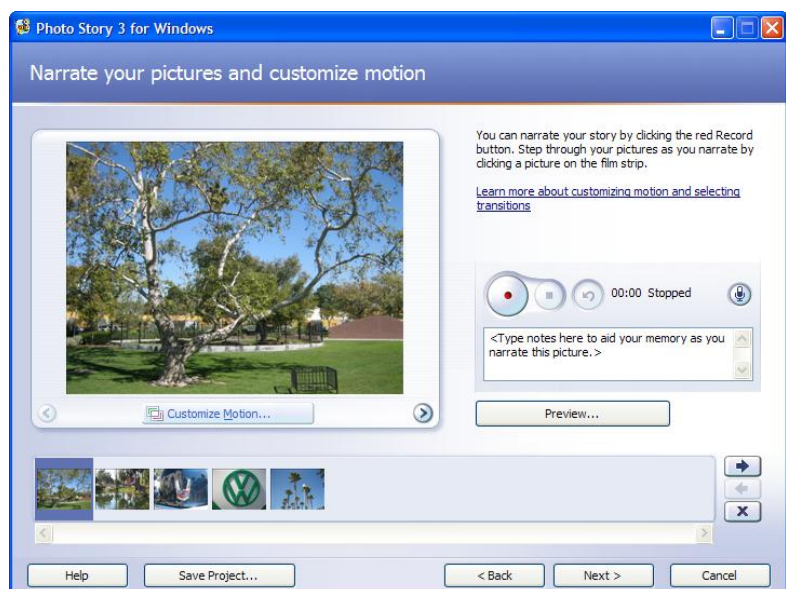


Working with Sound in Photo Story 3


Photo Story 3 is a free program from Microsoft that allows the user to create interesting slide shows with many features. It has several options for working with adding sound. This handout will discuss several of those options.

Getting Started

Follow all the steps to get started with your slide show, including importing photos and editing them as necessary. Progress to the “Narrate your pictures and customize motion screen” illustrated on the right.



Adding Narration

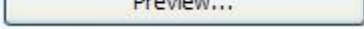
The sound control area of the window has a button  that when clicked will open a panel for setting up and configuring a microphone. That panel is illustrated on the right.


If you have not done so already, **setup** a microphone and configure to work on your computer.



Click the Record button  to start recording your narration.

Click the Stop button  to end the recording.

Click the Preview button  to hear and see your slide show.

You may **add text** in the text box  to help remind you of what you intend to say. This text does not appear in the slide show.

Advance to the next slide and add the narration. Continue on until you have completed all the narration.


If the time of your narration is longer than the time which a slide is set to be displayed, Photo Story 3 will automatically increase the duration of the slide to match the narration.

Adding “Free Flow” Narration

Recording narration in a “free flow” or “train of thought” manner is quite easy.

Setup your microphone as described above.

Select the slide on which you want the narration to start. For most people this will be the first image in the slide show.

Click the slide advance button  when you want to progress to the next slide in the show.

Pause briefly to allow the slide show to advance and the computer to process the command, and then continue your narration.

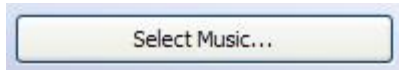
Adding Sound Files

You can add either music or narration from files on your computer. This allows you to apply background music or vocals, such as narration, that have been recorded outside of Photo Story 3.

Advance your project to the “Add background music” screen.

Select the slide on which you want to add sound.

Click the Select Music button



Navigate to the sound file you wish to add.

Select the file.

Click Open.

The sound file will be added to the slide show.

If the sound’s time is shorter than the slide’s duration you will see it only over slide, as shown in the illustration on the right.

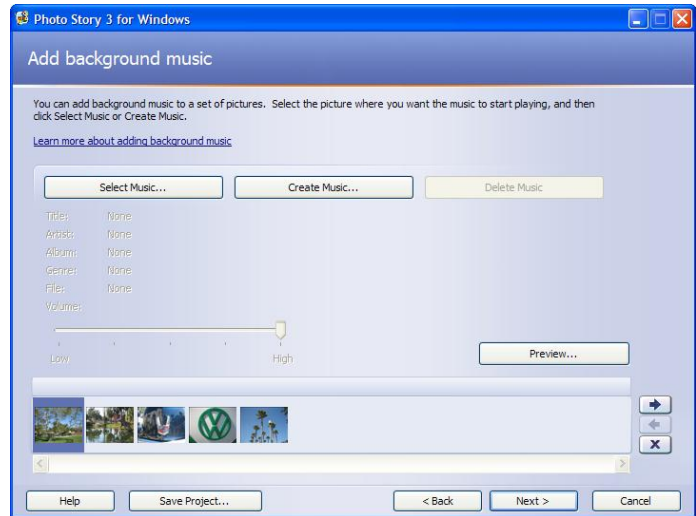


Photo Story 3 will warn you when the sound file is significantly shorter than the slide duration and give you the option to continue if you are satisfied that the results will be satisfactory.

If the sound’s time is greater than the slide’s duration Photo Story 3 will place the sound so that it spans several slides as illustrated on the right. Photo Story 3 will also fade the sound out at the end.



NOTE: If you do not want your sound to span more than one slide, you can shorten the file using an external sound editing program, or you can return to the step in Photo Story 2 where you set slide duration and lengthen the time the slide is on the screen.

You can add more than one sound file by selecting a slide, adding a sound to it, and then selecting another slide and adding sound to that one. The illustration on the right shows two files added to a slide show.

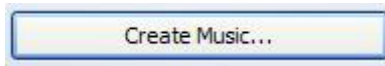


NOTE: Photo Story 3 fades out and in between sound files. This often necessitates using blank areas at the beginning and end of narration clips.

Generating Music

Photo Story 3 will generate custom music for your project.

Click the Create Music button



The Create Music panel will open.

Choose a Genre, Style, Band, and Mood.

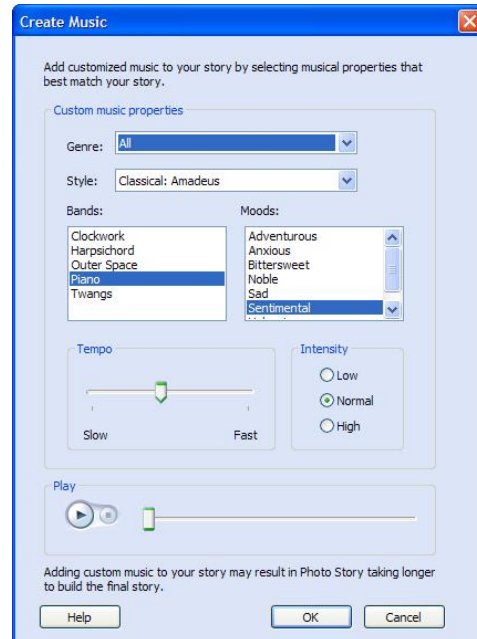
Adjust the Tempo.

Select the Intensity.

Test the music by clicking the Play button

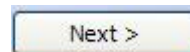


Click OK when you are satisfied with your music. It will be added to the slide show.



Once back at the “Add background music” panel you can adjust the volume and preview the slide show. You can also delete the sound.

Once you are satisfied with your sound you can click the Next



button and complete the slide show.