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Photo Story



Microsoft Photo Story is a free application that allows users to create a show and tell presentation from their digital photos. Users create slideshows and with a single click, touch-up, crop, or rotate pictures. Special effects can be added and soundtracks, as well as your own voice narration, can be added to enhance photo story slideshows. Titles and captions can also be used to personalize each project. Small file sizes make it easy to send photo stories in an e-mail.

Photo Story 3 is a free download from Microsoft. If you do not have this program on your computer, click this link to download.

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

Once the program is downloaded, follow the directions to create a show and tell slideshow and then have your students create one too.

1. To begin a new story, open Photo Story from the **Start** menu or click the icon on your desktop.

Begin
Edit a project
Play a story
Continue working



2. Importing and arranging your pictures

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 click "Import Pictures" on the Import and arrange your pictures page.

In the **File Browser** dialog box, browse to the folder where you saved your pictures.

To add more than one picture at a time use the **Ctrl Key** and click

individual files you want added (Ctrl + A to select all). Then click **OK**. All of your pictures should now be present in the filmstrip. 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 also edit



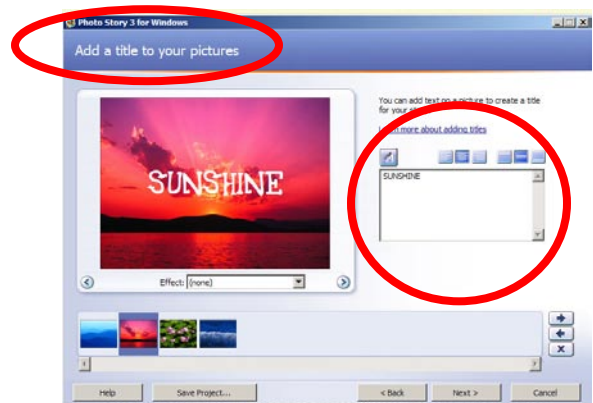
your pictures by right-clicking a picture in the film strip, pointing to **Edit**, and then clicking **Crop**, **Rotate**, **Auto Fix**, or **Add Effect**. In the **Edit Pictures** dialog box, choose the options that you want. Try adding an effect to one of the pictures to see what they look like.

***Begin your project by adding at least 5 pictures of your class.** When you are finished making changes to your pictures, click **Next** to continue.

3. Adding a title to your pictures

With Photo Story 3 you can add text to a picture to create a title for your story.

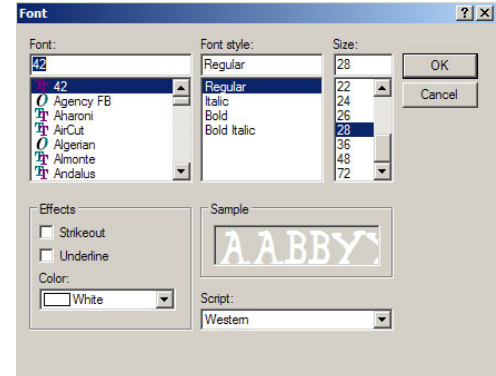
On the **Add a title to your pictures** page, select the picture you want and **type the title** you want in the text box to the right of the picture.



Click the **Select Font** button.



In the **Font** dialog box, choose **Font style**, **Size**, **Effects** and **Color** click OK.




Click the **Align Horizontal** (left, right and center) or **Vertical** button (top, middle and bottom) to move the title 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.


***For your project, add at least 3 titles and/or captions to your pictures.** When you are finished adding text to your pictures, click **Next**.


4. Narrating your pictures

You can add narration and custom pan and zoom effects to your photo story to make it more unique and personal. You must have a microphone attached to your computer and set up correctly. See your LMS if you need help with this or to borrow a microphone.

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.

Select a picture in the filmstrip. Add any desired text in the cue card area. (notes aid your memory as you narrate but it is not necessary to type these in).

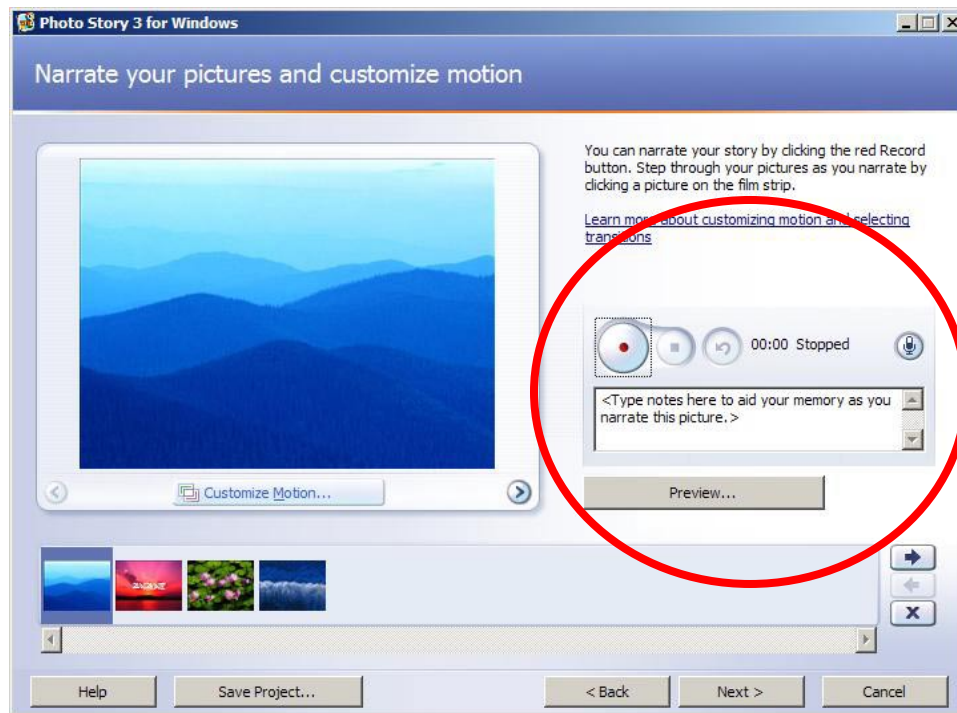
Click the **Record Narration**  button to start recording narration. The red dot in the record button will flash indicating recording is taking place. A timer is provided to help you keep track of your narration length.

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**. To delete a narration, click the **Delete Narration** button.



Once you have added narration, click the first picture in the filmstrip, and then click **Preview** to see how your story looks and sounds.



***For your project, insert narration for at least 4 of the pictures in your project (or more). Click Next to continue to the next step.**

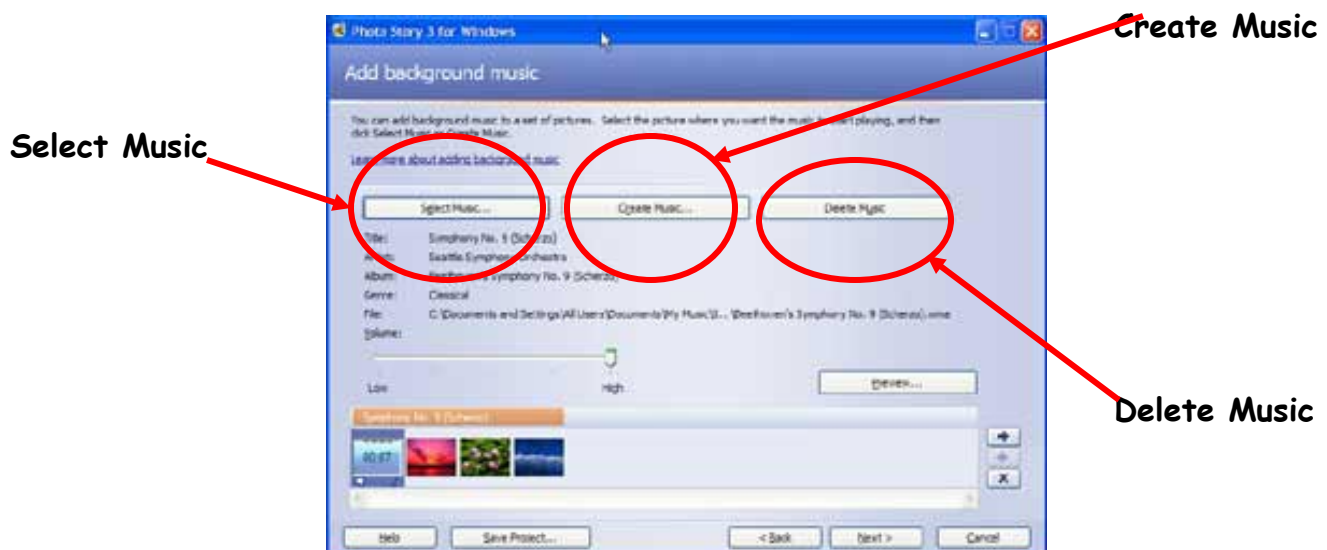
5. Adding background music

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 add pre-recorded music to your story:

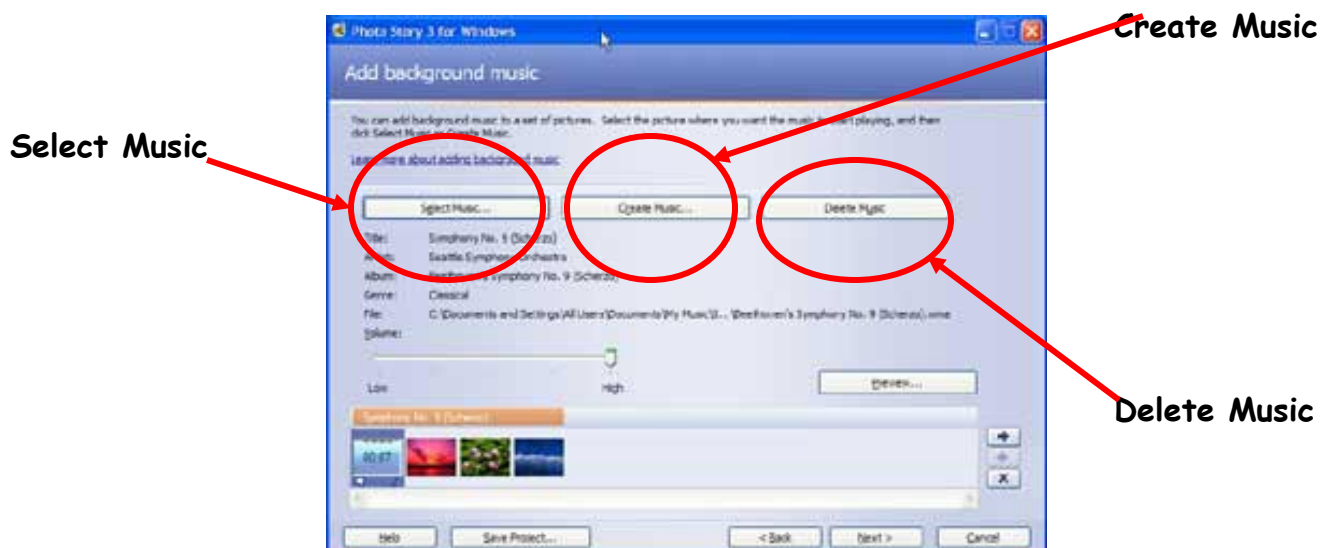
On the **Add background music** page, click the first picture in the filmstrip and then click **Select Music**. On the **File Open** dialog box, click **My Documents** from the left menu. Browse to **My Music\Sample Music**, click **Beethoven's Symphony No9 (Scherzo).wma**, and then click **Open**.

The music you just added is shown as a colored bar above the picture in the filmstrip, as shown in the following screen shot. This helps you determine which pictures will be shown for each piece of music you add. This is particularly helpful when you add more than one song to your story.



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**. 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.

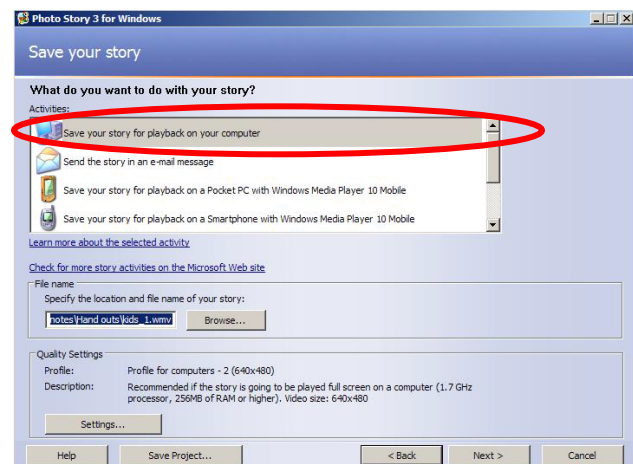


***For your project, insert some music (either select music or create music) but adjust the sound so that you can hear your narration. Click **Next** to move on to the final steps.**

6. 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.

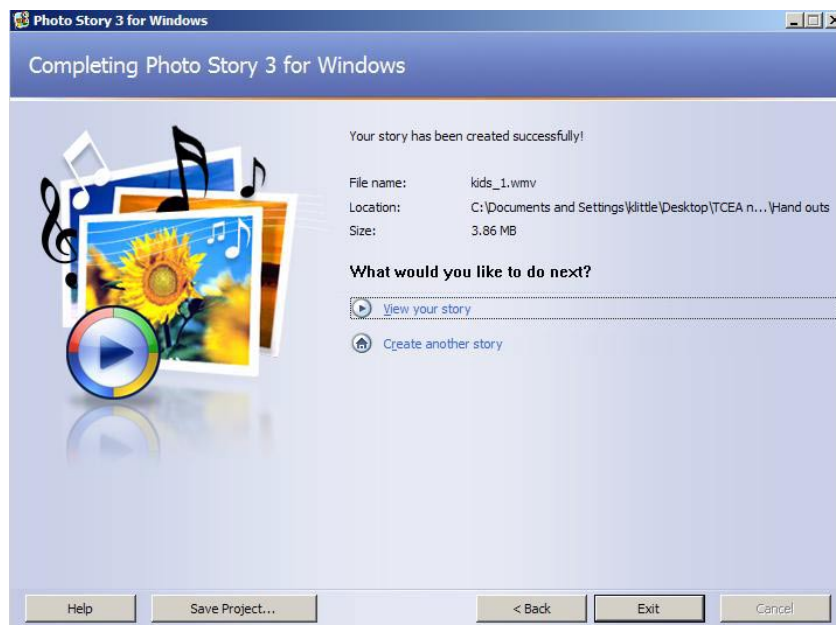
To save your photo story for playback on your computer
On the **Save your story** page, verify that **Save your story for playback on your computer** is selected in the activities



list. Click **Browse** to specify the location and file name of your story. On the **Save As** dialog box, browse to folder you want to save in i.e. **My Documents\My Videos**. In the **Filename** text box, type **File Name.wmv**. Click **Save**, and then click **Next**.

7. 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 your project, view your completed photo story. Now teach your class how to use Photo Story. Have your students add at least 4 pictures, narrate each one, and add music to the project and save.**

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I have created my own Photo Story project and emailed the final project to my tech rep. I have also taught my class how to make a Photo Story project and they have completed at least one project. I have emailed my tech rep at least 2 student projects.

Signature _____