

# Vista/Office 2007 & IE7 (Internet Explorer 7)

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## What's new and cool in Vista, Office 2007 & IE7?

Vista is Microsoft's newest operating system. Vista can be set to a "Classic View" so that it is similar in appearance to the XP operating system view. In most cases, our new USD 261 laptops have been set to the classic view, but you may wish to familiarize yourself with some of the new Vista features to determine whether the Vista view is a better fit for your needs. To learn more about some of the popular new features that Vista has to offer, visit the following link:

<http://www.usd261.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-1122>.

When you first open one of the Office 2007 applications you may feel as if you are looking at an entirely different program, but if you take a little time to familiarize yourself with the new "ribbon" interface, you will begin to understand how to navigate the menus and options.

### Help/Training Resources

- Docushare: Go to Docushare from the teacher area of our web page (No login is required.) Select the 'Instructional Technology' folder and then the 'Help' folder.
- KanEd (Atomic Learning training video clips): Click the KanEd logo from the teacher area of our web page. Login to KanEd (Username = the first part of your e-mail address, Subscription ID for Oatville = kan273, password = as assigned or created). Once you have logged in, click on ATOMIC LEARNING to locate training videos on Vista, Office, and other applications.)
- How to change Vista features to a 'classic' Windows view:
  - <http://grok.lsu.edu/Article.aspx?articleId=1975>
  - [http://www.answersthatwork.com/Download\\_Area/ATW\\_Library/Windows\\_Vista/Vista\\_1-Configuring\\_Windows\\_Vista\\_with\\_the\\_Classic\\_View.pdf](http://www.answersthatwork.com/Download_Area/ATW_Library/Windows_Vista/Vista_1-Configuring_Windows_Vista_with_the_Classic_View.pdf)
- Don't forget to visit [www.office.microsoft.com](http://www.office.microsoft.com) for Office additional templates, clipart, and other resources!

# Cool Tools for the Digital Classroom

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## PhotoStory 3 by Microsoft

This user-friendly free program from Microsoft is proving to be quite a hit with teachers and students. Once the application is downloaded to your computer you can create slideshow movies in minutes for playback on your computer. Click the following link to begin the download process: Download PhotoStory3 at the following link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.aspx> (From this page click 'continue' to validate and begin the installation.). If you want assistance in creating your first PhotoStory, the following link will provide you with instructions that walk you through the process:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/tips/firststory.aspx>.

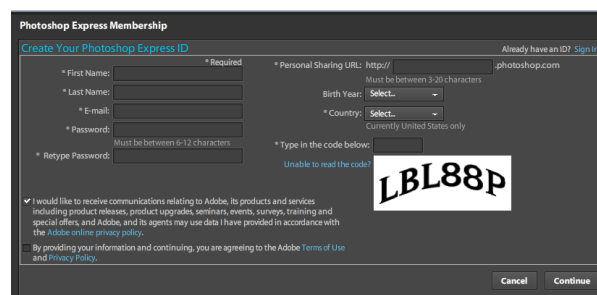
## Using PowerPoint with PhotoStory3 and Other Digital Projects

PowerPoint has a save feature that allows you to save slides as "jpeg" picture files. Create a slide with layering and then save one slide or a whole presentation as picture files that can be added to PhotoStory and saved as a movie.

## Adobe PhotoShop Express

This photo editing/storage solution from Adobe lets you upload, sort, polish, and store up to 2GB of photos--all for free. Resize, tint, distort, and more — add your mark to all your images. Then show them off on Adobe® Photoshop® Express.

Visit <https://www.photoshop.com/express/landing.html> to sign up for a free membership.



The screenshot shows the 'Photoshop Express Membership' sign-up form. It includes fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'E-mail', and 'Password' (with a 'Retype Password' field). There are also dropdown menus for 'Birth Year' and 'Country'. A 'Personal Sharing URL' field is present with a note 'Must be between 3-20 characters'. A CAPTCHA image with the code 'LBL88P' is displayed. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'I would like to receive communications...' and 'By providing your information...', and 'Cancel' and 'Continue' buttons.