

How to Add Music and Narration to a Slide Show

Once you create a simple slide show, you can add music by importing a file stored on your computer. When you add the audio file to the slide show, the audio is shown as a horizontal bar below the slide thumbnails.



Music added to a slide show

Figure 1 Audio added to a slide show

You can also add audio voice narration to each slide by importing pre-recorded narration files or by selecting a slide in the Slide Show dialog box and using the Extras palette to record new narration.. You can also add the selected/recorded audio as an Audio Caption. You can add Audio Captions to each slide so they play when the slide is selected in the Organizer workspace.

To record narration, you must have a microphone installed on your computer.

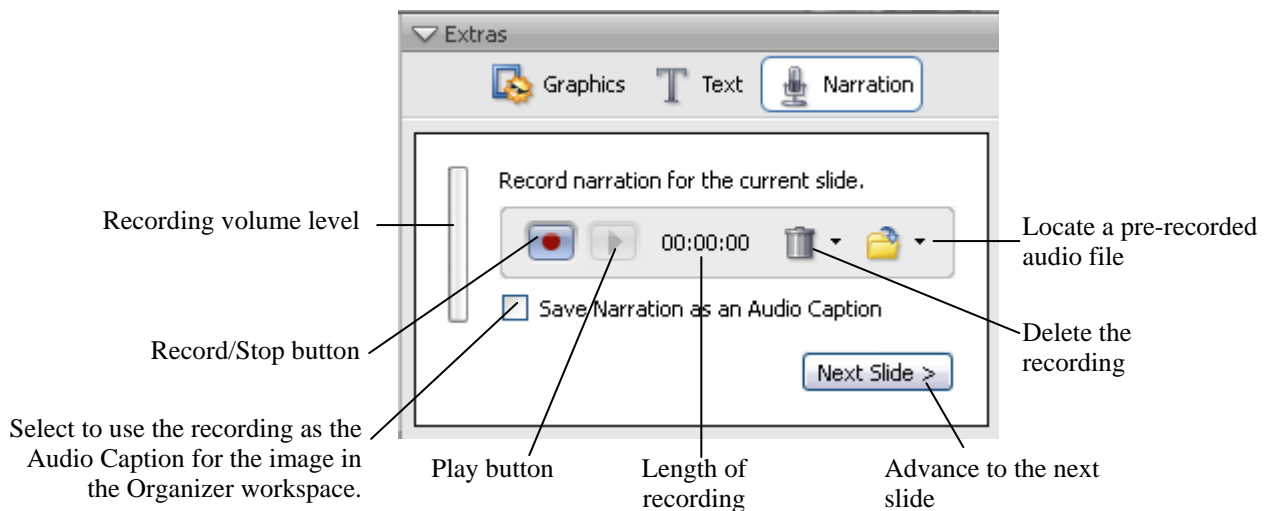


Figure 2 Record narration in the Extras palette

When using existing audio for the sound track or voice narration, the audio files must be in one of the following file formats: .mp3, .wav, .wma, .ac3

To add music to a slide show:

1. Create a new slide show or open an existing slide show from the Organizer.

The slides are previewed in the Slide Show dialog box (Figure 2).

2. To add music to the slide show, click the Add Media button and choose the location of the file (Figure 3).

Note: Choose Audio from Organizer to use files that come with Photoshop Elements or other files you have added to the Organizer. Choose Audio from Folder to add more audio files to the organizer.

3. From the Add Audio dialog box, select the file you want to use for the sound track, and then choose OK (Figure 4).

Note: You can also locate and add a music file by clicking at the bottom of the Slide Show dialog box where it reads, “Click Here to Add Audio to Your Slide Show.” By default, this opens the My Music folder on your hard drive or the most recent folder from which you have added audio.

After you add audio to the slide show, it is represented by a horizontal bar directly below the slide thumbnails (Figure 5). By default, the music starts at slide 1.

You can delay the start of the music by dragging the music bar to align with a different slide (Figure 6).

4. To automatically adjust the length of the slides to match the length of the audio file, click Fit Slides to Audio in the Slide Show dialog box.
5. To preview the slide show, select the first slide and click the Play button.

Note: To preview the slide show full-screen, click the Full Screen Preview button at the top of the dialog box.



Figure 2 Slide Show dialog box

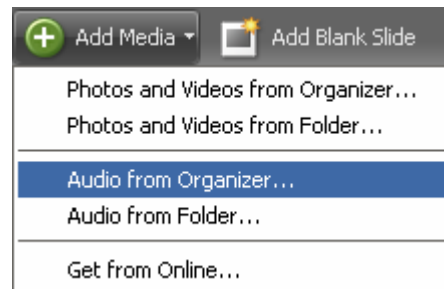


Figure 3 Select a source location for the music



Figure 4 Select a music file

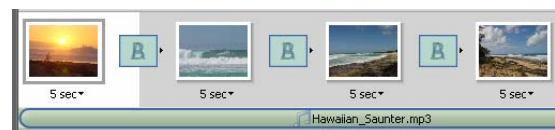


Figure 5 Music is added below the slides

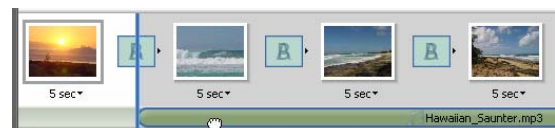


Figure 6 Drag the music to control where it starts

To record voice narration:

1. Select the slide for which you want to record narration.
2. If it is not already open, open the Extras palette and click the Narration button (**Figure 7**).
3. To begin recording, click the Record Narration button (red circle) and begin speaking into the microphone.
4. When you finish recording narration for the current slide, click the Stop button (black square). Or click the Next button to stop recording and advance to the next slide.
5. Repeat recording narration for each slide as needed.

Note: If you don't like what you've recorded, you can use the Delete button to remove it and start over.

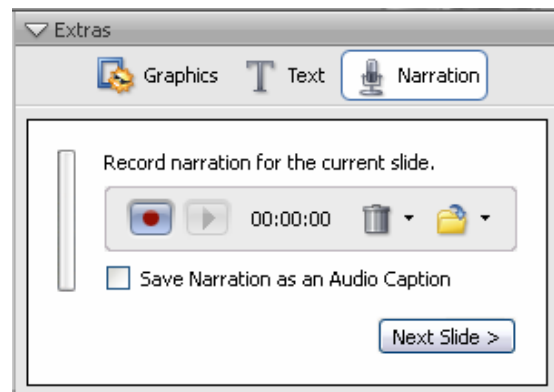


Figure 7 Record narration on the Extras palette