

## Digital Storytelling

Digital storytelling refers to a short form of digital film-making that allows everyday people to share aspects of their life story.

One can think of digital storytelling as the modern extension of the ancient art of storytelling, now interwoven with digitized still and moving images and sound.

Simply put, digital stories are short 2 to 3 minute multimedia movies that combine photographs, video, animation, sound, music, text, and often a narrative voice.

Once completed, these stories are easily be uploaded to the internet and can be made available to an international audience, depending on the topic and purpose of the project.

*Courtesy Wikipedia*

### The process

Decide

- What am I going to write about?
- Why am I going to write about IT?
- How am I going to write about IT?
- When am I going to write about it?
- How do I decide the detail?

StoryCorps at <http://storycorps.org/> has a printable list of subjects and questions that will help you commence the process.

A good starting point is the article Digital Storytelling: A Tutorial in 10 Easy Steps at <http://goo.gl/6ISyk>.

- Step 1: Decide on the Story You Want to Tell
- Step 2: Gather Your Materials
- Step 3: Begin Writing Your Script
- Step 4: Prep Your Equipment
- Step 5: Create a Storyboard
- Step 6: Digitize Your Media

- Step 7: Record a Voice-Over
- Step 8: Add Music
- Step 9: Edit Your Story
- Step 10: Share Your Story

## Tools

There are a wide range of free tools. One of the simplest to grasp and use is **PhotoStory 3** from Microsoft. Download at <http://goo.gl/iXvXt>. Note that while the site says for XP it is compatible with later Microsoft operating systems..

## Examples

A Google search for say 'digital storytelling examples' or similar will return many (good and bad – simple and complex) stories.

Try

- StoryCorps - <http://storycorps.org/listen/>
- Letter from Gallipoli <http://goo.gl/12UYk>
- Storyboards <http://goo.gl/RRqri>
- Burma <http://goo.gl/vovcZ>

## References

The free Digital Storytelling Cookbook at <http://goo.gl/bgudx> is a good starting point