

# Tagxedo - A How-To Guide [www.tagxedo.com](http://www.tagxedo.com)

## What is Tagxedo?

Tagxedo turns any text into a word cloud that can be customized with overall shape, colors and fonts. The words in your cloud are sized appropriately to the frequency they occur in the text.

You can create a Tagxedo word cloud from a URL, Twitter ID, RSS feed, Del.icio.us ID, any original text and more!

## How can I use Tagxedo?

- analyze any text - discover the main theme or find words that may be overused
- turn a poem into artwork to print and share
- compare and contrast two political speeches

Find 98 Other Ways at - <http://bit.ly/101tagxedo>

## Basic Cloud Creation

3  
Easy  
Steps!

1.

Enter a URL, Twitter ID, Del.icio.us ID, News or Search topic, or an RSS feed in the corresponding input box.

**Start Now**, or make a Tagxedo out of your blogs, tweets, or tags...

(1) URL

e.g. [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

(2) Twitter ID

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(3) Del.icio.us ID

e.g. John.Smith

(4) News

e.g. World Cup

(5) Search

e.g. Yellowstone

(6) RSS (Lookup)

e.g. [techcrunch.com](http://techcrunch.com)

Shape: ☐ Classic ☒ Apple ☐ Dove ☐ Heart ☐ Star

Orientation: ☒ Any ☐ H ☐ V ☐ H/V

Font:  Theme:

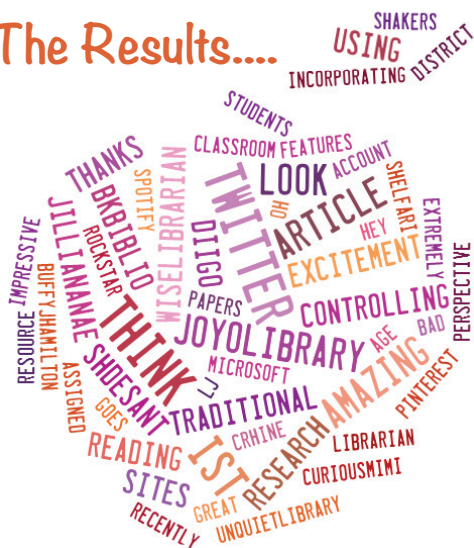
2.

Select a shape, word orientation, font and color theme.

3.

Hit Submit!

## The Results....



Now, let's see how to customize clouds and learn some more advanced features - please flip me over!

Watch our YouTube Tutorial  
[www.SaltCityHS.edu/library](http://www.SaltCityHS.edu/library)

[www.tagxedo.com](http://www.tagxedo.com)

Welcome to Tagxedo, word cloud with styles

Tagging words -- famous speeches, news articles, slogan  
individualized appropriately to highlight the frequencies of

## Gallery

The following are a few examples to show the versatility

## Customizing your word cloud

1. From the home page, select "Create"
2. You will be brought to the main creator page (below), with a default cloud in the main window.
3. Under "Words", select "Load" - this is where you will enter your text. In the pop-up, you can choose to upload a file or copy and paste text from any source.

**Now Explore!** Change the shape, color of text, the over theme, the orientation of your words - just have fun!

When you are ready to save, select “Save | Share | Print.” You can select to save a JPG, PNG, create a link to share, or go directly to print.

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## Anatomy of Tagxedo Menu Options

## Respins

Color: Rotates the colors of the individual words in cloud

## Theme: Choose background and text colors

Font: Choice of MANY or upload your own

Orientation: Words can be random, horizontal or vertical

Layout: rearranges the words in the cloud

All - Respins all the above options!

**HOT TIP:** When respinning all, lock any items you want to remain the same by clicking the lock next to that option

## Options

Shape: Select from a variety of pre loaded shapes or upload your own.

**HOT TIP:** When uploading your own images, something simple, like a silhouette, works best.

History: Change your mind about a theme or font you just choose? History will provide you with the complete evolution of your cloud. Just select the cloud you would like to go back to.

Word | Layout Options: Provides you with options to skip particular words, increase the frequency (and therefore the size) of others, and more!