



## slidesimple

### Introduction

With slidesimple, add simply a slideshow to beautify you web site, add more pictures on one page, or tell stories.

With only one swf file and a text file, you can rapidly display you pictures randomly or in sequence, with or without a headline.

### How it works

The user sees slides oriented in portrait and landscape. Each slide blends into the next one.

For each slide, you can display a title and a headline if you'd like. There's a small cartouche so that the text is readable even if you picture is in a inappropriate color.

The pictures display either randomly or in the sequence you've defined in your text file. They loop when you've reached the end of the slideshow.

The list of files has no limitation.

### Configuring simply the slideshow

All the parameters of the slideshow can be changed by using a xml text file, which is simply a text file with tags to identify parameters. Thus any user can modify the parameters. That kind of text file can be modified with notepad on a ms-dos PC, TextEdit on a mac or vi on a posix-os computer.

Expert users can even usse their knowledge of php or asp to automagically generate the xml file.

An example xml:

```
<diaporama ordre="sequential" fadeTime="10" diapoInterval="4"
echelle="true" fontSize="10" >
<image url="photos/photo1.jpg" titre="Demo titre 1" description="La description de l'image 1"/>
<image url="photos/photo2.jpg" titre="Titre 2" description=""/>
<image url="photos/photo3.jpg" titre="Titre 3" description=""/>
<image url="photos/photo4.jpg" titre="" description=""/>
</diaporama>
```

Pardon the french words, it was originally made only for french users.

Other parameters will be modified by the Flash tag parameters : size of display, background color.

## Creating your first slideshow

### Choose several jpeg files

Choose three jpeg files. Warning! These files must be in plain jpeg format, not progressive jpeg. Name them photo1.jpg, photo2.jpg et photo3.jpg

### Create the xml file that will configure the slideshow

With you preferred text editor create a diaporama tag:

```
<diaporama>
</diaporama>
```

### Add the list of your pictures

Still in your text editor, a 'image' tag inside the 'diaporama' tag for each file you'd like to display, changing the url parameter to indicate the filename of the picture:

```
<diaporama>
<image url="photo1.jpg"/>
<image url="photo2.jpg"/>
<image url="photo3.jpg"/>
</diaporama>
```

### Save the xml file

Save the file as a text only file, naming it 'images.xml'.

### Insert the the code for the flash file in your html page

Copy that code into your source html file:

```
<OBJECT classid="clsid:D27CDB6E-AE6D-11cf-96B8-444553540000"
codebase="http://download.macromedia.com/pub/shockwave/cabs/flash/
swflash.cab#version=7,0,0,0"
  WIDTH="250" HEIGHT="250" id="slidesimple" ALIGN="">
  <PARAM NAME=movie VALUE="slidesimple.swf">
  <PARAM NAME=loop VALUE=false>
  <PARAM NAME=menu VALUE=false>
  <PARAM NAME=quality VALUE=high>
  <PARAM NAME=bgcolor VALUE=#ffffff>
  <EMBED src="slidesimple.swf"
    loop="false"
    menu="false"
    quality="high"
    bgcolor="#FFFFFF"
    WIDTH="250"
    HEIGHT="250"
    TYPE="application/x-shockwave-flash"
    PLUGINSOURCE="http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer">
</EMBED>
</OBJECT>
```

Save finally the HTML file and open it in your browser. It's as simple as that.

## Parameters

### Filename of the xml file

When you download it, the file is called slidesimple.swf. It automatically works with a images.xml file if it's at the same level as the simpleslide.swf file.

But you will certainly want to create more than one slideshow.

If you want to move the file, rename it or have different xml files, you can use the xmlUrl in the html code. To give parameters to flash, you append the parameter name and value after a ? and separated by the = sign. For example:

```
<OBJECT classid="clsid:D27CDB6E-AE6D-11cf-96B8-444553540000"
codebase="http://download.macromedia.com/pub/shockwave/cabs/flash/
swflash.cab#version=7,0,0,0"
  WIDTH="600" HEIGHT="600" id="slidesimple" ALIGN="">
  <PARAM NAME=movie
VALUE="slidesimple.swf?xmlUrl=http://www.monsite.com/monxml.xml">
  <PARAM NAME=loop VALUE=false>
  <PARAM NAME=menu VALUE=false>
  <PARAM NAME=quality VALUE=high>
  <PARAM NAME=bgcolor VALUE=#ffffff>
  <EMBED src="slidesimple.swf?
xmlUrl=http://www.monsite.com/monxml.xml "
    loop="false"
    menu="false"
    quality="high"
    bgcolor="#FFFFFF"
    WIDTH="600"
    HEIGHT="600"
    TYPE="application/x-shockwave-flash"
    PLUGINSPIPE="http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer">
</EMBED>
</OBJECT>
```

What's important is in red. I invite you to always use the absolute and full url of the file so you're sure you don't have browser issues.

You can change the size of the slideshow by modifying the other parameters in green.

### Parameters of the 'diaporama' tag in the xml

#### fadeTime

Time in milliseconds of the time to change from one picture to another. Default value is 10.

#### diapoInterval

Interval between two different slides. Default value of 5 seconds.

#### ordre

Values sequential or random. Order in which the pictures will be displayed, by default the order is sequential. sequential=in sequence, random=random order.

#### fontsize

Size of font used for title and headline. Default value is 12.

#### echelle

Values true or false. default value is true. It means scale, so the pictures will be scaled to the size of the display, proportionally.

#### alignement

means align in french : you can choose right, left (default) or center

### **Parameters of the image tag**

There are three parameters for the image tag:

#### url (required)

relative or absolute path to the picture you'd like to display.

#### titre

title for that picture

#### description

description of picture

If the title and description are empty, the box doesn't display at all.

#### destination

Destination url if you click the image

#### target

Kind of target (as in HTML frames): "\_blank", "\_self", "\_parent", or nothing to link in the same window.

## **What if it doesn't work?**

### **I'd like to change the background color. How do I do?**

The background color is Cette couleur de fond se règle dans la balise html de Flash. Changez la valeur du paramètre 'bgcolor' pour avoir la couleur qui vous va.

### **I don't understand all these parameters etc**

Give me the list of your files and I'll help you, once.

### **I have a particular problem which makes that it doesn't work**

In such a case, contact me and give me the maximum of explanations on the problem you've come across, but also the files and urls where things can be seen.

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## **Example file**

With the slideshow come different example files: an xml file with all the parameters, an html file for the code that inserts the slideshow, some jpeg files. Copy these files before you modify them so everything can be redone.

Les exemples sont différents, permettant de voir différents réglages.

example1.html allows to see the slideshow without changing the xml file name. The xml file contains pictures scaled.

example2.html allows to know how to force the xml file name. The file exemple2.xml that comes with it shows the same pictures as before but without scaling.