



Make Your Pictures Come to Life with Photo Story 3

This Windows Media Workshop explains how to connect a digital camera to your computer, copy pictures from your camera to your computer, make a digital slide show (called a photo story) using Photo Story 3 for Windows, and then play the slide show on your computer.

Video

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What You'll Need

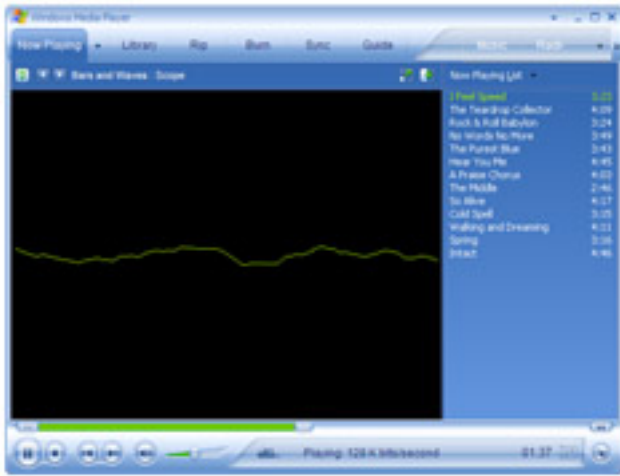
To complete this workshop, you will need the following software and hardware.

Software:

- [Photo Story 3 for Windows](#) (requires [Windows Genuine Advantage](#))



- [Windows Media Player 10](#)



Hardware:

- Digital camera



- USB cable



Note: This cable is usually included with your digital camera.

- Microphone (optional)



Note: A microphone is required only if you want to add your own narration to your photo story.

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USB storage card reader (optional)



Note: Most digital cameras save pictures to a removable storage card, such as a CompactFlash (CF) or Secure Digital (SD) card. If your computer has an internal or external storage card reader, you can quickly copy pictures from the card to your computer by removing the card from the camera and inserting it into the reader. This eliminates the need to connect your camera to your computer by using a USB cable, which can be more time-consuming to use than a storage card reader.

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Step 1: Connecting Your Camera to Your Computer

The first step in copying pictures from a digital camera to a computer is to connect your digital camera to your computer.

To connect a digital camera to your computer

1.

Plug the USB connector into the USB port on your digital camera, as shown in the following figure.



2.

Plug the USB connector on the other end of the cable into a USB port on your computer, as shown in the following image.



3.

With the digital camera in playback mode, turn on the digital camera.

4.

If this is the first time that you have connected your camera to your computer, Windows might prompt you to insert the installation CD that came with your camera. If so, insert the CD into your computer, and then follow the instructions in the Found New Hardware Wizard.

When the necessary software (sometimes called a device driver) has been installed, Windows XP will recognize your camera, and you'll be ready to move on to the next step.

With a little extra hardware, you can quickly copy your pictures from a CompactFlash card, Secure Digital (SD) card, or other type of removable storage card by using a storage card reader rather than by connecting your digital camera to your computer using a USB cable. A card reader lets you insert the card into the reader, so you can quickly copy the pictures from the storage card to your computer.

To copy pictures using a card reader

1.
Insert your removable storage card into the card reader.
2.
In the resulting dialog box, click **Copy pictures to a folder on my computer**, and then click **OK**.
3.
Skip to step 2 in the following procedure "To copy pictures from your digital camera to your computer."

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Step 2: Copying Pictures from Your Camera to Your Computer

After you connect your digital camera to your computer and the camera is recognized by Windows XP, you are ready to copy pictures from your camera to your computer.

To copy pictures from your digital camera to your computer

1.
In the dialog box that appears when you connect your camera to your computer, click **Microsoft Scanner and Camera Wizard**, and then click **OK**.
2.
On the **Welcome to the Scanner and Camera Wizard** page, click **Next**.
3.
On the **Choose Pictures to Copy** page, the selected pictures will be copied to your computer. If you do not want to copy a picture to your computer, clear the check box for that picture. Click **Next**.
4. On the **Picture Name and Destination** page, do the following, and then click **Next**:
 - In the **Type a name for this group of pictures** box, type a name for the pictures.
 - In the **Choose a place to save this group of pictures** box, choose the place to which you want to save the pictures. If you want to choose another location, click **Browse**, choose the new folder location, and then click **OK**.
5.
After the pictures are copied to your computer, on the **Other Options** page, click **Nothing. I'm finished working with these pictures**, and then click **Next**.
6.
On the **Completing the Scanner and Camera Wizard** page, click **Finish**.

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Step 3: Downloading and Installing Software

After copying pictures from your camera to your computer, download and install Windows Media Player 10 and Photo Story 3 for Windows.

1.

If Windows Media Player 10 is not already installed on your computer, download this software from the [Windows Media Player 10 Web page](#), and then install Windows Media Player on your computer.

Before you can install Photo Story 3 for Windows, Windows Media Player 10 must be installed on your computer.

2.

Now, download Photo Story 3 for Windows from the [Photo Story 3 for Windows Web page](#), and then install it on your computer.

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Step 4: Making and Playing a Photo Story

After you have installed Windows Media Player 10 and Photo Story 3 for Windows, you are ready to start creating your first photo story. When you are satisfied with your creation, save it and play it!

To import pictures

1.

To start Photo Story 3 for Windows, on the taskbar, click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Photo Story 3 for Windows**.

2.

In Photo Story 3, on the **Welcome to Photo Story 3 for Windows** page, click **Begin a new story**, and then click **Next**.

3.

On the **Import and arrange your pictures** page, click **Import Pictures**.

4.

In the **File Browser** dialog box, on the **All Files** tab, click the folder in which the pictures you copied from your digital camera are located. Select one or more pictures, and then click **OK**.

You can import several pictures at one time. For consecutive pictures, click the first picture in the list, press and hold down the SHIFT key, and then click the last picture. For pictures that are not adjacent to one another, press and hold the CTRL key, and then click each picture that you want to import.

Your pictures appear in the film strip at the bottom of the page.

To arrange and edit your pictures

1.

If you want to rearrange your pictures on the film strip, select the picture you want to move, and then click the **Move Forward** or **Move Back** button. To quickly rearrange pictures, you can also click and drag pictures to a different location on the film strip.

2. If you want to enhance the appearance of a picture, click one or more of the following buttons at the bottom of the picture preview area:

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Correct Color Levels

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Correct Red Eye

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Rotate Counterclockwise

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Rotate Clockwise

3. If you want to make additional changes, such as correcting contrast or adding an effect to your picture, click the **Edit** button, and then do one of the following in the **Edit Pictures** dialog box:

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To rotate the picture, click **Rotate Counterclockwise** or **Rotate Clockwise**.

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If you want to crop the picture, select the **Crop** check box, and then select the area of the picture you want to keep.

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To correct contrast, click the **Auto Fix** tab, and then in the **Correct Contrast** box, click **On**.

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To add an effect that changes the appearance of your picture, such as Water Color or Black and White, click the **Add Effect** tab, and then click an effect in the **Effect** list.

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When you are done editing your pictures, click **Save** to save the changes made to your pictures, and then click **Close** to exit the **Edit Pictures** dialog box.

4.

To continue, click **Next**.

To add a title and effect

1.

On the **Add a title to your pictures** page, click a picture, and then type the title.

2. If you want to change the appearance or location of the title, do the following:

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To change the font, click the **Select Font** button. In the **Font** dialog box, select the font type, style, size, effects, color, and script you want to use. Click **OK**.

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To change the horizontal alignment of the text, click the **Align Left** button, **Center Horizontally** button, or **Align Right** button.

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To move the title up or down on the page, click the **Align Top** button, **Center Vertically** button, or **Align Bottom** button. By default, the title appears in the center of the picture.

As you make changes, you can view them in the picture preview area on the left side of the page.

3.

If you want to add an effect to a picture, select the picture, and then choose an effect from the **Effect** list.

4.

To continue, click **Next**.

To narrate your pictures

1.

If you want, you can add a narration to your photo story. First, make sure a microphone is connected to your computer. If necessary, in the Sound Hardware Test Wizard, follow the steps to configure your microphone.

2.

To narrate a picture, click the picture, click the **Record Narration** button, and then begin speaking into the microphone. You can record up to five minutes of narration for each picture.

3.

To stop narrating a picture, click the **Stop Recording** button.

4.

To record a narration for another picture, click the picture on the film strip (or click the **Previous Picture** or **Next Picture** button under the picture preview), and then begin your narration.

5. After you are finished with your narration, do one of the following:

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If you do not want to customize the motion or add transitions to your photo story, click **Next**. Skip to the procedure "To add music to your story" later in this article.

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If you want to customize the panning and zooming effects or add transitions to your story, click a picture, and then click **Customize Motion**. Continue to the next procedure in this article.

To customize motion

1.

On the **Narrate your pictures and customize motion** page, click the picture for which you want to customize the motion, and then click **Customize Motion**.

2.

In the **Customize Motion** dialog box, select the **Specify start and end position of motion** check box.

A rectangle with handles appears on the picture in the **Start position** and **End position** boxes.

3. In the **Start position** box, do one or both of the following:

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To resize the rectangle, point to a side or corner of the rectangle. When the cursor changes into a double-headed arrow, drag the handle on the edge.

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To move the whole rectangle, point to the center of the rectangle. When the cursor changes into a four-headed arrow, drag the rectangle to the area of the picture that you want to focus on when the picture first appears in your story.

4.

In the **End position** box, do one or both of the steps in the previous step.

5.

If you want the motion for the selected picture to start where the motion for the previous picture ended, select the **Set start position to be the same as end position of the previous picture** check box.

6.

To save the customized motion for a picture, click **Save**. You can customize the motion for one or more pictures in your story.

7. Do one of the following:

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If you do not want to add a transition, click **Close** to close the **Customize Motion** dialog box. On the **Narrate your pictures and customize motion** page, click **Next**. Skip to the procedure "To add music to your story" later in this article.

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If you want to add a transition, click the **Transition** tab, and follow the next procedure.

To add a transition

1.

On the **Transition** tab, make sure the **Start current picture using a transition** check box is selected.

2.

In the **Transitions** box, click a transition, and then specify the duration of the transition.

3.

Click **Save** to save the motion and duration changes you made.

4.

To preview your story with the panning and zooming effects and transitions, click **Preview**.

5.

When you are done selecting transitions for the pictures in your story, click **Close**.

6.

On the **Narrate your pictures and customize motion** page, click **Next**.

To add music to your story

You can choose to add music you have stored on your computer or you can create your own custom music.

1.

On the **Add background music** page, to add music that is on your computer, click **Select Music**, locate and choose the music file, and then click **Open**.

2.

If you want to create your own customized music, click a picture, and then click **Create Music**.

3. In the **Create Music** dialog box, do the following:

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In the **Genre** list, click a genre.

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In the **Style** list, click a style.

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In the **Bands** box, click a band.

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In the **Moods** list, click a mood.

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In the **Tempo** box, move the slider to adjust the tempo.

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In the **Intensity** box, click **Low**, **Normal**, or **High**.

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Click **Play** to preview the music.

4.

Repeat steps 1 through 3 until you have selected all the music that you want to add to your story.

5.

Click **Preview** to play your story.

6.

If you need to adjust the volume of a piece of background music in your story, select the anchor image, and then move the Volume slider on the **Add background music** page.

7.

Click **Next**.

To save your story

1.

On the **Save your story** page, click **Save your story for playback on your computer**.

2.

In the **File name** box, type the path and a file name for the story, or click **Browse** to locate a specific folder or replace an existing story.

3.

If necessary, click the **Settings** button, and in the **Settings** dialog box, select a different profile for your story.

4.

If you want, save the project for your story. To save the project, click **Save Project**, and then in the **File name** box, type a name for your project, and then click **Save**.

By saving the project for your story, you can later open the project in Photo Story 3 and make additional changes.

5.

On the **Save your story** page, click **Next**.

To play your story

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In Photo Story 3, on the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page, click **View your story**.

Windows Media Player 10 starts automatically, and the story begins to play.

If you want to play the story again later, in Windows Media Player 10, click **Library**, expand **Auto Playlists**, click **Photo Story 3 Playlist**, and then double-click the story you want to play.

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