

# PhotoStory 3

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## Getting Started

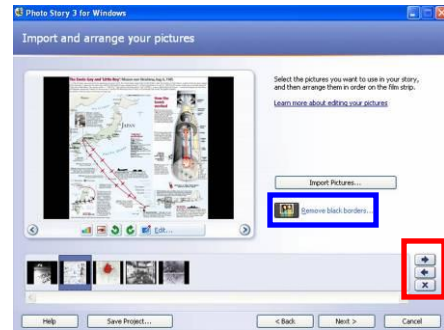
Photostory is a wizard based product that drives you automatically from task to task with choices being made along the way. The first choice involves starting a new project or further editing of an existing one.

Choose the appropriate choice here, which to start with would be "begin a new story".

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2 **Import Pictures** - Next you'll be asked to import the pictures you would like to use in the presentation. Click on the import button and go to the folder (Raw video) where you have previously saved the images to and hold down the CTRL key while clicking on each picture you'd like to use. You can only import pictures from one folder at a time (reselect import pictures to move pictures from a second folder)



If you plan to use a photo more than once you'll need to import it multiple times. Once you have all of the pictures you'll need for your video in the timeline you need to arrange them in the order you want. You may click and hold the left mouse button to drag a picture to any location on the time line or single click on the picture and use the **arrows to move it left or right.**

Once you have the pictures sorted in order, you should use the **black border tool to crop** pictures so they properly fit the screen size/shape. You may choose as part of this process to leave some with the borders rather than only getting part of the images. (Most black borders should be removed). Other minor photo editing tasks (color correction, red eye removal, rotation and cropping) can be done in this screen by selecting the photo on the timeline and clicking the appropriate button under the pic. Click save project and save to the raw video folder.

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You may also want to create title or credit slides using PowerPoint and insert them as pictures now. (see sidebar on back for creating .jpg title slides with PowerPoint)

## Applying Text and/or Effects to Pictures

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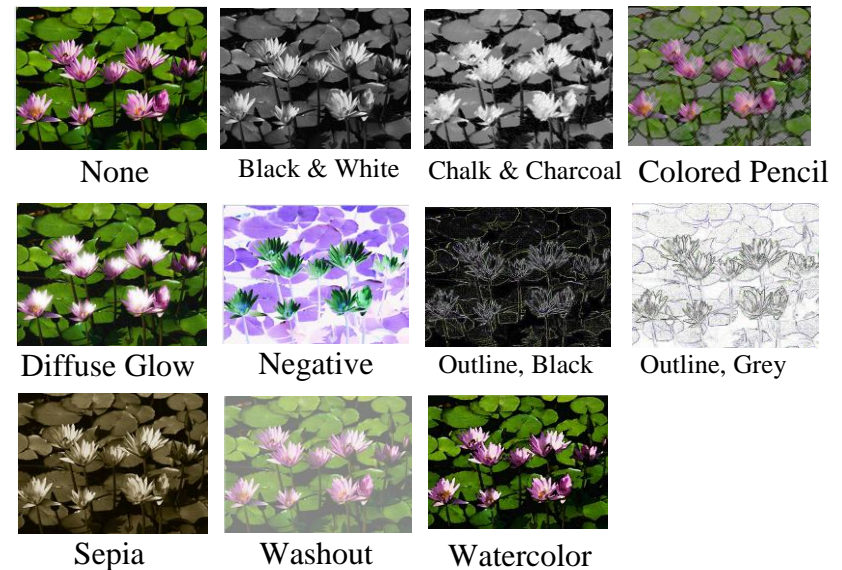
Now that all of your pictures are arranged and cropped on the timeline you may want to add artistic effects or text (annotations) to the pictures.

To add text on top of a picture simply select the picture on the timeline (single left click on it).

Then type your caption of title text in the **box to the right**. You may also adjust where on the picture the text appears using the **alignment buttons**. You may also change the font style, size and color using the **font tool**. Click Save project.



Under the picture are various artistic effects you can apply to change the look/feel of the picture.



## Motion and Picture Transition

To control the motion when a picture is on the screen or to select the transition between pictures select a picture from the timeline and then click on the **customize motion button**.

You can then control the level of motion on the picture by selecting where to start the zoom and where to finish.

You can start in tight on an area of the photo and zoom out to a wide view or conversely start wide and zoom in on a detail.

Make sure you customize the motion on each picture as Photostory will apply a random pan if you do not select it.

You can also choose a transition effect from each picture to the next. The default setting is a standard fade. However there are 47 other transitions that can be accessed by clicking on the transition tab while in the customize motion tab. Try to keep the different styles of transition to a minimum.

## Creating title/credit slides with PowerPoint

In PowerPoint setup as many slides as you need for title/credit slides. Select an appropriate background, add textboxes (with shading if necessary) and other non-animation effects.

Go to File, Save as. When the boxes pops up to save you need to switch the file type to jpeg pictures. Choose the correct folder (rawvideo). You will then be prompted to only save this slide as a picture or all slides in the presentation, make the choice that best suits you.

Import each of these pictures into your PhotoStory timeline and place appropriately.

## Where Can I Get it?

Photostory is a free download from Microsoft for any XP/Vista machine. You can begin the download process at

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

## Narration

From the same screen as the picture motion you can narrate the photos. Type the script for narration that goes with each picture in the **box to the right**. Select the next picture and repeat.

Once you have typed your script you can begin narrating. Plug in your headset/microphone (click on the **mic symbol** to configure and test) and click on the 1<sup>st</sup> photo and **press the red button**. Begin reading the script. You can then, without **stopping** the recording, click on the next picture and continue. You may press the stop button after each photo but it may make your presentation sound choppy. If you make a mistake you

can delete the portion of the recording for any picture by clicking on the **undo arrow**. Click save project

## Background Music or Sound Effects

Select the picture where you would like the music/sound to start, click select music and chose the audio file. That music/sound will play for its automatic length. (Note you may need to insert extra of the same picture to make it fit a sound effect.)

You can also generate computerized music to play behind your narration by choosing create music and picking a style and tempo.

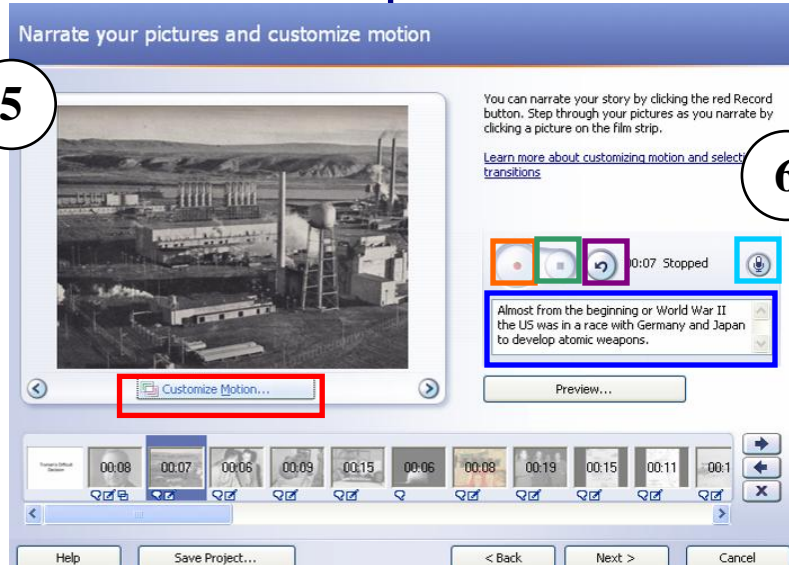
## Save your movie

After going on to the next step you can select where and how to save your finished movie (not the project as you have been doing all along). Choose the method of playback in most cases you will want to choose save for playback on your computer, although a mobile device also might be a good choice.

Choose the folder you want the finished file to be saved in (note the default is my videos and is a poor choice)

Click next and be patient as it may take several minutes to make your presentation.

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