How To Create a Slide Show with Background Music

Using OpenOffice Impress

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Objective: Give you the information you need to develop your own slide show of pictures (with background music) -- using OpenOffice.org's presentation program called "**Impress**."

Specifics:

- How to download iTunes (the program itself).

- How to download digital music from the iTunes store.

- How to find music that doesn't have DRM restrictions. Copyright issues. How to remove DRM from music.

- How to download OpenOffice.org's Office Suite.

- How to use Open Office Impress to display pictures in a slide show.

- How to add background music to your slide show.

How To Download and Install iTunes to Your PC

1. Google "iTunes," and select **an Apple website** to download the program.

   The download site is: http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/

2. Install Itunes, **but do not make it your default music program unless that is what you really want**. It will still catalog all your music, it just won't be the default player. I personally have kept Windows Media Player as my default player. Your decision.

3. Register iTunes. This is self guided, no explanation needed.

4. Start iTunes. Go to the iTunes Store.

5. Search for a song: (Orange Blossom Special; Amazing Grace; America the Beautiful) Download the one(s) you want.

How to Find Music That Doesn't Have DRM Restrictions

4. **Pay The Royalty:** Contact the music company and pay the Fee.
3. **Record it:** Record it off of the radio, television, or Internet Radio.
2. **Make Your Own:** Compose, play, and record your own tunes.
1. **Internet Archive:** http://www.archive.org (search example).

How to Remove DRM From Your Music – This is Illegal!

http://ask-leo.com/is_copyright_still_an_issue_if_somethings_ not_available_anywhere.html?

Use a patch cord to connect two PCs. On the PC with the DRM music, plug the patch cord into the stereo headphones jack. On the other PC, plug the patch cord into the microphone jack.

What happens? The digital music is converted to analog music (for the headphones) which strips out the DRM. The analog music is fed into the second computer, and turned back into digital music – without the DRM.

How to Download and Install OpenOffice

Download the program: http://www.openoffice.org

Choose what parts you want to install:

Base – A database program (like Access)
Calc – A spreadsheet program (like Excel)
Draw – A vector graphics drawing program (like Visio)
Impress – A presentation program (like PowerPoint)
Math – A math equation editor (like Equation Editor)
Writer – A word processing program (like WordPerfect)

Install the parts you want:

Most users want the word processor, and the spreadsheet.

You will obviously want the Impress presentation program if you want to do slide shows.

How To Use Impress to Create a Picture Slide Show With Music

1. Open Impress. Name your file (**DemoSlideShow.odp**).

2. Normally you would select the master page and layout you want from the right pane called "Tasks." But for a photo slide show, you don't want one of the ready-made master pages. You want a solid-color background.
Right click on page >
    Select Slide >
        Select Page Setup >
            Select Background Tab >
                Choose a solid color for your background.

3. Add the photos you have selected.
Right click on page > Select slide > Set Background Picture for Slide...

4. Download the music (from iTunes or Internet Archive).

5. Edit the music if necessary, using Audacity.
(http://audacity.sourceforge.net/) or SoundForge (outdated version).

6. Add the music and set it to play continuously through the slide show, starting over if it finishes before all the slides are viewed. (Next slide explains this step.)

Continuation of Step 6: ADDING SOUND

The Impress User Guide, Chapter 9, pages 11-12, says it is possible to play background music throughout the presentation as follows:

1.Select the slide where you want the sound to start (usually the first slide) and go to the "Slide Transition" pane.

2. In the "Modify transition" section, select the entry "Other Sound" from the "Sound" drop-down menu.

3. Select the "Loop until next sound" checkbox if you want the sound to restart once it is finished.

Cautionary Note: **Do not click the "Apply to All Slides" button**, or your music will restart at every slide. There is no *easy* way to undo the "Apply to All Slides" either; you have to undo it slide at a time, which is a royal pain, **so don't make this mistake**.

4. That's it! Select "Slide Show" from the Impress menu bar (or press F5).

EXAMPLES FROM INTERNET ARCHIVE.ORG

Search for the following music: ritual fire dance; hallelujah chorus;
ferde grofe grand canyon suite; elvis presley

http://www.archive.org/details/ElvisPresley-BlueMoon
http://www.archive.org/details/GeorgeFridericHandelHallelujah
http://www.archive.org/details/BuddyHollyAndTheCrickets-01-25
http://www.archive.org/details/Dempsey_Jacks_Mordechia_2
http://www.archive.org/details/JoseTravieso-EnsayosSobreMusicaEsporadica
http://www.archive.org/details/Krzpybeatz
http://www.archive.org/details/piano_1578   ****
http://www.archive.org/details/PsychedelicatessenRockabillySpecial2-17-08
http://www.archive.org/details/Sounds-of-the-Tour-de-France   (Track 3 Sheep)
http://www.archive.org/details/lendor-MusicBox

OTHER FREE MUSIC SOURCES

http://www.redferret.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php A website that catalogs free-music
websites and offers comments on the quality of each website.

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_gw?url=search-alias=digital-music&field-
keywords=&x=13&y=22&tag=533633855-20

http://www.last.fm/music/+free-music-downloads

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