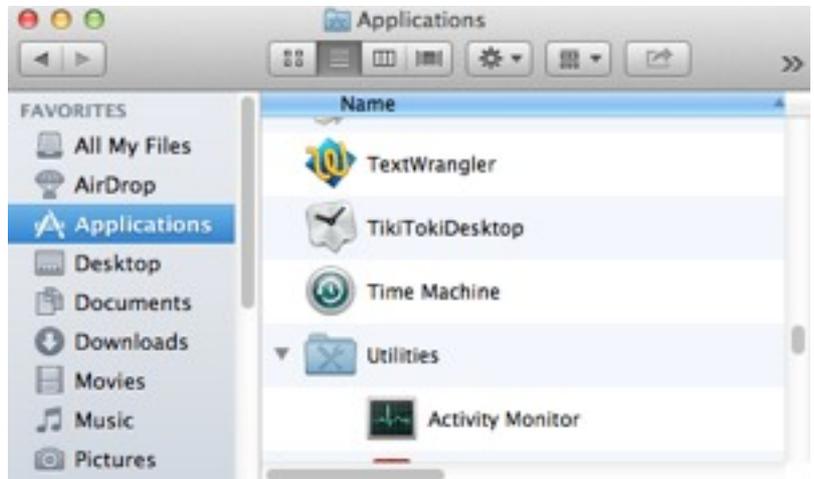


# Getting Started with TikiTokiDesktop

Open up TikiTokiDesktop:



OR



A new timeline will automatically open:



Fill in the main information for your timeline:

The screenshot shows the 'New Timeline (Edit)' interface. On the left, a contextual help box titled 'TIMELINE START DATE' provides instructions on date formatting. The main form includes fields for Title, Start date, End date, Intro, and About, along with settings for Spacing, View type, BG color, Color 2, Intro img, BG image, Zoom, and Begin at. Buttons for 'Revert' and 'Update' are at the bottom.

**TIMELINE START DATE**  
It is advisable to type in the date in a format similar to the following: **DD/MM/YYYY HH:MM:SS**. You can miss off the hours, minutes and seconds if you don't need them.  
For example: **10/09/1972** (10th Sept 1972) or **20/10/2010 05:30:10** (Five thirty and ten seconds in the morning of 20th October 2010).  
To create a BC date, simply append BC at the end. For example: **15/08/0550 BC** is 15th August 0550 BC.  
Please note that all years must be at least four digits, so to create an entry for 1st Jan 0010 AD, you would enter the following: **01/01/0010**.  
For dates before 99999 BC or after 99999 AD, simply enter the year, for example: **5 000 000 000 BC** for five billion BC.

**ABOUT THIS TIMELINE** ADMIN ▲

New Timeline (Edit)

Settings Stories Categories Feeds

**3D settings** **Advanced settings**

**Title:** My First Timeline

**Start date:** 01 Jan 2013 00:00:00

**End date:** 01 Jul 2013 00:00:00

**Intro:** This is my first timeline for the TikiTokiDesktop App!

**About:** After lots of requests, the Tiki-Toki team decided to make a Mac desktop version of the popular web-based Tiki-Toki timeline software.

**Spacing:** Standard

**View type:** Standard

**BG color:** 1A1A1A **Color 2:** A8798E

**Intro img:** [Search]

**BG image:** [Search]

**Zoom:** [Progress bar]

**Begin at:** First story

Revert Update

*Pro-tip: The contextual help shown on the left-hand side provides additional information*

Be sure to click 'Update' after your changes!

The next step is to create a story.

To do that, click on the 'Stories' tab and then '+CREATE NEW STORY':

The screenshot shows the 'My First Timeline (Edit)' interface with the 'Stories' tab selected. A '+ CREATE NEW STORY' button is visible at the bottom.

**ABOUT THIS TIMELINE** ADMIN ▲

My First Timeline (Edit)

Settings **Stories** Categories Feeds

+ CREATE NEW STORY

Now enter the information for your story:

**STORY FULL TEXT (optional)**  
If you have lots of text content for a story, you should put it here. This text will feature in the popup panel that appears when users select a story on the timeline.  
Insert newlines to create paragraphs and use the following format - [Link\_text] ([http://www.a\\_url.com](http://www.a_url.com)) - to create links.

**ABOUT THIS TIMELINE** ADMIN ▲

My First Timeline (Edit)

Settings Stories Categories Feeds

How it all started... EDIT | DELETE

+ CREATE NEW STORY

How it all started... ▲

Basic info Story media

**Title:** How it all started...

**Start date:** 23 Jan 2013 00:00:00

**End date:** 23 Jan 2013 00:00:00

**Intro:** The Tiki-Toki team had been getting lots of requests for a Mac desktop version of the software.

**Full text:** After some debate, the team decided to go for it! They did some planning and research to see what would be involved, and then got started on making it happen.

**Category:** Undefined

**Link:**

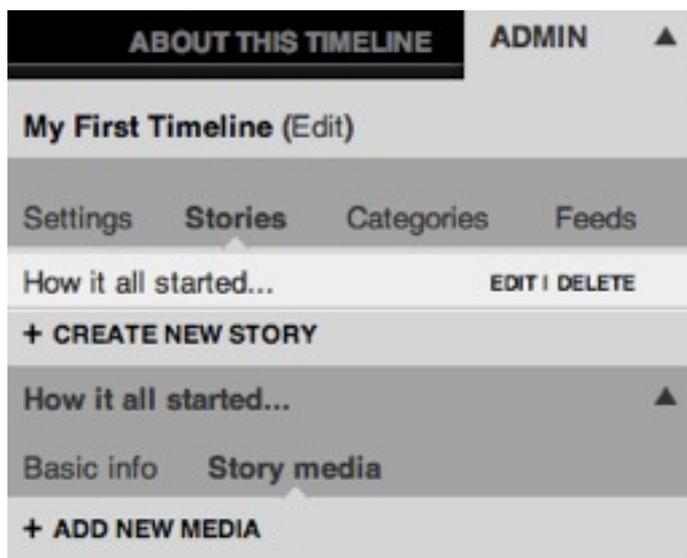
Cancel Update

Be sure to click 'Update'!

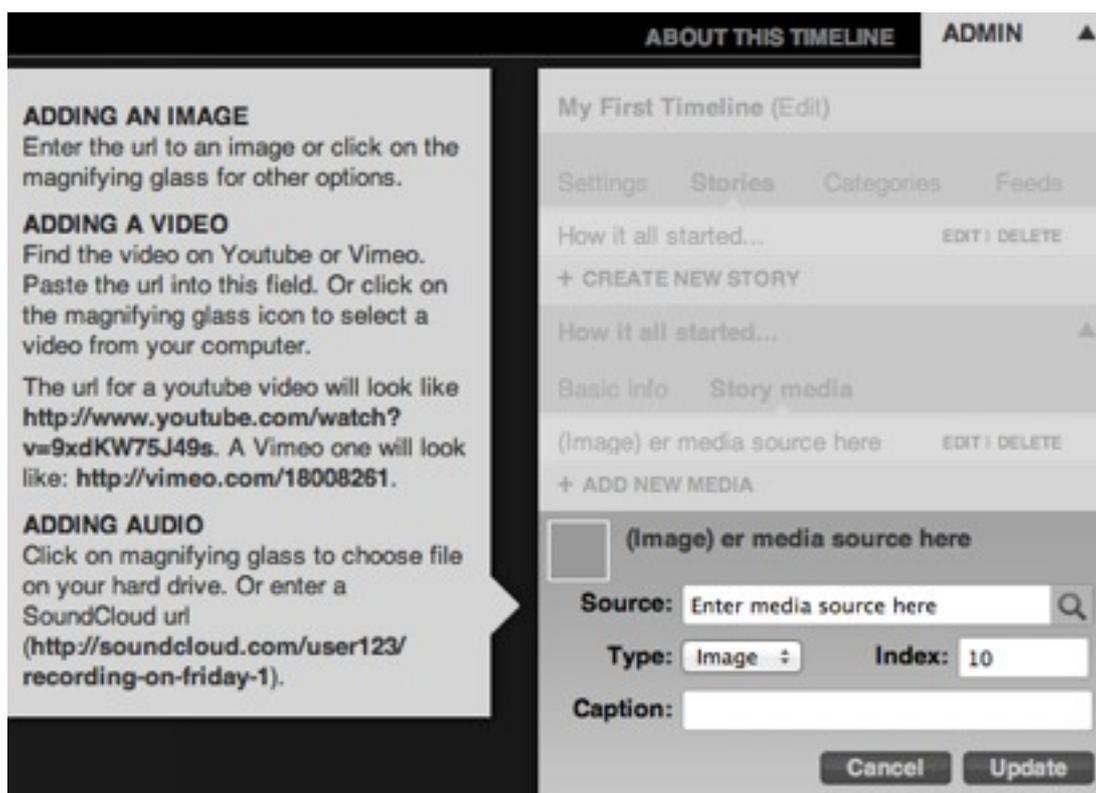
*Pro-tip: You can see the story on your timeline as you're working on it!*



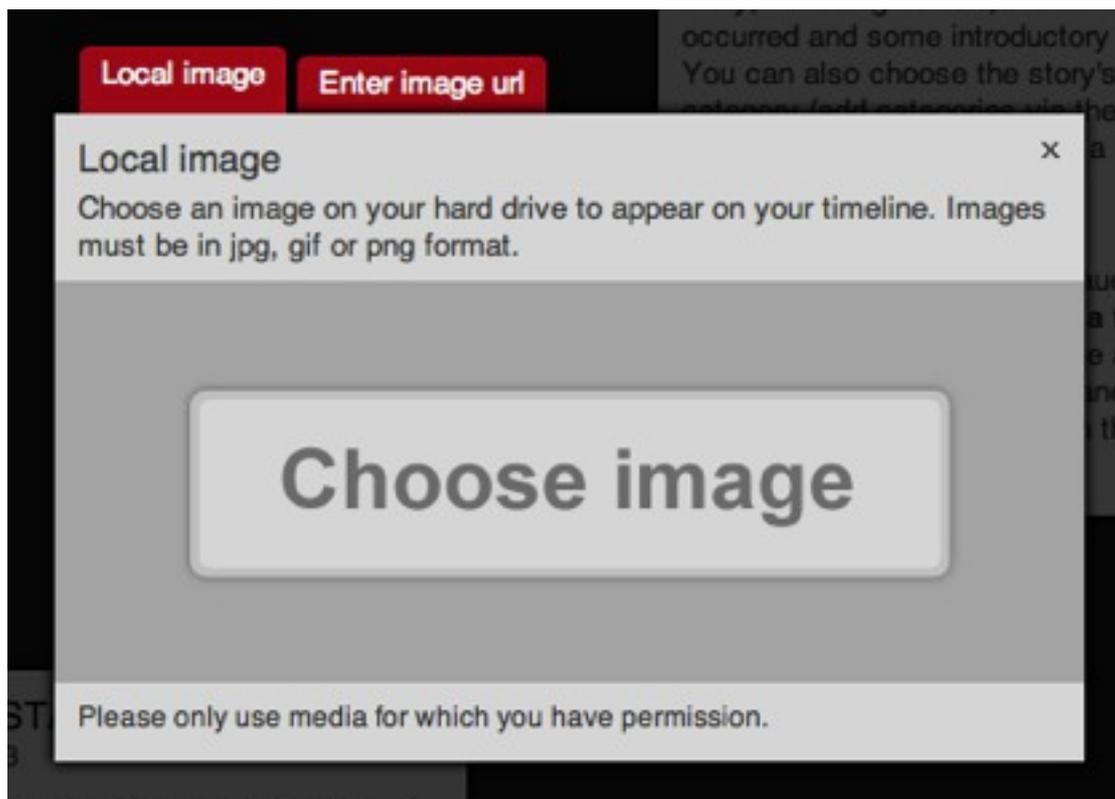
To add an image to this story, click on the 'Story media' tab and then '+ADD NEW MEDIA':



Then click on the magnifying glass icon next to the 'Source' field:



Click on 'Choose image' to select an image from your hard drive:



Once your selected image has loaded, close the pop-up.



Then click 'Update' - you'll see your image appear on your story!



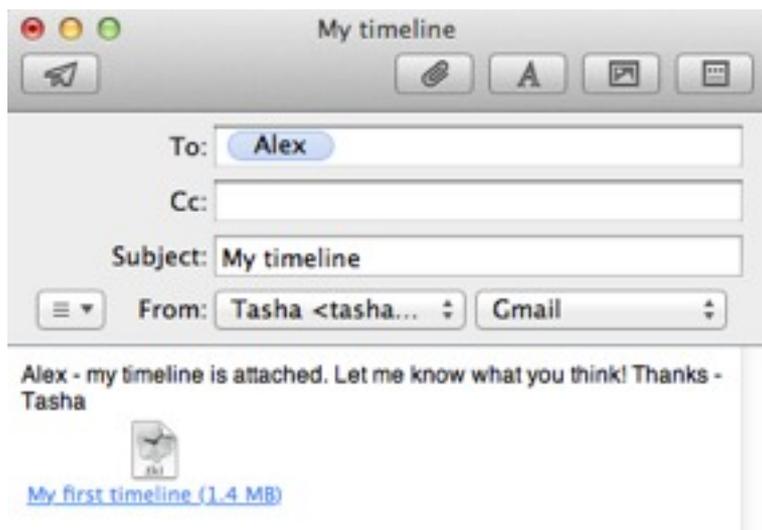
Most importantly, don't forget to save your timeline as you work!  
Click on 'Save to file' in the bottom left of your timeline:



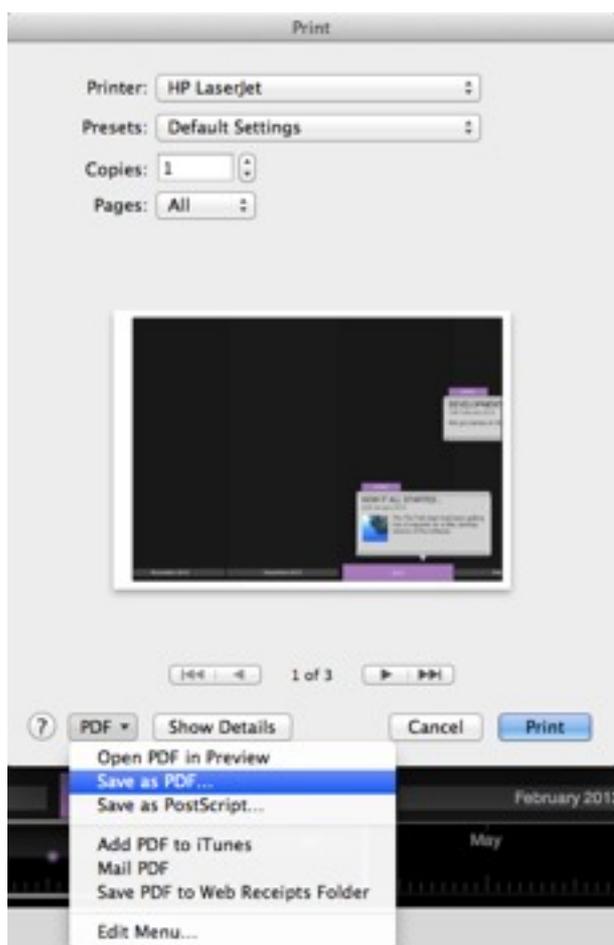
*Pro-tip: If you have unsaved changes, a reminder will appear in the bottom right of your timeline.*



Share the timeline as you would any other file - an email attachment, DropBox, etc.:



You can also print the file as a PDF - just print as you would normally and select the 'PDF' option in the bottom left:



*A few important notes:*

- To prevent .tiki timeline files from becoming too large, TikiTokiDesktop does not include audio or video content in the save file. If you would like to share a timeline that includes video and audio, please upload those files to the web and link to them there.
- Images are stored in the save files. The timeline file can become quite large if you are using lots of images from your hard drive. You may need to compress the file in order to share it.
- If you share a timeline with somebody who has not downloaded TikiTokiDesktop, they can download a free viewer from <http://www.tiki-toki.com/desktopapp/>.
- Check out our FAQs for lots of great advice and how-tos: <http://www.tiki-toki.com/desktopapp/faqs/>

**Enjoy making timelines with TikiTokiDesktop!**