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PDF SLIDESHOW

The **PDF Presentation** component of Photoshop (instructions updated for CS3 for Mac & PC) is little known and therefore underutilized. You can use it to compress an entire folder of images and then send it as an email attachment, or then present it as you would a PowerPoint presentation (or in the lexicon of ancient technologies, a slideshow). Your recipient or audience does NOT need Photoshop, just a PDF reader such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, now called simply *Adobe Reader*, a free download at www.adobe.com/products/reader

1) Create a folder of resized & compressed JPEGs (1024x768 pixels for projection, 1680x1050 pixels for higher res monitors); the first jpeg preferably of text instructing of navigation; the jpegs arranged in numerical order (01xxx.jpg, 02xxx.jpg); the folder potentially named *jpegs4slideshow*

2) **FILE** menu → **Automate** → **PDF Presentation** → dialog box opens

3) **Source Files** window

- **Browse** → navigate to folder → highlight 1st image, then depress SHIFT key & highlight last image (otherwise one by one by one) → **Open** → images now listed in *Source Files* window

4) **Output Options** dialog box (these are recommendations, not edicts)

- *Save As: Presentation* / *Background: Black* (Mac only) / *Include: Filename* or omit

5) **Presentation Options** dialog box (these are recommendations, not edicts)

- uncheckmark *Advance Every ...* / checkmark *Loop after Last Page* / *Transition: Box Out*
- click **Save**

6) **Save** dialog box

- *File name* (Mac: *Save As*): Whatever.pdf / *Save in* (Mac: *Where*): Desktop / click **Save**

7) **Save Adobe PDF** dialog box

- *General*: defaults fine, with addition checkmark of *View PDF After Saving*
- *Compression*: defaults fine if you already customized JPEGs at #1 above, but if you want to further compress this for sending as email attachment, then *Image Quality: Medium* or *Low*
- *Output*: defaults fine
- *Security*: omit
- click **Save PDF**

8) Images are processed; then *PDF* folder loads to desktop; after long pause, slideshow opens

9) (Mac only) **Full Screen** dialog box → checkmark *Remember my choice*, then choose **Yes**

10) Screen blacks out for approx 15 seconds, then first image appears; to navigate:

- FORWARD: *Left-Click* mouse or *Right Arrow* key
- REVERSE: *Right-Click* mouse or *Left Arrow* key
- EXIT slide show: *ESC* (escape) key
- RETURN to slide show: **Window** menu (or **View** menu) → **Full Screen View**

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Web Photo Gallery

In addition to **PDF Slideshow** (FILE menu → Automate → PDF Presentation), Photoshop offers **Web Photo Gallery**. Your audience does NOT need Photoshop, just a web browser such as Explorer or FireFox, and can view this OFF-line. You might consult: HELP menu → Photoshop Help → Designing Web Pages → Creating Web photo galleries. But what you are reading is probably more useful. Instructions updated for Photoshop CS3 for Mac & PC. Settings are suggestions, not edicts. To begin:

- 1) Create a folder of your jpeg images & a second folder to await the Web Photo Gallery
 - Potential names: *jpgs4web* & *webphotogall*
- 2) **FILE** menu → **Automate** → **Web Photo Gallery** → dialog box opens
[Elements 4: **FILE** Menu → **Create Web Photo Gallery** → dialog box opens]
- 3) **Styles** → **Table 2** [second choice: **Table 1**]
 - choosing **Table 2** (or second choice: **Table 1**) is your single most important selection; these two are recommended because they provide ample space for large images
 - Email** → [omit]
 - Source Images/Use** → **Folder**
 - Browse** (Mac: **Choose**) → [*jpgs4web* or whatever] → **OK** [Mac: **Choose**]
 - Destination** → [*webphotogall* or whatever] → **OK** [Mac: **Choose**]

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- 4) **Options** → **General**
 - Extension** → **.htm** or **.html** [this is useless, as it hardly matters which]
 - Extension** → [checkmark **YES** for all 3 listed]
- 5) **Options** → **Banner**
 - Site Name** → your *Name* or your *Website Name* or *whatever* [or just omit]
 - Photographer** → [omit]
 - Contact Info** → [omit]
 - Date** → [make blank]
 - Font** → [you choose, but I suggest *Arial* or *Helvetica*, which are simple & unadorned]
 - Font Size** → **1** [0 would be better, but settle for 1]
- 6) **Options** → **Large Images** – settings for lo-res monitors with resolutions of 1024 x 768 pixels
 - [checkmark Yes] → **Add Numeric Links** [enables navigation outside index page]
 - [checkmark Yes] → **Resize Images** → **Custom** → **610** pixels [for **Styles** → **Table 2**]
OR **Custom** → **640** pixels [for **Styles** → **Table 1**]
 - Constrain** → **Height** [or **Both** if many horizontals are very loooooong]
 - JPEG Quality** → **High** [8 on scale of 0 to 12]
 - Border Size** → **0** pixels [thus no border]
 - Titles Use** → **Filename** [more choices can be implemented if you embed IPTC info into each individual image at its **FILE** menu → **File Info**, then here rearrange the hierarchy]
 - Font** → [you choose, but I suggest *Arial* or *Helvetica*] **Font Size** → **1**

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7) **Options → Thumbnails** [these settings for 40 or more images; increase size for fewer]

- Size → Medium** [75 pixels for projection, smaller ok for web]
- Columns → 7** [“columns” denotes horizontal]
- Rows → 6** [“rows” denotes vertical]
- Border Size → 2 pixels**
- Titles Use → Filename** [or omit]
- Font → [you choose]**
- Font Size → 3**

8) **Options → Custom Colors**

- Background → Neutral Gray** [type in #666666]
- Banner → Neutral Gray** [type in #666666]
- Text → Black** [type in #000000]
- Links [all 3] → [your choice; checkmark color chart “Only Web Colors” if for web]**

9) **Options → Security**

- Content → None** unless you indeed wish to “watermark” your images

10) click **OK** [highlighted top right corner]

Now relax & wait during the batch processing of your images.
Initially, your default browser automatically opens your new **Web Photo Gallery**.
Thereafter, open the **index.htm** [or **index.html**] folder.

For LARGE IMAGE height of **610** pixels on **Table 1** or **640** pixels on **Table 2**,
you must maximize viewing area by closing all browser toolbars.

In EXPLORER, **View** menu → **Collapse Toolbars**

In SAFARI, **View** menu → **Show/Hide** → **Bookmark Bar / Status Bar / Tab Bar / Toolbar**

In MOZILLA, **View** menu → **Show/Hide** → [uncheck all toolbars]

In FIREFOX, **View** menu → uncheck all → **Toolbars / Status Bar / Sidebar**

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