



One of the things we love about this software is how responsive the makers are to the customers who use their software. PTE users have a direct influence on how the slide show software is developed via the PTE forum and that is pretty special.

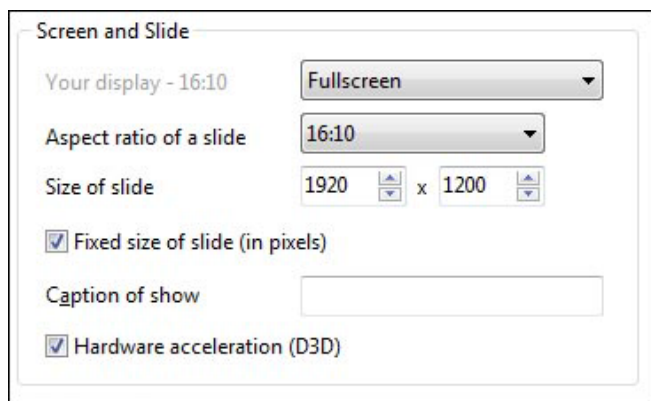
In our view PTE software is already the best that is available for PC, but it keeps getting better and better. In this upgrade the main screen as we remember them do not change much, but there are a few additions that are very welcome. The main change is the introduction of masks and we will not say too much about that in this intro as it is better demonstrated.

Our software has also just got a lot better with regard to giving us better control of our slide show presentation. In other words how our show is seen by others, even those running their monitors at much higher resolutions than us.

We also have some new transitions that give us new ways to enhance our slide show. So, in this DVD we will look at the most important of these together along with our usual sprinkling of tips and tricks to bring you bang up to date.

Better Control of Slide Show Presentation - 24:38 mins

We have always had some difficulties with our slide shows when we created them at one resolution and then played them back on a higher resolution monitor.



For example, if we created a slide show at 1024*768 pixels and included in that slide show animation or layered images, the results when played back on a monitor running 1280*1024 or higher could be different to what the author intended. PTE 5.5 gave us some control over that, but it was less than perfect.

In PTE 5.6 that has been changed considerably and now our final slide show is far more predictable on any size of monitor it is played on. Here we take you through the problem as we used

to see it and then demonstrate what we need to do to ensure a great result on any monitor.

Using an External Sound Editor with PTE5.6 - 16:47 mins

In the new version of PicturesToExe we have noticed a subtle change to the way sound is handled when copied back into PTE from an external sound editor.



Audacity

How this affects you depends on your way of working, but we found that the changes did impact on us a little. However, it also forces us into a discipline we probably should have had anyway, so here we touch on these small changes.

This involves the editing of sound and where that sound is then copied back into PTE over the top of the earlier sound file. This we now cannot do unless we wish to close down PTE first. That is not convenient so here we demonstrate a better way.

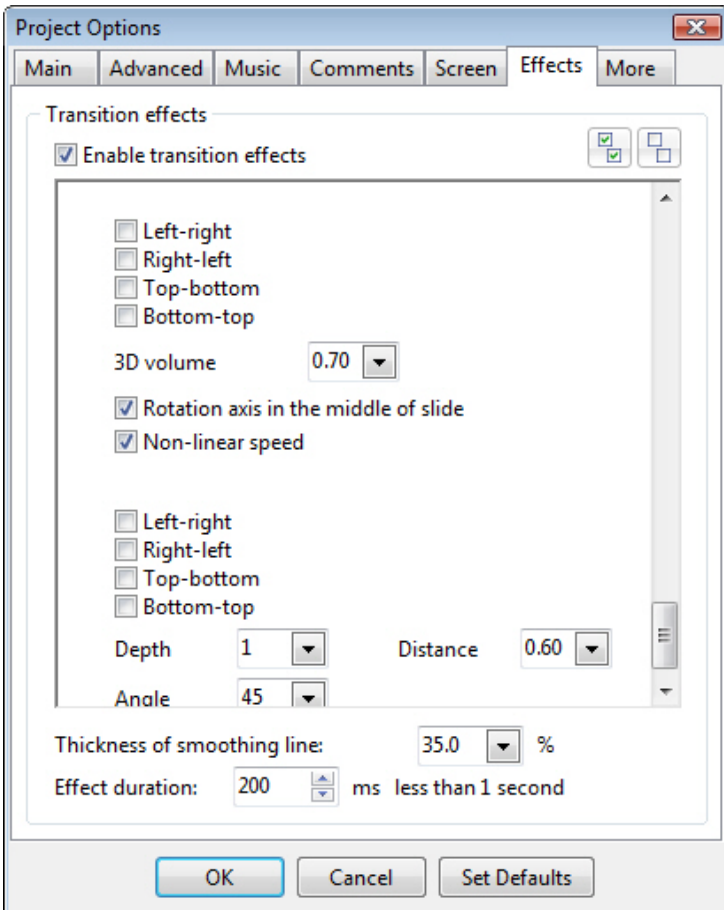
A structured Way of Working - 22:38

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We have covered this topic on another of our DVD's, but it is well worth a second look here.

No matter what we do in life, it all works much better when we apply a little planning and apply a structured way of working. If we then apply that same structure to all our AV projects we can make our life a lot easier and we can avoid some of those annoying pitfalls too.

New Transitions in PTE 5.6 - 25:26 mins



In this upgrade to PicturesToExe 5.6, two new transitions have been added. They are called Flip 3D and Swap 3D and both offer a default version and some controls to allow us to make our own personal changes to them.

In this video we take you through these two transitions and we have also created a number of short slide show demos for you to see exactly what these new transitions look like.

You can access these the demos from either the Video page on our DVD or the Slide Show page. We have included demos using the default options and also a number with parameter changes to demonstrate the variations available.

PTE Masks - 24:38 mins 50:06

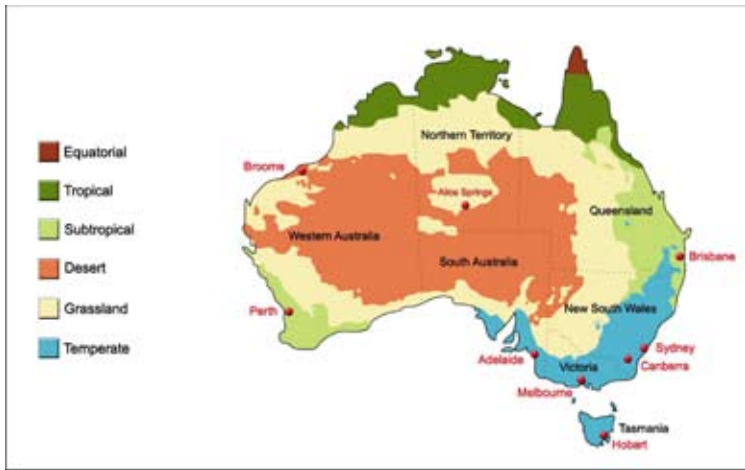


Masks are a completely new feature in PicturesToExe 5.6 and offer more choice in the way we produce our slide shows and presentations.

In this video tutorial we demonstrate how we can create the masks in Photoshop or Photoshop Elements and apply those masks in PTE.

Masks can be animated and the images inset into the mask shape, shown here in white.

A New Life in Australia - 24:38 mins 73:03




PicturesToExe is a great medium to be able to pass on information. That information can be instructional like we see in tutorials or as in our case here, a way that we can let people know about our new life in Australia.

We have decided to create three slide shows to do this and the first of those involves almost all graphics and commentary.

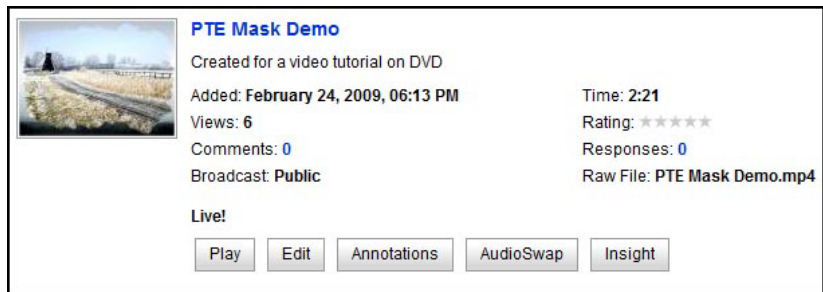
In this section of the DVD, we first ask you to view the completed slide show. This will give you a good idea of what we needed to create to produce it.

We then demonstrate how we created the artwork for the maps and all the places and names and how we recorded the commentary and applied that commentary with music to our soundtrack. All the information is included in this video to allow you to produce a professional looking presentation.

PicturesToExe on YouTube.com - 16:20 mins

 The changes in this version of PTE has largely put right the problems we used to experience when a slide show created at one resolution, was played back on another running a higher resolution. We covered this topic in our first video.

However, these same changes have also paved the way for us to create a multi-layered and animated slide show and put it up on YouTube or one of the other on-line video web sites.



PTE Mask Demo
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We can now do this directly from within the PicturesToExe 5.6 software and in this video we take you through the entire process. You can then click the link we provide to see the demo slide show we put up on Youtube as we made this video.

PicturesToExe on your iPod - 9:22 mins

Another great way to spread your slide shows around is to download them to your iPod and in this video we take you through that process.

Upgrading your version of PicturesToExe - 7:37 mins

This is a question we get asked so often, we thought we would include some information about how to do it here.

Using PTE as a manual show for tutorial purposes - 9:16 mins

A question we get asked quite often is how can I use PTE to demonstrate digital photography to my camera club. Well, PTE5 makes that quite easy and all we need is the artwork or demo slides and to switch the slide show to manual mode.

Then our slides only change on a mouse click or key stroke and we can go back and forth.