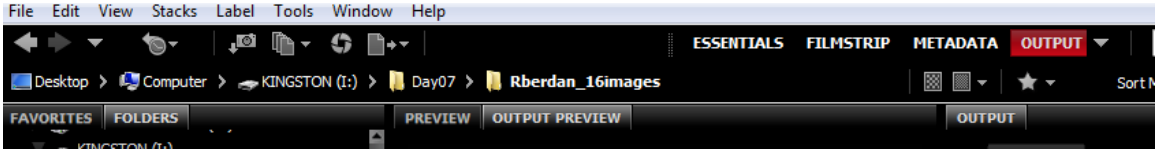
Create a PDF Slide show in Photoshop CS4 by R. Berdan ©

Photographers will often want to create a quick slide show of their images to show a client or email an editor with a magazine proposal. One of the quickest and easiest methods is to create a PDF slide show using Photoshop CS4. One can even password protect the slide show. The PDF slide show feature has been moved from the Automate menu in CS3 to Adobe Bridge.

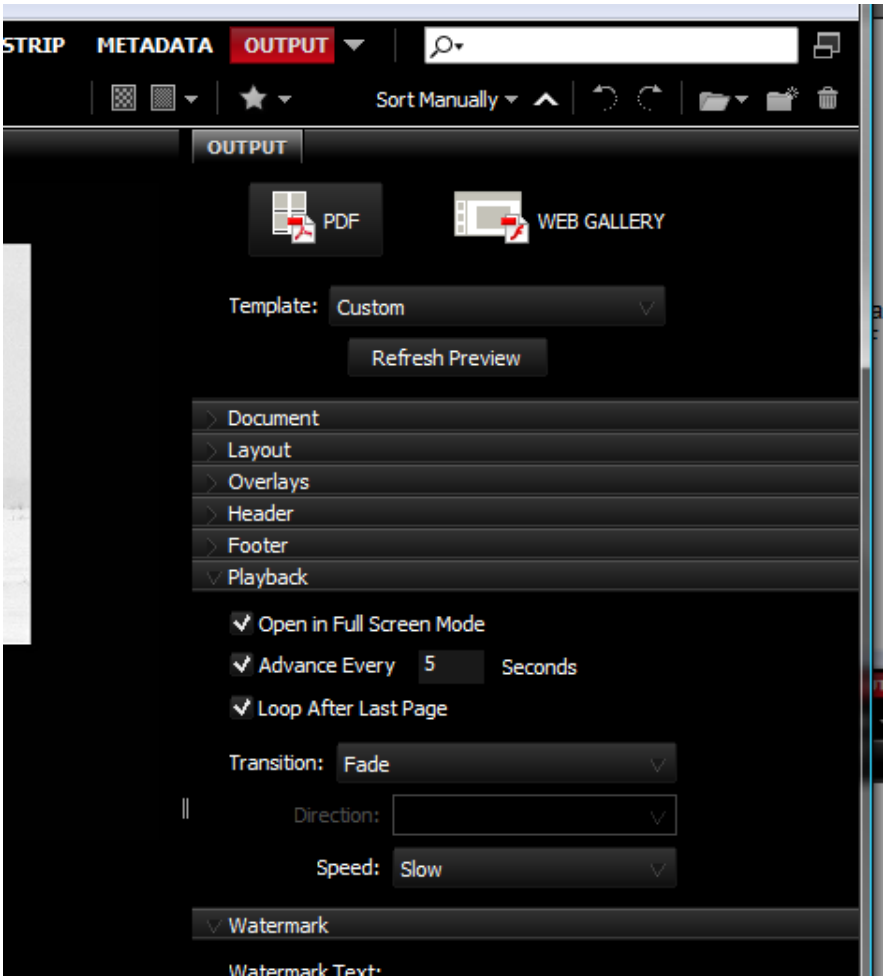
1. First you will need a folder containing the images you want to create a slide show.

2. Start Photoshop CS4 and open Adobe Bridge (Select >File>Browse in Bridge or select the Bridge button in the top menu bar). Navigate to your folder and select it so you can preview your images.

3. At the top of Adobe Bridge select Output (show below in red)



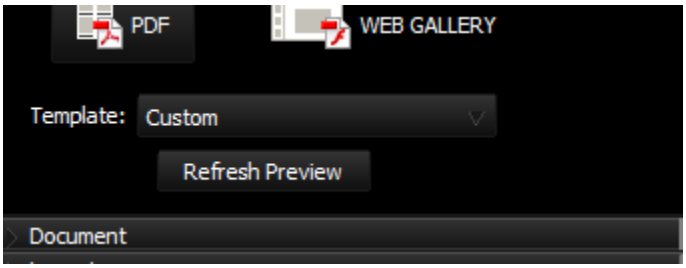
4. On the right side of Bridge select the button – PDF near the top right



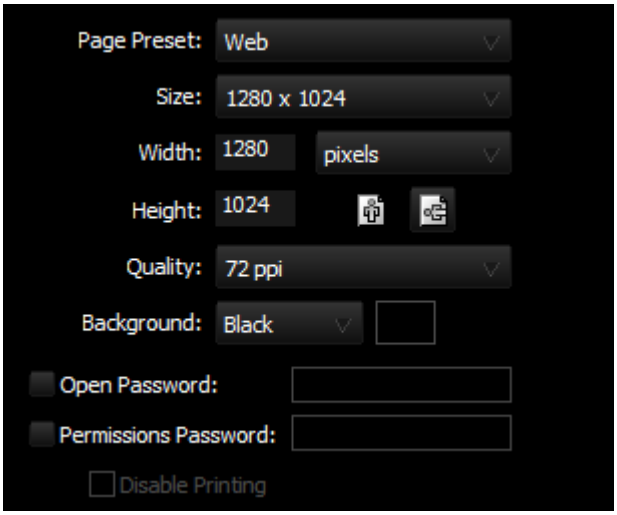
5. There are a large number of options you can select to control the size of the PDF slide show, background color, resolution, playback speed and transitions. You will need to experiment with some of these features to learn what all of them do – but to get you started follow these steps to get started.

6. First in the bottom of Adobe Bridge you will see the thumbnails for the images in the folder you selected. You can shift-click to select all of them or Ctrl-click to select specific photos you want to include.

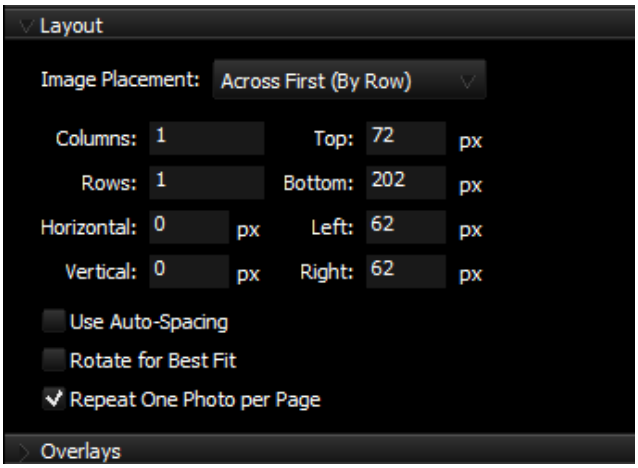
7. On the right side of Adobe Brdige under the PDF icon – start by Selecting Template>Custom



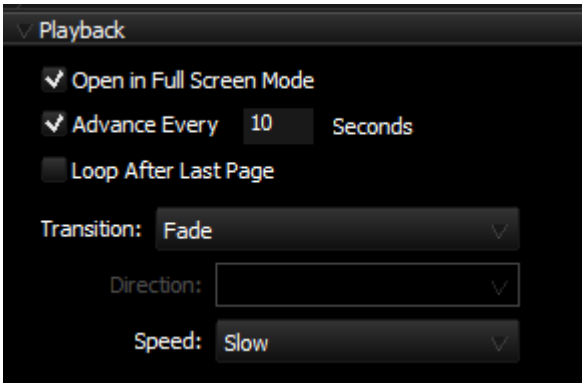
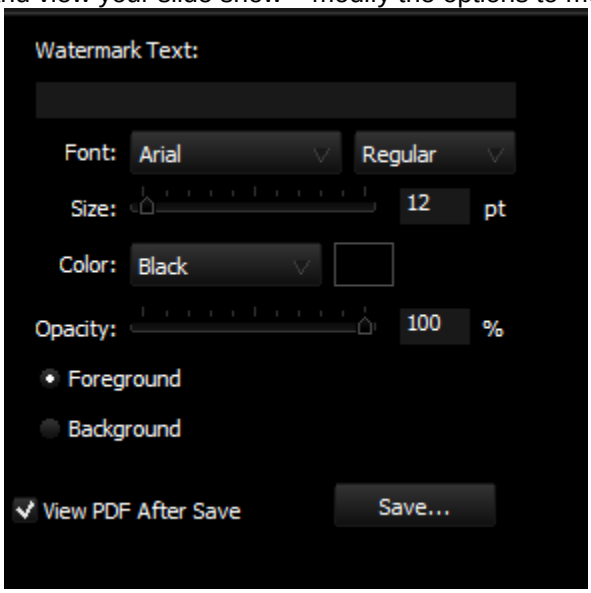
8. Expand the Document panel set Page Preset: Web Size: 1280 x 1024 (select different size if you want your slides bigger or smaller). Set height to 1024, Quality 72 dpi to match the screen, Background Black - Password – optional if you want to add one, you can also select to disable printing.



8. Expand the Layout options – select repeat one Photo per page – see below.



9. Sections on Overlays, Header and Footer are options you can play with – we will leave these blank for this tutorial. Expand the section on Playback>Select Open in Full Screen Mode, Advance every 10 seconds, uncheck Loop after Last Page. View your transitions options – I recommend Fade as the best one to use.



10. Under Water mark – leave blank i.e. don't put any text, Color set to black and check view PDF after Save. Click save and view your slide show – modify the options to meet your specifications.