Project Options

Main Tab

General

The "Main" tab is shown below :

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Main	Aspect ratio			
	Aspect ratio	16:9	•	
Audio	Aspect fallo	10.9		
Control	Timing			
Transitions	Default slide duration	10.5 🔹 s	Apply to all slides	
Screen	Background			
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Advanced	⊖ Gradient			
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	Color outside slide area			
			OK Cancel	

"Aspect Ratio" enables the desired aspect ratio of the display screen to be selected. Users should consider the parameters of the main display for the show when selecting aspect ratio.
"Timing" allows setting of the default time for all new slides and can be applied to all existing

slides. A useful technique for certain types of show is to start with a standard duration and then modify the times of individual slides to suit the required application.

• "Background" allows the user to specify the type and/colour of the Background for all slides.

Aspect Ratio

Aspect Ratio of Images

The aspect ratio of images from current cameras are normally:

- 3:2 Typically 3000×2000; 6000×4000
- 4:3 Typically 1024×768; 1600×1200; 4000×3000
- 16:9 Typically 1920×1080

Aspect Ratio of Monitors

- 4:3 Typically 1024×768; 1440×1080; etc
- 16:9 Typically 1280×720; 1920×1080; etc
- 16:10 Typically 1280×800; 1920×1200; etc

The Aspect Ratio of the Project

Typically, this chosen to suit the Aspect Ratio of either:

- The Camera Image's Aspect Ratio
- The User's PC Monitor
- The User's TV (Typically 1920×1080 at the time of writing)

Matching these choices is a sometimes daunting task for the beginner. If you want the ease of inputting your camera's images into a show without cropping, then an Aspect Ratio for the Project is chosen to suit the camera. This might result in the Show having "black bars" at the sides or top and bottom of the Monitor or TV.

If you want your show to "Fill the Screen" on your monitor or TV then the Aspect Ratio must be chosen to suit. This might result in the Camera's Images not filling the width of the Project or being cropped at the top and bottom of the screen.



The example above shows the full screen view (left to right) of:

- A 4:3 image in a 4:3 Project on a 4:3 Monitor Screen
- A 3:2 image in a 3:2 Project on a 4:3 Monitor Screen

• A 16:9 image in a 16:9 Project on a 4:3 Monitor Screen



The example above shows the full screen view (top to bottom) of:

- A 4:3 image in a 4:3 Project on a 16:9 Monitor Screen
- A 3:2 image in a 3:2 Project on a 16:9 Monitor Screen
- A 16:9 image in a 16:9 Project on a 16:9 Monitor Screen

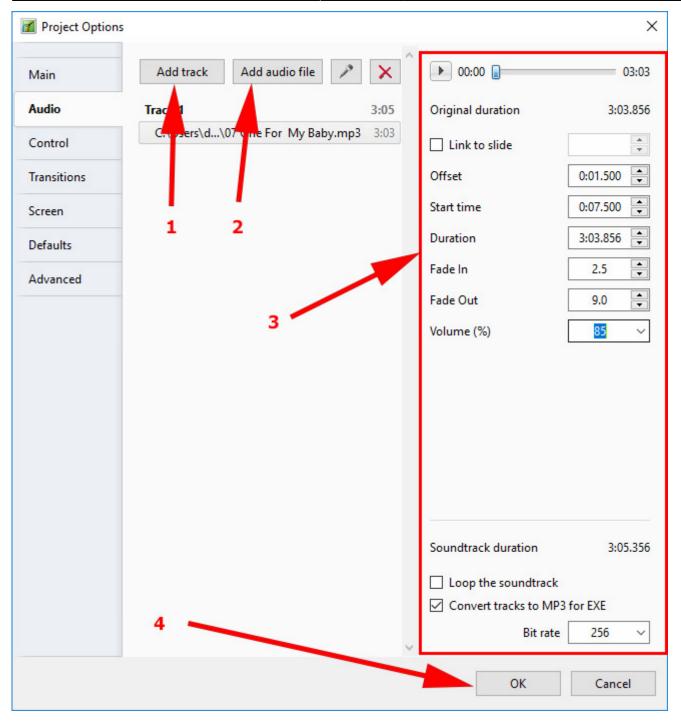
Which choice to make?

For the beginner, a starting point would be to make the Project Aspect Ratio the same as the Camera's Aspect Ratio. Images can then be dropped into a project without modification and immediately published as an EXE without further adjustments. As the user gets more proficient then choosing an Aspect Ratio to suit the output device (Monitor/TV) might be more appealing.

Audio Tab

Adding Audio Files:

In Project Options / Audio Tab



The following example shows a typical simple layout for the Project Options / Audio Tab:

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Screen		Start time	0:05.500
Defaults		Duration	0:32.396
Advanced		Fade In	1.5
		Fade Out	7.5
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		ОК	Cancel

The Audio File in Track 2 can be seen to have the following properties:

The PLAY Button will play the 32 second audio file in the highlighted Audio File for testing purposes

The Original duration of the file is 3m 54.396s

The Audio File in Track 2 is linked to slide 2 and if slide two is re-positioned the Audio File will also be moved by the same amount in the Timeline (separate track).

(N.B. When an Audio Clip is initially linked to a slide its position has to be adjusted manually using the "Offset" control - or dragged in the Timeline).

The Audio File is Offset by 2s with respect to the beginning of Slide 2 to which it is linked

The Start Time of the Audio File in Track 2 is 5.5s from the beginning of the original Audio File

The Duration of the audio file has been trimmed to 32.396s

A Fade In of 1.5s has been applied to the Audio File in Track 2

A Fade Out of 7.5s has been applied to the Audio File in Track 2

The total Soundtrack Duration is calculated as 3m 5.356s

All Tracks in the project will be converted to an MP3 at a Bit Rate of 256Kbps when an EXE file is created.(*Not available in the Essentials Edition*).

Renaming Tracks

A Track can be renamed and/or designated to be a "Track for Audio Comments"

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Convert tracks to MP3 for EXE

When this option is turned on, PicturesToExe automatically converts all audio tracks to a single MP3 audio for the EXE show. The Bit Rate of the converted file can be adjusted from 64 to 320Kbps. High values are better quality.

This option is useful if you work with audio clips in WAV format or adjust the duration of clips using the Envelope Function. See Envelope. For maximum efficiency when using this feature the use of WAV files is advisable, though not essential.

This option will optimize the size of the EXE file.

MP3 Recommendations

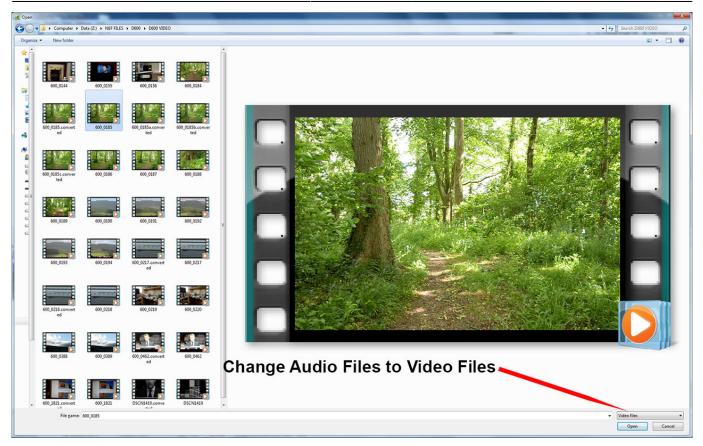
When preparing MP3 Audio files for use in PicturesToExe the following is recommended:

- Constant Bit Rate 128 256 Kbps
- Sample Rate: 44100 Hz
- Stereo

Adding/Extracting the Audio of a Video Clip to an Audio Track

The Audio of a Video Clip can be added to an Audio Track and the Envelope can then be applied to it. Add the Video Clip by dragging into the Slide Line and then, in Objects and Animation/Properties Tab, Mute the Audio of the Video Clip.

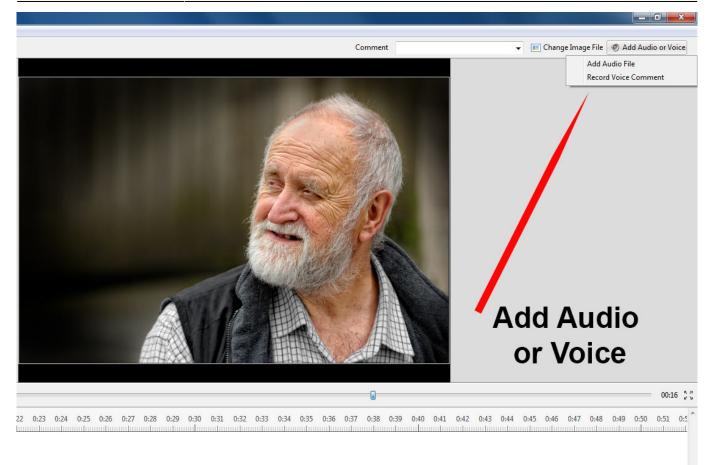
To add the Audio of the Video Clip to a Track go to Project Options / Audio Tab and Add a Track and then Add Audio File. In the bottom right corner of the browser change the "Audio Files" drop-down type to "Video Files" and navigate to your Video Clips Folder. Select your Video Clip and click on OPEN. Click OK in Project Options to see the Audio of the Video Clip in its Track. The envelope of the Audio of the Video Clip can then be adjusted as required.



Adding Audio or Voice Comments

Audio Clips and/or Voice Comments can be added to a Slide using the "Add Audio or Voice" Tool or by clicking on the "Microphone" icon in the Project Options/Audio Tab.

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Click on "Add Audio File" to browse for the required Audio File and clicking on "Open" adds the file to an empty track. It can then be positioned and its envelope adjusted as required.

Click on "Record Voice Comment" to see the following:

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Parameters		Browse

Click on Parameters to make adjustments to the File Type etc

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Channels:	Mono
Bit rate:	128 kbps 🗸
Frequency:	44100 Hz 🗸
Record Device:	Primary Sound Capture Driver 👻
Back to Recording	
	Back to Recording Cancel

- You can choose to record as MP3 or WAV
- You can choose Mono or Stereo recording
- You can choose Bit Rates from 32 to 320kbps
- The Recording device will vary according to the users system

When finished you can return "Back to Recording".

Click on "Record" to start the recording and "Stop" when finished. The Voice Comment is added to an empty track.

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It is also possible to record the Voice Comment in "real time" while the Mini-Player is running or in the Audio Tab of Project Options.

Also see The Timeline View

Control Tab

The "Control" tab with its 4 sections is shown below :

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Show Settings

- Action after last slide:
 - Close Show
 - Repeat Show
 - Stop Show

Keyboard

The "Keyboard" section:

- Wait for key press Selecting this option enables a show to be controlled manually and applies to the whole show. An alternative method is to use the settings in "Slide Options/Main", but note that this applies to individual slides only. Note also that this option works whether the second option is selected or not.
- **Permit control of show using keyboard** This second option is provided to enable the user to override the default time of individual slides. For example the slide duration may be 10s. By selecting this option the next slide in the Slide line can be made to appear before the 10s has elapsed.

For many shows, it is likely that a user would leave these two options un-selected.

Mouse

The second section deals with mouse actions. These settings are independent of the "Keyboard" settings.

Mouse					
Exit on mouse move					
Mouse wheel for rev	vinding				
Left mouse button	No action				
Right mouse button	Next slide	•			
Mouse cursor	Auto hide	-	3	*	s

Various alternative actions are available. Most of these should be self-explanatory. The "mouse wheel for rewinding" allows the show to be re-wound when in the play mode.

Navigation Bar

The last section controls operation of the "Navigation Bar". If "Show Navigation Bar" is selected, an additional dialog box shown below opens when the "Customize" button is clicked and a navigation bar opens on screen during playback. This enables the user to perform various operations as specified in the customize dialog box. Note that the show needs to be set to "wait for keypress..." or individual slides set to "wait for keypress to show next slide", if a manually operated slide show is required.



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Transitions Tab

The "Transitions" tab is shown below with one of the various types of transitions selected to show the range of controls which can be applied to each transition. The range of parameters which can be controlled varies with the type of transition selected. The default transition is "Dissolve". At the top righthand side is a viewer which shows the effect of the transition selected.

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See also:

Custom Transitions

Screen Tab

The "Screen" tab with its 3 sections is shown below :

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Project Option	15		×
Main	Screen		
Audio	Mode	Fullscreen 💌	
Control	Sharpness control		
Transitions	Unsharp mask	None • 0 •	
Screen	Watermark		
Defaults	Show watermark		6
Advanced	Offset	20 V Right-Bottom	*
	Opacity	100 ~	
	Size	30 ~	
		ОК	Cancel

Mode

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Audio Control	Sharpness control	Fullscreen Fullscreen	Fixed size	_
Transitions	Unsharp mask		with borders without borders	
Screen	Watermark			_
Defaults	Show watermark			6
Advanced	Offset	20 ~	Right-Bottom	•
	Opacity	100 ~		
	Size	30 ~		

Unsharp Mask

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Main	Screen		
Audio	Mode	Fullscreen 👻	
Control	Sharpness control		
Transitions	Unsharp mask	0 ~	
Screen	Watermark	None Best for static	
Defaults	Show watermark	Best for animation	
Advanced	Offset	20 ∨ Right-Bottom ▼	
	Opacity	100 ~	
	Size	30 ~	
		OK Cancel	

Watermark

• Add a Watermark

This enables the user to add a watermark to all images. If the option is selected, a dialog box as shown below will open and enable a watermark file to be chosen and the size and location on each image determined.

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OK Cancel

Defaults Tab

This Tab is not available in the Essentials Edition.

The "Defaults" tab with its 2 sections is shown below :

Project Options		×
Main	Text comment for new slides	
Audio	Customize font Insert template	
Control		
Transitions		
Screen		
Defaults	Apply to all slides	
Advanced	Main image for new slides	
	 Display shadow behind slide image Customize Apply to all slides 100 ~ % of the slide to show main images Apply to all slides Cover Apply to all slides 	
	OK Cancel	

Text comments for new slides

This provides a facility to insert text into slides and control the text formatting. The normal practice is to click on the "Insert template" button and choose the text required to be inserted. The code for this text will then appear in the box below the "Customize font" button. Additional text items can be added if required. When all the text items have been added, clicking the "Customize font" button will reveal the dialog box shown below and the added text can be formatted as required. A comment is required regarding the point in time at which this setting is applied. If applied BEFORE any slide have been added to the Slide list, then the text additions will apply to all slide subsequently added. If however this setting is selected AFTER slides have been added, then the "Apply to all slides" button must be clicked to ensure that the change is applied to all the currently added slides. Note also that if the user wishes to remove the added text, it is necessary to go into the dialog box, deleted the text and then click the "Apply to all slides" button to remove the text from all added slides.

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Offset	3 🗸	
Size Apply to al	4.0 💌	Text

Main image for new slides

- If "Display shadow behind slide image" is selected, the "Customize" button will allow the parameters of the shadow to be selected, e.g. color/size/shape etc.
- The next control affects the size of the slide ; if the slide size is 100% then no shadow will be seen. Note also that this control can be used in conjunction with the "Screen/Background" tab to control the background color on which the slide appears. The "Apply to all slides" button should be used as described previously to apply the changes to all slides already inserted into the Slide line.
- The "Cover Slide" tick box allows this option to be set as the default for new images in the Project. If left unticked the "Fit to slide" option is set for the Project. The "Apply to all slides" button should be used as described previously to apply the changes to all slides already inserted into the Slide line.

The "Cover Slide" tick box added to Project Options from Version 8.0.17 onwards

Advanced Tab

This Tab is not available in the Essentials Edition.

The "Advanced tab with its 3 sections is shown below :

Project Options			×
Main	Protection of slideshow		
Audio	Ask for Password		
Control	Time limited usage Show settings		
Transitions	Advanced options		
Screen	Custom windows Show settings		
Defaults	Icon for executable file	6	
Advanced	Synchronize soundtrack and slides Pause when slideshow window becomes inactive		
	Run application or slideshow on exit		
		OK Cancel	

Protection of Slideshow

Project Options			×
Main	Protection of slideshow		î
Audio	Ask for Password		
Control	Time limited usage	Hide settings	
Transitions	Expire after	30 days	
Screen	Number of runs	10 times	
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Advanced	Message	Sorry, but trial period of this show has expired	
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	Pause when slideshow win	dow becomes inactive	~
		OK Cancel	

Advanced Options

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	Pause when slideshow wind	low becomes inactive		
	Run application or slideshow on e	exit		OK Cancel
	Do not run 👻		6	
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		ОК	Cancel	
		OK	Cancel	

• Assign icon for executable file: This allows the user to select an icon from those stored on their computer or from an icon which has been created. The chosen icon will be associated with any

exe file created from Pictures To Exe

- Synchronize soundtrack and slides: It is recommended that this option is ALWAYS selected. If not, when playing a show from part the way through, the associated audio tracks will start from the beginning whereas the slides will start from the chosen position;
- Pause when slideshow becomes inactive: If selected, the slideshow will pause in its execution if the focus is moved to another application which is running.

Run Application or Slideshow on Exit

Project Options		×
Main	Protection of slideshow	
Audio	Ask for Password	
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		OK Cancel

Assign icon for executable file

This allows the user to select an icon from those stored on their computer or from an icon which has been created. The chosen icon will be associated with any exe file created from Pictures To Exe;

Synchronize soundtrack and slides

It is recommended that this option is ALWAYS selected. If not, when playing a show from part the way through, the associated audio tracks will start from the beginning whereas the slides will start from the chosen position;

Pause when slideshow becomes inactive

if selected, the slideshow will pause in its execution if the focus is moved to another application which is running.

The second section "Protection of slideshow", provides 4 setting options. The intended function of these options is to assist users who wish to use PicturesToExe for commercial purposes.

Time limited usage

This enables a limit to be placed on how long a Pictures To Exe application can be run. If selected a dialog box opens which allows various expiry options to be selected.

Expire date	Month Day	Year 2109 -
Expire after	30 A days	
Number of runs	10 🔹 times	;
Expiration message	Sorry, but trial perio	od of this presentation has exp

The final two options enable a password to be set which must be entered before a complied show can be run and a feature to prevent screen snapshots being taken of the images in a show.

The final section "Run application or slideshow on exit" provides a feature to enable a subsequent application to run on completion of a show. This feature can be used to chain a number of shows together into a single continuous process.

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