

# Photo Story 3

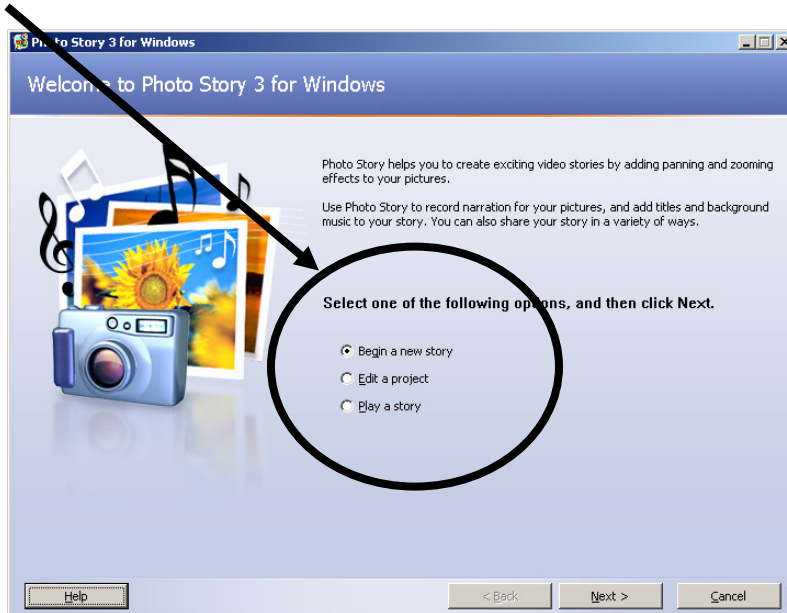
A free download from Microsoft. Go to [www.microsoft.com/photostory](http://www.microsoft.com/photostory) and click the download link.

To use Photo Story 3 your computer will also have to have Windows Media Player 10 and DirectX 9.0c End-User Runtime. Both are free downloads from [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)

## Use the attached handout for installation of PhotoStory3.

When Photo Story is first started, the user is prompted to do one of the following:

- Begin a new story (start from the beginning)
- Edit a project (continue working on a story you have saved)
- Play a story (view a story that has already been created)



For this handout we assume you are starting from the beginning. So, select “Begin a new story” and click the **Next** button. The **Wizard** will walk you through the creation process.

## Step 1 – Import and Arrange Pictures

1. Click the Import pictures button.
2. Navigate to where the pictures are saved. (Disk, flash drive or h:drive)
3. Select a picture and click the OK button to import it. To select multiple pictures, hold down the CTRL button on the keyboard while clicking on the pictures.
4. Click and drag your pictures on the storyboard to arrange them in the correct order.
5. Some simple edit tools are available to correct the photograph. These are located under the preview window. The buttons include Correct Color levels, Correct Red Eye Rotate Counterclockwise, Rotate Clockwise,

and Edit. When the Edit button is clicked the user can Crop, Auto Fix and add an Effect, such as washout or sepia.

6. The user can also remove black borders from pictures that do not fill the screen.
7. Click the Next button when finished arranging your pictures.

## **Step 2 – Add titles to your pictures**

1. Click on the picture where the text should appear. The user can change certain aspects of the text, such as justification, font, size, and color.
2. Under the preview window the user can add effects to each picture.
3. Click the Next button when finished.

## **Step 3 – Narrate your Pictures and customize motion**

Click the Customize Motion button under the preview window. Here the user can specify start and end positions of motion.

1. Click in the check box “Specify start and end position of motion”.
2. Reposition and/or resize the box to determine the start and end positions of the picture.
3. Set the duration automatically or select the number of seconds to display the picture.

Click the Transition Tab –

1. Choose a transition for each picture.
2. Click the Save button when you are ready to change to the next picture.
3. Click the Close button when finished setting transitions between the pictures.

Record narration for your pictures-

1. Select the picture that will house the narration.
2. Click on the circular button with the red dot in the middle of it.
3. Once this button is click the recording will begin, so be ready with the microphone.
4. The user can also type in their script into the text box below and read it into the microphone.
5. When finished with the narration click the circular button with the blue square in the middle of it. This will stop the recording.
6. Click the preview button to hear what you have created.

Click the Next button when finished setting all narration, motion and transitions.

## **Step 4 – Add Background Music**

1. Choose the picture where the music will begin.
2. Click the Select music button to add music that is already saved on your computer.
3. Click the Create music button to add the sound loops that are installed with Photo Story. Other edits can be made to these loops.
4. Click the Delete music button to take out any music already added to your story.

## **Step 5 – Save your Story**

1. Choose to Save the story for playback on your computer.
2. Specify the location and file name of the story.
3. Determine the Quality settings of the story by clicking the settings button (640x480 or 320x240 recommended).
4. Click the Save Project button at the bottom of the window to save your work so far. By saving the project, it allows you to go back and make changes. Browse to your folder.
5. Click the Next button to start building your story.
6. Once your Story is completed, you are given the option of Viewing your story (in Windows Media Player), Creating another story, or exiting the program.

You will not be able to make changes to the file with the extension .wmv. However, you can make changes to the file with the extension .wp3. If you do make changes to the PhotoStory file, you will want to get rid of the Windows Media File before you save the project again.