

Using Irfanview (Pronounced Earfanview) for Picture editing.

I have chosen this Program or App for many reasons, it is free, it is easy and safe to down load, it is reliable, it is fast to load up, it has programs designed for 32 and 64 bit computers, it does almost anything to pictures.

We quite often put name on our photos, or put the names in the file names but when we do this we normally prefix them with a number starting with 001 if you are going to have thousands of photos put more 0's.

before starting this job you should have your photos loaded onto your computer in folders that identify them for you, like "FAMILY", "Fred and Mary's Wedding" or "London 1978" it is up to you.

What I am telling you this morning is only a very small part of what this software can do.

Making a free running Slide show using Irfanview:

Click on FILE and select Slide show. A full screen of options opens looks a little daunting, but sit there calmly and think, remember the ORIGINAL default works but because everyone has different needs you can fine tune it to suit yourself, just try it a few changes at a time. Irfanview will remember the settings that you change, this could be good or bad. Maybe you should write down the original settings so that you can go back.

First job is to select the folder where your photos live, up the top of the screen it says "Look in" here is where you click on the downward facing arrow and choose the photo folder that you want. Below Thumbnails of the photos that you have chosen should be now showing below.

Discarding the photos that you do not want to show in the slide show, that can be done down below the thumbnails look at the Thumbnails and note the filenames of the photos that you do not want. Find that filename in the column below and click on it, it should be now blue. Click on remove. That photo should now not be in slide show list below.

Next you should sort the photos into the order that you want, click on the box labeled sort here it gives you lots of choices.

You can test your slide show anytime by clicking on "Play slide show" pressing escape stops the show and when you wish to start you click on the green Icon second from the left in the Irfanview desktop.

There are many options in the Slide show screen, I suggest that you play around with it.

If you want the filenames to show on the screen, click on "Full Screen options" there are lots of options in here. When you choose "Full screen / Slideshow" the options for fonts size and background colours are all there. It even has options for where you want to put the slide show names on the screen.

Saving the slide show to a free running file: On the Slideshow screen go to the lower left corner and choose :save slide show as EXE /SCR". In the option box that comes up you choose where you want to save your slideshow and asks you to give it a name. I normally save them as an EXE file.

To put an icon on the Desktop of your computer: click on the Window button and at the same time E, this starts up Windows Explorer you know explore to where you told Irfanview to save your Slideshow exe file. Put your mouse cursor on your slideshow file and right click on it, choose "Create shortcut" . You should now have a shortcut file in the same folder as your slide show file. This shortcut file now needs to be moved to the desktop. Put your mouse pointer on your shortcut icon, right click on it and choose cut. You now close everything and just have the desktop showing and right click on it and choose paste.