



iStockSHOWROOM

Show your iStockphoto portfolio

INTRODUCTION

HELLO !

Welcome to the iStockSHOWROOM instruction manual. I tried to include every bit of details about this application so that you can set it up easily without having any extreme HTML knowledge.

Basically, this is a walkthrough of the files included in the .ZIP.

Have fun playing with this flash application and feel free to contact me if you run into any problems. I'll do my best to help.

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FILES INCLUDED IN THE .ZIP

(BESIDE THIS WONDERFUL GUIDE)

example.html

This is a basic html file that include basic html code for flash.

Important : If you wish to use this file locally, you'll have to add the flash file to your flash player safe list (just follow the instructions you'll see in the security warning pop-up). Basically, the flash file need to access istockphoto.com RSS feed and adobe flash player doesn't allow it by default (when the file is local).

showroomConfig.xml

The XML file is divided into 3 distinct part. First you have the users setting where you set up your iStockphoto account and change the text (translate them in french, etc...). The second part is all about the look. Change the text color, background, border, reflection and much more. Finally, you have the gallery setting where you set up your albums and files.

showroom.swf

This, with the xml file, is the vital part. This is the flash file that you have to include in your web page. You can use the code included in the example.html file to set up the showroom into your web page.

background.png

This is the default background used in the default sliderConfig.xml file. If you wish, you can create your own and change your theme within your XML file.

XML SETTINGS

<USERSETTING>

<username>

Write your iStockphoto user name there. The footer text will link to this username profile. Also, external link will include your user name as a reference. For more information about the iStockphoto referral program, please consult your Referral tab in your profile.

<userID>

This setting is extremely important for the Latest Upload function. To view your user ID, log on iStockphoto and click on your user name in the top left corner. Then look at the URL in your browser, you should see something like "http://www.istockphoto.com/user_view.php?id=1003814". The number at the end is your user ID. (Don't use 1003814, this one's mine!)

<URLtarget>

Choose between "_top" or "_blank" for your URL target. Basically, a "_top" target will open all link on the same window and "_blank" will open link in a new window.

<footerText>

This text is displayed at the bottom if the showSearchBox parameter is set to false. Clicking there will lead you to your profile page.

<previousPageText>

Change the "Previous page" text. Useful if you want to display your stuff in an other language.

<nextPageText>

Change the "Next page" text. Useful if you want to display your stuff in an other language.

<showSearchBox>

Set to True or False.

<searchBoxText>

Setting this attribute to "true" will show the iStock search box at the bottom. This will enable the search function, which will launch a search on iStockphoto.com within your portfolio or not, depending if the checkbox is checked. Set to "false" if you do not wish to show the search box and display the footer text instead.

XML SETTINGS

<THEME>

<footerTextColor>

Change the color of the text displayed at the bottom (previous and next page included). Use hexadecimal value. (Ex. FFFFFFFF for white or 000000 for black). This will link to your iStockphoto portfolio.

<headerTextColor>

Change the color of the text displayed at the top (Album name). Use hexadecimal value. (Ex. FFFFFFFF for white or 000000 for black).

<backgroundImage>

Specify the path of your background image. Ex : /images/background.png. The path should be relative to your HTML file. You can use these file format : JPG, JPEG, GIF, PNG and SWF. You can also leave this attribute empty.

If you use a SWF file, use more than one frame. Using only one frame will result in a visual glitch. Consider yourself warned !

<backgroundColor>

Enter a background color here if you leave the background image setting empty. Use hexadecimal value. (Ex. FFFFFFFF for white or 000000 for black).

<thumbBorder>

Display a border around the thumbnail. Set to "True" to display the border and "False" to hide the border.

<thumbBorderColor>

Set the border color. Use hexadecimal value. (Ex. FFFFFFFF for white or 000000 for black).

<thumbTextColor>

Change the color of the thumbnail text (text under the file preview). Use hexadecimal value. (Ex. FFFFFFFF for white or 000000 for black).

<thumbReflectionOpacity>

Set the opacity of the thumbnail reflection. Use a number between 0 (invisible) and 100 (opaque).

<thumbReflectionBlur>

Set to True if you want to blur the thumbnail reflection. Set to False if your wish to have a clear reflection.

<thumbReflectionBlurStrength>

Set the blur strength in pixel. 3 is a pretty safe value. Change at your own risk. Can be extremely demanding on the user computer.

<thumbReflectionBlurQuality>

Use a value between 0 and 15. 0 is extremely choppy and 15 can overheat your computer. 10 is a safe value.

XML SETTINGS

<THEME>

<showiStockBanner>

Setting this attribute to "true" will show the iStock referral banner in the top left corner. You can edit the color within the <iStockBannerColor> attribute. Set to "false" if you do not wish to show the banner.

<iStockBannerColor>

Change the background color of the iStock banner. Keep in mind that the iStock logo will remain white. Use hexadecimal value. (Ex. FFFFFFFF for white or 000000 for black).

XML SETTINGS

<GALLERY>

Use the following syntax for your gallery.

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<gallery>
  <album name="Album name here" latestUpload="user"></album>
  <album name="Album name here">
    <image id="123456" title="File title here"></image>
    <image id="123456" title="File title here"></image>
    <image id="123456" title="File title here"></image>
    <image id="123456" title="File title here"></image>
    <image....
  </album>
</gallery>
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<album>

Put the desired album name in the name="" field as showed in the example. If you wish to show your latest upload in the album, add latestUpload="user". This setting will automatically update your files through iStockphoto RSS feed. You can set up to 4 album. Additional album won't be displayed.

<image>

Enter the image id in the id="" field as showed in the example. Enter the image title in the title="" field. However, a maximum of 20 image can be showed in each albums. Additional image won't be displayed. If you set the latestUpload to "user", images set in this album won't be displayed, only you 10 latest uploads will be showed. Image ID and title are automatically set when the album's latestUpload function is set to "user".

TIPS

CREATING A THEME

To help you create a theme, you can download a .psd file with all buttons position included. Here's the URL of this file :

http://www.alexduumas.net/istockshowroom/files/istockshowroom_template.zip

XML PATH

You can set the XML path by adding ?xmlconfig=path_of_your_xml_here.xml at the end of your flash src attribute in your HTML code.

This is useful if, like me, you like to organise your files in separate folders.

Example:

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src="//flash/istockshowroom.swf?xmlconfig=/xml/showroomConfig.xml"
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Using multiple theme and/or multiple gallery

By using different xml files, you can create different style matching different section/skin of your web site. You can also use different xml files to display specific portfolio theme.

TROUBLESHOOTING

ANIMATION IS RUNNING SLOW

Try setting the blur strength and quality to a lower setting. If this doesn't work, set the blur reflection to false.

VISUAL GLITCH IN THE REFLECTION

This is probably because you're using a .swf file as background. This is due to the fact that your flash animation is only in one frame. Add a second frame to your animation and the problem should be solved.

THUMBNAIL IS NOT SHOWING / WRONG IMAGE

Double check your image ID in your xml file. It would be a missing number or missing quote. If this happens on the latest upload function, check your user ID.

Also, there is a maximum of 4 albums that can be displayed with a maximum of 20 files in each album.