Introduction to Photo Story 3

Photo Story 3 for Windows helps you to create exciting video stories by adding panning and zooming effects to your pictures. Use Photo Story to record narration to your pictures, add titles and background music to your story. You can also share your story in a variety of ways.

How to begin a story:

To	Do this
Open Photo Story	• Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Photo Story 3 for Windows.** • On the Welcome page, click **Begin a new story**, and then click **Next.**
Import your pictures	• To add images to your photo story: On the Import and arrange your pictures page, click **Import Pictures**. • Pressing and holding the **CTRL + A** keys will select all images in the folder.
Arrange your pictures	• 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. • When you are finished making changes to your pictures, click **Next** to continue.
Customize motions	• After your images have been imported, click **Next** twice to advance to the 'Customize Motion' screen. • Click on **Customize Motion**. Check the box '**Specify start and end position of motion.**' You can resize the start and end positions. You can set the duration (number of seconds to display the picture) then click **Save** after customizing each slide. • You can also click on the **Transitions** tab and add transitions to slides and set the transition duration.

Narrate your pictures	• You can narrate your story by clicking on the red **Record Narration** button. Step through your pictures as you narrate by clicking a picture on the film strip. • Click the **Stop Recording** button when you are finished and click the **Preview…** button. If you are unhappy with the narration click the **Delete Narration** button and re-record.

Add background music	• On the Add background music page, select the picture where you want the music to start playing, and then click **Select Music** or **Create Music**. • On the File Open dialog box, browse to your song and then click **Open**. • The music you just added is shown as a colored bar above the picture in the filmstrip. 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 story.
Save your project	• Click **Save Project** in the lower left-hand corner of the program. Rename the file and save it in your X drive. **Back up the file into your Echalk account**
Finalize (save) 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. • To save your photo story for playback on your computer: On the Save your story page, verify that Save your story for playback on your computer is selected in the activities list. • Click **Browse** to specify the location and file name of your story. • On the Save As dialog box, browse to your folder on the shared server (otherwise known as the V drive). In the Filename text box, type <anyname>.wmv. • Click **Save**, and then click **Next**.
View your story	Browse to your folder on the shared server. Your story will be saved as a Windows Movie File **(.wmv).** It can be viewed on any computer that has **Windows Media Player**.

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