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Welcome to SlideShow 5.0 from CMB Software!

SlideShow 5.0 is a Windows/95, Windows 3.1 and Windows/NT multimedia tool which allows users to effortlessly produce random or custom slide shows. Your slide shows will be able to display pictures using 112 video effects while playing sounds at the same time. The end result is nothing short of professional.

When set to "**Presentation Mode**", SlideShow will combine your favorite pictures or business graphics with sound to produce a professional presentation. This mode uses the mouse button to control picture display. Since SlideShow was first developed, our goal has been to design a product that was intuitive and easy to use, but still produce professional results. In the past, a lot of our customers have taken the time to write us about how easy it was for them to put together a presentation.

With version 5.0 we feel as if we have made it even easier than ever to produce a quality slide show. For instance, we have included an option to "include subdirectories" when selecting which paths to display random files from. For those of you who enjoy producing your own custom slide shows, our new custom section will make your presentation design process easier and more creative than ever before. You'll be able to select from 112 video effects, the speed of the effect, the sound file to display with the picture, how many total seconds the picture will display, etc. You'll have complete control of your slide show.

While we feel very excited about the release of version 5.0 of SlideShow, rest assured that our development team is right now behind their computers thinking of ways to improve this product.

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SlideShow 5.0 Global Options

The Global Options screen controls the options which affect both random and custom slide shows.

The options are:

- Password - The password option will let you enter a password which the screen saver will prompt you for when you try to exit the screen saver. This will allow you to lock your system so no one can exit the slide show while it's running.
- Effect granularity - This option affects the number of pixels used by the video effects of the slide show.
 - *Super fine* - A small number of pixels will be drawn with each step of an effect. This causes a very smooth effect which takes longer to display. (CAUTION: This setting can cause some older screen drivers to not function properly. If you receive a General Protection Fault in your screen driver, change this setting to "normal".) See: [About Screen Drivers](#)
 - *Normal* - A larger number of pixels will be drawn with each step of an effect. This also causes the effect to display faster.

SlideShow 5.0 defaults to NORMAL Effect Granularity when the program is installed.

- Percent of screen used - This lets you specify how much of the screen you want the picture to take up. The picture will be re-sized to fit this area. Note that the speed of the video effects will speed up or slow down according to the setting of this option.
- Edit Border - This option takes you to the [Border Editor](#) where you will be able to customize the border which appears around each picture. (You can also remove the border that appears around each picture.)
- Presentation Mode - Setting this option to "ON" will turn on "Presentation Mode". When in presentation mode, a picture will stay on the screen until a mouse button is clicked. Once the mouse button is clicked, the program will display the next picture and sound. Moving the mouse has no effect while in

presentation mode. **To exit the presentation, just hit any key on the keyboard.**

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SlideShow 5.0 Features

- Design a **random** or **custom** slide show.
- Run SlideShow 5.0 as a **screen saver** or stand alone **presentation tool**.
- Display **JPEG, GIF, BMP, PCX, DIB, TGA, WMF**, and **TIFF**(uncompressed) files.
- **112 Video effects**, wipes, fades and dissolves.
- Each picture can play a **.WAV** sound effects/music file. (With looping!)
- Design an **unlimited** number of custom slide shows.
- **Automaticly include subdirectories** for pictures or sound files when using a random slide show.
- **Create professional business presentations.**

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Config / Title Screen

The Configuration/Title screen is a starting point for your SlideShow creation.

- Select Slide Show type - This lets you select either Random or Custom as the slide show type you want to display. When you select one, a star will be placed next to your selection.
- Edit Slide Show - When you click on this, you will be presented with an editing screen for the type of slide show that is selected.
- Run Slide Show - Runs the current slide show. If the slide show type is set to Custom then the current custom slide show file selected will be used.
- Current Custom Slide Show - This drop down box is a list of all your available custom slide shows that you have created. The one that is highlighted is the one that is active.
- Registration Key - When you register the program, you will be sent a registration key (a number). You will type this key into the box. This will let SlideShow display an unlimited number of pictures. It will also remove the red "unregistered" banner.

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SlideShow 5.0 Creating A Random Slide Show

To create a random slide show you simply have to point to the directory containing your pictures, and then point to the directory containing any background sound effects that you want played when each picture is displayed. SlideShow also adds the ability for you to select multiple paths for the picture and sound files. This way you don't have to group all of your pictures and sounds in one directory.

Selecting picture paths for random slide show.

Choose the path by clicking in the drive/directory boxes on the form. You will see a listing of all available pictures in the file box. You may preview a picture by first selecting it by clicking on it and then clicking on PREVIEW. Click on the ADD button to add this path to your list of picture paths. At anytime you may delete a path in the path box by first selecting it and then clicking on DELETE. Repeat this process until you have added all of the paths that you wish the Random Slide Show to display.

Selecting sound paths for random slide show.

Choose the path by clicking in the drive/directory boxes on the form. You will see a listing of all available .WAV files in the file box. You may preview a sound by first selecting it by clicking on it and then clicking on PREVIEW. Click on the ADD button to add this path to your list of sound paths. At anytime you may delete a path in the path box by first selecting it and then clicking on DELETE. Repeat this process until you have added all of the paths that contain sound effects that you want randomly played when a picture is shown.

Note: If you would like to add the ability to include all subdirectories found in the picture/sound path(s) click on the box INCLUDE SUBDIRECTORIES. While this is a powerful feature, use this option with consideration because it can cause a delay at the start of the slide show while it searches for all of the possible picture paths.

Here is a description of each Button on the Random Slide Show screen.

Global Options - Access to the Global Options menu.

Help - Will bring up this section of the help file.

Choose Effects - This will bring up a screen where you can select each graphic effect that will be used during the Random Slide Show. Simply click on each effect to turn it off or on.

Test Slide Show - This will allow you to view the Random Slide Show in action as it will appear when called as a screen saver.

Loop Sound - Click on this option to turn this feature off or on. (Solid is On)

When Loop Sound is on, each sound played will loop until another sound is played. Each picture will cause a new sound to play.

When Loop Sound is NOT on a new sound will not start until the old sound is finished playing. This allows you to have very long sounds (music?) that can play in the background.

Speed Of Effects - This option affects the speed of ALL the effects used in the Random Slide Show. There are three settings, Fast, Normal and Slow.

Picture Delay - This option controls how long each picture will be displayed (in seconds) before going to the next picture.

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SlideShow 5.0 Creating A Custom Slide Show

SlideShow 5.0's Custom Slide Show Editor is a very powerful tool which will allow you to produce your own customized slide shows. The editor itself is very similar to a spread sheet interface where you have multiple rows containing data. In the custom slide show editor, each row will contain the information for each picture.

Each picture can contain the following information:

Picture - The file path for the picture to be displayed.

Description - A description of the picture that will be displayed during the slide show.

Delay - How long the picture will stay on the screen.

Video Effect/Speed - Which video effect to use to display the picture along with the speed of the effect used. (112 effects to choose from!)

Sound (.WAV) - The sound file to be played when the picture is displayed.

Loop - Off or on. Looping of the sound until another sound is played or a SOUND OFF command is reached.

Creating a Custom Slide Show can be a creative and very rewarding process. To aid you in the design of a custom slide show you, may want to have a story board in mind with the order of the pictures and sounds that you want displayed in the slide show.

When the Custom Slide Show Editor first appears you are presented with a empty grid. This grid is where you will select and edit all of the pictures for your slide show. Since the grid is initially empty the first thing you need to do is click on ADD to select a picture.

Adding pictures to the custom slide show.

Note: Each picture will be displayed in the custom slide show according to the order in which they were entered. If you have 10 pictures entered, picture 1 will be

shown first followed by picture 2, then picture 3, etc.

ADD - Allows you to add a picture (or several!) to the custom slide show.

When you click on **ADD**, a screen will appear where you can browse your storage media for pictures to add to the slide show. To add a picture, simply select (highlight) the picture and click on **ADD FILE(S)**. The file select box has the capability to select multiple files by first selecting a file and then dragging down the mouse over the file box. You can also select one file and then hold down **SHIFT** and click on another file to select all the files in between. Again, by clicking on **ADD FILES(S)** you can add all highlighted files to the slide show.

To preview a highlighted picture file, simply click on **PREVIEW**. When the **AUTO PREVIEW** option is selected the currently selected picture will automatically be shown.

Before clicking on **ADD FILE(S)** you may also change the default delay time each picture will be shown. Simply type in a new value or use the arrow keys to adjust the setting.

If the **EDIT DESCRIPTIONS** option is selected, after you add the files you will be asked to input the descriptions for each picture that was added. Remember, if you add a description to the picture it will be shown at the bottom of the picture during the slide show. While editing the descriptions for each picture, you can click on **NEXT** to proceed to the next picture or simply hit return. At anytime you may exit the description screen by clicking on cancel. All descriptions entered up to the point you click on cancel will remain with the picture. To **PREVIEW** a picture during the edit description screen simply click on **PREVIEW**. By setting the option **Auto Preview**, each picture will be shown automatically to you before you edit the description.

You may repeat the above process each time you want to add a picture(s) to the slide show. Each new picture(s) added will be **APPENDED** to the list of pictures in the slide show.

Editing the pictures after they are added to the slide show:

After you have added your pictures to the slide show, you now need to make adjustments to each picture to customize their appearance in the slide show. As mentioned earlier each picture can have it's own graphic effect when it is

displayed, a sound file can be played at the same time, and each picture can be shown for a specific amount of time in seconds.

The currently selected picture will be highlighted by a dark bar going through that row. Each picture will have it's own row. You will see the current information for each picture in the row. The sequence of that picture is shown to the left of the editing grid starting at 1.

To highlight a row simply click on a row containing picture data. You can't highlight a row that does not contain a picture.

There are 6 items that you can edit for each picture. Each editable item has a box that you can click on to bring up a screen that will allow you to edit the settings for that item. After you highlight a row you can click on one of the item boxes or you can **DOUBLE CLICK** on that column in the picture row that you wish to edit.

Picture - Allows you to select a different picture for this row.

Description - Edit the description of the picture.

Del - Change the delay of the picture. (How long in seconds it will be displayed.)

Video Effect/Speed - A effect screen will be shown allowing you to scroll up and down to view the names of the 112 possible effects. At anytime you can **CLICK** on a effect to preview how it will look. You can also adjust the **SPEED** of the effect by clicking on the arrow keys or directly typing in a new value. Click on **PREVIEW** to see the new speed of the effect. After you choose the effect click on **OK** or click on **CANCEL** to keep the old value. If the **COPY TO ALL** option is selected then each picture already added to the slide show will be updated to contain the same effect and speed selected at this time.

Sound(.WAV) - Allows you to browse your storage media to select a .WAV file to be played when the picture is displayed. To hear a sound simply **CLICK** on the file in the file box. To add the sound file click on **OK** or click on **CANCEL** to return without changing the current sound file selected for that row.

Sound Off: This allows you to force any sound currently being played from a previous picture to stop.

Clear Sound: In the event you want to get rid of a previously added **SOUND OFF**

command, simply click on this button.

Loop Sound: If this option is selected the sound will loop when the picture is displayed. It will continue to loop until either a sound is played from another picture or a sound off command has been entered.

Loop - Yes or No. If this value is set to YES then the sound will loop until a new sound is played or until a sound off command is found.

Delete - To delete a highlighted row simply click on this button. All pictures below the deleted picture will scroll up one.

Insert - To insert a picture BEFORE the highlighted row click on this button. You will then be able to select a new picture to insert.

Preview - Click on this button to see what the currently highlighted row will look like during the slide show. (Keep in mind all GLOBAL OPTIONS are active here also.)

Reset - Allows you to reset the slide show. Erasing all current information.

Load - Load a previously saved slide show.

Save - Supply a name and save the current slide show.

Save & Exit - Auto save (if possible) and exit back to the config/title screen.

Test Slide Show - Test out the current slide show!

Cancel - Exit back to the config/title screen.

Randomize - If this option is checked then the custom slide show (when displayed) will display the pictures in a random order.

There are also 5 menu boxes at the top of the custom slide show screen.

Global Options - Change program settings.

Picture - View the picture of the highlighted row.

Sound - Hear the sound file in the highlighted row.

Print - Print out the information of the custom slide show. (Uses default Window's Printer)

Help - View this section of the help file.

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SlideShow 5.0 Creating A Custom Border

SlideShow allows you to customize the appearance of your presentation by giving you the option of designing a border that will appear around your picture when it is displayed. It is important to understand that the same border will appear around each picture in the slide show.

The Custom Border interface is very easy to work with. By clicking on and adjusting the 10 slider bars you can easily change the settings of the border.

The border itself consists of three different layers.

Inner - This is the inside layer that goes around your picture.

Middle - This is the middle layer of the border. Appears in between the inner and outer sections of the border.

Outer - This section appears around the middle part of the border.

You can adjust the color, style, width of each section of the border. The INNER and OUTER sections of the border have a combination of two colors. This allows you to easily design 3D beveled borders. Both the inner and outer sections have two styles, raised and inset which produces a 3D effect on the border.

The 10 slide bar options are:

Inner Color 1 - Adjust the 1st color of the inner border.

Inner Color 2 - Adjust the 2nd color of the inner border.

Inner Style - Adjust the style (raised or inset) of the inner border.

Inner Width - Adjust the width (in pixels) of the inner border.

Outer Color 1 - Adjust the 1st color of the outer border.

Outer Color 2 - Adjust the 2nd color of the outer border.

Outer Style - Adjust the style (raised or inset) of the outer border.

Outer Width - Adjust the width (in pixels) of the outer border.

Middle Color - Adjust the color of the middle border.

Middle Width - Adjust the width (in pixels) of the middle border.

To turn the border completely off:

In case you want to completely remove the border from around the picture during the slide show simply move the INNER STYLE and OUTER STYLE sliders all the way to the left, and then move the MIDDLE WIDTH slider all the way to the left.

Click on OK to save the current border. Cancel to exit without saving.
Help will display this section of the SlideShow Help file.

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About Screen Drivers

SlideShow uses only the standard Windows graphics routines. However, some older screen driver programs do not handle all these routines correctly. If you are using an older screen driver to control your video card, you may get GPF errors in your screen driver software. While most newer systems should include screen drivers capable of displaying the effects without any problems, some older drivers will cause the system to hang up or possibly lock up.

If you experience this problem, please try these 2 things:

- 1) Change the Effect Granularity to NORMAL. This helps in some drivers.
- 2) Contact the maker of your graphics video board and try to acquire the latest version of their video driver that is available.

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Suggestions for Improvements

We appreciate all of the feedback we get from our customers. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements or ideas to add to this program, please feel free to contact us and tell us about them.

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