

Setting up a moving photo strip:

1. Place the images that you intend to use into a PowerPoint slide.
2. Crop, resize, and align the photos so that they are all about the same height (or width, if you're making a vertical moving photo strip).
*** For the best effect, you'll want to have more than will fit across the slide, but beware that too many photos will make for a very large file size.*

We are starting at Step 3 today:

3. Once the photos are aligned how you like, select the photos and group them.
4. Under the ANIMATIONS tab at the top, expand the animation options or scroll through them to select "Lines" from the Motion Paths section. Once selected, the Effect Options button to the right of that section will become available to click. For this project, we'll need to select the "Left" movement within that dropdown menu.
5. Next, you'll notice that a dashed line has appeared with one green end and one red end. Click the line until you get circle ends (instead of arrows) and your cursor has changed to a move/adjust tool. Pull the left end of the line to the left until the approximate place that you want the action to end. You may also need/want to adjust the right end point to change where the action begins. *In newer versions of PowerPoint on PC, this movement is previewed for you as you adjust the line – this is super helpful!*
6. Preview the action by clicking the Preview button on the top left within the ANIMATIONS tab (or just play your slideshow). Typically, you'll want the photos to slowly scroll across the slide, so you'll need to change the duration of the animation. From the ANIMATIONS tab, under the Timing section on the right, adjust the Duration to your liking (for example, about 15 second duration, instead of the default 2 second duration). *You may need to repeat steps 5-6 until you get the movement and timing how you like.*
7. If you don't want to have to click in order to start the photo movement, you'll need to change the start trigger. Again, from the ANIMATIONS tab, under the Timing section on the right, change the Start from "On Click" to "With Previous". This will start the photo animation as soon as the slideshow is advanced to this slide.
8. Notice that there is a default effect called Smooth Start/Smooth End that will slow down the motion slightly at the beginning and the end of the animation. If you do not want that effect, you'll need to either double click on the animation line, or go to the Animation Pane and double click on the action there. A dialog box will come up where you can adjust the time for the Smooth Start/Smooth End effect. If you do not want this effect, just set the timing to 0 for both. Or feel free to play with the timings to get this to look how you'd like.

Congratulations, you did it! Enjoy your creation!