

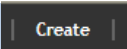

Cool Tools Café

Creating Animated Movies for Free (or Cheap)



Go!Animate

<http://goanimate.com>

What is it?	Online site to make animated movies. It's easy to make basic videos, and surprisingly robust for a free (freemium) tool. The videos are fun to make and watch.
What to use it for?	The videos can introduce or demonstrate procedures and topics. We have used it with our self-help step-by-step to liven-up otherwise predictable screencasts on court process. It's inherently a little silly, not appropriate for all topics.
How to use it?	Begin by logging in and clicking   <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose your scene from many available.• Select characters and click to add to the scene. Click on them in the scene to move them, give them text, add props, etc.• Record dialog and upload as MP3. Choose from a list of available background music or upload your own.• FX lets you zoom in and out, add effects like crowd cheering, an earthquake, and more. Some of these options cost "GoBucks" while others are free.
What does it cost?	Basic plan: free (2 minute limit; extra goodies cost "GoBucks") Three month plan: \$6.00/month (longer videos and downloading capability; some items still cost "GoBucks") GoBucks: \$ 10 buys 1,000 GoBucks (used to purchase extra characters, props, scenery, etc.)
Where to use it?	Download for personal use (with watermark) \$1 Download for commercial use pricing varies (much higher) Upload to YouTube (free) Embed in web page (free)
Some examples:	"Personal Service of Court Papers" (Sacramento County Public Law Library) http://www.saclaw.org/video2/personal-service.htm (animated clips are partway through the video) "Packet" / "Paquete" (Copying, Assembling, and Filing Court Papers) http://bit.ly/qpyGml (English) / http://bit.ly/nNinjz (Spanish) GoAnimate4Schools Gallery http://goanimate4schools.com/public_animations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pattern of the Mythic Hero -Stage 1 http://goanimate4schools.com/public_movie/OCzhkYgiEuok• How to Speak Italian (Lezione 1) http://goanimate.com/movie/0G7Zct9-G99s
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