



After you view your story, you may want to go back and change it. For example, you may want to add or delete some pictures, record different narration, change a title or background music, or change the profile. You can return to any Photo Story page by clicking **Back**.

Important

- It is important to view your final story on the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page to ensure that you are satisfied with the results. After you quit Photo Story or begin creating a new story, you will not be able to change this story unless you also save the project file of your story.
- To save the project file and be able to edit your story later, you must click the **Save Project** button.

To continue using Photo Story after completing your story

After you complete your story, do one of the following on the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page:

- To view the story you just created, click **View your story**.
- For certain activities, such as sending the story in an e-mail message, you cannot save the story or specify a file name or location until the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page is displayed. If you choose to **Send the story in an e-mail message** on the **Save your story page**, the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page also displays two additional options: **Save a copy of your story to your computer**, and **Continue to mail your story**. Click the option you want to use.
- To start working on a new story or edit an existing project file, click **Create another story**. Clicking this link returns you to the **Welcome to Photo Story 3 for Windows** page. You can create a new story, or click **Edit a project** to edit an existing story.
- To change the story you just created, click **Back** to return to the previous pages, make any necessary changes, and then save your story and, optionally, the project file.

For example, if the file size of your story is too large, you may want to return to the **Save your story** page, change the settings by selecting a different profile, and then save the story with the updated quality settings.

Viewing your stories

After you create video stories, there are several ways you can view the stories by using Photo Story or other programs. Although the Windows XP operating system is required to use Photo Story and to create video stories, your friends

and family do not need this software to play your stories on their computers. Your friends and family can watch your story on a computer running Windows 98 Second Edition, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows 2000, or Windows XP. They can use any program that plays Windows Media Video (WMV) files, such as Windows Media Player version 7 or later, to view your stories.

To view the stories you created

Do one of the following to view your stories:

- After you create a story, on the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page, click **View your story**.
- Start Photo Story, click **Play a story**, click the story you want to play, and then click **Play**.
- Go to the folder where you saved the story, and then double-click that story. The default folder location for saving your stories is the My Videos folder. You can open the story by using any program that plays Windows Media Video files.
- 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.
- In Windows Media Player 10, click **Library**, expand **All Video**, expand **Genre**, click **Photo Story**, and then double-click the story you want to play.

Note

- If people attempt to play your video stories on computers that do not have Windows Media Player 10 installed, the Player will prompt them to download the required video codec from the Microsoft Web site.

Editing your stories

To edit a story, you must have saved the project file (a file with a .wp3 or .psc file name extension) of the story when you saved the story or when you quit Photo Story.

Note that files that have the .psc file name extension were created using an earlier version of Photo Story.

To edit a story

1. On the **Welcome to Photo Story 3 for Windows** page, click **Edit a project**.
2. In the **Open** dialog box, click the project file (with a .wp3 or .psc file name extension) of the story you want to edit, and then click **Open**.

By default, project files are saved to your My Videos folder.

3. Make any changes to your story that you want, such as adding and removing pictures, recording or deleting narration, rearranging pictures, changing the panning and zooming effects by customizing motion, changing or adding titles, and changing the background music.
4. When you have finished making changes, on the **Save your story** page, select an activity for your story, and type a different file name for the new story if you do not want to replace the existing story.
5. If you want to save the new project file as well, click the **Save Project** button.

Type a different file name for the new project if you do not want to replace the existing project. By default, the project file has a .wp3 file name extension.

6. Click **Next**.
7. If your edited story and project files have the same file names as existing files, you are prompted about replacing the existing story or project. Click **Yes** to replace existing files or click **No** to specify different file names.

Notes

- If you use Photo Story 3 for Windows to open and then save a project file with a .psc file name extension, the project file will be saved with a .wp3 file name extension.
- Photo Story projects with a .psc file name extension were created using an earlier version of Photo Story. If you open these projects in Photo Story 3 for Windows, the position of the story title text will change, panning and zooming effects are recalculated, and the default duration is customized.
- You can save a project for your story at any time while working on the story by clicking the **Save Project** button. In the **Save As** dialog box, type a name for the project. You must save a project for your story to be able to edit it later. Projects created by using Photo Story 3 for Windows must use a .wp3 file name extension. Otherwise, Photo Story will not be able to open the file. By default, the project for your story is saved in your My Videos folder.

Tips and tricks

The tips and tricks described in this section may help you enhance your stories. We are discovering new ways to use Photo Story 3 for Windows to create even better photo stories all the time. For the latest tips and tricks discovered by our testers and users like yourself, visit the [Tips and Tricks page](#) on the Microsoft Web site.

Configuring your microphone

Before you start narrating your pictures, click the **Configure Microphone and**

Set Recording Volume button to test your microphone. It is important to make sure that the microphone is capturing your voice correctly and that the volume is set properly before you start to narrate your story. After you preview your story, you may need to reconfigure the microphone if you are not satisfied with the narration quality or volume.

If no microphone is installed on your computer and you attempt to record narration, Photo Story may record static noise instead. If you do not have a microphone, you can use the **Customize Motion** dialog box to specify the number of seconds that a picture without narration will display. For more information about customizing motion, see [Customizing motion and selecting transitions](#).

Narrating your pictures

If you want to put together your story quickly, you can import your pictures, but not record any narration. If you have time, you can choose to record narration for some or all of your pictures. As you record narration, it is recommended that you preview your story so you can check the recording volume.

Maintaining Photo Story settings

To make it easier to create multiple stories, Photo Story maintains many of the settings from the previous story, including the folders you browsed when importing pictures and the background music you added.

Selecting the video quality setting

After you select the profile or quality settings and save your story, preview the final story to ensure that the video playback is acceptable. If the video quality is poor (for example, the video stalls or skips frames), you may want to return to the **Save your story** page and click **Settings** to select a different profile to use different video quality settings.

You should also consider the computers that other people will use to play your story. If some of these computers do not support the higher quality settings, you may want to change the profile used for your story.

Playing your story

Your friends and family do not need Photo Story 3 for Windows to play your stories on their computers. Your friends and family can watch your story on a computer running Windows 98 Second Edition, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows 2000, or Windows XP. They can use any program that plays Windows

Media Video (WMV) files, such as Windows Media Player version 7 or later, to view your stories.

If people attempt to play your stories on computers that do not have Windows Media Player 10 installed, the Player will prompt them to download the required video codec from the Microsoft Web site.

If you want to play your stories on a portable device that is not listed in the **Activities** list on the **Save your story** page, click **Check for more story activities on the Microsoft Web site** to see if profiles for your portable device are available.

Adding special effects and transitions

You can add Windows Movie Maker-like effects and transitions to the pictures in your stories.

Creating VCDs and DVDs

To create Video CDs (VCDs) or DVDs that include your stories, you can import your stories into a VCD or DVD authoring program that supports WMV files, and then use that program to burn a VCD or a DVD for playback in a CD or DVD player.

Customer support options

Product Name	Photo Story 3 for Windows
OEM Distributed	If your product came installed with a new computer or device, the hardware manufacturer provides technical support and assistance for this software. Please contact your manufacturer directly for support.
Web Downloads	If you downloaded the product from the Microsoft Web site, support may be available from Microsoft. Visit http://support.microsoft.com/ for details.
TTY Users	Microsoft text telephone (TTY/TDD) services are available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Washington State, call (425) 635-4948• In the United States, call (800) 892-5234• In Canada, call (905) 568-9641

- In all other regions, see our International section below

Conditions

Microsoft's support services are subject to then-current prices, terms, and conditions, which are subject to change without notice. Toll charges may apply to all non-toll-free numbers listed.

Accessibility for people with disabilities

Microsoft is committed to making its products and services easier for everyone to use. The following topics provide information about the features, products, and services that make this software more accessible for people with disabilities:

- [Accessibility features in Help](#)
- [Accessibility products and services from Microsoft](#)

Note

- The information in this section may apply only to users who license Microsoft products in the United States. If you obtained this product outside of the United States, you can use the subsidiary information card that came with your software package or visit the [Microsoft Accessibility Web site](#) for a list of telephone numbers and addresses for Microsoft support services. You can contact your subsidiary to find out whether the type of products and services described in this section are available in your area. Information about accessibility is available in other languages, including Japanese and French.

Accessibility features in Help

Help for this software includes features that make it accessible to a wider range of users, including those who have limited dexterity, low vision, or other disabilities.

The following topics provide ways in which you can make the Help window more accessible:

- [To change the appearance of a Help topic](#)
- [To change the color of the background or text in Help](#)
- [To change the font in Help](#)
- [Keyboard shortcuts for using the Help window](#)

To change the appearance of a Help topic

1. To customize the colors, font styles, and font sizes used in Help, open the Help window.
2. Click **Options**, and then click **Internet Options**.
3. On the **General** tab, click **Accessibility**. Select **Ignore colors specified on Web pages**, **Ignore font styles specified on Web pages**, and **Ignore font sizes specified on Web pages**. You also can choose to use the settings specified in your own style sheet.
4. To change the colors used in Help, see [To change the color of the background or text in Help](#). To change the font, see [To change the font in Help](#).

To change the color of the background or text in Help

1. Open the Help window.
2. Click **Options**, and then click **Internet Options**.
3. On the **General** tab, click **Accessibility**. Then select **Ignore colors specified on Web pages**. You also can choose to use the settings specified in your own style sheet.
4. To customize the colors used in Help, on the **General** tab, click **Colors**. Clear the **Use Windows Colors** check box, and then select the font and background colors you want to use.

Note

- If you change the background color of the Help topics in the Help window, the change also affects the background color when you view a Web page in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

To change the font in Help

1. Open the Help window.
2. Click **Options**, and then click **Internet Options**.
3. On the **General** tab, click **Accessibility**. To use the same settings as those used in your instance of Microsoft Internet Explorer, select **Ignore font styles specified on Web pages** and **Ignore font sizes specified on Web pages**. You also can choose to use the settings specified in your own style sheet.
4. To customize the font style used in Help, on the **General** tab, click **Fonts**, and then click the font style you want.

Note

- If you change the font of the Help topics in the Help window, the change also affects the font when you view a Web page in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Keyboard shortcuts for using the Help window

By using the following keyboard shortcuts in Help, you can quickly accomplish many common tasks.

To do this	Use this keyboard shortcut
Display the Help window.	F1
Switch the cursor between the Help topic pane and the navigation pane (Contents , Search , and Index tabs).	F6
Change between tabs (for example, Contents , Search , and Index) while in the navigation pane.	ALT + Underlined letter of the tab
Select the next hidden text or hyperlink.	TAB
Select the previous hidden text or hyperlink.	SHIFT+TAB
Perform the action for the selected Show All, Hide All, hidden text, or hyperlink.	ENTER
Display the Options menu to access any Help toolbar command.	ALT+O

Hide or show the pane containing the Contents , Search , and Index tabs.	ALT+O, and then press T
Display the previously viewed topic.	ALT+O, and then press B
Display the next topic in a previously displayed sequence of topics.	ALT+O, and then press F
Return to the specified home page.	ALT+O, and then press H
Stop the Help window from opening a Help topic (useful if you want to stop a Web page from downloading).	ALT+O, and then press S
Open the Internet Options dialog box for Microsoft Internet Explorer, where you can change accessibility settings.	ALT+O, and then press I
Refresh the topic (useful if you have linked to a Web page).	ALT+O, and then press R
Print all topics in a book or a selected topic only.	ALT+O, and then press P
Close the Help window.	ALT+F4

Customer service for people with hearing impairments

If you are deaf or hard-of-hearing, complete access to Microsoft product and customer services is available through a text telephone (TTY/TDD) service.

Customer service

You can contact Microsoft Sales Information Center on a text telephone by dialing (800) 892-5234 between 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM Pacific time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Technical assistance

For technical assistance in the United States, you can contact Microsoft Product Support Services on a text telephone at (800) 892-5234 between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM Pacific time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. In Canada, dial (905) 568-9641 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM Eastern time, Monday through

Friday, excluding holidays. Microsoft support services are subject to the prices, terms, and conditions in place at the time the service is used.

Accessibility features of Windows

The Windows operating system has many built-in accessibility features that are useful for individuals who have difficulty typing or using a mouse, are blind or have low vision, or who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The features are installed during Setup. For more information about these features, see Help in Windows and the [Microsoft Accessibility Web site](#).

Free step-by-step tutorials

Microsoft offers a series of step-by-step tutorials that provide detailed procedures for adjusting the accessibility options and settings on your computer. This information is presented in a side-by-side format so that you can learn how to use the mouse, the keyboard, or a combination of both.

To find step-by-step tutorials for Microsoft products, see the [Microsoft Accessibility Web site](#).

Assistive technology products for Windows

A wide variety of assistive technology products are available to make computers easier to use for people with disabilities. You can search a catalog of assistive technology products that run on Windows at the [Microsoft Accessibility Web site](#). If you use assistive technology, be sure to contact your assistive technology vendor before you upgrade your software or hardware to check for possible compatibility issues.

Documentation in alternative formats

If you have difficulty reading or handling printed materials, you can obtain the documentation for many Microsoft products in more accessible formats. You can view an index of accessible product documentation at the [Microsoft Accessibility Web site](#).

In addition, you can obtain additional Microsoft publications from Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Inc (RFB&D). RFB&D distributes these documents to registered, eligible members of their distribution service. For information about the availability of Microsoft product documentation and books from Microsoft Press, contact:

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Inc.

20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

Telephone number from within the United States: (800) 221-4792

Telephone number from outside the United States and Canada: (609) 452-0606

Fax: (609) 987-8116

[Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Web site](#)

Web addresses can change, so you might be unable to connect to the Web site or sites mentioned here.

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For more information

For more information about how accessible technology for computers helps to improve the lives of people with disabilities, see the [Microsoft Web site](#).

Glossary

To find a term in the glossary, click the letter of the alphabet that is the first letter in the term you want to look up.