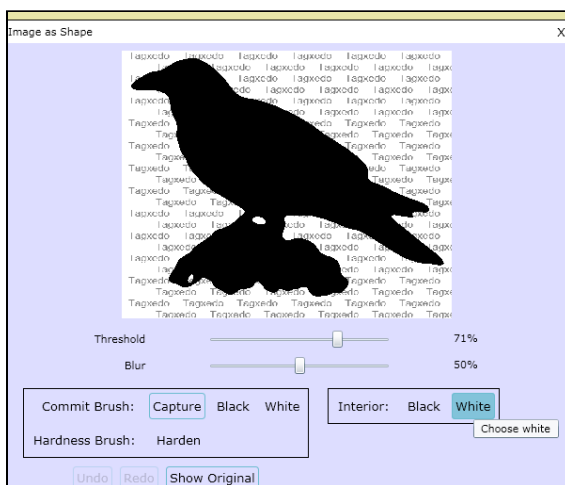
1. You may capture what is currently visible.



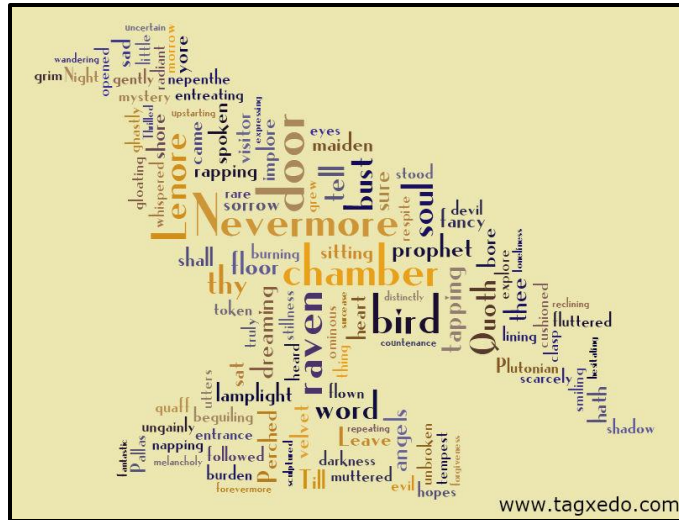
2. You may adjust the hardness effect of the brush.



3. You may also choose if you want the text on the interior or exterior of the shape.



Example with text on the inside.

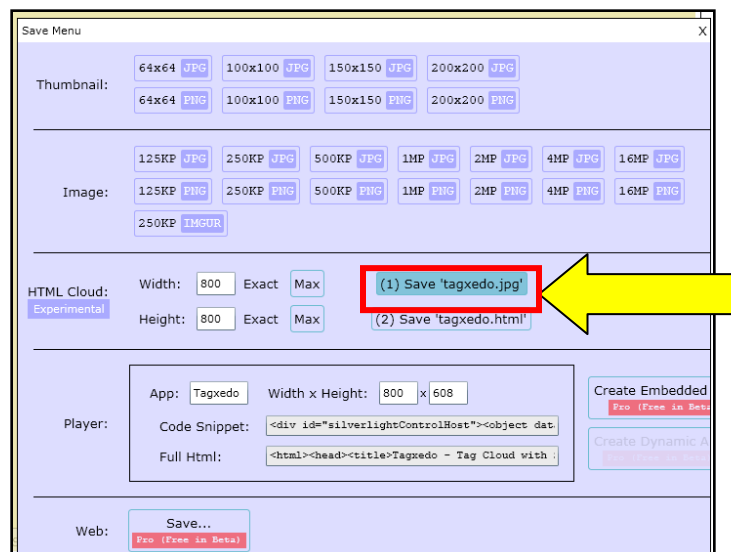


Saving Your Tagxedo

1. Choose “Save. . .” from the *Tagxedo* Menu.



2. The “Save” menu will open.
3. Locate the section “HTML Cloud.”
4. Select “Save tagxedo jpg.”
5. The “Save As” window will open on your screen.
6. Name your file.
7. Click “Save.”



To Save Code to Embed in a wiki

1. In the “Save Menu,” locate the “Player” section.
2. Copy the code next to “Full Html:”

The screenshot shows the 'Save Menu' dialog box with the following sections:

- Thumbnail:** Buttons for 64x64, 100x100, 150x150, and 200x200 in JPG and PNG formats.
- Image:** Buttons for 125KP, 250KP, 500KP, 1MP, 2MP, 4MP, and 16MP in JPG and PNG formats, plus a 250KP IMGUR button.
- HTML Cloud:** Width and Height fields (800) with Exact and Max options, and buttons to save 'tagxedo.jpg' and 'tagxedo.html'.
- Player:** App: Tagxedo, Width x Height: 800 x 608. A red box highlights the 'Full Html' code: `<html><head><title>Tagxedo - Tag Cloud with`. A yellow arrow points to this code.
- Web:** A 'Save...' button.

Buttons for 'Create Embedded' and 'Create Dynamic A' are also visible on the right side of the Player section.