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TOPIC -----

This article describes how to create a slide show presentation using the Apple Media Tool.

DISCUSSION -----

Step 1 - The Basics

Launch the Apple Media Tool application program and create one screen. Import the media, place the media inside the screen (creating objects), and align the coordinates for each object.

Note:

This article assumes you already know how to import media, create a screen, align coordinates, change actions, create commands, change commands, and other basic media tool procedures. If you do not know how to do this, please refer to the user's manual.

Step 2 - Setting duration times

You need to set the length of time you want each object to appear on the screen. This is done using the duration command in the object menu. Highlight the object for which you want to set the duration, then go to the object menu and select Duration. A window opens showing you the name of the object you have selected as well as On and Off buttons. Click the On button and enter a duration time in ticks (60 ticks = 1 second). Once you set the duration, click OK. Do this for each object you want in your sequence.

Step 3 - Assigning commands for the objects

Here is a chart of the action/commands for each object:

	Before Display	Finished
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Object 1	Disable itself	Hide itself
.	Show itself	Show obj. 2
.	Start itself	Start obj. 2
Object 2	Disable itself	Hide itself
.	Hide itself	Show obj. 3
.		Start obj. 3
Object 3	Disable itself	Hide itself
.	Hide itself	Show obj. 4
.		Start obj. 4
Object 4	Disable itself	Hide itself
.	Hide itself	Show obj. 5
.		Start obj. 5
Object 5	Disable itself	-----
.	Hide itself	

Note:

The reason the finished action and the start command is used (usually for movies), is because once you assign a duration to an object, the media tool treats it similarly to the way it treats a movie.

Once you have assigned the commands for the objects, you are finished. Close the screen window, and run the presentation.

This article only provides the groundwork for creating a simple slide show project. Once you are comfortable with the procedure, you can add effects and change the duration to suit your needs.

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