

Prepared Training Exercises: Contacts

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to setting up your lists of people, organizations, locations and spaces.

Key Actions

Create Person Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Contact for a Person for someone that works on your productions using the “New Contact” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include Preferred Name, Pronouns, Email, Phone, Website and/or Address.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a Default Role that this person generally has on projects.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a Default Group that this person is usually apart of on projects.<input type="checkbox"/> Upload a Photo.
Import Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> In a spreadsheet program, open the Contacts Import Template (available at help.prepared.com) and add information for at least 5 people in the template.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Save it as a .csv file and import the information into your Contacts.
Create Organization Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create one or more Contacts for Organizations (perhaps a vendor or company you work with regularly on productions or the Company that one of your Person Contacts works for).
Create Location & Space Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create one or more Contacts for Locations that you work in regularly.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add 3 Spaces in that Location that you may want to schedule activities in.

Practice Actions

Contacts Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add an Organization to a Person Contact.<input type="checkbox"/> Filter the table by Default Groups and then reset the filters.<input type="checkbox"/> Group the table by Default Roles and then reset the groups.<input type="checkbox"/> Create a duplicate contact and then merge it with the original contact.<input type="checkbox"/> Delete a contact.<input type="checkbox"/> Select two contacts and bulk edit them and add a new Default Group to both<input type="checkbox"/> Export your contacts to a .CSV file
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Prepared Training Exercises: Projects

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to Projects; the foundational building blocks for work.

Key Actions

<p>Create Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Project (or 3 if your subscription allows).<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include a Short Name, Color, Date range, and the Timezone.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a Category for each Project by selecting an existing Category or creating a new one.
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Practice Actions

<p>Projects Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Archive a Project.<input type="checkbox"/> Unarchive the Project.<input type="checkbox"/> Change the State of the unarchived Project from Draft to Active.<input type="checkbox"/> Sort your Projects by Project Name.<input type="checkbox"/> Pick a Project and use the “Go To” Menu to navigate to the Timeline Screen.
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Prepared Training Exercises: The Timeline

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to creating phases, events, due dates & milestones in Prepared.

Key Actions

<p>Create an Event for a phase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create 2 or more Events using the “New Event” button that represent the different phases of your production, such as Pre-Production, Tech, Rehearsals, Performances, Post-production.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include date ranges. Leave the time empty.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a Category Tag “Phases” for each Event.<input type="checkbox"/> Add Department Tags for the different departments that are involved.<input type="checkbox"/> Add any applicable Locations/Spaces.
<p>Create an Event for a milestone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create 2 or more Events using the “New Event” button that represent due dates, milestones, or deadlines.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include a single date (same start and end date). Leave the time empty.<input type="checkbox"/> Add category of “Deadlines” for each Event.<input type="checkbox"/> Add any applicable Departments.<input type="checkbox"/> Assign a Person or Organization that is responsible for or relevant to each Event.<input type="checkbox"/> Add any applicable Locations/Spaces.<input type="checkbox"/> Highlight an extra-important Event.
<p>Create an Event with times</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create an Event using the “New Event” button that represents something you want to schedule like a rehearsal, meeting, maintenance call, focus, etc.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include a single date (same start and end date) with different start and end times.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a location/space, people & organizations, departments & categories.<input type="checkbox"/> Mark events with Status “Confirmed”.<input type="checkbox"/> Clone the event to multiple dates.<input type="checkbox"/> Select the events you just created and shift them ahead by two hours.<input type="checkbox"/> Select all the events in this project and clone them to another Project with a new start date (professional subscriptions only).

Practice Actions

Timeline Screen

- Select multiple Projects to view. (professional subscriptions only)
- Display events for the next 7 days using the date selector presets.
- Group your Events by Category, Department, Status, etc.
- Hide some of the columns in the table.
- Filter by recent changes to see events that have changed in the last 24 hours.
- Change the timezone that you are viewing the timeline in.

Prepared Training Exercises: Production Books

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Practice key actions and concepts related to sharing information.

Key Actions

<p>Create a Production Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Production Book to act as a Rehearsal Schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Name the Production Book and select a Project.<input type="checkbox"/> Add some Public General Notes to show at the top of the schedule.<input type="checkbox"/> Select the category “Rehearsal” or another category that you tagged some of your Events with.<input type="checkbox"/> Open the Production Book and change views (List, Day, Month, etc).
<p>Create a Production Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Production Book to act as a Daily Schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Name the Production Book and select a Project (or more for professional subscriptions).<input type="checkbox"/> Set the Date Filter to “Next 1 Day” or select a day that you have some Events scheduled for.<input type="checkbox"/> Set the default layout to Day.<input type="checkbox"/> Group the schedule by Location.<input type="checkbox"/> Open the Production Book and change views (List, Day, Month, etc).
<p>Create a Production Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Production Book to act as a calendar for one of your venues:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Name the Production Book and select one or more Projects.<input type="checkbox"/> Select a Location or specific Space.<input type="checkbox"/> Deselect the Locations Column.<input type="checkbox"/> Open the Production Book and change views (List, Day, Month, etc).
<p>Create a Production Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Production Book that displays deadlines for a specific department:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Name the Production Book and select one or more Projects.<input type="checkbox"/> Select the Category “Deadlines”.<input type="checkbox"/> Select a Department.<input type="checkbox"/> Change the Filter Logic to ALL to ensure you only show events tagged with both “Deadlines” and the Department.

<p>Create additional Production Books</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Create a Production Book to act as someone’s personal itinerary. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a Production Book that displays only Events where the Status is “Confirmed”.
<p>Create a Production Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For Professional Subscriptions Only: Create a new Production book that is your full Company Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a name for the Production Book, select All Projects (current and future). <input type="checkbox"/> Change default layout to Year. <input type="checkbox"/> Open the Production Book and change views (List, Day, Month, etc).

Practice Actions

<p>Production Book Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Edit the name of one of your production books. <input type="checkbox"/> Choose some columns to hide or show in the schedule. <input type="checkbox"/> Clone a Production Book. <input type="checkbox"/> Email a Production Book. <input type="checkbox"/> Delete a Production Book. <input type="checkbox"/> Export Production Book Schedule to a .csv. <input type="checkbox"/> Group the Production Book by Project. (professional subscriptions only)
<p>Production Book Webpage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Filter a Production Book. <input type="checkbox"/> Open the Project Key. <input type="checkbox"/> Subscribe to a Production Book in your personal calendar program (Professional Subscriptions only).

Prepared Training Exercises: Reports, Notes, To Do's

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to creating Reports.

Key Actions

Create a Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Report from an Event in the Timeline.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a Team Member and some details to the “In Attendance” section.<input type="checkbox"/> Add some General Notes.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a Department Note:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Tag it with a Department.<input type="checkbox"/> Track this note.<input type="checkbox"/> Select a Due Date.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a few more Department Notes.
Save a Report as a Template	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Save the Report as a Template:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Open the template and update the title, remove the text from the Department Notes so that only the Departments remain.
Create a Report from a Template	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Report from the Report Screen using a template.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select an Event to link this report to.<input type="checkbox"/> Select the Date and Location.<input type="checkbox"/> Add new Department Notes.
Track To Do's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> View your tracked notes from the Notes Tab in the Timeline Screen.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Update the Status of a Note.<input type="checkbox"/> Mark a Note as Done.<input type="checkbox"/> View your Done Notes
Share Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add the Notes Page to one of your existing Production Books.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Update the Notes Page to only display one Department's Notes.

Practice Actions

Reports Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> View a Report via the URL.<input type="checkbox"/> Email a Report.
Timeline Screen>Notes Tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Filter Notes by Department to see department to do's still outstanding.
Production Books Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> View your Production Book and Navigate to the Notes Tab to see your outstanding Notes.

Prepared Training Exercises: The Project Team

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to the People, Organizations and Locations associated with a specific Project.

Key Actions

<p>Add a Person to a Team from your Contacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a Person Team Member to a Project Team using the “New Team Member” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select a Person’s Name that is already in your Contacts.<input type="checkbox"/> If they have a Default Role, then it is automatically populated as their Project Role. For this project, their role is different. Update their Project Role, character, or job title.
<p>Add a new Person to a Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a Person Team Member to a Project Team using the “New Team Member” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> In the Person Name field, select “New Person” to create a new person that is not already one of your Contacts.<input type="checkbox"/> Enter First Name, Last Name, Email or Phone number.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a new Project Role and Project Group for this person.
<p>Add an Unknown Team Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a Person Team Member to a Project Team using the “New Team Member” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a Project Role and Project Group only. Do not add a person’s name (we don’t know who this person will be yet)
<p>Add an Organization to a Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add an Organization to your Project Team using the “New Team Member” button.
<p>Add a Location to a Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a Location to your Project Team using the New Team Member button.

<p>Add a Team Member Automatically</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Timeline and add a team member who is not currently in your Team to an Event (note that they appear automatically in your Project Team).
<p>Identify an unknown Team Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Timeline and add the Role of the Team Member who does not yet have a Contact assigned to it to an Event. <input type="checkbox"/> Update the Team Member record that doesn't have a contact associated to it, to now include a person from your contacts.
<p>Share Team Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Production Book Screen and add the Team Page and Locations Page to one of your existing Production Books. <input type="checkbox"/> Adjust the settings for the Team Page by selecting specific Groups and adjust the visible columns. <input type="checkbox"/> Adjust the settings for the Locations Page by selecting specific locations and adjust the visible columns.

Practice Actions

<p>Team Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use the "Go To Contact" button to quickly navigate to a contact. <input type="checkbox"/> Export your Team to a .csv. <input type="checkbox"/> Send an email to a Group. <input type="checkbox"/> Remove someone from your team. <input type="checkbox"/> Group the table by your Project Groups.
<p>Production Book Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> View your Production Book and Navigate to the Team and Locations tabs to see your Contact Sheets.

Prepared Training Exercises: Setting up Items

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to setting up the physical assets you own, rent, purchase, or borrow.

Key Actions

Add a new Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create an item using the “New Resource” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include a Name, Department, and some details.<input type="checkbox"/> Add a photo of the item.<input type="checkbox"/> Select the Source for where this item lives or comes from.<input type="checkbox"/> Indicate how many of these items you own.<input type="checkbox"/> Add additional details about where to find the item at that source.
Import Items from a spreadsheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> In a spreadsheet program, open the Items Import Template (available at help.prepared.com) and fill out information for 5 more items. Import and map the fields.
Create Collection of Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Collection using the “New Resource” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include a Name for the Collection and any additional details.<input type="checkbox"/> Select items to include in your collection.<input type="checkbox"/> Select the source you want each Item to come from and indicate how many of each Item you want to include.

Practice Actions

Item Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a new source and create an Organization for your local rental shop.<input type="checkbox"/> Add the rental shop source to each Item with the infinity symbol and include a default cost for items from the rental shop.<input type="checkbox"/> Group the Table by Source or Department.<input type="checkbox"/> View all of your Collections by going to the Collections Tab.<input type="checkbox"/> Create a new Collection by cloning a Collection and adjust some Items.
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Prepared Training Exercises: Requirements

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to allocating physical needs and resources to specific projects.

Key Actions

Create a Project Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a new Requirement “New Requirement” button.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select the Project this Requirement is for.<input type="checkbox"/> Give the Requirement a Name.<input type="checkbox"/> Select Dates this Requirement is needed for, the location where it will be used, a department, and a status.<input type="checkbox"/> Select an Item that will be used in this Requirement by selecting from the list or by using the “Search” button.<input type="checkbox"/> In the Sources, identify where this item will be coming from, how many items you will need from each source. (Note that the quantity remaining changes.)
Add Items to a Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Clone the Requirement you just made and associate a second Item with this Requirement.
Create a Project Requirement by Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create new Requirements using the “New Requirement” button and selecting “By Collection”.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select the same Project that you used for the last Requirement.<input type="checkbox"/> Select a Collection.<input type="checkbox"/> Name the Requirement and select Dates and a Location.
Share Project Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Production Books screen and add the Requirements Page to one of your existing Production Books.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Adjust the settings for the Requirements Page by adjusting the visible columns.

Practice Actions

<p>Requirement Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Select a Single Project from the Project Selector at the top of the Requirements Screen (professional subscriptions only). <input type="checkbox"/> Group the Table by Requirement and expand your groupings to see all the Items part of each Requirement. <input type="checkbox"/> Group the Table by Department to see the cost estimated by Department. <input type="checkbox"/> Group the Table by Source to see the Items needed from each source. <input type="checkbox"/> Export Requirements to a .csv <input type="checkbox"/> Shift the Dates of some of your Requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk Edit the Status of some of your Requirements.
<p>Production Book Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> View your Production Book and Navigate to the Requirements tabs to see your Requirements
<p>Project Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Navigate to the Project Screen and look at total financials for Item cost by project

Prepared Training Exercises: Labour Part 1: Setting up Positions

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to setting up the Positions you'll be using in Labour Management

Key Actions

Create a Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a New Position:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Include a Position Name, the Organization where this position is sourced from, a Department, a default Pay Rate, and any additional details about this position.
Add Labour Rulesets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add a new Labour Cost Calculation Ruleset in the Settings Screen > Preferences Tab.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Give the Ruleset a name.<input type="checkbox"/> Enter an overtime multiplier and indicate the number of hours before the overtime kicks in.
Create Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create 3 more Positions and use your new Labour Cost Ruleset in one or more of them.

Practice Actions

Resource Screen > Positions Tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Group by Department<input type="checkbox"/> Group by Source
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Prepared Training Exercises: Labour Part 2: Labour Lines

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Practice key actions and concepts related to adding high level labour needs to Events

Key Actions

Add a Labour Line to an Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> In the Timeline, navigate to an event that you want to include labour for and add a Labour Line.<input type="checkbox"/> Select a position and indicate the quantity of that position needed. Enter at least 2.<input type="checkbox"/> Add additional Labour Lines to this Event and to other Events.
Share Labour Lines in your Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Production Book Screen and include crew in one of your Production Books. Choose to display Labour lines.<input type="checkbox"/> Open the production book to see your Labour Lines displayed.

Practice Actions

Requirements Screen > Labour Tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select one of your Labour Lines and adjust the +/- hours to adjust how many hours you are budgeting for and enter details to describe the reason for the change.<input type="checkbox"/> Adjust the Pay Rate for a Labour line in the Requirements Screen.<input type="checkbox"/> Use the circular arrow button to return the pay rate to the default.<input type="checkbox"/> Group the Table by Department to see departmental financial breakdowns.
Project Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Look at total labour financials per project.

Prepared Training Exercises: Labour Part 3: Crew Bookings

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to managing crew bookings.

Key Actions

Enable Crew Bookings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select an event in your Timeline with Labour Lines and enable Crew Bookings for it.<input type="checkbox"/> Select a Contact that you want to book for one of the Booking Slots, include a status.
Adding Contacts to Bookings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Crew Bookings Tab in the Timeline Screen, select a Booking without a person assigned to it, and select a Contact to book for this event using the “Search” button.<input type="checkbox"/> Update the status for this booking.<input type="checkbox"/> Adjust the time-frame for this specific booking.<input type="checkbox"/> Resync the booking time-frame to the event using the circular arrow button.
Share Bookings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Go to the Production Book Screen, select the Production Book you were just looking at, and change your displayed crew from Labour Lines to Crew Bookings.<input type="checkbox"/> Open the production book to see your Crew Bookings displayed.

Practice Actions

Timeline Screen>Crew Bookings Tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Group by Contact to see how many hours each person is scheduled for.<input type="checkbox"/> Export a Crew Bookings list.
Requirements Screen>Labour Tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select a Labour Line that you’ve enabled crew bookings for and note that the cost is now determined by the crew bookings.<input type="checkbox"/> Export a Crew Bookings list.

Prepared Training Exercises: Project Cloning

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to use past projects as a template for future projects.

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Key Actions

Clone Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> In the Project Screen Create a New Project by Cloning from an existing Project<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Select the Source Project<input type="checkbox"/> Select a task to use as a reference for generating the new project dates.<input type="checkbox"/> Enter the New Date for that reference task<input type="checkbox"/> Give the new Project a Name, short name, color.<input type="checkbox"/> Create the New Project
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Practice Actions

Projects Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create a Draft Project to act as a template that can be cloned to more quickly create future Projects.
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Prepared Training Exercises: Attachments

Overview

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Practice key actions and concepts related to organizing files, websites, & documents into attachments.

Key Actions

<p>Create Attachments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Create New Attachment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Give Attachment a Name<input type="checkbox"/> Copy and Paste the URL you want to link out to in the URL field<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure URL toggle switch is enabled<input type="checkbox"/> Select a Project (or Projects) to tag this attachment to<input type="checkbox"/> Enter Categories, Departments and Details.
<p>Share Attachments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Add the Attachments Page to your existing Production Book<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Enable the Attachments Page and select the attachments that you want to include.

Practice Actions

<p>Attachments Screen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Disable and enable the URL link.<input type="checkbox"/> Delete an Attachment
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