

## Microsoft Photostory & Virtual Poetry



### ***How to get Photostory***

For a free download go to:

[www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp). Note that you will need administrator rights if you are going to install this program on school computers so you will need to speak to your Network manager.

### ***Opening Photo Story***

To begin a new story, open Photo Story from the **Start** menu.

### ***To open Photo Story***

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Photo Story 3 for Windows**.
2. On the Welcome page, click **Begin a new story**, and then click **Next**.

### ***Importing and 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**

1. On the **Import and arrange your pictures** page, click **Import Pictures**.
2. In the **File Browser** dialog box, browse to **My Documents\My**

### **Pictures\Sample Pictures.**

3. Add all of the pictures listed.

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. 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.

### ***Adding a title to your pictures***

With Photo Story 3 you can add text from the poem to a picture to illustrate an image, concept or key phrase.

#### **To add text to your pictures**

1. 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.

2. Click the **Select Font** button.

3. In the **Font** dialog box, under **Font style**, click **Bold**, and then click **OK**.

4. 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.

5. 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 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 where you can type in parts of the poem so that they appear with the appropriate image.

### **To add narration to your poem**

1. 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.
2. Click a picture in the filmstrip.
3. Add any desired text in the cue card area.
4. 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.
5. When you have finished narrating the picture, click the **Stop Recording** button.
6. Repeat steps 2 thru 4 for each picture for which you want to add narration. Narration for each picture cannot exceed 5 minutes.
7. Once you have added narration, click the first picture in the filmstrip, and then click **Preview** to see how your story looks and sounds.
8. 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 add pre-recorded music to your poem**

1. On the **Add background music** page, click the first picture in the filmstrip and then click **Select Music**.
2. On the **File Open** dialog box, click **My Documents** from the left menu.
3. 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 slideshow.

### ***To create music for your story***

1. Click the third picture in the film strip, and then click **Create Music**.
2. In the **Create Music** dialog box, in the **Genre** drop-down list, scroll down

and select **Soundtrack**.

3. In the **Style** drop-down list, select **Soundtrack: Mysterious Cave**.

4. You can leave the default **Bands** and **Moods**, or choose different ones.

5. Click **Play** to hear what the music will sound like.

6. 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.

7. 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 make sure it does not drown out 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.

8. 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**

1. On the **Save your story** page, verify that **Save your story for playback on your computer** is selected in the activities list.

2. Click **Browse** to specify the location and file name of your story.

3. On the **Save As** dialog box, browse to **My Documents\My Videos**.

4. In the **Filename** text box, type "**text title**".wmv.

5. Click **Save**, and then click **Next**.

### ***Viewing your slideshow***

When your slideshow is built and saved, the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page will appear. You can view your newly created slideshow or begin a new slideshow from here. To see what you have created, click **View your story**. Windows Media Player will open and your story will begin to play.