

Creating a Slideshow

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General Guidelines for Slide Shows

Set up slides

- Prepare images and copy into 1 folder.
- Open slide show program of your choice.
- Start with a blank slide followed by a title slide.
- Drag images into slide area.
- Use .5 sec between slides to prevent a lot of overlap of images.
- Time for images should be at least be 4-5sec.
- Transitions are distracting.
- Group vertical and horizontal images together where possible.
- Have an end title page followed by a blank slide.
- Max of 5 min for a show is best.

Music

- Add music to the above file.
- Copyright for Music
- Free music sites- internet and your local library. Some slideshow programs have included music in their software.
- **Choosing music:**
- Instrumental music is preferable.
- Easiest method is to find a piece of music to match the time of your slides.
- If choosing more than 1 track, you will need to blend them where they meet.
- Fade in and fade out beginning and ending.
- **Save show as MP4 where able.**

Programs

Lightroom

- All images need to be in a separate folder and in the order they are to play.
- Need to make your title and ending slide and place in this folder.
- Music must be MP3 format.
- There are a number of steps in producing a slideshow.

IrfanView

- Free program.
- Won't accept videos.
- Simple format.

Programs

Photoshop Elements

- The program will make a slideshow for you. Just pick your images, choose a theme and it puts it all together.
- To make your slideshow, select your images, go to create / slideshow.
- Can make beginning and ending slide with text within this area.
- Can easily change time for slides and add transitions.
- Can choose music from their library or use our own music. There are limited options for editing music.
- Save the show when satisfied and then export as an mp4 file.

Programs

Proshow Gold

- Similar set up steps as Elements.
- Advantages:
 - Better editing tools for music
 - Can save as an MP4 which will play on PC and Mac.

Photos to Exe

- Similar set up to add images.
- Newer versions allow for music editing.
- Is excellent for animation.

Power Director

- Another similar product.