

Photo Story Tutorial

Guidelines:

8 Storyboard Slides Total

1 Introduction Slide (attention getter)

1 Closing Slide (final sell)

6 Topic Slides:

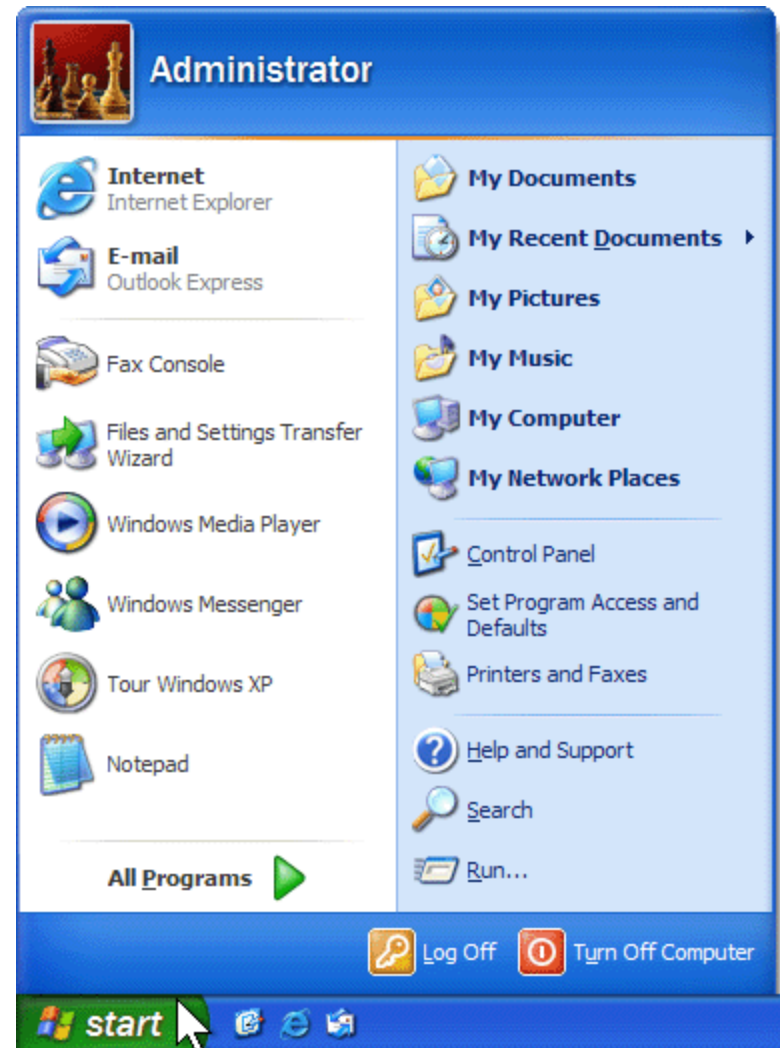
- Location
- Climate
- History
- Landmarks: Natural/Man-Made
- Attractions
- Culture
- In the News
- 2 Best Known Cities

*Each Student should have a speaking role

*Each Student should be responsible for images, script, and music for 4 slides (3 topic and 1 intro/conclusion)

Opening Photo Story

- To begin a new story, open Photo Story from the **Start** menu.
- To open Photo Story:
 - Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Photo Story 3 for Windows**.
 - On the Welcome page, click **Begin a new story**, and then click **Next**.



Importing & Arranging Your Pictures

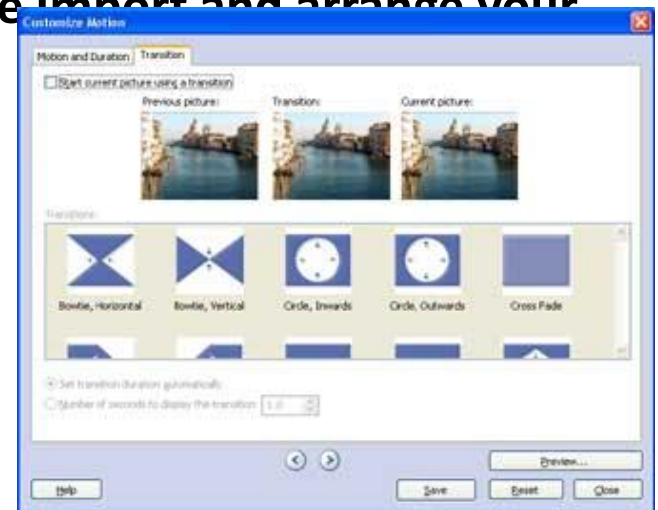
- First, add the pictures that you want to use in the story, and then arrange them in the order that they will be viewed.
- To add pictures to your photo story:
 - On the **Import and arrange your pictures** page, click **Import Pictures**.
 - In the **File Browser** dialog box, browse to **My Documents\My Pictures\Sample Pictures**.
 - Add all of the pictures listed.
 - **Take a moment to edit the image, would you like to adjust the color, rotate, etc.**
 - To add more than one picture at a time, press and hold the CTRL key and click on the pictures you want to add, and then click **OK**.
 - All of your pictures should now be present in the filmstrip, as shown in the following screen shot.
 - The filmstrip in Photo Story is a great place to quickly make changes to your pictures and story. For example, you can drag a picture in the filmstrip to change the sequence. You can click a picture in the filmstrip and click **Edit** to change the appearance of the picture by rotating it, adjusting the color, fixing red eye or adding effects. You can also right-click a picture in the filmstrip to perform these actions. Try adding an effect to one of the pictures to see what they look like.
 - When you are finished making changes to your pictures, click **Next** to continue.



Q. How do I edit or add special effects to the pictures in my photo story?

A. You can edit and enhance your pictures in several ways by selecting any of the following options from the shortcuts on the **Import and arrange your pictures** page, or the **Edit dialog box**:




- Correct color levels.
- Correct red eye.
- Correct contrast.
- Rotate the picture clockwise or counterclockwise.
- Manually crop the picture.
- Remove black borders and automatically crop the picture.
- Add effects such as **Black and White** that change the appearance of the picture.
- Note that none of the changes that you make affect the original picture that is stored on your computer, a network folder, or the Internet.
- You can also add titles to each picture in your story or to selected pictures only. On the **Add a title to your pictures** page, use the buttons over the title box to adjust the placement of your title and the font.



Adding a Title to Your Pictures

- With Photo Story 3 you can add text to a picture to create a title for your story.
- To add text to your pictures:
 - On the **Add a title to your pictures** page, click the first picture, and then type **My first photo story** in the text box to the right of the picture.
 - Click the **Select Font** button.
 - In the **Font** dialog box, under **Font style**, click **Bold**, and then click **OK**.
 - Click the **Align Top** button to move the title up on the page.
 - Repeat steps 1 and 2 to add text to another picture, and experiment with different text styles, sizes, and alignments, using different formatting buttons.
 - When you are finished adding text to your pictures, click **Next**.

Narrating Your Pictures

- You can add narration and custom pan and zoom effects to your photo story to make it more unique and personal.
- To add narration to your story you need to have a working microphone attached to your computer and set up correctly. A wizard will help you set up your microphone to record narration. There is also a text input area to create cue cards which can be a helpful memory aid when narrating your pictures.
- To add narration to your story:
 - On the **Narrate your pictures and customize motion** page, click the **Microphone**  button.
 - This will launch the Sound Hardware Test Wizard. Complete the wizard by following the onscreen instructions. Once you have completed the wizard, your microphone should be ready to record narration.
 - Click a picture in the filmstrip.
 - Add any desired text in the cue card area.
 - Click the **Record Narration**  button to start recording narration.
 - The red dot in the record button will flash indicating recording is taking place. A timer is provided to help you keep track of your narration length.
 - When you have finished narrating the picture, click the **Stop Recording**  button.
 - Repeat steps 2 thru 4 for each picture for which you want to add narration.
 - **Note** Narration for each picture can not exceed 5 minutes.
 - Once you have added narration, click the first picture in the filmstrip, and then click **Preview** to see how your story looks and sounds.
 - Close the preview window, and click **Next** to continue to the next step.

Adding Background Music

- With Photo Story 3 you can add music to your story by using Windows Media Audio (WMA), MP3, or WAV files or by using the **Create Music** option to create custom music that suites your story and taste.
- To create music for your story:
 - Click the third picture in the film strip, and then click **Create Music**.
 - In the **Create Music** dialog box, in the **Genre** drop-down list, scroll down and select **Soundtrack**.
 - In the **Style** drop-down list, select **Soundtrack: Mysterious Cave** or any other music you like.
 - You can leave the default **Bands** and **Moods**, or choose different ones.
 - Click **Play** to hear what the music will sound like.
 - When the music has finished playing, click **OK** to close the **Create Music** dialog box.
 - There are now two different pieces of music shown as colored bars above the pictures in the filmstrip.
 - Click the first picture in the filmstrip, and click **Preview**, to see how well your music fits the story.
 - You may need to adjust the music volume levels to accommodate your narration. To do this, simply click the picture in the filmstrip and then adjust the music volume using the volume slider bar. You may need to adjust the volume and preview your story a few times to get it just right.
 - Click **Next**, to move on to the final steps.



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.
- To save your photo story for playback on your computer:
 - On the **Save your story** page, verify that **Save your story for playback on your computer** is selected in the activities list.
 - Click **Browse** to specify the location and file name of your story.
 - On the **Save As** dialog box, browse to **My Documents\My Videos**.
 - In the **Filename** text box, type **My First Story.wmv**.
 - Click **Save**, and then click **Next**.

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.
- Now that you have created your first photo story, it's time to start a new story. This time, add your own pictures and music to create stories to share with your friends and family.