

## Fun With Computers Photo Story 3 (PS3)

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Photo Story is a fun and easy to use package that enables you to make slideshow presentations from your photographs that you can keep and email. It works with by using a simple film type timeline where you can change the transition from one image to another, add effects to images, add text and add sound. It is free to download from Microsoft.

### Using Photo Story 3

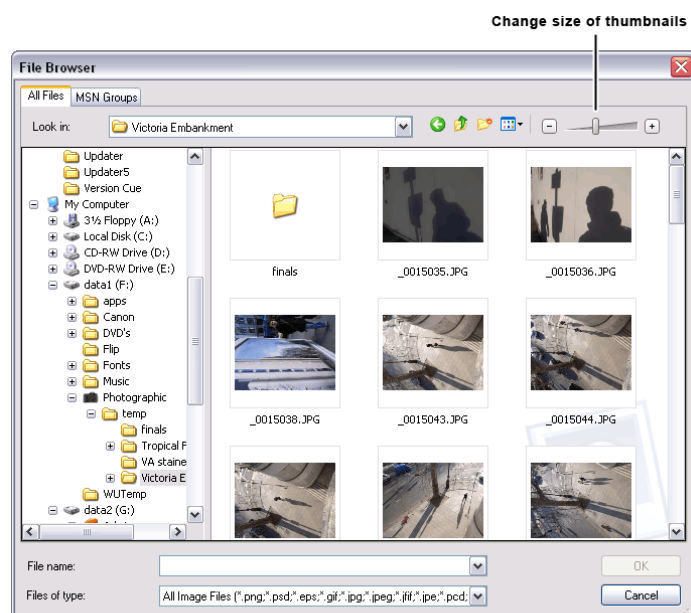
*You can move back and forward throughout the various stages to make and undo changes to your work. Changes to images made in PS3 do not affect the original.*

### Importing images

Open PS3, select *Begin a new story* and click on **Next >**.



In the following window, click on the **Import Pictures** button.



Change size of thumbnails

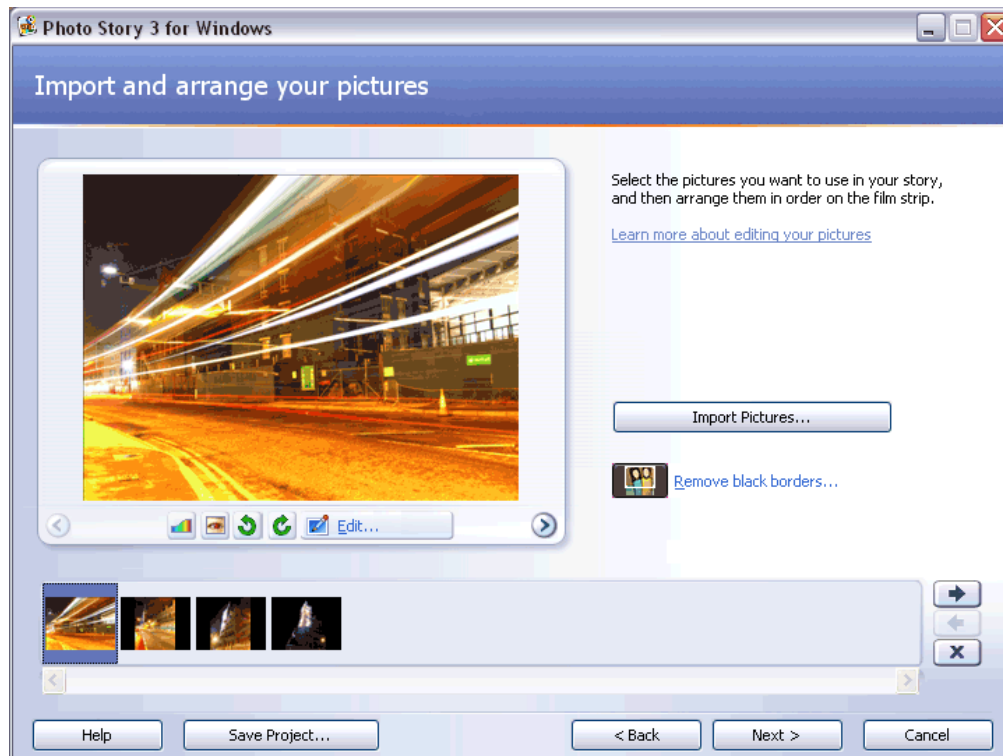
Pull corner tab  
to increase window size

In the File Browser window pull the corner tab to increase the window size to see more content. It is also possible to change the size of the thumbnails from the slider in the top right of the window.

*Hold the Shift key and click on files to select more than one image.*

## Arranging and editing pictures

After importing, thumbnails of your images will appear in the timeline.



Click on an image in the timeline and click on the arrow buttons, at the right of the timeline, to rearrange the order.

A selected image in the timeline appears in the larger window above. Basic edits can be done by using the tools at the bottom of this window.

## Effects and text

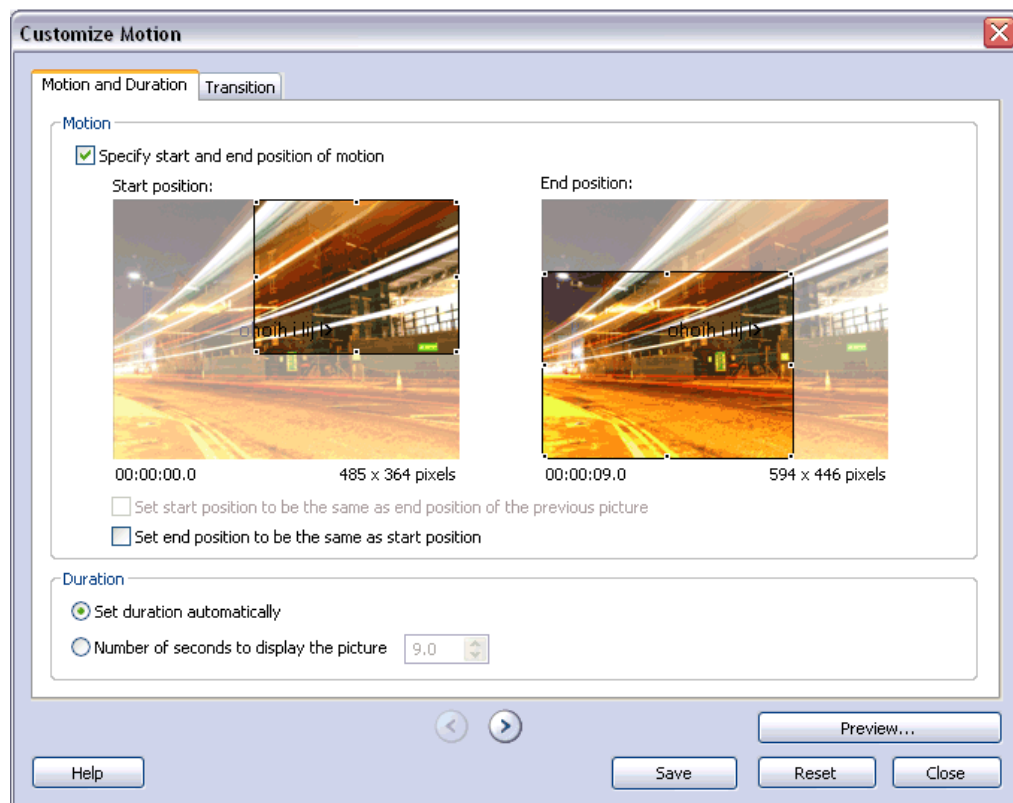
Click Next to add effects and text. The Effect drop down list on the larger window allows you to apply stylistic changes to an image.

Type in the text field to the right and it will appear in the preview window. Use the tools provided to change the text.

**Narration and motion** Click next to add narration and motion to images. Use a microphone to add narration. In the final slideshow an image will remain on screen for the duration of the narrative applied to it.

Click on the Customize Motion button on the larger window to change movement and transition between images. This will open the Customize Motion window. Check the box by *Specify start and end...* to create the appearance of movement around an image. Resize and move the boxes

outlining the images in this window and click on Preview. Save changes before proceeding.



Click on the Transition tab at the top to change the 'wipe' from on image to another and click on Preview. Save changes before proceeding.

### Sound

Close the Motion window and click on next to add sound. Select a frame in the timeline where you want the music to begin. Choose Select Music to add mp3, wma or wav format sound files.

### Saving

After adding sound Click next and you will be taken to the final window in the process, Save your story.

You can save the PS3 project whenever you see the Save Project button. This will save work as a special PS3 file which can be opened up another time and edited.

In the Save your story window there are options to save the slideshow suitable for other formats of use. One of them is email. This will create a file for attaching to an email. PS3 attempts to reduce the file size suitable for emailing (less than 1mb). On choosing a format for saving, click on the browse button to select the location for saving and for naming the file.