



Photo Story 3

Digital Story-Telling Movies

Go beyond simple slideshows. Create stories using your photos and Microsoft's easy to use program. Add music and narration, titles and transitions, movement effects. Then share it with family and friends.

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What is Photo Story 3?

Photo Story 3 is a free-of-charge, downloadable program from Microsoft.

It allows you to create slideshows with motion and sound and save them in a format that any computer with Windows Media Player can use.

You must have a valid copy of Windows XP with SP2 and Windows Media Player 10 to run it. It also runs on Vista, and usually on Windows 7, but not always.

How do I get Photo Story 3? (See Video: Download and Install Photo Story 3)



Google for Photo Story 3 and follow the links to the Microsoft download site.

On the home page for Photo Story 3 you will find a wealth of information about the program. Download the program to your computer.

Start the program (See Video: Quick Movie)

Click on the Photo Story 3 icon

The program will load and you will see the main screen.



Click Next and begin importing your photos using this file browser:
(See Video: Preparing photos in Picasa for use in Photo Story)

Select the pictures for your slide show. You can select individual pictures or use shift-click and control-click for multiple selections.



Rearrange the pictures on the timeline by dragging and dropping with the mouse. **(See Video: Import Photos)** You can delete pictures you decide you don't need. You can do some photo editing here, too.

The program will want you to remove black borders.

This is a good place to save your work so far. You want to save your project as you work on it.


Save early and save often! Use the "Save Project" button.

Click Next to go to the next step



Narration can add dimension to any slide show. **(See Video: Adding Narration)**

Keep it simple. You need a microphone and there are some settings to configure, but the program will help you. Type notes in the window to remind you what to say. You can preview how it will sound and re-record until you get it the way you want it.



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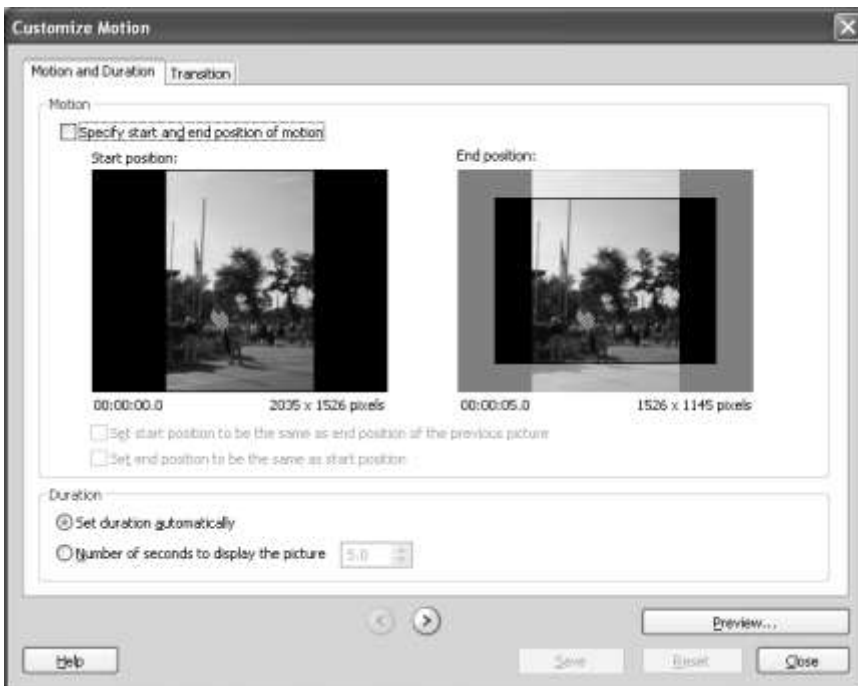
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Customize Motion and Set Transitions (See Video: Transitions)



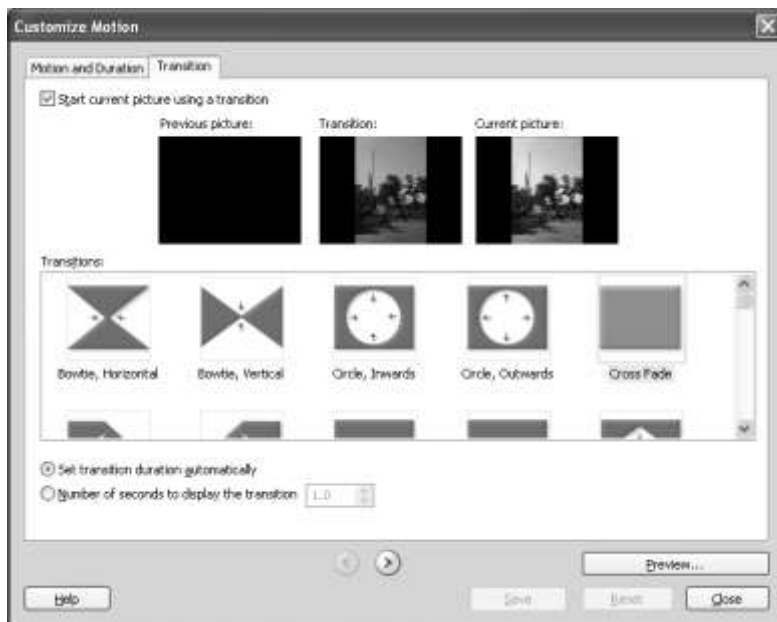
Here is where it really gets fun!

The program will suggest motion settings, but you are free to set your own.

Put a check mark in the box to specify start and end positions.

Drag the resulting boxes for size and effect.

You have lots of choices for transitions between slides. Use them sparingly. Just because you can doesn't mean you should



The Cross Fade transition is the default.

Play with the different choices, but limit them in a show so you don't distract from the story.



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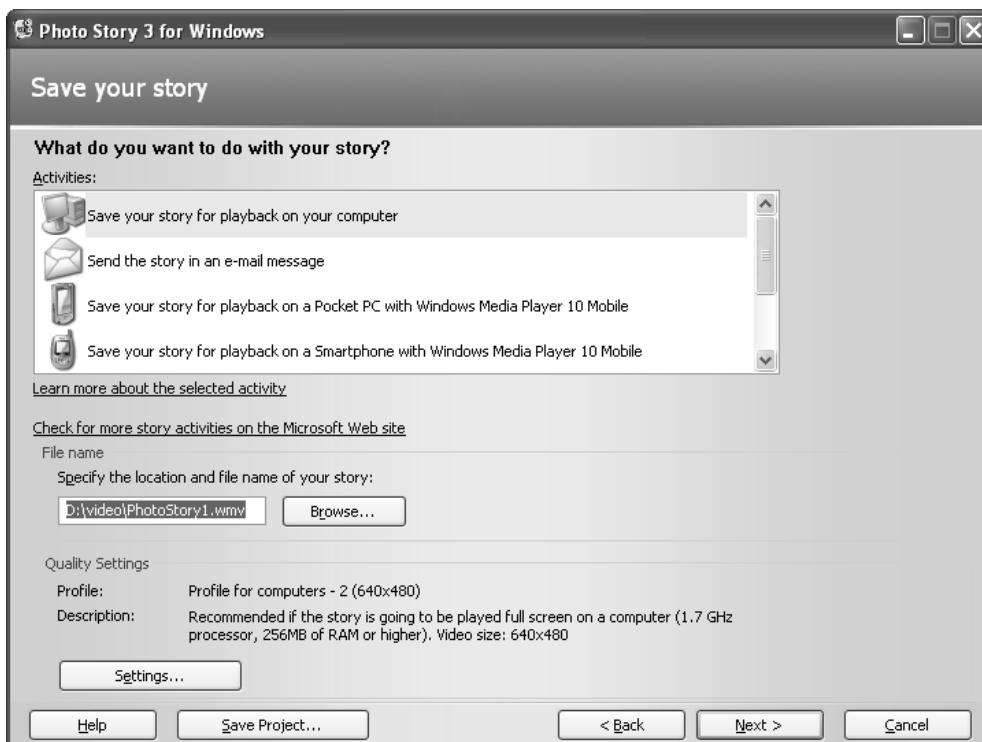
Music is next. (See Video: Adding Music)

Photo Story 3 allows you to create copyright free music for your show. You can also use recorded music from your own music collection.

You can have several selections for a show. Just click on the slide where you want the music to start. Remember, Silence is golden, too. Use appropriate music for the show.

Find copyright free music on the web for downloads.

You're almost done! (See Video: Rendering your Movie)



Decide what settings you want to use to play back the finished product.

Make sure to save the Project so you can go back later and make it better.

When you click on Next, the program will "Render" your slideshow into a Windows Media File for playback using the settings you chose.

Share your masterpiece with your family and friends.

Copy the file to a CD. Post it on the web. Picasa Web Albums or Youtube are great places to do

that for free. Picasa can take care of the uploading for you. Send the file in an email. This might take a while on a slow connection. For the DVD to be playable in a TV, you need Windows Vista or 7 and the built in DVD Maker – or purchase an add in listed on Photo Story's home page.

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