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What is DVD PixPlay?

DVD PixPlay allows you to create DVD, VCD or PC format slideshow disks from your photos, videos and music. Your created disks can then be played on your television using a DVD Player or a computer. Slideshow disks make it easy to share your images with your friends and family, particularly those who do not have a computer. And they are as easy to view as a normal DVD!

Features of DVD PixPlay



View your favorite digital photos and videos on your TV



Or on your computer as an [auto-playing slideshow](#)



Add audio files and CD tracks as [background music](#) or record your own voice for commentary



Add excitement with more than 260 stunning [image motion](#), [text animation](#) and [transition](#) effects



Personalize your photos with hundreds of clip art (such as Santa hats and speech bubbles)



Use any image files (JPEG, GIF, BMP, PNG...), raw camera images (CRW, NEF...), common sounds (MP3, WMA, WAV) and video files (AVI, MPEG...)



[Burn](#) directly to a DVD, CD or Blu-ray disk (for playback in DVD players, VCD Players and computers)



Easily create a DVD menu and [burn multiple slideshows](#) to a single disk



Easily create professional [title pages](#) with style templates



Convert [PowerPoint presentations](#) for playback on a DVD player



Share HD slideshows with friends on [YouTube](#) and Facebook



You can also output video files (AVI, MPEG, etc) to DVD or VCD



Retrieve images directly from a digital camera or scanner



Preview your slideshow on your computer before you burn



Add captions to your photos or automatically use your descriptions from Smart Pix Manager, Picasa, PhotoShop, etc



Powerful [photo editing](#), including cropping, red-eye removal and automatic rotation of camera photos



[Output formats](#): DVD, VCD, SVCD, XVCD, XSVCD, MPEG, MP4, WMV and AVI (DivX, Xvid, etc), with NTSC, PAL and Widescreen support

Also:

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)
- [Purchase DVD PixPlay](#)

Main Menu and Toolbar

Main Toolbar

-  [Browse your computer](#) for images to add to your slideshow
-  Add a [Title Frame](#) to your slideshow
-  Edit the text of the current image or title page
-  Move the image towards the start of the slideshow
-  Move the image towards the end of the slideshow
-  Remove the selected images from the slideshow
-  Specify [frame properties](#)
-  Display the image full size
-  Displays a preview of the slideshow
-  [Burn the current project to CD/DVD](#)
-  Display this Help file

Note: You can add extra buttons to your toolbar using the relevant setting in [Options](#)

Main Menu

File

- | | |
|--|---|
| New Project | Create a new slideshow project |
| Open Project... | Browse your computer for a DVD PixPlay Project, PowerPoint presentation or an import file |
| Open Recent Project | Open a project that you recently created |
| Save Project | Save the current slideshow project (using the existing filename) |
| Save Project as... | Save the current slideshow project to a new filename |
| Burn Slideshow to Disk | Output the current project to CD or DVD |

Burn Multiple Slideshows to Disk

Create a DVD format disk containing multiple slideshows and/or videos

Burn Single Video to Disk

Convert a single video file to VCD or DVD format

Print Slideshow

Output the project to a printer

Send Slideshow by Email

Create an MPEG video of your slideshow and send it via email

Exit

Close DVD PixPlay

Edit

Undo

Undo the last change that you made to your slideshow

Add Images and Videos

Browse your computer for images or videos to add to your slideshow

Insert Title Frame

Add a title page to your slideshow

Add images from Camera or Scanner

Allows images and videos to be retrieved from a camera or scanner and added to your slideshow

Insert Map

Insert a map using the GPS coordinates found in the selected images or using a custom design

Slideshow Properties

Specify the motion and transition effects and background music for your slideshow project

Remove Borders Wizard

Crop portions of your images so that they display without borders

Sort slideshow

Reorders the entire slideshow to your desired sorting method

Other - Check for Missing Files

Checks all of the files in the project and removes any that can no longer be located

Other - Import File List

Add files to your project from another PixPlay project or a text file

Other - Move Videos to Start

Moves all video files in the project to the start of the slideshow (e.g. so the video sound track can be used)

Other - Test Slideshow Disk

Display a disk that you burned with DVD PixPlay

Frame

Edit Text	Modify the text of the current image or title page
Promote Image	Move the image towards the start of the slideshow
Demote Image	Move the image towards the end of the slideshow
Remove Image	Remove the selected images from the slideshow

Frame Properties

	Change the motion effect, transition effect or remove borders from the current frame(s)
View Frame	Display the current image or video
Rotate Image Left	Rotate the current image 90 deg. counter-clockwise
Rotate Image Right	Rotate the current image 90 deg. clockwise

Edit Image

	Display the editor so you can perform common editing functions on the current image
Open in External Editor	Opens the image in the editor specified in options

View

Preview Slideshow	Displays a full preview of the slideshow
Preview from this Frame	Displays a preview of the slideshow starting at the current selected slide
Preview and Set Timing	Displays a preview the slideshow. Click the space bar to set the display time for the current frame and move to the next one. When the preview completes you can choose whether to use all of the new display times for your frames
Small Thumbnails	Display a small thumbnail and some information on each of your frames
Thumbnails	Display a standard thumbnail for each of your frames
Film Strip	Display frames in a single strip as a small image
Full Details	Display all details about each of the frames in your slideshow

Options

Configure DVD PixPlay settings

Help

Contents	Displays this help file
Tutorial	Displays the DVD PixPlay tutorial
Xequite Support	Opens the Xequite Support page in your Browser
Frequently Asked Questions	Displays answers to the most frequently asked questions about DVD PixPlay
Check DVD Player Compatibility	Allows you to search for a specific DVD player to determine whether it is compatible with VCD disks
E-mail Support	Sends an e-mail to Xequite support using your default e-mail software
Xequite Web Site	Opens your default web browser at the Xequite home page
Buy DVD PixPlay	Goes to the Xequite secure order page
Order Information	Displays information on purchasing DVD PixPlay
About...	Version information on DVD PixPlay

Also:

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)



Keyboard and Mouse Shortcuts

Navigation

Left Cursor	Go to the previous image
Right Cursor	Go to the next image (or Space when displaying images full screen)
Home	Go to the first image
End	Go to the last image
Page Up	Go to the previous DVD chapter start (when viewing full screen)
Page Down	Go to the next DVD chapter start (when viewing full screen)
Ctrl + G / Ctrl + F / F3	Find or navigate to a frame

Project Editing

Ctrl + I	Add images/videos from your computer
Ctrl + T	Add a title/text frame
Alt + T	Edit the text of the current image or title page
Ctrl + Shift + T	Remove any text that has been added to an image
Alt + Left	Promote the image (move it closer to the start of the slideshow)
Alt + Right	Demote the image (move it closer to the end of the slideshow)
Alt + Up/Down	Move the image up/down
Alt + Home/End	Move the image to the start/end of the slideshow
Delete	Remove the selected image(s) from the slideshow
Ctrl + Comma	Rotate the selected image(s) left
Ctrl + Period	Rotate the selected image(s) right
Ctrl + A	Select all images
Ctrl + E	Edit the selected image
Ctrl + Shift + E	Open the selected image(s) in an external image editor
Ctrl + B	Insert a DVD chapter break
Alt + Enter	Frame Properties : Change the motion effect, transition or border for the current frame(s)
Shift + Alt + Enter	Slideshow Properties : Change the motion effects, transitions and music for the project
Ctrl + X / C / V	Cut / Copy / Paste frame(s)

File Functions

Ctrl + N	Create new slideshow project
Ctrl + O	Open slideshow project

Ctrl + S Save the slideshow project

Title Page Editing

Cursor Keys Select a different editing object

Ctrl + Cursor Keys Move the selected object(s)

Ctrl + Shift + Cursor Keys Quick move the selected object(s)

Shift + Cursor Keys Resize the selected object(s)

Delete Remove the selected object(s) from the page

Ctrl + Enter Edit the selected object

Ctrl + Z Undo the last change

Other Functions

Ctrl+D Burn the slideshow to disk

Ctrl+P Print the current image or slideshow

Ctrl+Space Display the current image

F11 Preview the slideshow

Shift + F11 Preview the slideshow with continuous looping

Esc Cancel the display/preview/full-screen

F1 Display this help file

Alt + F4 Close PixPlay

PC Slideshow Viewing

(Available only when viewing a [PC Format Slideshow Disk](#))

Space Next Frame

Left/Right Cursor Previous/Next Frame

Shift + Left/Right Cursor Skip back/ahead 10 frames

Page Down/Up Previous/Next DVD Chapter

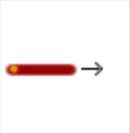
Home Restart slideshow

Esc Exit slideshow

P	Pause/resume slideshow
O	Pause/resume slideshow but continue to play music
M	Mute
Shift + Minus / Shift + Plus	Zoom out/in
Ctrl+ Minus / Ctrl+Plus	Decrease/Increase volume
W	Display web site specified for slideshow
E	Send email to address specified for slideshow
G	Navigate to a specified frame

Mouse Gestures

"Gestures" are mouse shortcuts where you click and draw on the image to perform common tasks. It is similar to the way you can drag your finger across the touch-screen of modern phones. You can use the gestures when previewing a slideshow or viewing a [PC Format Slideshow](#).

Gesture	Description	Action
	Click and drag right	Display previous frame
	Click and drag left	Display next frame
	Click and drag up	Show photo full size
	Click and drag down	Fit the photo to screen
	Draw right arrow	Go to previous chapter
	Draw left arrow	Go to next chapter

	Draw upsidedown "L"	Restart Slideshow
	Draw backwards "L"	Restart Slideshow (Same as above)
	Draw a "Z"	Perform custom zoom
	Draw a "X"	Remove current frame
	Draw a "M"	Mute slideshow
	Draw a reverse half-circle	Rotate photo left
	Draw a half-circle	Rotate photo right

Also:

- [Creating your slideshow](#)
- [Setting Options](#)

Creating a New Project

The New Slideshow Wizard guides you through the main steps in creating a new slideshow project.

To start the wizard select File > New Project.



1. Project Name

Specify a name and folder for your project. The name will be used as the project filename as well as the default text for such items as Title Pages. The save folder is the location where the project files will be saved.

2. Add Images and Videos

The next step is to select the content for your slideshow, i.e. the images and/or videos that will be displayed. You can choose to retrieve files from folders on your computer or directly from a camera or scanner .

For example, if you choose the "Retrieve from Folders" option, you will be presented with an explorer type dialog displaying the folders on your computer. Select a folder such as "My Pictures" and all the images and videos it contains are shown as thumbnails. Click on the lower part of the thumbnail for any items you want in your project then click the "Add" button.

Almost all image formats are supported. Video files will need to be of a compatible format, such as MPEG or standard AVI (see our [support page](#) if you have difficulties).

3. Add More Images and Videos?

The number of images and videos in your slideshow will be displayed and you can click the link if you want to return to the previous step to add more files from other folders.

You should also specify the default display time for images. This is the number of seconds that each image is displayed on screen before flipping to the next one. You can modify the display time for particular images later.

4. Slideshow Style

Specify the title page style for your slideshow from one of the available templates. If you want to change the text or styling of the title page further, click the Edit button.

DVD PixPlay offers image motion effects and over 180 transition effects that display when switching from one image to the next. These are chosen at random from the list of transitions that you have permitted. Click the Edit button to preview and select your preferred motion effects and transitions.

Finally, you can specify the background music that is played while your images are displayed.

5. Edit or Burn your Slideshow

The confirmation step of the wizard allows you to proceed directly to the [Disk Burning Wizard](#) (to output the slideshow to CD or DVD) or to [edit the project](#) further before burning it.

Also:

- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)
- [Creating Title Pages and Adding Text to Images](#)
- [Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk](#)
- [Help Contents](#)

Editing your Slideshow

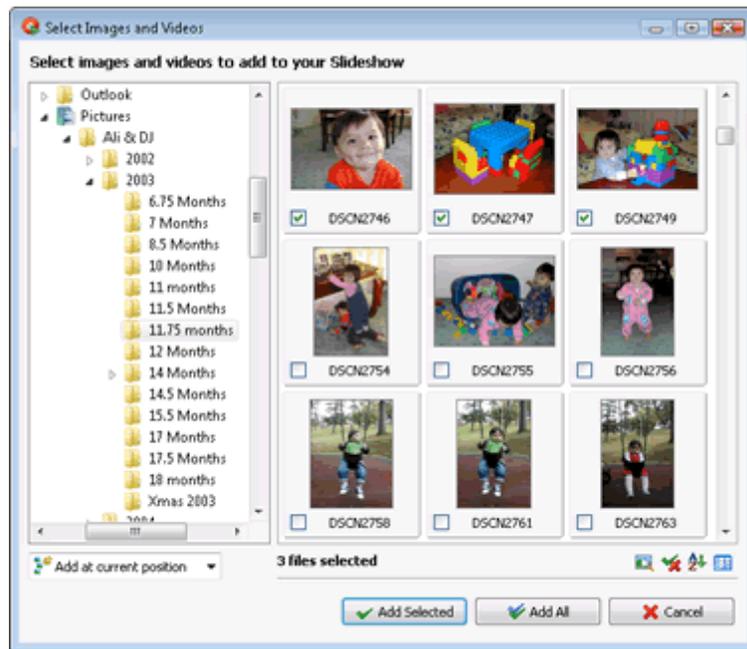
The [New Project Wizard](#) allows you to quickly create a new slideshow and burn it to disc. For more control over the slideshow you can edit it in the main window.

These are the steps for creating a slideshow from the main window:

1. Select your images and videos



Click the "Add Images" button to select images and videos for your slideshow.
(You can also drag images from Windows and drop them into PixPlay)



Select a folder that contains images or videos from the left panel of the thumbnail browser. Then click the checkbox for each image you wish to add. When you are ready click "Add Selected" to insert them. If you click the "Add All" button then all the images and videos in the displayed folder will be added.

Tip: To select a range of images, click the first one, then while holding down the Shift key click the last one. Then click the Space bar to toggle the check box for all selected images.

Almost all image formats are supported. Video files will need to be of a compatible format, such as MPEG or standard AVI (see our [support page](#) if you have difficulties).

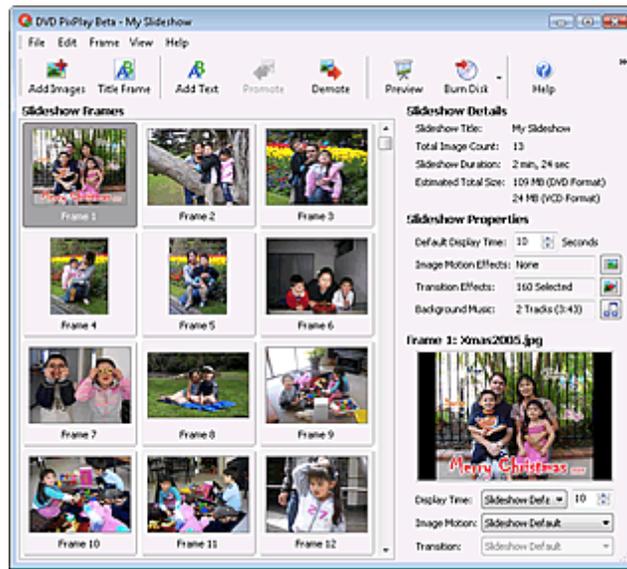
The number of images in your slideshow is displayed in the right panel (Frame Count) as well as the duration of the slideshow and the estimated size. Depending on the type of disk you are creating you will need to keep the total size under 650 MB (CD) or 4.4 GB (DVD). Both VCD and DVD formats are shown (you can choose the format when you [burn your disk](#)).

Slideshow Details:	
Total Image Count:	10
Slideshow Duration:	39 seconds
Estimated Total Size:	7 MB (VCD Format) 17 MB (DVD Format)

Generally you will be able to create a slideshow of about an hour on a VCD and 2-3 hours on a DVD.

2. Arrange your images and videos

The images in your slideshow are displayed in the main window, where the top-left image is the first frame of the slideshow and the bottom-right image is the last frame.



You can reorder the images using the Promote/Demote buttons or by dragging and dropping them to a new location.

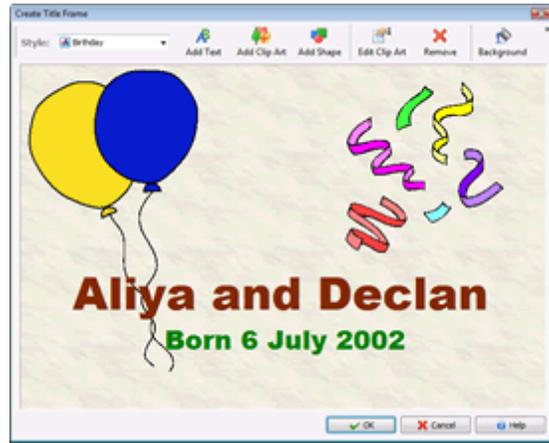


If you want a particular image to have a different display time or transition effect than the defaults for the album, then select the image(s) and change the values specified. You can also select Frame > [Frame Properties](#) to remove borders from the images and see previews of the motion and transition effects.

3. Add a Title Page?

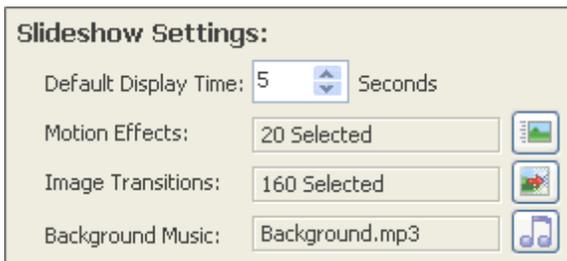


To add a Title Page to your album, click the frame in your slideshow where the page is to be added then click the "Title Frame" button



A text editing dialog is displayed. Read the [Title Page section](#) for more assistance.

4. Set your slideshow options



The main settings for your slideshow are displayed in the right panel.

Others are specified by selecting Edit > [Slideshow Properties](#)

Default Display Time:

Specify the number of seconds that each image in your slideshow is displayed for (except those for which you have [set a custom display time](#)).

Motion Effects:

Motion effects add interest to your slideshow by making your images appear as they are moving. Click the relevant button to select your preferred motion effects.

Image Transitions:

Transitions smooth the flipping of one image to the next using a variety of effects. Click the relevant button to select your preferred transition effects for the project.

Music:

Click the Browse button to select the music tracks to be played during the slideshow. View the [Music section](#) for more detail.

5. Preview your slideshow



Click the preview button to see a simulation of the slideshow in action.

Note: For a more accurate preview, select File > [Burn Slideshow Disk...](#) and click the "Test" button.

6. Burn your slideshow to disk



When you have arranged your slideshow as desired, click the "Burn Disk" button to output the slideshow to a CD or DVD

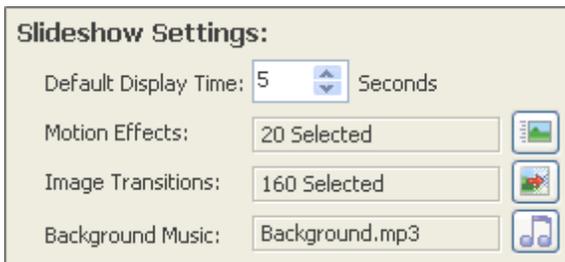
View the [Burning](#) section for details.

Also

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Setting Project Properties](#)
- [Setting Frame Properties](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disk](#)
- [Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk](#)
- [Creating Title Pages and Adding Text to Images](#)

Project Properties

General settings for your slideshow are displayed on the right of the main window.



You can configure the display time for any frames that do not have a custom interval specified. You can also click one of the buttons for quick access to the relevant tab of the Slideshow Properties dialog.

The **Slideshow Project Properties** dialog allows you to configure the settings that affect all frames in the slideshow. To display the dialog select Edit > Slideshow Properties from the menu (or click Ctrl+Shift+Enter).

There are five sections:

General

Modify the name and default display time for the slideshow. You can also specify the color of the borders that are displayed when images are not the same ratio as the screen (e.g. a portrait image displayed on a landscape screen). Users of the [Professional version](#) can specify a company logo that is displayed throughout the slideshow.

Other Settings

- **Loop Slideshow**

Specify whether the slideshow will loop infinitely (i.e. whenever it reaches the end it will restart from the beginning) or will only playback the slideshow once and then stop

Note: This setting is only used for DVD and PC format slideshows. It is not supported by VCD and SVCD slideshows

- **Background**

Specify the color or texture that is shown in the border area of the screen

Image Motion

Motion effects add interest to the display of static images by making them appear that they are moving. Specify the motion effects that you like, and as images display a random motion effect will be used from those that you have selected.

If you wish to select a specific motion effect for each image, you can set it in the [bottom right of the main window](#) or using [Frame Properties](#).

Title pages and images with added text can also use [reveal effects](#) to animate the objects they contain.

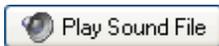
Transition Effects

Transition effects are displayed as the slideshow progresses from one image to the next. Specify the transition effects that you like, and as images display a random transition effect will be used from those that you have selected.

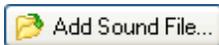
If you wish to select a specific transition effect for each image, you can set it in the [bottom right of the main window](#) or using [Frame Properties](#).

Music

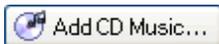
This tab allows you to choose the sound files that DVD PixPlay will play while your slideshow is being displayed. Your music files will need to be in MP3, MP2, WMA, WAV or AC3 format. Tracks from CD music disks can also be added.



Play the selected sound file



Browse your computer for more sound files to add (MP3, WMA or WAV format)



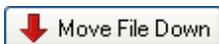
Rip a track directly from a music CD



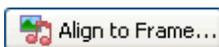
Record your own commentary for the slideshow



Promote the selected sound file (plays it sooner in the play list)



Demote the selected sound file (plays it later in the play list)



Automatically stretch the display times for your frames so they complete at the same time as the selected music files (you can also [do it automatically](#) when you burn your slideshow)



Remove the selected sound file from your play list

Audio Playback

Specify your preferred playback method:

- **Play Once:** Each music file is played once, followed by silence if the slideshow is shorter than the music
- **Loop Music:** If the audio is shorter than the slideshow then it will restart each time it completes
- **Auto-stretch:** When you preview or build the slideshow DVD PixPlay will automatically stretch (or reduce) the display time for each of your frames so the slideshow completes at the same time as the music

Note: You can also drag music files from Windows Explorer and drop them onto DVD PixPlay to add them

Video Soundtracks

If your project contains video files you can choose to play the video soundtrack or replace it with audio. If you specify the video soundtrack option you can still select music files that will play while images are being displayed

Frame Captions

DVD PixPlay offers two methods to add text to the photos in your slideshow.

For absolute control over text placement and add shapes and clip art you can select the image and click "[Add Text](#)"

Frame Captions is the second method, which offers a faster way by adding text in the same position and same style to each frame. You can choose from standard text such as filenames or dates, or you can choose the custom text option and specify the caption in the bottom right of the main window.

Note: Captions are not added to title pages or images that you have already added text to (using the "Add Text" function). Only custom captions are added to video files (select "Custom Text for each frame" and specify a caption at the bottom right of the main window)

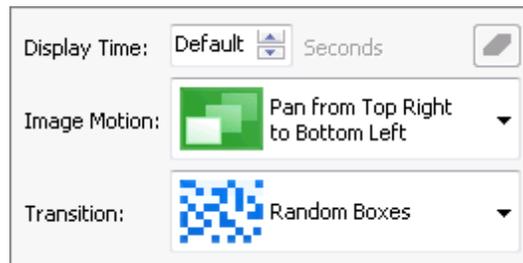
Also

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing your Slideshow Project](#)
- [Setting Frame Properties](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disk](#)
- [Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk](#)

Frame Properties

The Frame Properties dialog allows you to configure the settings for the selected frame(s).

You can also set the motion and transition effects in the bottom right of the main window, however the Frame Properties dialog offers a preview of the effect.



To display the dialog select Frame > Frame Properties from the menu (or click Ctrl+Enter).

There are four sections:

General

Specify the following:

- **Frame Display Time:** The number of seconds this frame is shown. If you specify "Default" then your [slideshow's default frame display](#) time is used.
- **Frame Caption:** If you have specified that your slideshow has [custom frame captions](#) then you can set the text for each frame in the bottom right of the main window
- **DVD Chapter Break:** When playing a [DVD format Slideshow](#) disk you can navigate DVD chapters using the |< and >| on your DVD remote. When playing [Image format slideshow](#) disks you can navigate DVD chapters using the PageUp and PageDown keys on your keyboard. If you do not specify any chapter breaks then DVD PixPlay will add them for you automatically (Every frame for slideshows of less than 100 images or every tenth frame for larger slideshows).

Image Motion

Motion effects add interest to the display of static images by making them appear that they are moving.

Select one of the pre-configured effects, or create your own by selecting the start and end position for the image. If you choose Default, then an effect will be chosen at random from [those specified](#) for the project.

Optionally you can specify a stationary display time for the frame, for example if you have a frame showing for 10 seconds with a 50% stationary time then the frame will use a motion effect for 5 seconds and then remain at its final position for 5 seconds.

Transition Effect

Transition effects are displayed as the slideshow progresses from one image to the next. Specify your preferred transition effects. If you choose Default, then an effect will be chosen at random from [those specified](#) for the project.

Remove Borders

When images are not the same ratio as the screen (e.g. a portrait image displayed on a landscape screen)

then borders are displayed. This tab allows you to remove or reduce the borders that are displayed.

Automatic Cropping: This option affects images for which you have **not** manually removed a border. It specifies that DVD PixPlay can crop a portion of the image so that it better matches the output ratio (without modifying your original images). For example, if you specify a value of 20% and your image is taller than the output ratio then DVD PixPlay will ignore the top and bottom 10% of the source image (it may be less depending on the output ratio). If you specify 100% then your image will always take up the entire screen, but important portions from the edges of your photos may not be visible.

Also

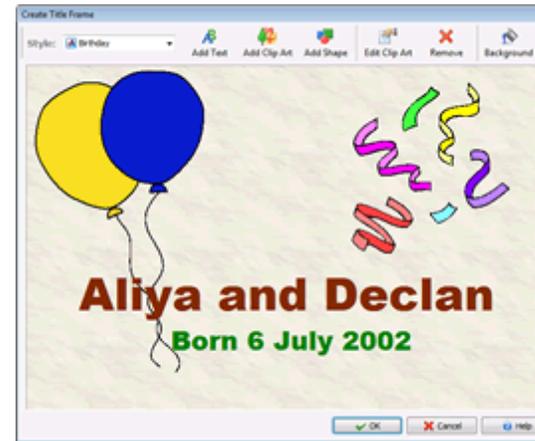
- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
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Creating Title Pages and Adding Text to Images

DVD PixPlay allows you to create title pages, as well as add text and pictures to your photos.

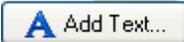
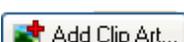
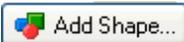
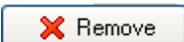
The editor is also used when [customizing DVD Menus](#)



Common Tasks:

To:	Select:
Create a new Title Page	Edit > Insert Title Page
Add text or clip art to a photo	Edit > Add Text
Edit the text of a photo or a title page	Edit > Edit Text
Remove all text and clip art from a photo	Right-click photo and choose "Remove Text"
Create a Photo page (a page that contains the current photo as an object within the page)	Right-click photo and choose "Convert Photo to Page"

Toolbar

-  Add a line of text to the page/image
-  Add a DVD Menu text button that can be clicked to display a slideshow (Only available when [creating DVD Menus](#))
-  Add a Clip Art object or an image from your computer
-  Add a Shape object
-  Edit the selected text
-  Remove the selected object from your page/image
-  Change the color or style of the background (title pages only)

Keyboard Shortcuts

Cursor Keys	Select a different editing object
Ctrl + Cursor Keys	Move the selected object(s)
Ctrl + Shift + Cursor Keys	Quick move the selected object(s)
Shift + Cursor Keys	Resize the selected object(s)
Delete	Remove the selected object(s) from the page
Ctrl + Enter	Edit the selected object
Ctrl + Z	Undo the last change

Reveal Effects

To add more pizzazz to your title pages you can use reveal effects to delay the display of text and clip art on the page, e.g. roll in the heading from the top of the frame. There are two kind of effects available; Sliding Text and Reveals. **Sliding text effects** move the objects off-screen to their desired end positions, whereas with **Reveal effects** the objects do not move but are slowly shown using a transition effect, such as a horizontal wipe.

To animate a frame with a reveal effect:

1. Select a title page or photo in your slideshow
2. Click Frame > Add/Edit Text and Clip Art
3. On the bottom left click the "Use Reveal Effect" option
4. Click "Settings"
5. Choose which objects to reveal

With Sliding text effects you specify only the objects that will move, whereas with reveal effects you choose the visibility of objects at the start and end of the display (as you may want objects that disappear at the end of the frame).

6. Click OK

Common Questions:

How do I change the text on the page?

Click on any of the text objects on your page and then click the "Edit Text" button.

How can I specify where text should wrap onto the next line?

When specifying the text type a double slash (//) to specify the line break, e.g. Line 1//Line 2//Line 3

How do I remove an object?

Click on the object to remove and then click the "Remove" button or "Delete" on your keyboard.

How do I resize an image?

Click the image that you want to resize then drag it by the bottom right thumb grip (the small black square). You can also resize by holding down the Shift key and clicking the cursor keys.

How do I move text and images?

Click on the object and hold the mouse key down as you move it to a new location. When it is positioned where you want it release the mouse key. You can also move objects by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking the cursor keys.

How can I center the text in the middle of the frame?

Click on a text objects on your page and then click the "Edit Text" button, then check the box for "Lock the text to the center of the page"

How do I bring one object in front of another one?

Click on the object with the right mouse button and select "Bring to Front" or "Send to Back"

How do I move multiple objects at once?

Click the mouse down on a blank area of the page and then drag it over the objects you want to select. Alternatively hold the Shift key down as you click on objects.

How do I change the background?

Click the "Edit Background" button.

How can I create a page with multiple photos?

Start with a blank title page by selecting Edit > Insert Title Page, then select "Add Clip Art" and click Browse. Select an image from your computer and click OK. Repeat for as many photos as required.

How can I get all the objects on a page to line up?

You can select all the items and then click the down button beside the align button on the toolbar to choose an alignment option. Also when you are dragging objects DVD PixPlay will show a gray alignment line when two objects have the same axis.

DVD Menu Questions:

What is the small triangle/square/circle displayed beside the button text

This is shown when navigating the menu to highlight the currently selected button. Only one button graphic is displayed at a time, however when editing the graphic is shown on all slideshow buttons (to differentiate them from regular text). You can change the style of button by right-clicking it and choosing "DVD Button Style"

Can I use images as buttons?

Yes. To do this place an image on the menu (e.g. by clicking "Add Clip Art") and then place a DVD button

without any text on top of your image.

How do I change the style of the DVD button graphic?

Right-click a DVD button and choose "DVD Menu Button Style"

Also:

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disk](#)
- [Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk](#)

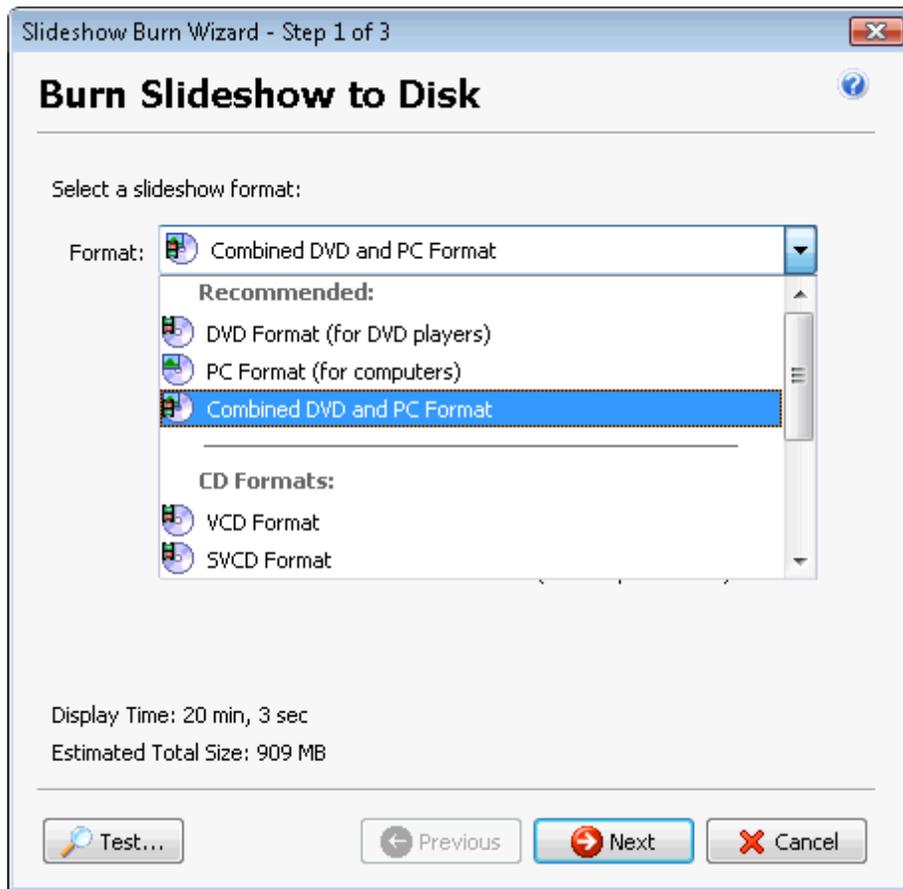
Burning your Slideshow to Disk

When you have completed the creation of your slideshow, you can use the Burn Disk Wizard to write it to disk (if you have multiple slideshows use the [Multiple Slideshow Disk](#) wizard).



Click the "Burn Disk" button to display the wizard

The first step allows you to review the images, videos and music that are used in the project. Click Next to display the following window:



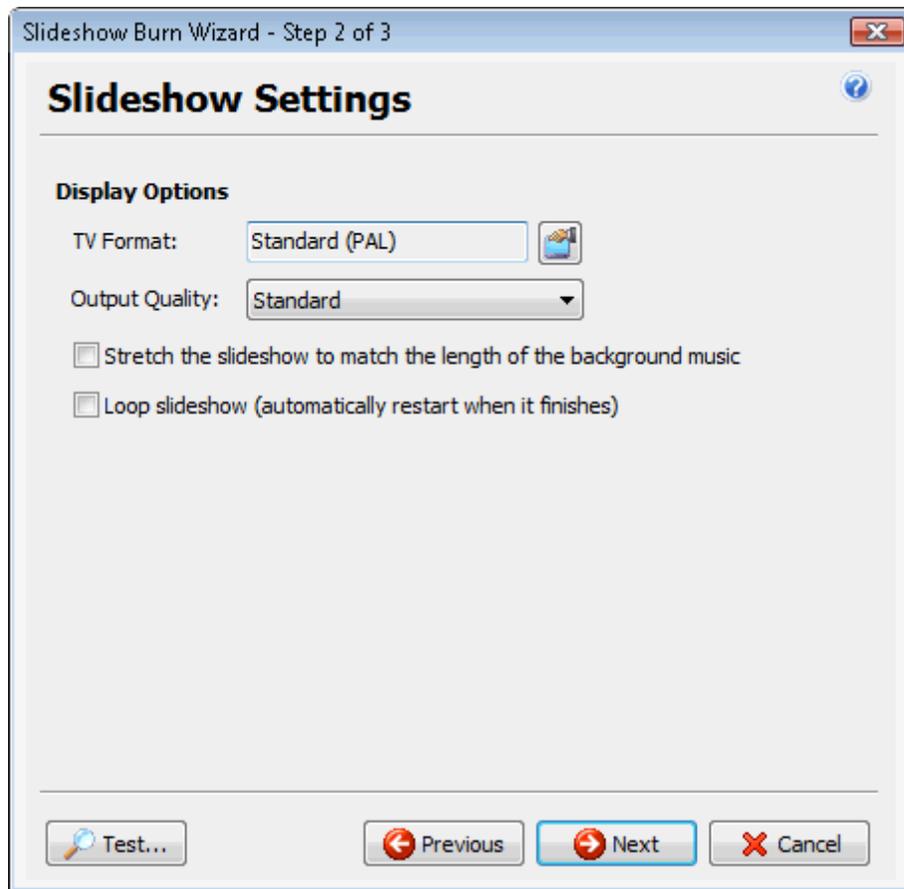
Slideshow Format

Select your desired slideshow format:

DVD	Native DVD movie format. Compatible with all players that support writable disks
PC	Primarily for creating disk for auto-playback on computers (though some DVD players can display JPEG images)
DVD+PC	Creates a combined DVD and PC format slideshow that offers the best compatibility and quality on both PC's and DVD players
VCD	Has the widest compatibility of CD formats, but the quality is not as good as SVCD

SVCD	Has better quality than VCD but takes up more space on the CD than VCD
XVCD	Has the best quality (equivalent to a DVD) but takes up more space on the CD and is less compatible
XSVCD	Similar to XVCD format (equivalent quality to a DVD) but uses SVCD compatibility
YouTube Video File	Creates a video file suitable for uploading to YouTube (to share with others on the Internet) or Facebook
Other Video File	Mainly for creating disk for auto-playback on computers, though supported by many DVD players too
Adobe Acrobat (PDF) File	Exports the slideshow to a PDF document for emailing or printing (not a slideshow format)
Image and Video Files	Exports the slideshow to a set of images (and videos if your slidehow contains them)

If you are using DVD disks, select the DVD format. If outputting to CD, first test the VCD format for compatibility and then use the SVCD if you require better quality. If you are creating disks primarily for playback on computers you should use the PC format. View our [Slideshow format definition](#) for more information.



Television Type

You need to specify the destination television format ([More Info](#)):

NTSC: Used throughout North and South America and Japan

PAL: Used in Europe, Australia, NZ and Africa

Note that almost all PAL players can also playback NTSC disks, so if you are unsure which format to use (because it may be played in multiple regions) **then select NTSC format.**

If you are creating your slideshow primarily for **Widescreen (16:9)** TVs you can enable the relevant option, otherwise use **Standard (4:3)** format.

Output Quality

Allows you to specify the output quality of the slideshow. Generally the standard quality is recommended, however if you are having quality problems with the standard setting you should try the two higher quality options.

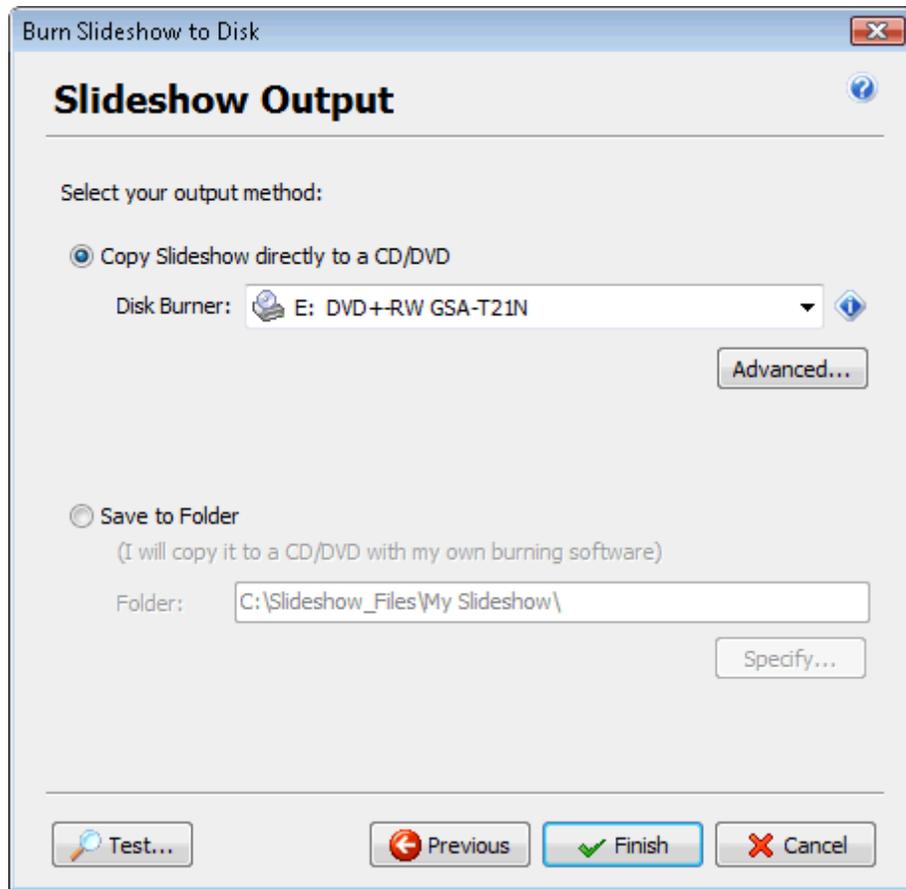
NOTE: Encoding with the High quality option will be about 50% slower than Standard quality. Using the "High Quality with Alternate Encoder" will be about TEN times as slow

PC Format Slideshow Options

[Extra options](#) are available when creating a slideshow disk for PC playback.

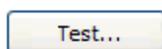
Burn your CD/DVD

The final step of your slideshow creation is the compilation of the slideshow and writing it to CD or DVD.

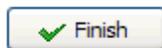


Select your burner from the drop down list or choose a folder to output to. If you have any problems you should review the burner compatibility advice on our [support page](#).

Note: For best compatibility with DVD players, a completely blank disk is required. If you have inserted a disk containing data, you will be asked if you want to **erase all content**.



You can use the "Test" button to "pre-build" the slideshow and display it.



When you are ready, insert a blank CD/DVD and click Finish.

Note:

- Some DVD Players do not support certain slideshow formats or disk types. If your disk writes correctly but is not played by your DVD player check its compatibility on our support page at: <http://www.xequote.com/support/pixplay/compatibility.html>

Also:

- [PC Format Slideshow Options](#)
- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)

- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Creating Title Pages and Adding Text to Images](#)
- [Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk](#)

PC Format Slideshow

PC Slideshows are a custom format created by DVD PixPlay for disks that are solely for playback on computers. It **won't** work on DVD players.. It adds improved quality and extra functionality which is not available when playing back DVD format slideshows.

DVD+PC is also available to offer the best of both worlds; a DVD format for wide compatibility with DVD players and a PC format for enhanced quality and functionality on computers.

Advantages of PC Format:

- Automatic or manual navigation of slideshows
- Full resolution image display
- Optional navigation toolbar
- Printing of slideshows and images
- Links to a web site or email address

Keyboard Shortcuts:

The following keyboard shortcuts are available when viewing a PC Format Disk:

Space	Next Frame
Left/Right Cursor	Previous/Next Frame
Shift + Left/Right Cursor	Skip back/ahead 10 frames
Page Down/Up	Previous/Next DVD Chapter
Home	Restart slideshow
Esc	Exit slideshow
P	Pause/resume slideshow
O	Pause/resume slideshow but continue to play music
M	Mute
Shift + Minus / Shift + Plus	Zoom out/in
Ctrl + Minus / Ctrl + Plus	Decrease/Increase volume

W	Display web site specified for slideshow
E	Send email to address specified for slideshow
G	Navigate to a specified frame

Note: You can also navigate using the multimedia controls on special keyboards and mice

PC Format Options

When [burning a PC Format Slideshow](#) you can enable **Manual Navigation**:

Manual Navigation specifies whether the slideshow displays each image without require any action from the user or whether the user needs to use the keyboard to navigate the slideshow. You can also opt to display a transparent toolbar at the top of the slideshow that the user can click to navigate or exit the slideshow

More options are available by clicking "**Other Settings...**"

- **Frame Size and Quality**

Specify the size that title pages are created. You should choose dimensions that are larger than typical screen sizes (otherwise there will be some loss of quality). Also if you are using motion effects you need to consider that images may be displayed two or three zoom.

Also if your slideshows images were sourced from a camera you should also consider reducing the size of large images too. This will improve the display of your slideshow and reduce the size it takes on your disk.

- **DVD Chapter Buttons**

Add buttons to the navigation toolbar to move between DVD chapters

- **Print Button**

Add a button to print the displayed image or slideshow

- **Send Email**

Click E or the email button to send an email to the specified address

- **View Web Site**

Click W or the web site button to open the specified page in the user's web browser

Your settings for **Preview Timing Accuracy** and **Video Display Size** from [Program Options](#) will also be used for your PC slideshow disks.

Also:

- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)

- Slideshow Formats

Slideshow Formats

DVD PixPlay supports all common DVD and VCD formats, though you may be a little confused as to which should use.

If you plan to share the disk with other people then you will probably be best to go for the most compatible format, which is DVD (if you can burn DVD disks) or VCD (if you can only burn CD disks).

If you are creating discs primarily for playback on computers you should use the PC format which will autoplay on a PC. PC format slideshows support manual navigation and can include [extra options](#) such as printing and emailing.

Here are the specifics of each format:

	DVD	PC	DVD + PC	VCD	SVCD	XVCD	XSVCD	MPEG
Quality	Excellent	Excellent (original files are used)	Excellent	Fair (equivalent to broadcast TV)	Good	Excellent (equivalent to DVD disks)	Excellent (equivalent to DVD disks)	Customizable
Resolution	720x480 (NTSC) 720x576 (PAL)	Customizable	Customizable	352x240 (NTSC) 352x288 (PAL)	480x480 (NTSC) 480x576 (PAL)	720x480 (NTSC) 720x576 (PAL)	720x480 (NTSC) 720x576 (PAL)	Customizable
Slideshow minutes per DVD **	180-240	Depends on size of images	Approx. 90	N/A ****	N/A ****	N/A ****	N/A ****	100-500
Slideshow minutes per CD *	15-20 ***	Depends on size of images	Approx. 10	74	35-60	15-20	15-20	15-74
Compatibility with DVD players	Excellent (all players that support writable discs)	Poor (many DVD players support JPEG images but you will lose your image order and effects)	Excellent (all players that support writable discs)	Very good (94% of players)	Good (74% of players)	Good (77% of players)	Good (67% of players)	Fair (60% of players)
Ease of Playback on Computers	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Fair *****	Fair *****	Fair *****	Fair *****	Excellent
Supported Disk Types	All writable DVD disks (also CD disks ***)	All writable CD and DVD disks	All writable DVD disks (also CD disks ***)	CD-R or CD-RW	CD-R or CD-RW	CD-R or CD-RW	CD-R or CD-RW	All writable CD and DVD disks

* On a standard 74 minute CD

** On a standard 4.5GB DVD

*** DVD format on CD disks is termed "MiniDVD". This format is not as well supported as standard DVD

**** VCD formats cannot be written to DVD disks

***** Read: [playback of VCD disks on a computer](#)

CD or DVD Disks?

You can use DVD disks if you select the DVD format. The VCD standard does not support DVD disks so these formats can only be written to CD disks. You can also use DVD disks if you select the PC or MPEG formats.

DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD-RW or DVD+RW Disks?

Firstly check what format your DVD burner and your DVD player support. Assuming that all disk types are supported then DVD+R or DVD-R are recommended (with DVD+R having slightly higher compatibility with DVD players).

CD-R or CD-RW Disks (VCD format)?

We recommend the use of CD-RW disks, rather than CD-R as they are more compatible with DVD players (92% compatibility vs. 89% for CD-R).

What's the difference between NTSC and PAL?

PAL and NTSC are video standards used in different parts of the world. These standards determine how a picture is encoded for display on a TV screen.

As a rough guide:

NTSC is standard for North and South America and Japan

PAL is standard for Europe, UK, Australia, NZ and Africa

Note that almost all PAL players can also playback NTSC disks, so if you are unsure which format to use (because it may be played in multiple regions) **then select NTSC format.**

Also:

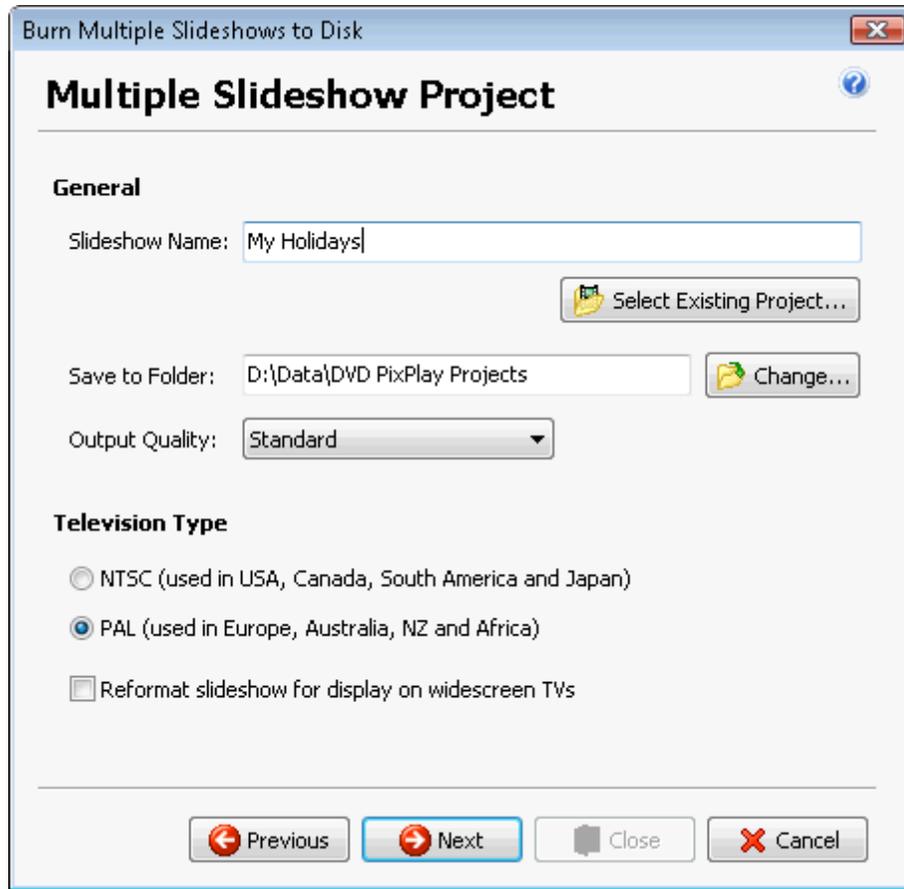
- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disk](#)
- [Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk](#)

Burning Multiple Slideshows to Disk

If you have a number of slideshows or video files it can be useful to burn them all to a single disk and offer a menu to allow viewers to choose a slideshow to display. This option is available using the "Multiple Slideshow" wizard. The disk will be created in standard DVD video format to give it the widest compatibility with DVD players.

Before you begin you will need a selection of slideshow projects ([created in DVD PixPlay](#)) and/or video files.

To start the wizard select **File > Burn Multiple Slideshows to Disk**.



Slideshow Name

Used as a filename and displayed as a heading on the DVD menu

Slideshow Format

Select your desired [Slideshow format](#):

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PC:	Primarily for creating disk for auto-playback on computers (though some DVD players can display JPEG images)
DVD+PC:	Creates a combined DVD and PC format slideshow that offers the best compatibility and quality on both PC's and DVD players

Output Quality

Allows you to specify the output quality of the slideshow. Generally the standard quality is recommended, however if you are having quality problems with the standard setting you should try the two higher quality options.

NOTE: Encoding with the High quality option will be about 50% slower than Standard quality. Using the "High Quality with Alternate Encoder" will be about TEN times as slow

Television Type

You need to specify the destination television format ([More Info](#)):

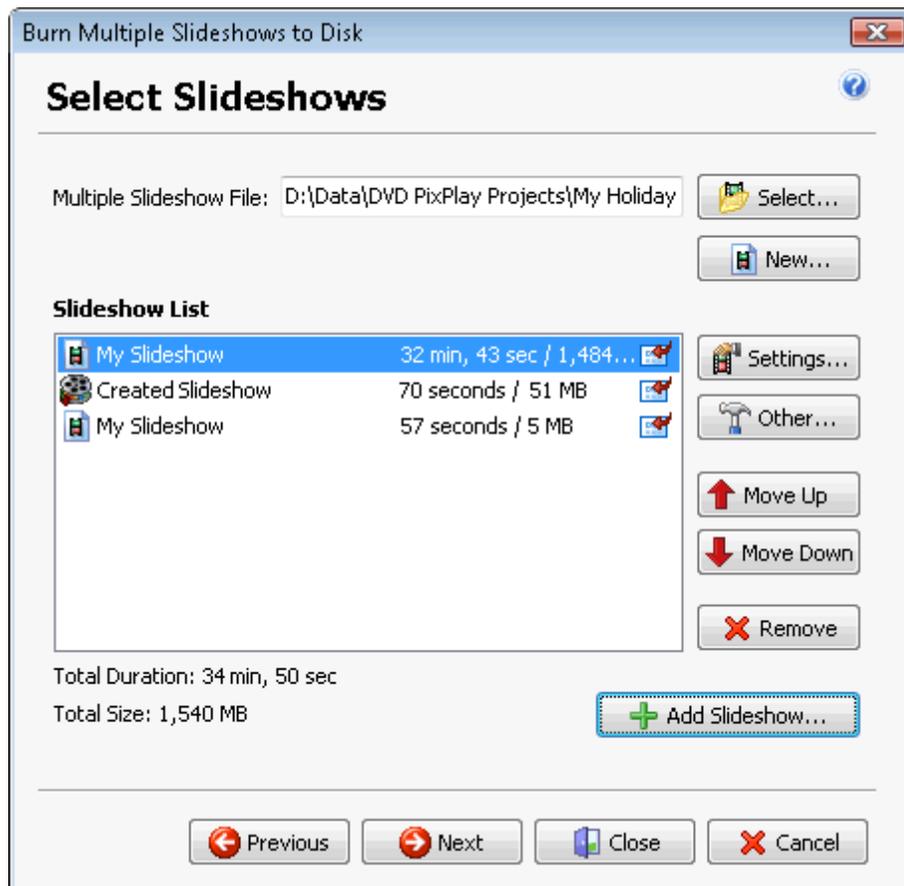
NTSC: Used throughout North and South America and Japan

PAL: Used in Europe, Australia, NZ and Africa

Widescreen: Widen the output for display on 16:9 TV screens

Click **Next** to proceed.

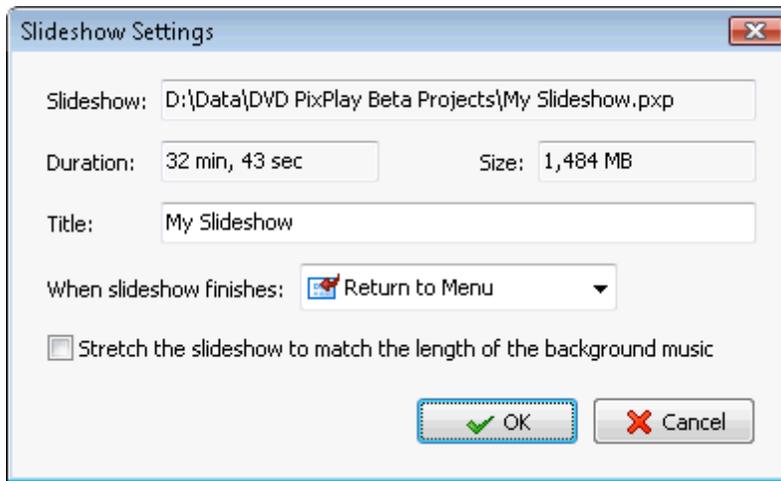
Select Slideshows and Videos



Click "**Add Slideshow**" to select slideshow projects or video files to add to the disk. You can select from the current slideshow and a list of your recent projects. You can also click "Browse" and select a project or video file from disk. Video files will need to be of a compatible format, such as MPEG or standard AVI (see our [support page](#) if you have difficulties).

Slideshow Settings

Click **Settings** to configure the selected Slideshow:



Title:

The name of the slideshow as will be displayed on the DVD menu

When Slideshow Finishes:

Choose one of:

- Return to the main menu
- Replay the current slideshow
- Move to the next slideshow (or the first one if there are none remaining)

Create you DVD Menu



The final step in designing your multiple slideshow disk is creating a menu. The menu is displayed automatically when the disk is inserted into the player and allows the user to select which slideshow to display.

DVD Menu Style:

To make menu creation easier, you have three options:

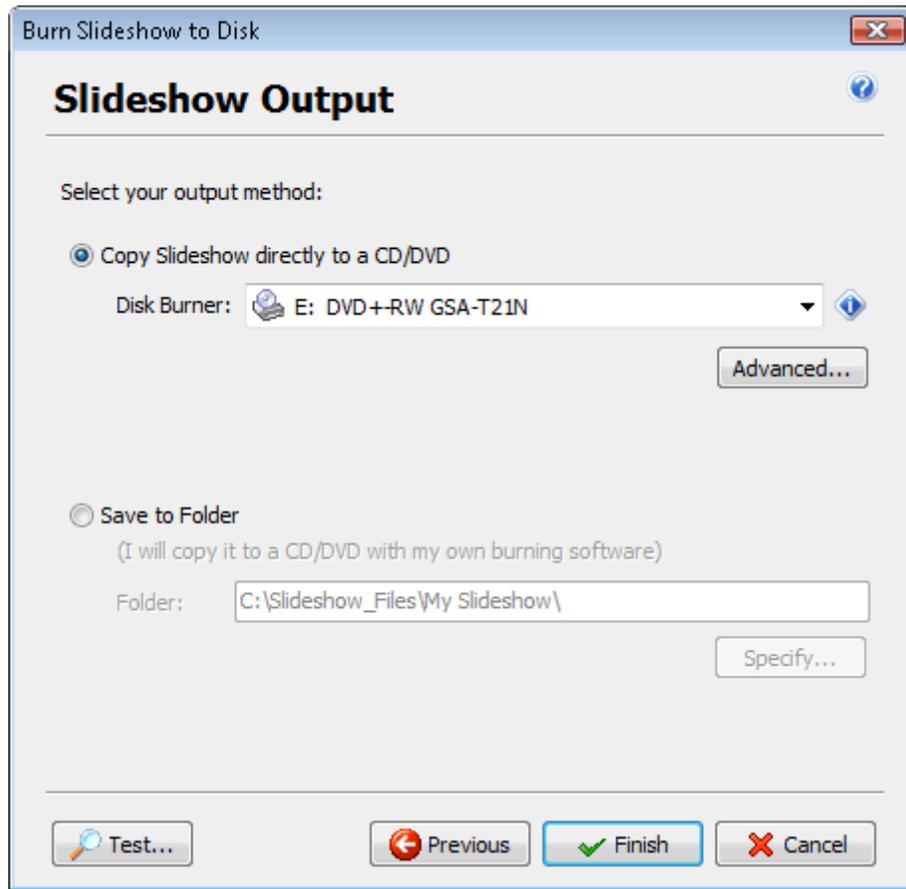
- **DVD Menu Template:** Select one of DVD PixPlay's prebuilt templates and the menu will be automatically generated using the title specified for your project and all of your slideshow files ([Extra templates are available](#)).
- **Background Image:** Choose one of your own images and DVD PixPlay will automatically add the menu details using the title specified for your project and all of your slideshow files
- **Custom:** For most control, click the Custom button and design the menu style and layout to your desire. You may also need to create a custom menu if you have added many slideshows to your project (as the templates are limited to certain number of slideshows).

Other Menu Options:

- Add a button to your menu that will play all of the slideshows in sequence
- Select a music file (MP3, WAV or AC3) to play while the menu is visible

Burn your DVD

When your multiple slideshow is ready you can burn it directly to DVD.



Select your burner from the drop down list or choose a folder to output to. If you have any problems you should review the burner compatibility advice on our [support page](#).

Note: For best compatibility with DVD players, a completely blank disk is required. If you have inserted a disk containing data, you will be asked if you want to **erase all content**.



When you are ready, insert a blank DVD and click Finish.

Also:

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Creating Title Pages and Adding Text to Images](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)

Editing your Photos

DVD PixPlay offers a number of functions to improve the look of the photos used in your slideshow.

Rotating your Photos

You can rotate your images in the main window of DVD PixPlay by selecting the image (or multiple images by holding down the Ctrl or Shift key as you click) and then selecting Frame > Rotate Image Left/Right (or use the shortcuts Ctrl+Comma and Ctrl+Period).

DVD PixPlay will also automatically rotate photos from cameras (if your camera supports embedding of orientation information) when you add them to your project if the [relevant option](#) is enabled.

Cropping your Photos/Removing Borders

If you want to remove the borders from your photos or crop them (so that only a portion of the image is displayed) the easiest method is to use the Remove Borders tab of [Frame Properties](#) or to use the Remove Borders Wizard (from the Edit menu)

Other Editing Functions

Various other editing functions are available by selecting Frame > Edit Image:

- Removing the red-eye that can occur when using a camera flash
- Enhancing the contrast or color of a photo
- Rotating images at non-standard angles (other than 90/180/270 degrees)
- Performing special shaped cropping, such as Oval

Also:

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Adding Images from a Camera or Scanner](#)
- [Creating Title Pages and Adding Text to Images](#)



Exporting a PowerPoint Presentation to DVD

DVD PixPlay - [Professional Edition](#) - allows you to import PowerPoint presentations so that you can burn them to DVD (for native playback on DVD players).

The steps are as follows:

1. Run DVD PixPlay
2. Select File > Open, browse to your PPT file and click OK
3. Edit the project further if desired (e.g. add [music](#), [transitions](#) and [motion effects](#))
4. Click "Burn Disk"

Note:

- DVD PixPlay will not import animations or other native PowerPoint features
- You can configure the import quality in [Advanced Options](#)

Also:

- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)

Creating a YouTube Video

A popular way to share slideshows with friends and family is the video sharing web site, YouTube:

www.youtube.com

DVD PixPlay allows you to save your slideshows in a YouTube compatible format for uploading:

1. Run DVD PixPlay and open your project
2. Select File > [Burn Slideshow Disk](#)
3. Choose the "YouTube" format option and click Next
4. Select the option to save to a file and specify a filename

Once generation completes:

5. Go to the YouTube web site: www.youtube.com
6. Click the Sign Up option and then follow the steps to become a member
7. Upload your video file from Step 3.

For more information, view our [YouTube FAQ](#)

Note: Videos created with DVD PixPlay for YouTube are also compatible with **Facebook**

Also:

- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)

Playback of VCD Disks on a Computer

Computers do not have native support for playback of VCD format disks, so if you are creating a disk primarily for playback on computers you should use the [PC or MPEG format](#) options which will autoplay on almost all computer types.

If your target is primarily DVD players then you should use DVD format or one of the VCD formats. Most modern computers will include DVD playing software, however if you use VCD format then you will need to download a VCD player to view the disk on a computer.

You can download our free VCD player from:

www.xequote.com/other/

Alternatively you can use Windows Media Player. Select "Open..." from the WMP menu, then browse to the MPEGAV (MPEG2 for SVCD disks) folder on your CD and double-click the .dat (or .mpg) file it contains.

If you receive a playback error then you probably do not have the necessary driver for that format on your system. View our support page for more information:

www.xequote.com/support/pixplay/

Program Options

You can display the options dialog by selecting View>Options on the main menu.

General Options

Slideshow Preview

- **Always start Previews from the first frame**

If checked, then when clicking Preview the display will always begin with the first image in the project. If it is **not** checked, then the Preview display will commence from the currently selected image

- **Use very accurate timing during previews**

Improves the accuracy of the timing of the preview so that it closely matches the timing of the final slideshow disc.

Note: This setting will also be used for PC Format slideshow disks you create

- **Video Display Size**

The size at which the video is shown when previewing. Also any PC format slideshow disks will use the same display setting

Note: This setting will also be used for PC Format slideshow disks you create

User Interface

- **Show the Welcome dialog on start up**

Whether PixPlay will always display the "Welcome to DVD PixPlay" dialog on start up, enabling you to quickly create new projects or open recent ones. If unchecked, the last project you were working on will be opened

- **Show Warnings and Tips**

PixPlay often displays tips, which you can choose to 'Not show again'. Uncheck the box to disable all tips

- **Show Text on toolbar buttons**

Uncheck the option to remove the descriptive text from toolbars in the main, image and title page editing windows

- **Toolbar Buttons**

Add extra buttons to the toolbar for image editing, copying, pasting and starting DVD chapters

- **User Interface Style**

Change the look of the menu and toolbar

Thumbnail Options

Thumbnail Size

The size of the thumbnails that are displayed in the Thumbnail file display mode. Thumbnails in the Small Thumbs file display mode will always be half this size.

To display thumbnails of your slideshow frames Select View > Thumbnails

Thumbnail Display Settings

- **Show Filenames rather than Frame Number**

Whether the filename for each image is displayed beneath the thumbnail or the Frame number

- **Show file extensions**

Whether filename extensions are displayed (e.g. myimage.jpg should be displayed as myimage)

- **Disk Cache**

Disk caching is used to speed up the display of thumbnails in this application, by storing thumbnails on your hard drive. Specify the maximum number of thumbnails to store. A low value will require less hard disk space, but display will be slower. A high value gives the best performance.

To clear the cache click the "Clean Up" button under the Folders tab

Full Details Columns

Specify the columns that are displayed in Full Details mode and the width of the columns.

To display full details of your slideshow frames Select View > Full Details

Folders

- **Temporary Folder**

The folder where PixPlay saves its temporary files. You may need up to 1 GB free on this drive depending on the size of the slideshows you are creating

- **Temporary Video Folder**

The folder where PixPlay temporarily stores your video files when you are building a [multiple slideshow disk](#). To speed up generation, the video files are maintained until you begin a new multiple slideshow project

Other Folder Options

- **Save files with project**

By default, DVD PixPlay projects only link to the current location of the images and videos that are used in your project. This means that if they are moved from their current location or they are on a CD that is not inserted then DVD PixPlay will not be able to find them. Specify which file types DVD PixPlay should copy project files to its work folder so that they are unlikely to be moved or deleted by other programs

- **Display a warning when there is less than x MB free disk space**

DVD PixPlay may create a number of temporary files when preparing a slideshow for burning. This option specifies the minimum permissible level of disk space on your system drive before DVD PixPlay will display a warning

- **Automatically save projects (without prompting)**

Specify whether to be prompted to confirm saving of changes to your projects

- **Clean Up Files**

Reduce the disk space used by DVD PixPlay by removing a variety of temporary and work files

Other Options

Image Editing

- **JPEG quality used when saving images**

The quality that is used when saving images after editing them with the Image Editing tool (100% is best quality)

- **Automatically rotate digital camera photos**

Many high-end digital cameras set a special field within the photo specifying its correct orientation. Using this field your photos can be automatically rotated for the correct display. When this option is enabled you will be prompted to confirm any automatic rotation that needs to be performed to files you add to your projects.

- **Other Image Editor**

Specify an external photo editor to use when you select an image and click Ctrl+Shift+E.

Designer Settings

- **Enable easy positioning of objects (Snap to Grid)**

The designer is used when creating title pages and DVD menus. When Snap to Grid is enabled objects (such as text and clip art) will be automatically positioned using an invisible grid

- **Show TV Safe Areas**

TVs often do not display the complete area of a DVD, thus if you position text or clip art close to the edge of the page it may not display. Enabling this option displays a red border showing where it is safe to position object when creating Title Pages and DVD Menus

Advanced Options

Advanced Slideshow Preview

- **Preview Quality**

Specify the quality of the image display during a slideshow preview. It has NO effect on the created disk

- **Display frame timing information**

Displays the current frame number and its start time when displaying a slideshow preview

- **Display preview at output ratio**

When setting the properties for a frame you can optimize the output to a desired ratio, such as DVD. This setting specifies that the preview will reduce the size of the preview display to match the specified ratio

Other Advanced Options

- **Delete files that I remove from my projects**

Specify whether DVD PixPlay will delete files that are in your project folder if you remove them from your slideshow

- **Delete videos created for Multiple Slideshow Disks**

To speed up creating of multiple slideshow disks, DVD PixPlay maintains slideshow videos between sessions. These can be quite large, so enabling this option allows the videos to be deleted automatically when loading/creating a new multiple slideshow project

- **Confirm Looping**

In [Project Properties](#) you can specify whether the slideshow should automatically loop when it finishes playback. If looping is enabled this options controls whether the viewer is displayed a prompt to confirm the looping.

- **Shorten background music list when stretching slideshow**

When outputting your slideshow to disk, DVD PixPlay allows you to stretch the slideshow length to match the background music list

Checked: DVD PixPlay may remove files from your background music list to more closely match the original slideshow length

Unchecked: DVD PixPlay will stretch the slideshow to match your entire background music length, even if it is much longer than the slideshow

- **Frame Caption Margin**

Specify how far from the edge of the image [frame captions](#) are displayed (as a percentage of the frame height or width).

- **Maximum zoom level for Motion Effects**

When using motion effects to display your images, this option controls the maximum level of zooming that will occur (the higher the value the more movement that will occur)

- **PowerPoint Import Quality**

Standard quality imports each frame as a JPEG image, whereas High quality uses EMF vector format. High quality is slower but improves the appearance of text and clip art

Burning Compatibility Options

Various options to address compatibility problems with some burners and DVD players. It is not recommended that you modify these options unless you encounter problems with the default settings.

- **Disk Burning Communication**

Specify the method that PixPlay uses to communicate with your DVD burner. ASPI is required for Windows 98 and ME, whereas for other Windows versions SPTI is recommended.

Use this option when PixPlay is unable to find your burner. For more information visit the PixPlay Support page:

<http://www.xequote.com/support/>

- **Audio format for DVD compliant MPEGs**

The format that is used for audio when creating DVD compliant MPEG disks. Use AC3 format unless you have playback problems

- **Override MPEG internal aspect ratio flag**

Unlike computer display where pixels are always displayed as square, pixels on a TV are often rectangular (such as with SVCD format). This option controls the internal video flag that instructs the player how to display the video. It does NOT change the aspect ratio of the video itself.

If this item is NOT checked DVD PixPlay will choose the best aspect ratio flag based on the selected slideshow format.

- **Improve aspect ratio of slideshows on DVD players**

Use rectangular pixels to give the truest representation of the original aspect ratio of your images when displayed on a DVD player. Note: This may adversely affect the aspect ratio when displayed on a computer

- **Add the following borders to slideshows when burning**

Some TVs may not display the edges of a video image. Use this option to add a border (blank) area around your slideshow so that all of your image is visible

Other Compatibility Options

- **Player to use when testing slideshows**

Specify whether Windows Media Player, DVD PixPlay's video viewer or the system default viewer is used when clicking the "Test" button in the Burn Slideshow wizard

- **Incompatible audio file conversion**

When adding CD music tracks and WMA files to your project DVD PixPlay will convert them to a compatible format. Generally you should select MP3 which provides good quality without using a large amount of disk space.

- **Check multimedia driver**

If you are experiencing playback problems when previewing your slideshow then there is likely to be an issue with the multimedia (MCI) drivers on your system. Use this option to check a multimedia format to ensure it is configured correctly

- **Allow the last operation to be undone**

When enabled PixPlay will record your project status every time you make a change and allow you to undo the changes using the Undo button

Note: slower with large projects

- **Reduce the memory used when generating title pages**

If you encounter problems when burning slideshows containing images with text added then check this option to use less memory (slightly lowers performance)

Also:

- [Creating a New Slideshow Project](#)
- [Editing a Slideshow](#)
- [Burning a Slideshow to Disc](#)

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