

PicturesToExe (PTE AV Studio Pro) - How to Get Started

1. The Exe is as in **Executable**, which means you can save your project as an Exe file and it will play on other computers, without the need for it to have the PicturesToExe (PTE) programme. You can also save the project for a MAC. PTE is now available for a MAC from Wnsoft.
2. Before starting PTE you will need to have set up a project folder with the following sub folders: 'JPEGs' containing your cropped and resized JPEGs – usually 1600 x 1200 (or 933) although I make them 2100 x 1400 px to allow the images to be expanded if required.. N.B. no need to select a resolution when resizing your files – the projector being used will sort this out;
3. Open the programme (PTE Studio 11):
4. *File>New* - enter name of project e.g. Landscape
5. *File>Save as* - ensure that the project is saved in one of your Show's Project folders – usually the JPEGs sub folder. N.B. There is an automatic prompt to save changes, but click *File>Save* before you close PTE as good practice.
6. Click on Project Options (at the bottom of the screen):
 - Main Tab**
 - Set Aspect Ratio to required format
 - For time being make default timing 6 seconds
 - Audio Tab**
 - Do nothing for time being
 - Control Tab**
 - Close Show
 - No Action
 - Next Slide
 - Mouse Cursor Auto Hide
 - Navigation Untick.
 - Transitions Tab**
 - Tick Dissolve as first option.
 - Screen Tab**
 - Leave at Fullscreen
 - Defaults Tab**
 - Do nothing
 - Advanced Tab**
 - Nothing needs to be done in this option.
- Finished the Project Options?**
 - When you've completed all the tabs, click ok on the Project Options dialogue box.
7. Making the show:
 - a) Locate your jpegs, which you will have saved in the Show's sub folder. Make sure you have the File Tree ticked which is in View. This will show you all your folders for ease in finding your images. This can be unchecked once found giving you more room on your screen. Click on the folder and the images will appear in the adjacent pane. Insert the images in the slide film strip along the bottom of the screen (if on time line click the box at the bottom marked slides, either by double clicking or drag and drop. Make sure that you position the image in the correct location – images can be moved in the slide list by dragging and

dropping. You can see a full screen version of the images in the file by clicking pressing F4 or going to View and clicking on Fullscreen view of Slide List. You can add images to the 'filmstrip' from this view. A blank slide is available under Slide>Insert Slide. Each slide can be put in as many times as you like, so for example you only need to create one black slide and use it at the beginning and end of your show.

- b) You will notice that each slide shows a figure at the top and bottom. The figure at the top is the time this slide is displayed (in seconds) and the figure at the bottom is the length of the transition in seconds.
 - c) Click '*Timeline*' - you will see the time line and if you have inserted your sound track this will appear in blue.
 - d) Now you can adjust your slides by moving them on the time line to match the soundtrack by holding down the left mouse on the numbered box. The grey line shows the length of transition time for the slide and can also be adjusted by hovering with the mouse over the end of the line and moving it one way or the other by holding down the left mouse.
 - e) You can preview the show from any point by right clicking on a slide and clicking '*Start Preview from the current slide*';
 - f) In the preview window on the top right you can pause the show, make any adjustments, and then press play again. This means you don't have to keep playing the whole show;
 - g) Each slide can be customised by clicking on the slide and choosing say a different transition in the Slide Option, or Styles and Themes.
 - h) If you want to alter an image or the soundtrack during production you can do this as PTE updates as long as you use the same file name and location. If you should wish to change your mind on certain images, i.e. adding or deleting, this is best done on the Timeline by right clicking and slide and Change Image File. This will then not alter your sound track or mess up your settings. Do not remove or insert slides whilst in the Slide mode, this will alter your settings in the Timeline.
8. Creating an executable file:
Press Publish and click on Executable File for PC.....' and making sure that the *.exe file is located in you AV Show file click okay.

It is always a good idea to save the completed file as a Zip File which will hold all images, sound etc. together. This can be found by going to File – Create Back Up in Zip.

The latest version of PTE is always available on its Web site <http://www.wnsoft.com>. You can also visit PTE's Forum: <http://www.wnsoft.com/forum> for further help and FAQs.

Enjoy your show!