

## Microsoft PhotoStory 3

“Make Show & Tell Cool Again” (according to Microsoft!)

PhotoStory 3 is a simplified, but flexible slideshow program, reasonably intuitive, fast, and available as a free download through:

[www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) (click through downloads), or  
[www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp)

To use, generally follow the onscreen instructions, normally followed by *Next*. A good help facility, specific to the operation you are performing - *Learn More About* -, is accessible through that operation, and is well worth reading.

Briefly, though, open the program, and,

- 1.Import your desired pictures<sup>1</sup>, drag to desired order, use on board picture edit and remove black borders/*Next*
- 2.Type text / title, and apply Effect/*Next*
- 3.Record narration, specify movement (zooming), choose transition style and timing between slides/*Preview /Save/Close/Next*
- 4.Add music. Select from your file, or use computer generated/*Preview/Next*
- 5.*Save Project* (current slide show project, can be recalled and edited later)<sup>2</sup>. The project can be saved at any time.
- 6.Specify required format for replay / *Next/* to save story in final form.

Play story using Windows Media Player full screen

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<sup>1</sup> Being a Microsoft program, PhotoStory will go immediately to the *Windows My Pictures* file to find your pictures. You can of course browse elsewhere. Similarly it will look for your music in *Windows My Music*

<sup>2</sup> For the same reason, Photostory will propose saving both the project file, and the finished slide show Story in the *Windows My Videos* file, but under different file types.