

Using Photo Story 3

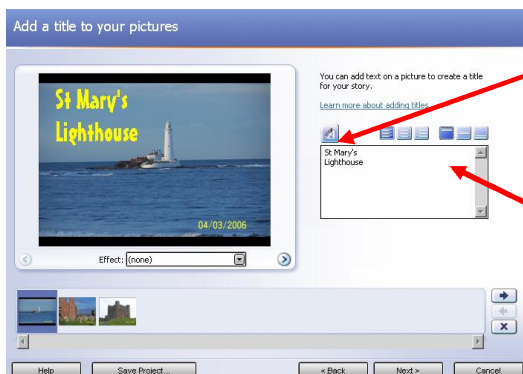
Photo Story 3 can be downloaded from www.microsoft.com/windowsxp, go to the top downloads at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts.



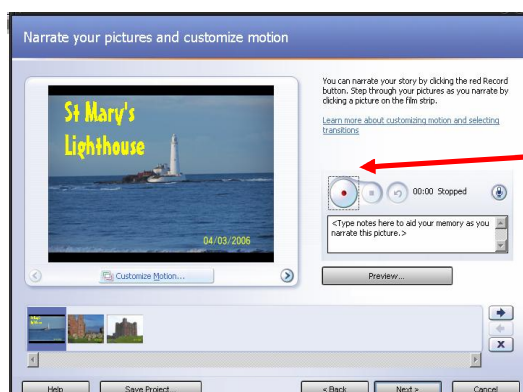
When you open *Photo Story 3* you are taken through a wizard to create your own show. Each slide gives you a number of simple options, the first slide allowing you to begin a new show or work on a saved one.



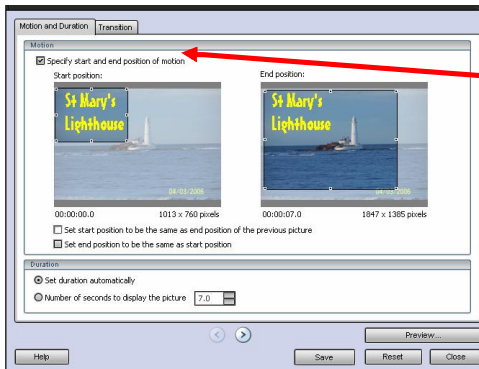
To begin building up the show click the **import pictures** button, from here you can find the folder with your pictures. As you add your pictures you'll be able to apply a range of **basic effects** by using the options under the main photo. As you continue to add photos you'll see they are ordered on the **film strip** at the bottom of the screen. You can change the order at any time by dragging the pictures about. When you're finished with any screen click the next button at the bottom. You can go back using the back button.



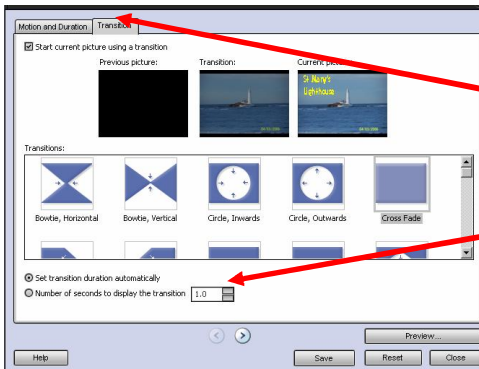
Once you've added your pictures you can add **text**. To do this click in the text icon and type what you want to appear during the show. You can **edit** the style, size and colour of the font by clicking on the text button. You can also position the text on the picture by using the **justify buttons**. The text will only appear on the picture you write it on.



You can add your own **narration** to each picture on the next screen. Make sure you have a microphone plugged into your computer, when you are ready to record just click on the big red **button**. Once you've finished talking press stop. Your sound recording is automatically added to the picture so you don't need to do anything else here. The narration only stays on the picture you have attached it to. The same screen has the **custom motion** button, one of the best features of the package.



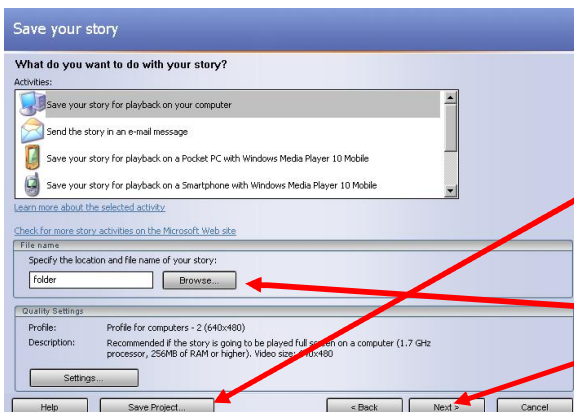
On the custom motion screen you need to tick the *Specify start and end position of motion* box. Once you have done that you place the box where you'd like the motion to begin on the image on the left. Place another box where you'd like the motion to end on the box on the right. You can increase and decrease the size of each box by dragging it from a corner. You can specify the length of motion or leave it to default, if you've added narration it's best left to default.



You can apply *transition effects* between each image in your show on the same screen. Click on the *transitions* tab to open this screen. You will see a large selection of transitions available, click on the one you want and you can see a quick *preview* on the screen. You can adjust the length of the transition to speed up or slow down your show.



Adding *background music* is a great way of making your show even more interesting. To add music you can either *select* your own music, clicking this option will allow you to search for music on your own computer. You can *create* music as well, this takes you to Photo Story 3's music suite, here you choose the style, speed and mood of your music. You can change the volume of your music and preview it to make sure it doesn't overpower any narration you might have added.



Once you're happy everything is in place it's time to save your show. You can save project as, allowing you to open it later to work on, it means your show will only open on a computer with Photo Story 3. To save it as a WMV (Windows Media Video), a format which can be opened on any Windows based computer, choose the folder you want to save your show in and press next. Photo Story 3 will begin to save your show, this may take a few moments depending on the size of your show.