How to create and share a slide show

Slide shows are a fun way to share your pictures. With Adobe Photoshop Elements, you can customize your slide shows with music, clip art, text, and voice narration in the Slide Show Editor (**Figure 1**).

Once you complete a slide show, you can choose several ways to share it. You can save it as a PDF, convert it to a video file, or burn it to a self-running CD or DVD. You can even export the show for viewing on TV or send the show to Adobe Premiere Elements for further editing and effects.

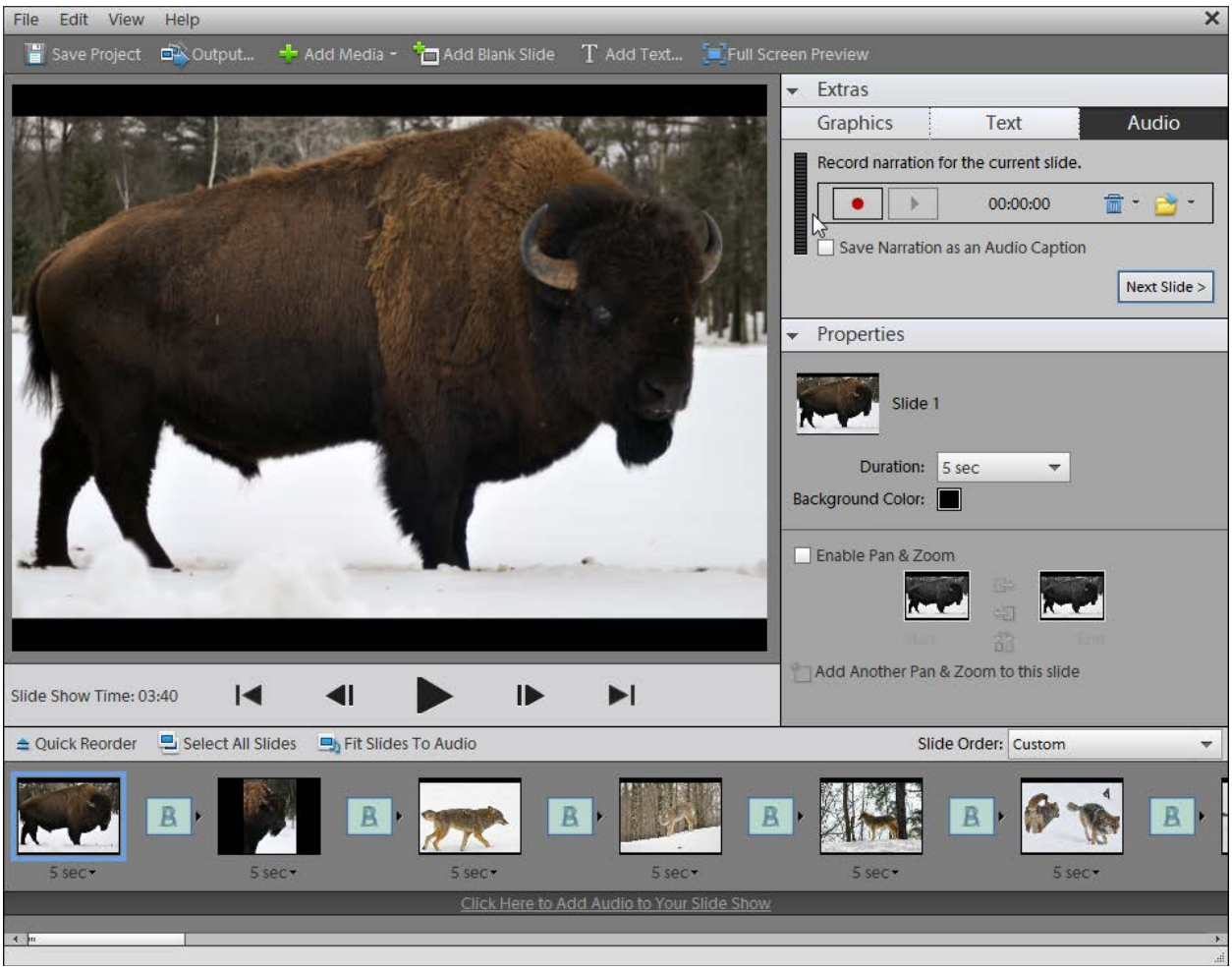

Figure 1 Slide Show Editor

To create a slide show:

1. Add the photographs to the Organizer workspace.
2. Click the Create menu.
3. Click Slide Show (**Figure 2**).

   The Slide Show Preferences dialog box appears (**Figure 3**).
4. When the Slide Show Preferences dialog box appears, you can either accept the default settings (you can change most options later) or customize the options. Then click OK.

   The Slide Show Editor appears.
5. Click Add Media at the top of the workspace and choose Photos And Videos From Elements Organizer (**Figure 4**).

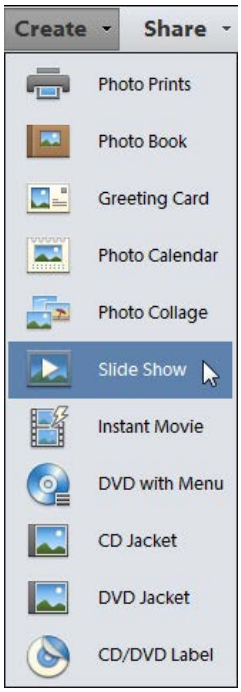

Figure 2 Create Slide Show

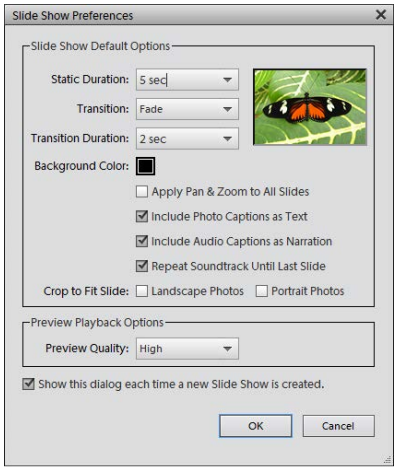

Figure 3 Slide Show Preferences dialog box

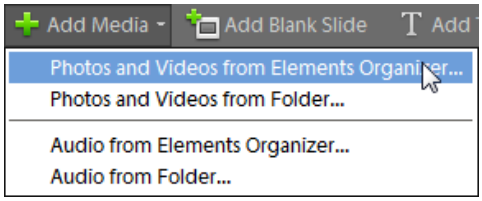

Figure 4 Add Media menu

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The Add Media dialog box appears (**Figure 5**).

6. Locate and select the files you want to add to the slide show.
7. Click Add Selected Media.
8. Locate and add additional photos if needed, and then click Done.

   The photos appear in the Slide Show Editor. You can use the options in the Extras panel to add graphics, text, or audio narration to each slide. You can use the Properties panel to control how long each slide displays and the background color for slides that don't fill the entire screen. You can also add transition effects, and you can drag the slide thumbnails to rearrange the order of the slides in the show.
9. To add audio to the slide show, click Add Media at the top of the workspace and choose Audio From Elements Organizer (**Figure 4**).

   The Add Audio dialog box appears.
10. Locate and select the files you want to add to the slide show. Then click OK.

    To adjust the length of the slides to match the length of the audio file, click Fit Slides To Audio (beneath the playback controls).
11. To preview the slide show, select the first slide and click the Play button.

    Note: To preview the slide show full-screen, click Full Screen Preview at the top of the Slide Show Editor.

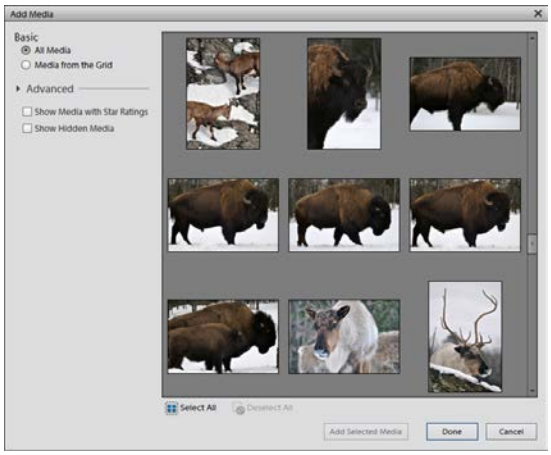

Figure 5 Add Media dialog box

To save and output a slide show:

1. At the top of the Slide Show Editor, click Save Project.

   You are prompted to name the show.
2. Enter a name for the slide show and click Save.
3. At the top of the Slide Show Editor, click Output.

   The Slide Show Output dialog box appears (**Figure 6**).
4. Click a method for sharing the slide show, choose options for the selected method, and click OK.

   The Save Slide Show As dialog box appears.
5. Select a location for the slide show file and click Save.

   You have created the slide show.

   If you chose to burn a CD or DVD, you will be prompted to insert a disk.

   When the slide show output is complete, you have the option to import the finished slide show to your Photoshop Elements catalog.

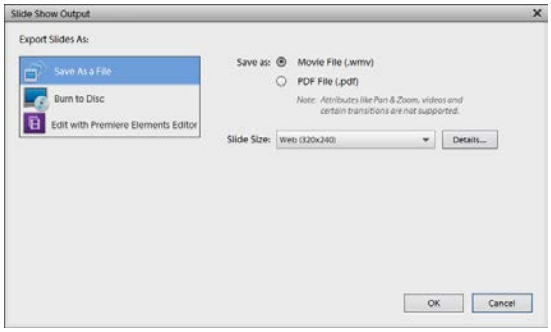

Figure 6 Slide Show Output dialog box

Adding music and narration to a slide show

Once you create a simple slide show, you can add music by importing a file stored on your computer. When you add the audio file to the slide show, the audio is shown as a horizontal bar below the slide thumbnails (**Figure 7**).

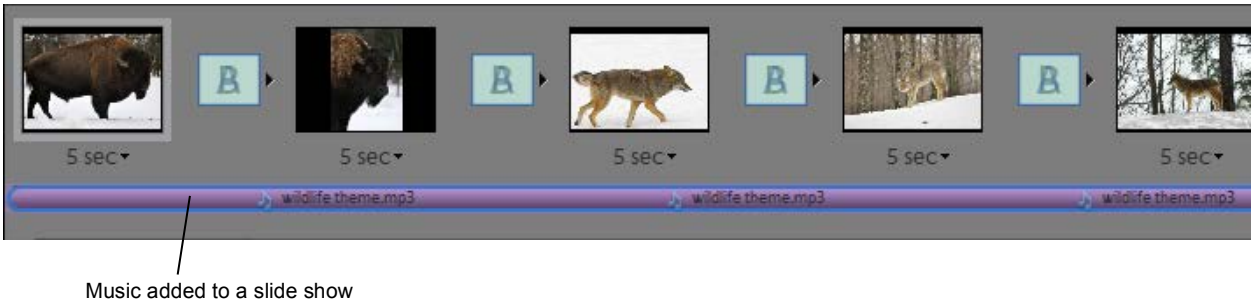

Figure 7 Audio added to a slide show

You can also add audio voice narration to each slide by importing pre-recorded narration files or by selecting a slide in the Slide Show Editor and using the Extras panel to record new narration (**Figure 8**). You can also add the selected/recorded audio as an audio caption. You can add audio captions to each slide so they play when the slide is selected in the Organizer workspace.

To record narration, you must have a microphone installed on your computer.

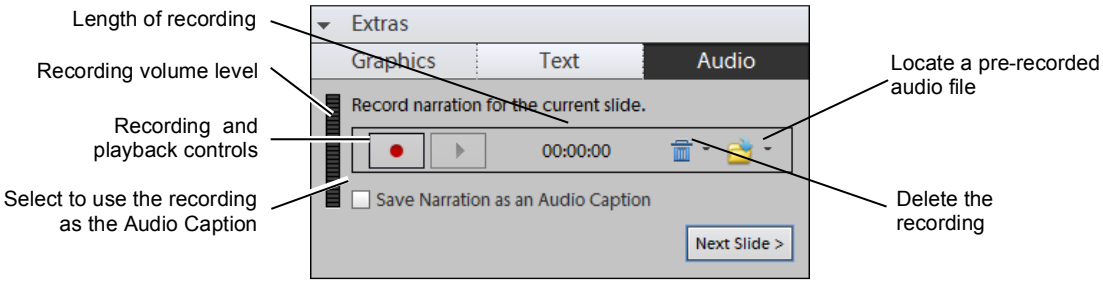

Figure 8 Record narration in the Extras panel

When using existing audio for the sound track or voice narration, the audio files must be in one of the following file formats: MP3, WAV, WMA, AC3.

To add music to a slide show:

1. Create a new slide show or open an existing slide show from the Organizer.

   The slides are previewed in the Slide Show Editor.

2. To add music to the slide show, click Add Media at the top of the workspace (**Figure 9**) and choose the location of the file.

   Note: Choose Audio From Elements Organizer to use files that come with Photoshop Elements or other files you have added to the Organizer. Choose Audio From Folder to add more audio files to the Organizer.

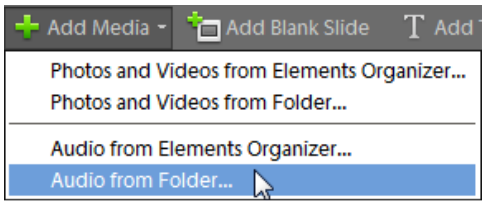

Figure 9 Select a source location for the music

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3. In the Add Audio dialog box, select the file you want to use for the sound track, and then click OK (**Figure 10**).

   Note: You can also locate and add a music file by clicking Click Here To Add Audio To Your Slide Show at the bottom of the Slide Show Editor. By default, this opens the Music folder on your hard drive or the most recent folder from which you have added audio.

   After you add audio to the slide show, it is represented by a horizontal bar directly below the slide thumbnails (**Figure 11**). By default, the music starts at slide 1.

   You can delay the start of the music by dragging the music bar to align with a different slide (**Figure 12**).

4. To automatically adjust the length of the slides to match the length of the audio file, click Fit Slides To Audio in the Slide Show Editor.

5. To preview the slide show, select the first slide and click the Play button.

   Note: To preview the slide show full-screen, click Full Screen Preview at the top of the workspace.

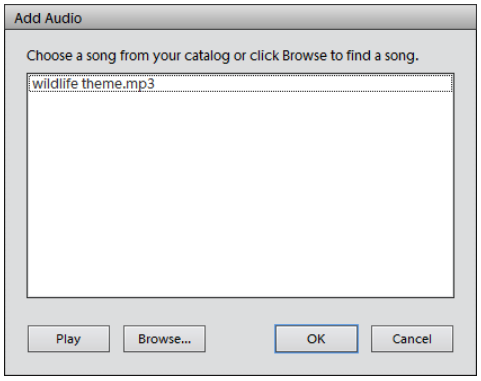

Figure 10 Select a music file

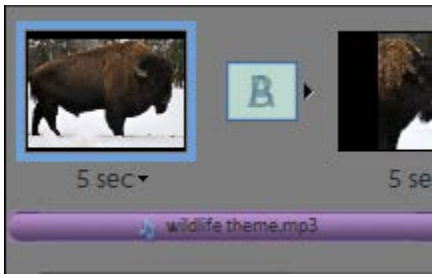

Figure 11 Music is added below the slides

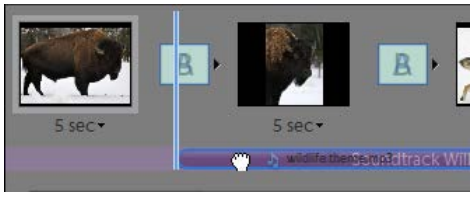

Figure 12 Drag the music to control where it starts

To record voice narration:

1. Select the slide for which you want to record narration.
2. If it is not already open, open the Extras panel and click the Narration button (**Figure 13**).
3. To begin recording, click the Record button (red circle) and speak into the microphone.
4. When you finish recording narration for the current slide, click the Stop button (black square). Or click the Next Slide button to stop recording and advance to the next slide.
5. Repeat recording narration for each slide as needed.

   Note: If you don't like what you've recorded, you can use the Delete button to remove it and start over.

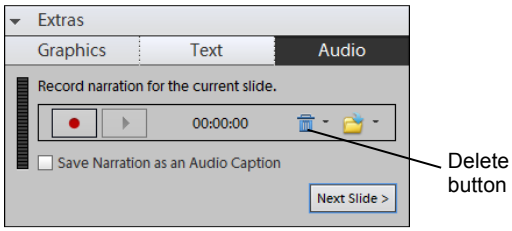

Figure 13 Record narration in the Extras panel