ProShow Gold Quick Start

1) Creating a File

1. Create a new "Folder" on your computer drive and copy the images you want to use for the show into it.
   N.B. It makes things easier if you have saved them in order you want them shown.
2. Open ProShow Gold
3. Select "Blank Show" or "New File"
4. Name your show
5. Set the aspect ratio for the picture size your show will be presented on.
   N.B. for the Clubs current projector you should select "Custom" and enter 1024 x 768
6. Select (Click) "Create"
7. Save your show.

2) Importing Pictures

1. Using the "Folder List" select your picture folder created in 1.
   Your Pictures should appear the "File List".
2. Select, drag and drop the pictures into the timeline in the required order.
   or
   Right Click inside "File List" window Select "Add All Files To Show" (If you have saved them in the correct order)
3. You now have a basic show select play to test it.

3) Adding Sound Track

1. Select "Music" Icon
2. Insert CD into Drive
3. Select "Save Music From CD"
4. Select (Highlight) the required track.
5. Select "Save Track"
6. Find the picture folder you are working from to "Save in".
7. Select "Save"
8. If the Sound track does not "Import" automatically - Select, drag and drop the file into the "Soundtrack".
9. You can to add or remove images to fit the length of music chosen.
   OR
   You can edit the picture timeline to suit the sound track as follows.
   a) Select "Show Opt(ions)" Icon or "Sync Music" Icon
   b) Select "Sync Slide to Audio"
   c) Choose the settings you want.
   d) Select "Sync"

4) Adding Title Slides

1. With the mouse pointer over the slide you want to follow the Title Slide Click the right hand mouse button. or select "Add Title" icon.
2. Select "Insert".
3. Select "Title Slide.
4. Set the "Format", "Effects" and "Placement" you want.
5. Enter your Text into the "Captions" box.
6. Select "OK".

5) Create Output
1. Select "Create Output" Icon. or "Publish" Icon
2. Select the type of output you want NB - For Club Shows select "PC Executable"
3. Choose the "Menu" tab and select "No Menu".
4. Choose the "Shows" tab and make sure the "Include Intro Show" box is OFF **NOT TICKED.**
5. Choose the "Options" tab and enter the required settings.
   NB- For Club Shows enter the these setting.

   Full Screen "Tick" Start Playback Full Screen
   Loop Show <u>Do not</u> "Tick"

   The **Image Quality** and **Video Quality** sliders control the overall quality level of the rendering of your content during playback. Reducing the Quality may introduce "artifacts" or small inconsistencies in rendering, but will speed up show performance. Increasing the slider will reduce the chance for artifacts but requires more processing power from the system viewing the show.

   Note the default values assigned here are considered to be the best blend between overall quality and performance of the show. It's recommended that you use the defaults unless you have a specific reason to change the values.

6. Select "Create" and save the Show.
   N.B.
   a) Do not delete the working ".psh" file in case you need to edit your show as you cannot edit an ".exe" or any other "Published" file.
   b) Do not move or rename your working folder or any picture files used or Proshow will not be able to reload them if you want to edit the show.

6) Adding other features
1. **Change the slide timing and transition timing.**
2. **Choose the Transitions.** Select transitions from over 280 different transition effects.
3. **Apply Editing, Motion and Captions.** Access the slide Options to customize slides.
4. **Adding a Commentary.** Commentaries can be recorded directly in Proshow Gold or separately and added as audio files using software such as Audacity.