MAGIX

Slideshow Maker 2

Your free slideshow assistant

Manual

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Support

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Please note: To be able to use the Premium email support and free product email support via the Internet, you have to register your MAGIX product using the serial number provided. This can be found on the CD case of your installation CD or on the inside of the DVD box.

- **Additional telephone service**:
  Besides the large number of free customer service offers, we also offer a fee-based telephone customer service.

Here you can find a summary of our technical support telephone numbers:
http://support.magix.net/

Mail (Europe): MAGIX Development Support, P.O. Box 20 09 14, 01194 Dresden, Germany

Mail (North America): MAGIX Customer Service, 1105 Terminal Way #302, Reno, NV 89502, USA

Please have the following information at hand:
- Program version
- Configuration details (operating system, processor, memory, hard drive, etc.), sound card configuration (type, driver)
- Information regarding other audio software installed

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What is Slideshow Maker 2?

The name says it all: Slideshow Maker 2 compiles your photos into a slideshow that can be viewed on your PC – just like a movie!

A typical case: Your hard drive is full of digital photos. What to do with all those pictures? Slideshow Maker 2 organizes and compiles your photos, enhances them by adding fades, music or effects and turns them into an exciting slideshow.

The unique thing about Slideshow Maker 2 is that only very little information is needed to create exciting slideshows. The best part: you don't even have to be a computer expert. Slideshow Maker 2 guides you through all of the steps required for creating a slideshow: it takes the photos that are scattered all over your hard drive and turns them into a slideshow that you will want to watch over and over again.

System requirements

- For Microsoft® Windows® XP | Vista® | 7

Minimum configuration:

- Intel® or AMD® Athlon® processor 1 GHz or higher
- 512 MB RAM, 100 MB hard drive space for program files, min. 1 GB for video files
- SVGA graphics card with min. 32 MB RAM, (min. resolution 1024 x 600, 16-bit high-color)
- Microsoft® compatible mouse

More about MAGIX

MAGIX News Center

The MAGIX News Center features links to current online tutorials and tips & tricks on the software application examples. The "News" is indicated by color according to content:

- Green indicates practical tips & tricks for the software
- Yellow reports the availability of new patches and updates
- Red for special offers, contests and questionnaires

If no new messages are present, the button will appear gray. When the MAGIX News Center is clicked, all of the available information will be displayed. Click the messages to reach the corresponding website.

MAGIX Website Maker

MAGIX Website Maker helps you create a personal Internet showcase with a professional design in just a few mouse clicks – without prior knowledge, including your own chosen domain and email address. Publish slideshows and videos and accessorize your site with music and various effects – anything from a simple business card to a fireworks display of effects, professional or private – show your best side!

More about this topic can be found under MAGIX Website Maker.

MAGIX Online Print Service

MAGIX Online Print Service is perfect for getting your pictures processed online or printed as photo gifts on mugs, t-shirts, or calendars.

MAGIX Online Album

MAGIX Online Album is your personal multimedia album on the Internet. If you want to present slideshows or videos online, then MAGIX Online Album is the perfect service.

MAGIX Community

MAGIX Community is the place to exchange photos, videos, and music with friends and the world. As soon as you have registered for free, you can use all of its great features.

You can also read the FAQ (frequently asked questions) online http://rdir.magix.net/?page=EBCVJGJAFZHV.

Preface

It has never been so easy to create slideshows! Slideshow Maker 2 is a quick and uncomplicated tool that enables you to turn your photos into exciting multimedia slideshows in no time at all. The best part: you are in the director's chair!

It doesn't matter whether you are a PC beginner or a multimedia pro. With Slideshow Maker 2 anyone can turn their snapshots into great presentations – all in one go and with just 3 clicks. After you've created your slideshow, you can watch it on the PC together with friends and family or present your works of art on Youtube ® or Flickr®!

Have fun with Slideshow Maker 2!

What's new in Slideshow Maker 2

New user interface

The user interface of Slideshow Maker 2 has been completely revised and is sure to impress you! As a result, the program is even easier to use than before.

Properties & titles

Now it's even easier to customize your slideshows: with the title editor you can add opening and closing credits in no time at all. You can also adjust the slideshow to the length of the background music in order to avoid irritating silences. This also works the other way around.

Upload to Flickr and Facebook

Share your slideshows with the largest possible audience – the whole world! By uploading your slideshows to social media platforms such as Flickr® and Facebook® you will reach millions of users worldwide – all it takes is a click in Slideshow Maker 2.

Adjust the intensity of fades and effects

How would you like it? Do you want the effects in your slideshow to appear frequently? Do you want the transitions to be more subtle? The frequency of fades and effects can be adjusted easily using the sliders.

Save your own style templates

Once you are satisfied with your stylistic settings, you can save them. This allows you to use your favorite creation for your next slideshow, instead of having to set fades and effects from scratch.

Intelligent presets

If your slideshow includes regular photos as well panoramas and pictures in portrait format, you can apply special presets included in the program. This ensure that certain effects such as rotation or zooms will only be applied to standard photos and not to photos with special formats.

Quick start

Specify basic settings

Specify the aspecte ratio for the project. You can also determine how Slideshow Maker 2 should behave with photos that do not match the project's formatting.

Project name: Give your disc project a name. This name will be used as a preset title for the disc you are going to burn. The slideshows will also be given this name.

Cut to fit screen automatically: Images that do not correspond to the project's ratio are adjusted automatically. The zoom factor is set in such a way that there are no black bars to the left or right or top and bottom.

Load photos

Click on "Load files..." to select photos and videos that you want to add to the project. "Delete" removes the selected files from the list. "Rotate images by 90°" brings your photos into the right position. The sequence of objects can be specified via drag & drop.

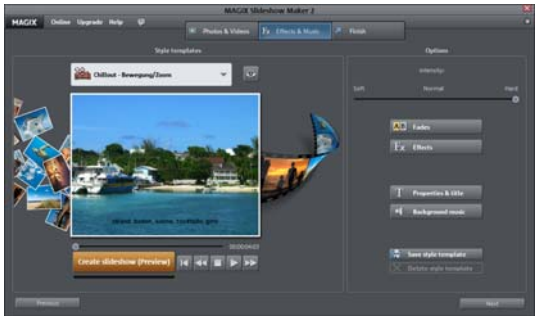
Display time for each photo (seconds): By default, photos are displayed for the time entered here. Of course, you can later change the time each photo is displayed.

Total length of slideshow: The approximate total length of the slideshow created is shown here. It adjusts if the display time per photo is changed.

Use the slider in the bottom right-hand corner to enlarge or reduce the display (only in "Large icons" mode).

Effects and background music

Simply select one of the styles that best suits the theme of your slideshow. Click on the "Play" button to listen to a preview of the styles. You can set the frequency of the effects using the slider.



Finish

This is where you specify where and how you want to show your slideshow. "Output as video file" saves your slideshow on your PC as a WMV file. "Publish in the Online Album" presents your slideshow in the MAGIX Online Album. "Publish online" automatically uploads your slideshow to Youtube®, Flickr®, or Facebook®.

Load photos – overview

1. **Quick access toolbar:** contains buttons for quickly accessing the three major components of Slideshow Maker 2.
2. **Toolbar:** this is where you access the dialog for adding new pictures, deleting existing photos and rotating photos 90 degrees clockwise.
3. **Program monitor:** video and picture objects are displayed here.
4. **Display duration:** specify here how long each picture is to be displayed in the finished slideshow before the next picture follows.
5. **Zoom controller:** enlarge or reduce the display to adjust the visible area in the program monitor. You can switch between "Detailed view", "List view", and "Large icons view" by clicking on the button.

Effects & background music – overview

1. **Style templates:** you can select ready-to-use style templates for your slideshow or create your own.
2. **Intensity:** determines how often selected fades and effects appear in your slideshow.
3. **Options:** this button provides access to fades, effects, titles, and background music that you can use to enhance your slideshows.
4. **Preview:** click on the "Create slideshow (preview)" button to play a preview of your slideshow complete with fades and effects in the preview window. As the name indicates, this is not the final version.

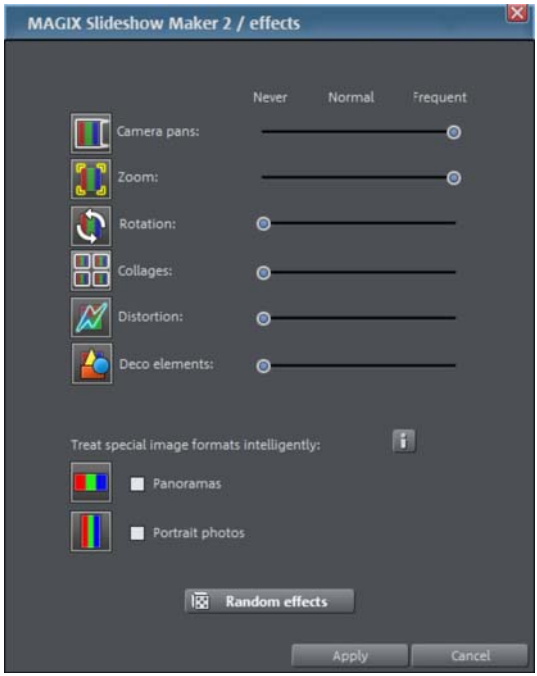
Fades

Note: The sliders do not set the intensity of the fades, but their frequency. If you select "Frequently", fades will appear after every third picture.

Fade duration: determines the length of a fade effect in the finished slideshow.

Random fades: if you click this button, the program automatically selects fades and determines their frequency and duration.

Effects

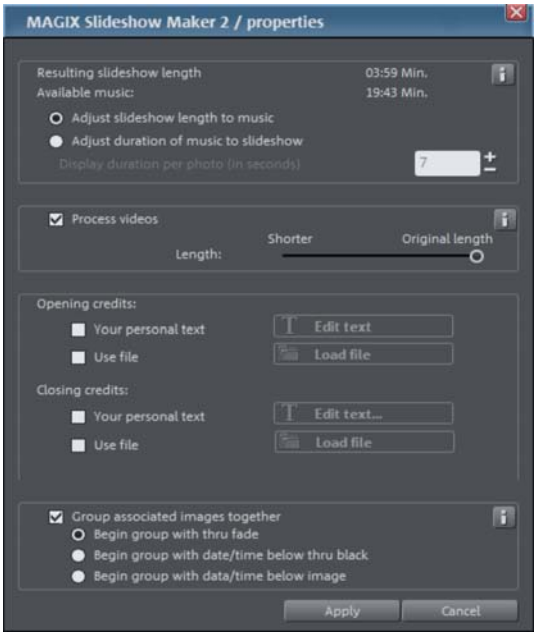


Note: The sliders do not set the intensity of the effects, but their frequency. If you select "Frequently", effects will appear after every third picture.

Treat special image formats intelligently: If you select this option, panoramas and photos in portrait format are handled separately. The program automatically recognizes these special formats and excludes them from effects that would have a negative impact. Panoramas, for example, are not rotated.

Random effects: if you click this button, the program automatically selects effects and determines their frequency and duration.

Properties & titles



Resulting slideshow length: this is an estimation of how long the slideshow will be after applying Slideshow Maker 2.

Available music: shows the length of all available titles that could be used as background music.

Adjust slideshow length to the music: it will be attempted to adjust the length of the photo objects to the background music. If the slideshow is too short, the music will be cut off. If the slideshow is too long, the music will be repeated.

Adjust music length to the slideshow: photo objects have a set length, and the resulting slideshow is filled with music. The music at the end of the slideshow is simply faded out.

Note: You should try to adjust the length of the slideshow and the music. If the slideshow has finished, but there is still music "left", the song will finish with a hard cut. The opposite case is just as undesirable: if the slideshow is longer than the background music, part of the slideshow will have no music.

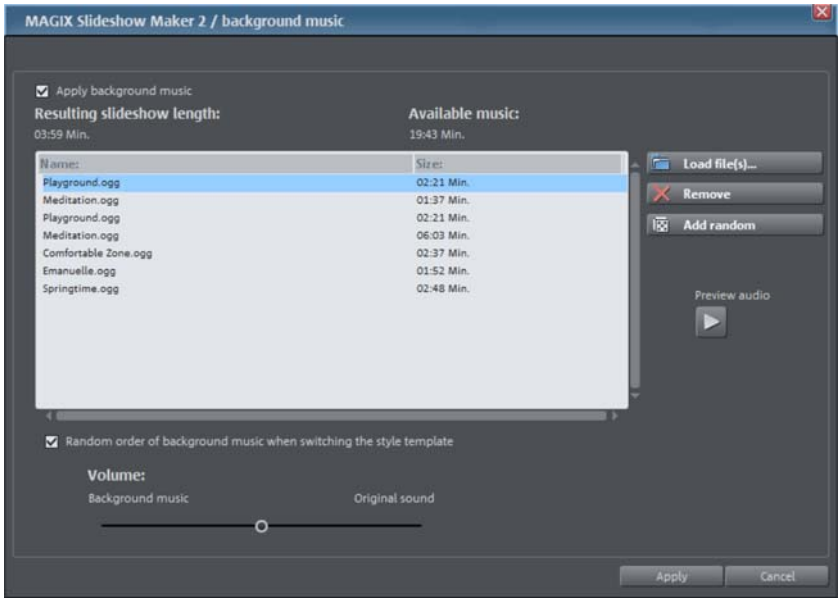
Process videos: if your slideshow includes videos, you can set how long they will be displayed here.

Opening/closing credits:

- **Your own text:** Enter the text that is to appear as opening and closing credits.
- **Use file:** Besides text, you can also use images and videos for your opening and closing credits. Select the file by clicking on "Load file".

Group associated images together: If your slideshow contains pictures from a clearly defined period of time (day, time of day, etc.), this option will automatically compile these photos into a group. You can then decide how you want the grouped images to be displayed: starting with a black fade only, with date and time below the black fade, or with the date and time faded in below the picture

Background music



Use background music: select whether you want to add music to your slideshow.

Resulting slideshow length: displays the duration of the finished slideshow.

Available music: shows the length of all available titles that could be used as background music.

Load file(s): here you can load music tracks into the project. You can also use MP3 files.

Remove: deletes the selected music track located to the left of the project window from the project.

Please note: The song is removed from the project, not from your hard drive!

Add random: randomly loads music tracks from the "Slideshow music" folder into the slideshow.

Preview: by clicking on this button, you can listen to the music track selected in the project window.

Random order of background music when switching the style template: if you change your mind before you have finished the slideshow and decide you want to use a different style template, the music tracks are ordered randomly.

Tip: you can manually change the order of the music in the project window via drag&drop!

Volume ratio: if your slideshow includes videos, you can adjust their volume in relation to the background music using the sliders. If you want to hear more of the music, move the slider to the left. If, on the other hand, you want the video's audio to be more prominent, simply move the slider to the right.

Save/Delete Style Template

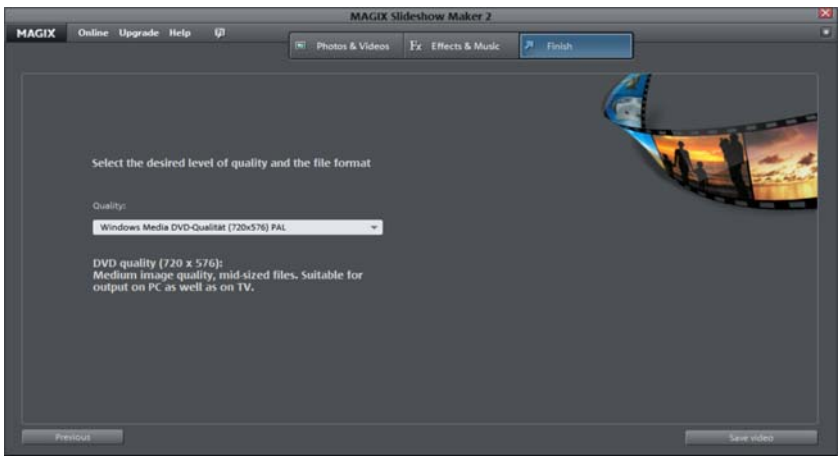
Save your own Style Templates that contain all your personalizations made to the slidewhow options by pressing "Save Style Template". You can name the template in the following window. Now you can choose this template from the list of style templates .in the upper right. To delete a style template select it first and then press "Delete Style Template".

Finish – overview

On the left side you have a video monitor with the usual transport controls where you can watch you just created slideshow. On the right side there are three options to save your slide show.

1. **Output as video file:** saves your slideshow on your PC as a WMV file.
2. **Present in the Online Album:** you can share your slideshow with family and friends by presenting it in the MAGIX Online Album for free.
3. **Publish online:** imagine your slideshow on "Youtube", "Flickr", or "Facebook".

Output as video file



Quality: select the output quality for the Windows Media file on your computer.

Share in your online album

You can select whether you want to present your entire slideshow on MAGIX Online Album or only parts of it.

Video: loads the entire slideshow to MAGIX Online Album.

Individual media: select this option if you want to upload individual images, videos, or music tracks to your album without linking these elements.

Publish online

Community: you can choose between Flickr®, Facebook® and Youtube®.

Note: using these portals requires a free registration with the corresponding provider.

Title: please enter the desired title for your slideshow here.

Description: add a description to your slideshow.

Keywords: add keywords to your slideshow that will enable finding your video on the portals later.

Category (only for Youtube): decide to which category you want to assign your slideshow.

Send: determines who on the community portal is authorized to watch your slideshow.

Export settings: you can determine the quality of the finished slideshow here. Please note that high settings (HD) generate a very good image quality, but might produce very large files of several hundreds of MB. The Medium (SD) setting is a good compromise between quality and file size.

If You Still Have Questions

Tips for program help

The program Help contains hints on how to use the program and lots of additional information.

Context Help: press the "F1" key on your keyboard at any point in the opened program and Help will open with the matching Help topic (context help).

Search function: to find out more information about specific words, use the search function. Enter either the individual word or use logical operators (OR, AND, NEAR) to refine your search if you have several search words.

- **OR** (between two words): all topics which contain both words or one of the words will be listed.
- **AND** (between two words): only those topics will be listed which contain both words.
- **NEAR** (between two words): only those topics will be listed which contain both words. A maximum of 6 additional words are allowed to stand between two search words.
- **NOT** (before a word): topics which contain this word will **not** be listed.

Print: use the help program's print function to make a printout of individual topics or entire sections. The print button is located at the very top of the toolbar in the help window.

Have fun with Slideshow Maker 2, and enjoy designing your slideshows!

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