

PhotoVista



User's Guide

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The RealSpace Screen kaver wkorks with your system screen saver software to play the

Getting technical support

CHAPTER 1

Getting Started

This chapter tells you about system requirements and how to install PhotoVista. It also introduces you to the PhotoVista main window and menus. Once you're up and running, take the "Quick-start tutorial" on page Tm0 for a hands-on introduction to the basic steps of stitching separate images into a seamless panorama.

System requirements

Installing PhotoVista

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File Menu/Image Menu

Command	Description	Windows shortcut	Macintosh shortcut
New workspace	Clears all source images to start over. Ctrl + N		
		Cmd + N	Open Source Images
		Source Images dialog box, where you select the source images to create a panorama.	Displays t

Help Menu

Note: For the Apple Guide online Help, choose PhotoVista Guide from the Help menu in the Finder.

Quick-start tutorial

In this tutorial you'll create a panorama of the view from Coit Tower in San Francisco. You'll learn how to:

- Open source images •
select a lens
- Preview a stitch
- View the panorama
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A highlighted border around a single image indicates that it is selected. Here, the center image is selected.

The images appear overlapped as the stitch progresses. The preview stitch is low resolution and gives you a quick view of your panorama.

Sep 4: View the panorama

Note: For video cameras, the frame-grabbing software separates your panorama into individual images, which you can open and stitch in PhotoVista.

Choosing a lens

When choosing a lens, consider that a shorter focal length minimizes the number of photos you need and gives you a taller vertical field of view. You can maximize the vertical field of view for your panoramas by shooting your photos in portrait mode, with the camera on its side.

Use a tripod

Note: For professional use, you can mount a panoramic bracket on your tripod to guide the camera rotation this gives you the most precise optical alignment

Achieve more precise image alignment in PhotoVista

Partial panorama—A wide-view photo that does not wrap around like a full 360° panorama. A partial panorama consists of a fewer number of photos than a complete panorama.

—The registration of taking a series of adjacent, overlapping

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Clearing the workspace

You can clear the source images from the Photonista main window at any time to reopen them or open new ones.

To clear the workspace:

Choose File|New Workspace. The Clear Workspace dialog box appears.

Click Yes to clear the source images out of the main window.

Adjusting image orientation

For example, depending on the type of scanner you use, you might need to flip some images

horizontally (or vertically).

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To download a new lens type:

1. Log on to the Internet.
2. In the PhotoVista window, click the (t)--7(e)-13(l)21(e)-13(c)-13(t)264 Lens icon. The (t)--7(e)-13(l)-264 Lens dial box appears.
3. Click on New Lenses. Your browser launches and displays the Live Lens picture download page.
4. Follow the directions on the web page to download the new lens settings files into the PhotoVista Lenses folder. Visit this Web page periodically for new additions to the available lens types.

Creating a preview stitch

It's useful to do a low-resolution preview stitch to quickly test the results of your lens settings and experiment with changing the shape of your panorama before you do a full stitch. During the preview stitch PhotoVista automatically aligns the source images. You'll be able to readjust the image alignment manually before you do your full stitch.

To preview a stitch:

1. Click the (t)--7(e)-13(l)21(e)-13(c)-13(t)264 Lens icon. The (t)--7(e)-13(l)-264 Lens dial box appears.
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Viewing your panorama

After you create a preview or full stitch of your panorama, you can view it in action in Viewer mode. You can zoom in and out of your panorama and navigate within the

Note: You can also view the saved IVR file using the standalone RealSpace Viewer included in your PhotoVista package. See the *ReadMe* file on your PhotoVista CD-ROM for details on installing and using the viewer.

to view a panorama:

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2. To view the live-action panorama, click the **View** button in the top right corner of the viewer. You can also view the panorama in a vertical orientation. You can also view the panorama in a horizontal orientation.

To align the images, which are now overlapped to create the panorama.

You can move each image independently, except for the image at the far left, which remains static. To separate it from the other images, select the adjacent image and drag it to the right.

2. Click one of the source images and drag to align it with an adjacent image. You can move the image to the right or left, or up and down. A

Creating a full stitch

After you stitch your panorama, you can preview the stitching results. To preview the stitching results, click the **Preview** button in the **Stitching** pane. If you're not satisfied with the results, you can click the **Undo** button to return to the original image.

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2. To retain any exact manual image alignment, deselect the **Use Automatic Alignment** checkbox.

5. Select the **Disable Blending** checkbox if you want more control over editing the stitching results.

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2. Select a file type from the drop-down list.
 - Select JPEG File if you plan to use the finished panorama on the Internet.
 - Select BMP or PICT (Macintosh) if you plan to use an image-editing program to modify your finished panorama. BMP and PICT files are large, but give you 5]TJi~0 -1.2 T

3. In the File name field, type the name of your panorama.

4. Navigate to the folder here you want to save your panorama and click Save. If you choose to save as a JPEG, the JPEG Options dialog box appears. Select the level of compression

Printing a panorama from PhotoVista is as simple as printing any image. You can print

4. Adjust the fields of view settings if necessary. The Vertical and Horizontal Fields of View settings change according to the shape you chose. PhotoVista estimates these settings based on the image.
5. Click OK. The panorama appears in the PhotoVista main window. You can adjust the settings again by choosing Panorama|Adjust Settings.
7. To view the panorama in action, choose Panorama|Show Viewer. Then drag the pointer over the panorama.

Publishing a panorama

After you create your panorama and do a full stitch, you can publish it to the PhotoVista Panorama Gallery.

Note: Please see the *readMe*

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5. Select the panoramas you want to play in the Select Files to Play list.
 6. If you chose multiple panoramas to play, in the Delay box type the number of minutes
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8. When you're done, click OK.

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Appendix A Troubleshooting

PhotoVista won't let me change the shape of my panorama.

I can't manually align my images in the PhotoVista main window.

You can only change the shape of a panorama after you perform a full stitch. See "Creating a full stitch" on page 32 for

You have to do at least a preview stitch before you

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