

Photo Story 3

To Open Photo Story

- Click Start, point to all Programs, and then click on Photo Story 3 For Windows or double click on the icon on your desktop.
- On the welcome page, click on Begin a new story, and then click next.

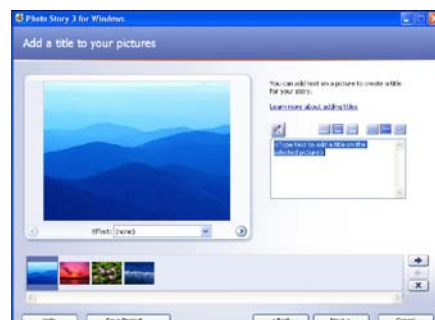
Importing and arranging your pictures

- Click on the Import Pictures button.
- Navigate to where the pictures are saved.
- Select a picture and click the OK button to import it. To select multiple pictures, hold down the CTRL button on the keyboard while clicking on the pictures.
- Click and drag your pictures on the storyboard to arrange them in the correct order. Remove black borders (optional) and Edit (optional).
- Some simple edit tools are available to correct the photograph. There are located under the preview window. The buttons include Correct Color levels, Correct Red Eye, Rotate Counterclockwise, Rotate clockwise, and Edit. When the Edit button is clicked the user can crop, Auto Fix, and add an Effect, such as washout or sepia.
- Click the next button when finished arranging your pictures.



Adding titles to your pictures

- You don't have to put text on every picture, but it is an option.
- Click on the picture where you want to add text.
- Type in your text.
- The user can change certain aspects of the text by using the alignment and placement tools to place text. Click on the font button to change font, color, size, or style.
- Click on Effect to select a filter.



Narrating your Picture

- You are now ready to narrate and customize motion. This is the screen where you will record your narrative. You can also preview your story on this page. If you do not like the default motion assigned by the program, you can customize the motion by clicking on “Customize Motion.”
- While in the same window, you may also click on the transition tab and customize your transitions.
- When you are ready to narrate your slides, plug in your microphone. Then click on the slide you want to narrate. If you like, you can type in your story for each slide to help guide you as you record the story for each slide. To begin recording, click on the button with the red circle. To stop recording, click the button with the black square.
- You will need to repeat the same steps for each slide that needs narration. You can preview the narration after you record it by clicking on the Preview button.



Record



Stop

Adding background music

To add pre-recorded music to your story

- Click on the Add background music page, click the first picture and then click select music.
- Navigate to find the location of your music.
- Select the your music and click open.
- The music you added will be shown as a colored bar above the pictures in your show. This is helpful in determining which pictures will be shown for each piece of music you add. This is really helpful when you have added more than one song.



To create music for your story

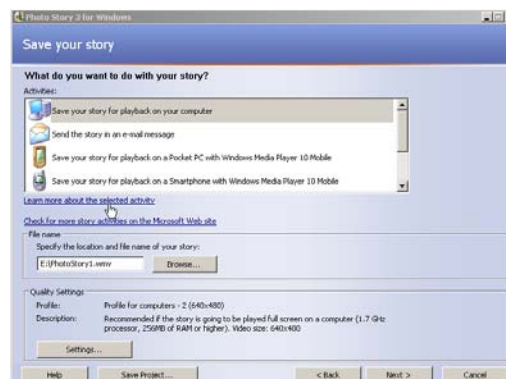
- Click on the first picture in the show, and then click Create music.
- In the Create Music box, you can select the Genre of music and the songs.
- Click on play to hear what the music will sound like.
- If you create music, it will start and end with your story.
- You may need to adjust the volume of your music to accommodate your narration.
- To adjust the volume, simply click the picture in the show and use the volume slider bar to make adjustments. It may take several tries to get it just right.
- Click next to move on to the final steps of your show.

Saving your story

- When you save your photo story, all the pictures, narrations, and music are compiled into a video file that you can view in Windows Media Player. Since you will play this photo story on your computer, you can use the default options when saving your photo story.
- Look at your options and choose the one that best fits. The file name will be the same as your project name. The file being created is a movie file that will play back in your Media Player.

Viewing your story

- When your story is built and saved, the Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows page will appear. You can view your newly created story or begin a new story from here.
- To see what you have created, click View your story. Windows Media Player will open and your story will begin to play. For the story to continue playing once the final picture is shown, i.e. to begin again, you must set up this feature in Windows Media Player. In Windows Media Player, click Play on the menu bar and then click Repeat. The story will continue to play, repeating itself, until it is stopped.



Now you are ready to TELL YOUR STORY!!!

Source of instructions: Microsoft web site:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/tips/firststory.msp>