

Scalar for Historians

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Handout 5: How Do You Annotate (Media, Video) in Scalar?

Scalar allows you to create special pages that serve as annotations of other objects: notes about an image, or a pop-up window that appears during the playback of a video, for example. (Indeed, any page can be set to serve as an annotation of something else.)

To see how this works, it's best to fiddle around with this functionality, testing it within your project. A full discussion of Scalar's annotation functions can be found in the [User's Guide](#).

What follows explains how this works in one particular case: when you want to add a pop-up caption to a video.

1. Import a video as media into your book.
2. Navigate to that media page (you can find it in your index).
3. At the bottom, you will see an 'Edit Annotations' button. Click that.
4. You will get an interface that has your video up top; a + / - window for adding or selecting annotations, at left; and an editing window at right.
5. To add your first annotation, click +.
6. Start your video. When you get to the part where you would like your annotation to appear, click the 'Set' button on the left side of the right panel; when you get to the part where you would like the annotation to end, click the 'Set' button on the right. It will set the reel time to the positions you indicate.
7. You can give this annotation a title as well as content in the separate text boxes given.
8. Because they are individual pages, annotations can also be edited separately (once created). Search them in the index, and hit 'Edit' in the footer. You can set start and end times manually there.

For an example of video annotation, see the [sample page](#) in our Scalar tutorial:

<http://scalar.usc.edu/works/scalar-for-historians/sample-annotation-page>