



USER MANUAL



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Installation

The installation of Happy Eyes is easy – just double click the setup.exe file and follow the onscreen instructions. But before you start the installation, make sure once more that you meet the system requirements.

System Requirements

You do not need an extremely powerful computer in order to install and run Happy Eyes, although having more RAM and free disk space certainly will be better than keeping to the minimum configuration. Here is the minimum configuration:

- Windows 2000, XP, 2003, or Vista
- .NET framework 1.1 or higher
- 500MHz processor
- 256 MB RAM
- 20-30 MB free disk space

Installation

To start the installation of Happy Eyes, double click the setup.exe file. This will start the installation procedure. The first screen you will see is the screen for language selection:



Figure 1: Select Setup Language

The available languages are : English , German, Polish , Czech, Italian, Russian and Bulgarian. You will see only the languages which your computer system supports. After you select the language for installation, press OK and the Setup Wizard Welcome Screen will appear:



Figure 2: Setup Wizard Welcome Screen

Just press Next to proceed to the following screen – the License Agreement:

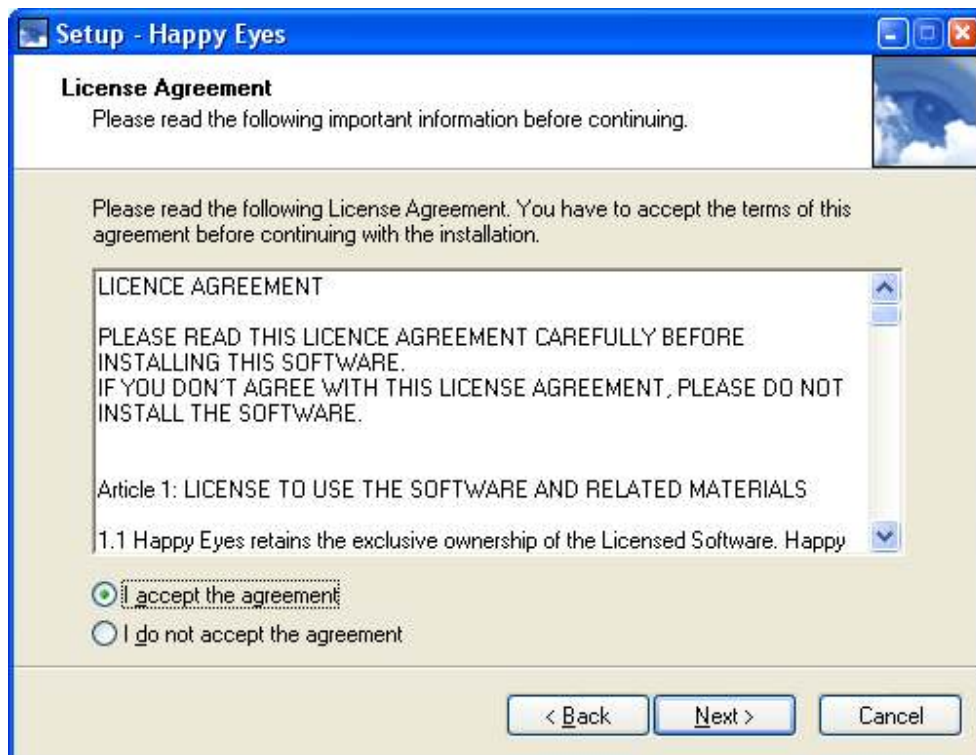


Figure 3: The License Agreement Screen



Read the agreement, select the radio button that you accept it and click the Next button to proceed to the Select Destination Location screen, which is shown in the next screenshot.

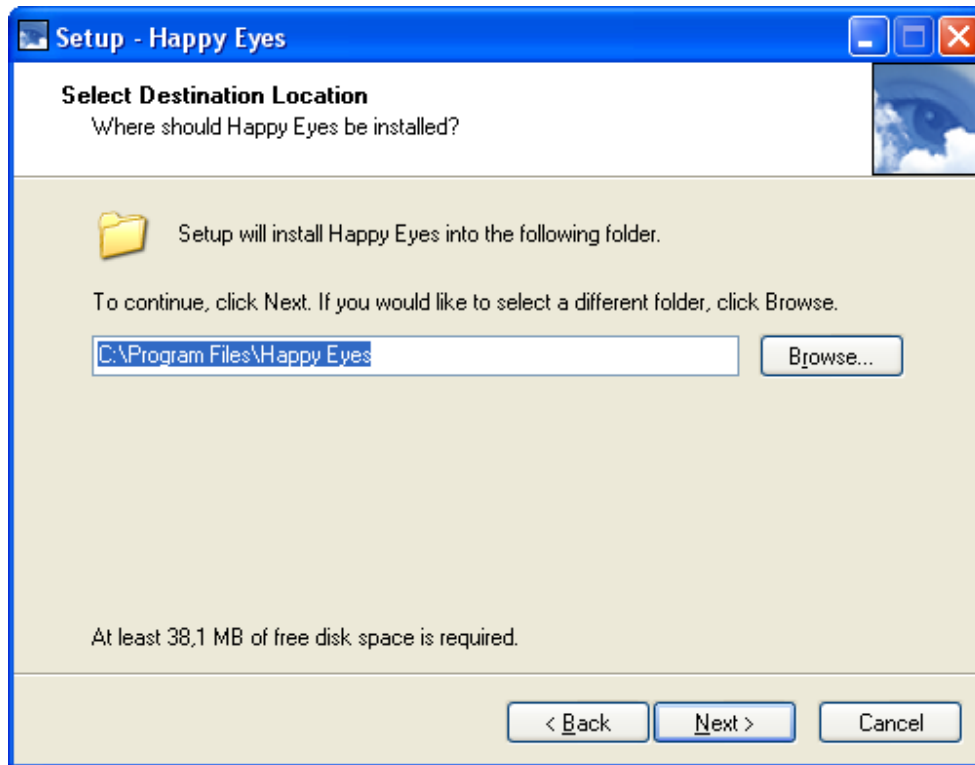


Figure 4: Select Destination Location

By default, Happy Eyes will be installed in the C:\Program Files\Happy Eyes folder. Although you can use the Browse button to select a different location for installation, generally it is not recommended to do it, unless you have a really serious reason – for instance, if Windows is installed on a different drive (not on C:\), then the default location will be changed, respectively. But even if the drive letter is changed, the installation directory should remain Program Files.

When you are ready with the selecting the installation location, press the Next button to go to the Select Start Menu Folder screen. By default, the installation will create a start menu folder for the program, unless you put a tick in the Don't Select Start Menu Folder checkbox.

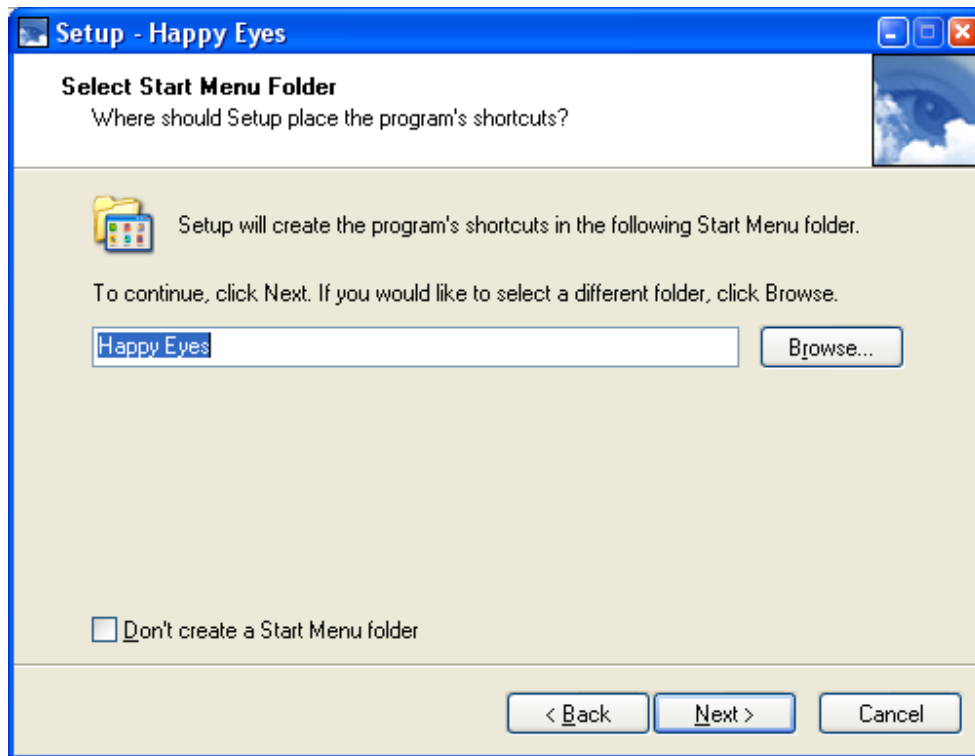


Figure 5: Select Start Menu Folder

Press Next to go to the Select Additional Tasks screen, which is shown next.

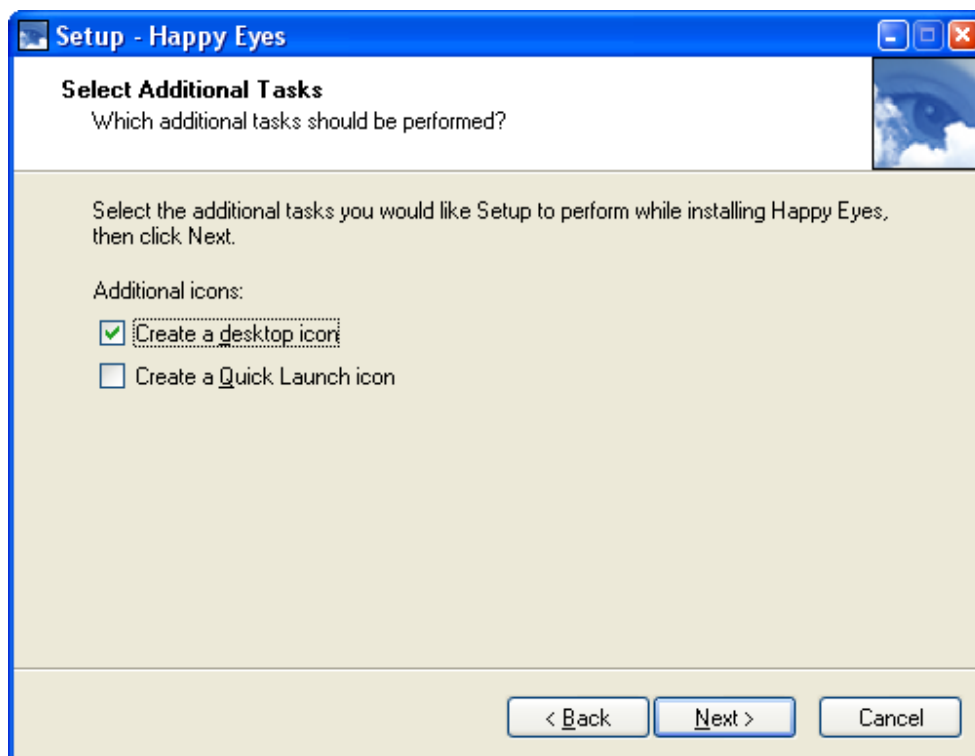


Figure 6: Select Additional Tasks Screen



The Select Additional Tasks Screen allows to select if a desktop icon and/or a Quick Launch icon to be created or not.

When you are ready, press the Next button to go to the Ready to Install screen. Here you see a summary of all the data you have entered from the start. Check if everything is OK and when ready, press the Install button. If you need to change something, you may want to press the Back button to return a couple of steps backwards and to change what is necessary.

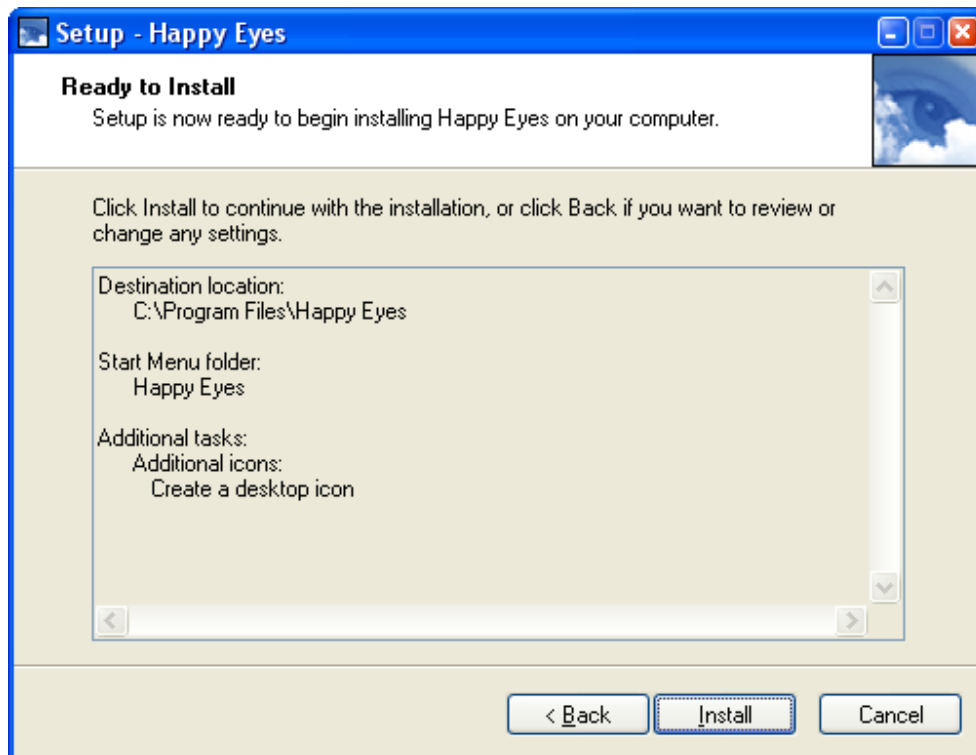


Figure 7: Ready to Install Screen

When you press Install, installation will start. While installation is proceeding, you will see the screen shown in the next screenshot.

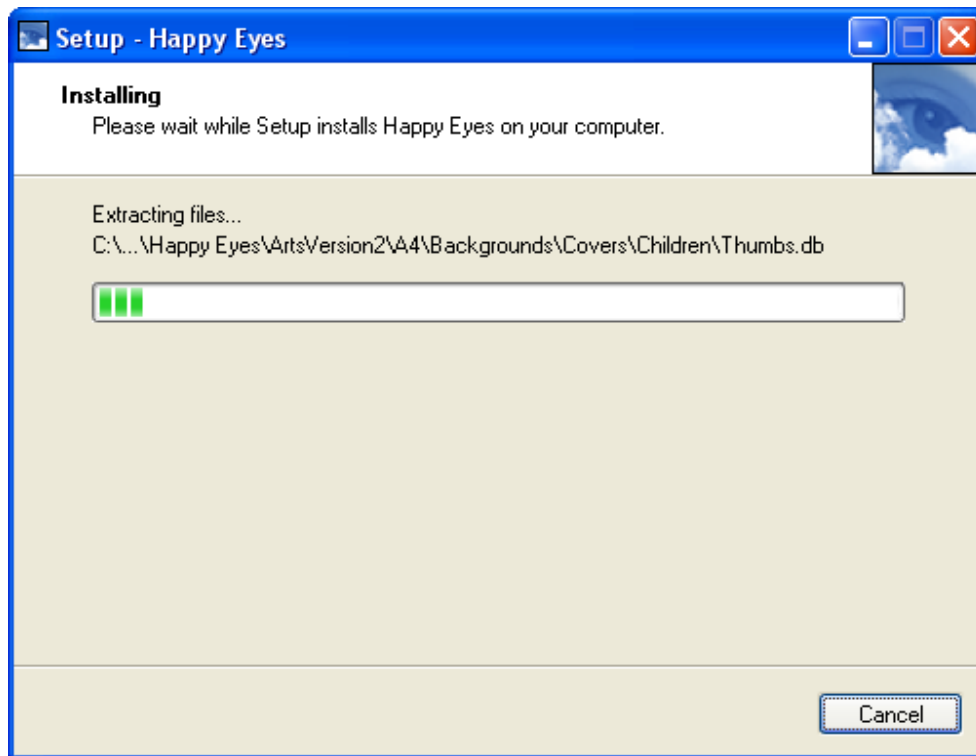


Figure 8: Installation Is in Process

In the last screen, click the Finish button to exit the installation procedure.



Figure 9: Installation Complete



Uninstalling Happy Eyes

Uninstalling Happy Eyes is not different from uninstalling most Windows applications. There are two ways to start the uninstall procedure:

- Select Start -> Programs -> Happy Eyes -> Uninstall Happy Eyes (if during installation you have chosen not to put a Start Menu folder for Happy Eyes, you will not be able to find the Happy Eyes folder now) and follow the instructions of the uninstall program.
- Alternatively, you can select Start -> Settings -> Control Panel -> Add or Remove Programs (in the list of programs, select Happy Eyes and press Remove). The uninstall procedure will finish in a second.

Creating a New Prima Photo Book

You can create a new photo book when you start the application as shown in the next screenshot, (or later if you choose File -> New Photo Book).

Tip: Most of the steps in the wizard are not mandatory and you can skip them (except the last two – selecting the default layout and adding the pictures), if you don't want to add a particular component (a background, a cover, etc.) to your photo book now. Later, when your book is ready, you can always change a component you skipped in the wizard.



Figure 10: Creating a New Book at Startup

When you choose the first option in the above screenshot, the Create New Photo Book wizard starts:

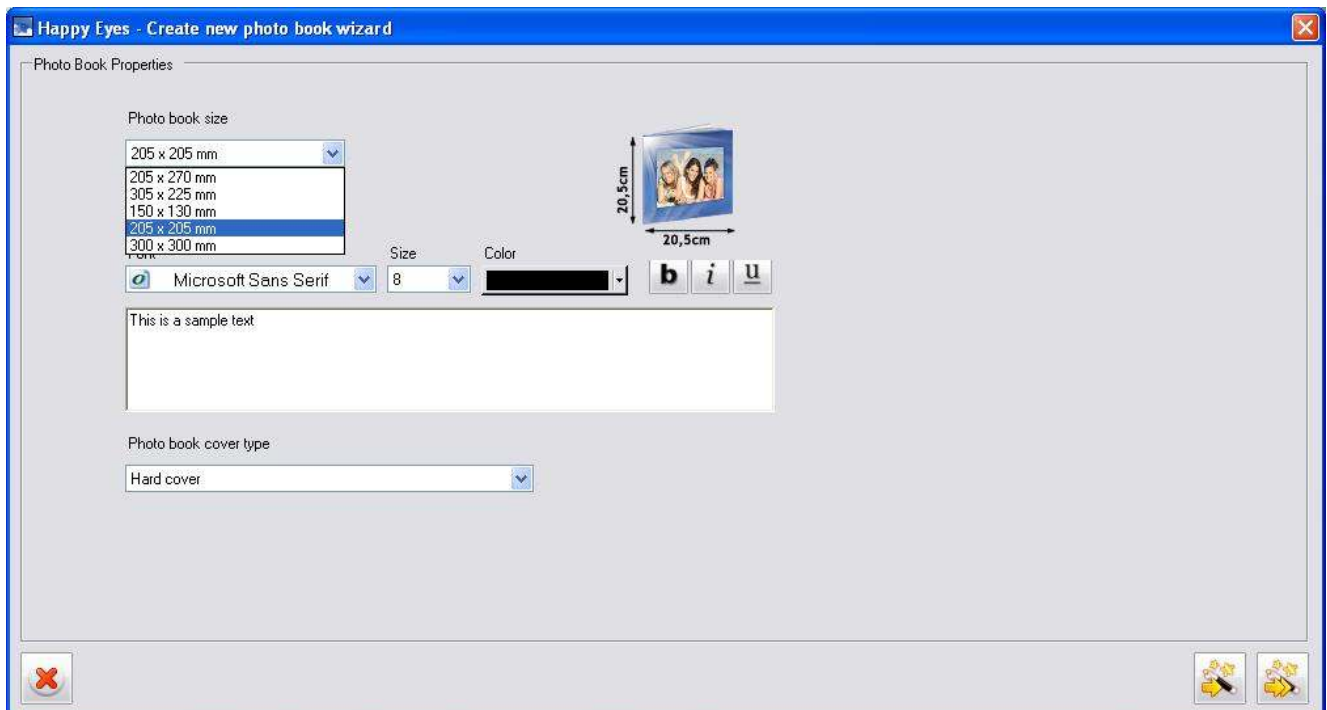


Figure 11: Photo Book Properties

The first screen in the Create New Photo Book wizard allows choosing photo book properties like the size of the photo book. There are several available sizes - 205 x 270 mm, 150 x 130



mm, 205 x 205 mm, 305 x 225 mm, and 300 x 300 mm. The first three sizes include customizable covers and the ability to write text on the book's cover. The Landscape 305 x 225 mm format includes a hard cover with a cut ellipse window which serves as a preview of the first page of the album. 300 x300mm photo book is with hard cover Linen and is not possible to add a text on it. You can also select the default font (size, color etc.) for text labels and the photo book cover type. When done, click the Next button to proceed to the second page of the wizard.

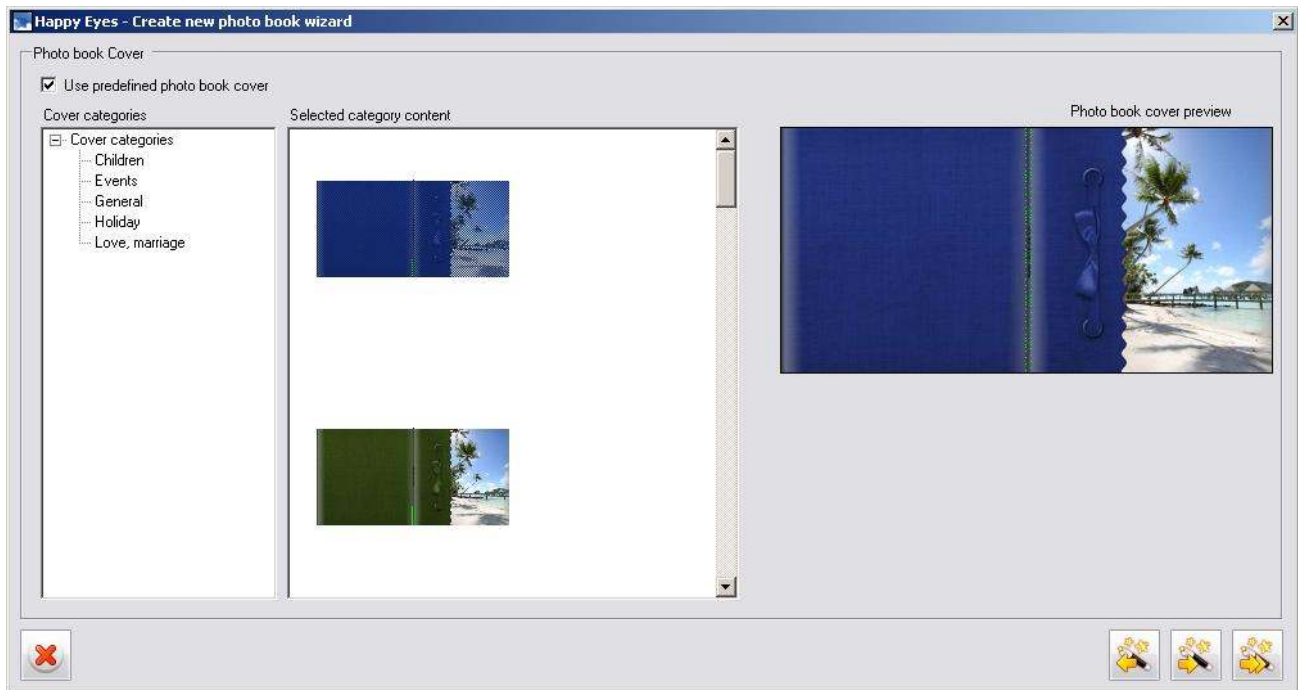


Figure 12: Select Book Cover

The second page of the Create New Photo Book wizard is for selecting the book cover. To enable the list of cover categories, put a tick in the Use Predefined Photo Book Cover checkbox. Browse through the categories of covers. When you click a category (for instance General) in the left pane, the covers that belong to this category will be displayed in the right pane. Double click on a cover to select it. The currently selected cover will appear in the Book Cover Preview on the right.

When you have made your cover choice, click the Next button to move to the Default Page Background screen, which is shown in the next screenshot.

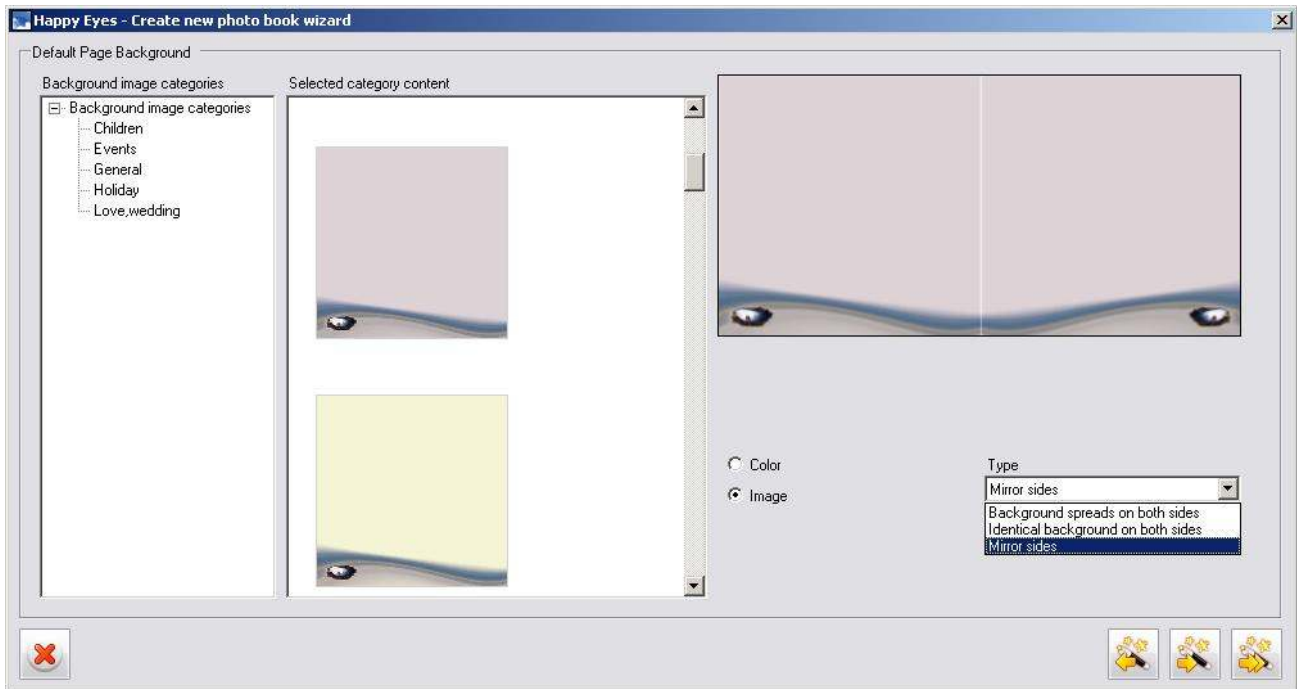


Figure 13: Select Default Page Background

The Default Page Background screen helps in selecting the background image for the album. You can select an image or color for the background of the album. Depending of what you have selected the displayed choices you can see in the right pane.

When you have selected an image for the background, you can choose additional options, for instance if the background will be identical for both sides of the book or if it will spread instead. Also, you can choose the image to be mirrored on both sides of the book or to flip the image horizontally.

If you'd rather have a color for background, choose the Color radio button on the right side. This will display a dropdown with a color palette accessible for you to choose the desired color.

When you have finished with the selection of the default page background, press the Next button to proceed to the Default Photo Frame screen.

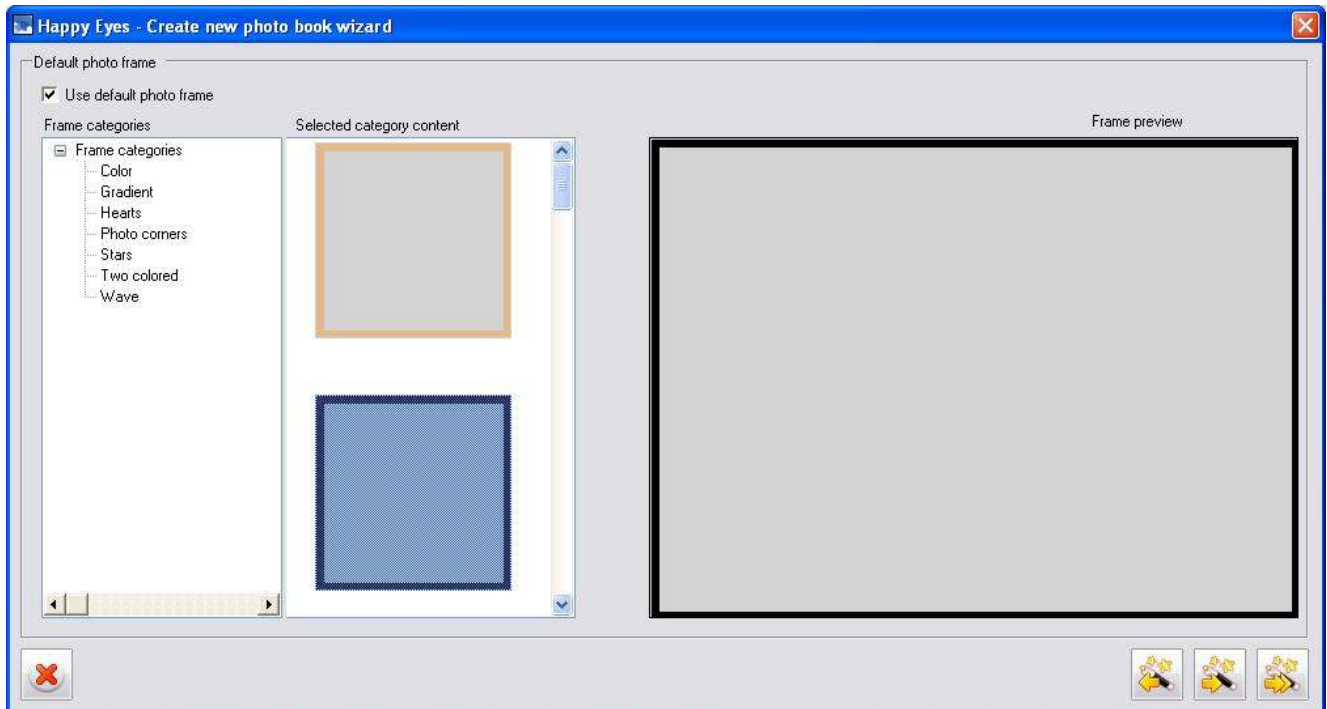


Figure 14: Select Default Photo Frame

This screen allows you to choose the default photo frame. Put a tick in the Use Default Photo Frame checkbox, to enable the list of frame categories. Browse through the categories that are available in the left pane, and when in the right pane you see the frame of your choice, double click to select it. When ready, press the Next button to continue to the Default Page Layout Screen, which is shown in the next screenshot.

Tip: *If you do not select a frame, the photos will have a shadow instead.*

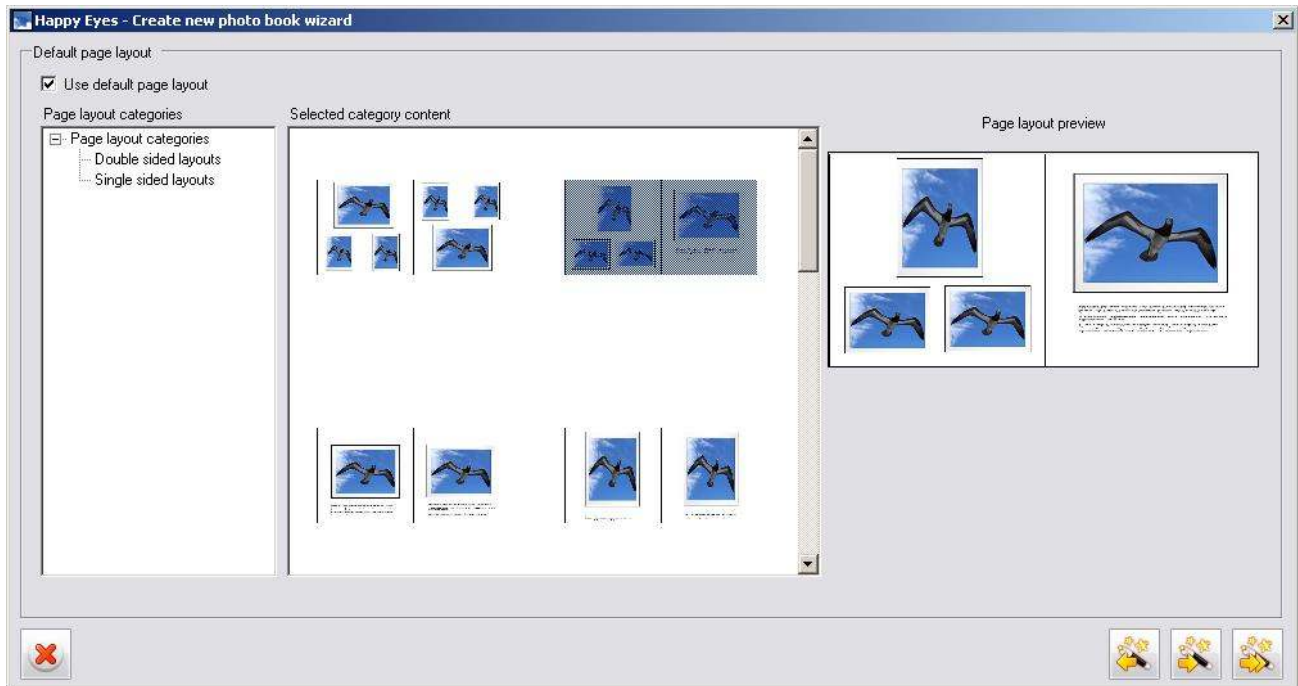


Figure 15: Select Default Page Layout

The last photo book component that can be chosen is the default page layout. After you put a tick in the Use Default Page Layout check box, the list of page layout categories becomes active. The first group of categories is for double sided layouts, while the second category is for single sided layouts, so you can have differing left and right sides.

If you prefer even and odd pages to be different, choose a page layout from the second category. The available choices are Double Sided Layouts and Single Sided Layouts.

If you choose Single Sided Layouts, the layouts of left and right pages will be the same. If you want to have different left and right pages, from the Page Layout Categories drop-down on the right select Double Sided Layouts and make your choice from the available options.

Tip: *When selecting the page layout for the album, check what the layout of the photos you plan to put inside is. You can always change the layout for a particular page later but if you, for instance, have mainly landscape photos, then choosing portrait layout for all your pages is not the best idea.*

When you are done with selecting the default page layout, click the Next button to proceed to the last screen in the wizard.

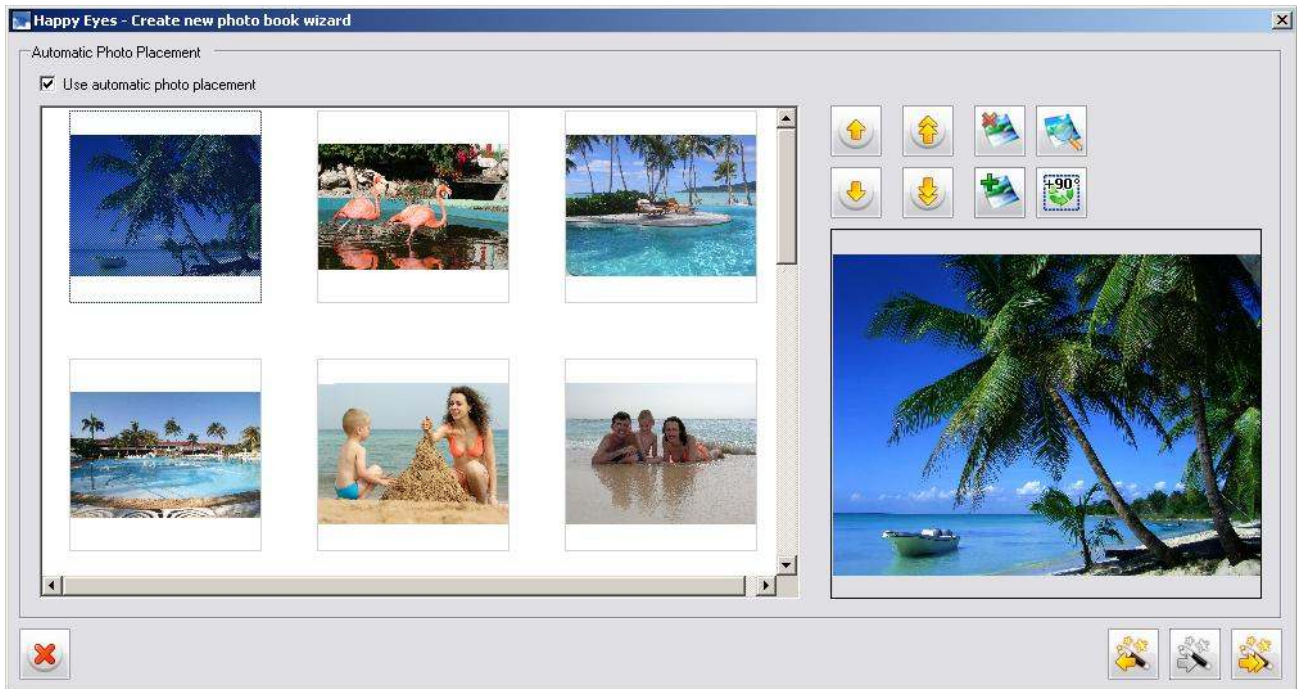


Figure 16: Automatic Photo Placement

The last screen in the wizard is a dialog box where you add the pictures in the album. Click on the Plus button to add new files to your album.

Tip: *Your new book will be ready in an instant, if you already have all the photos for the book gathered in one folder and arranged in the sequence you want them to appear in the album. If you have the pictures for the book gathered in one folder, press Ctrl+A to select them all and add them at once.*

The buttons on the right side of the dialog box provide for arrangement options. After you have added the pictures, you can select a picture to rotate or delete, you can also move it upwards or downwards as well as to send to the beginning or end of the album.

If the preview box is too small to display enough detail of your photos, you can click the button above the preview box and the photo will be displayed in full size.

When you are done, click the Finish button and your new PRIMA photo book will be created. While the book is being created, you will see the following message.

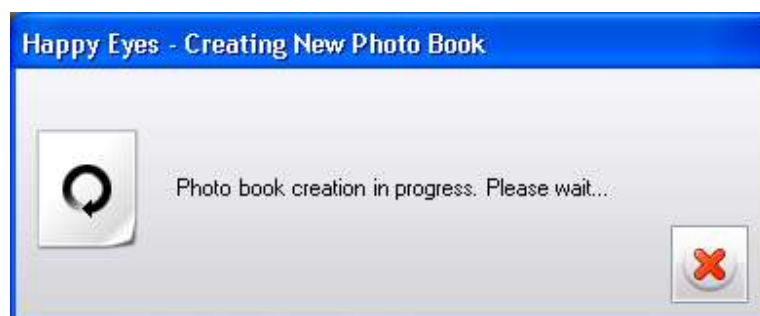


Figure 17: The Book is in Process of Creation

After the book is ready, you will see the following message:

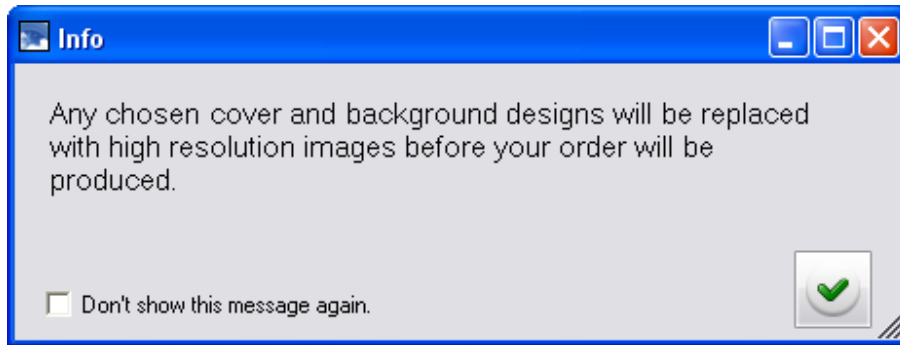


Figure 18: Info Message

When you click the green tick, this will open the newly created photobook, as shown in the next screenshot:

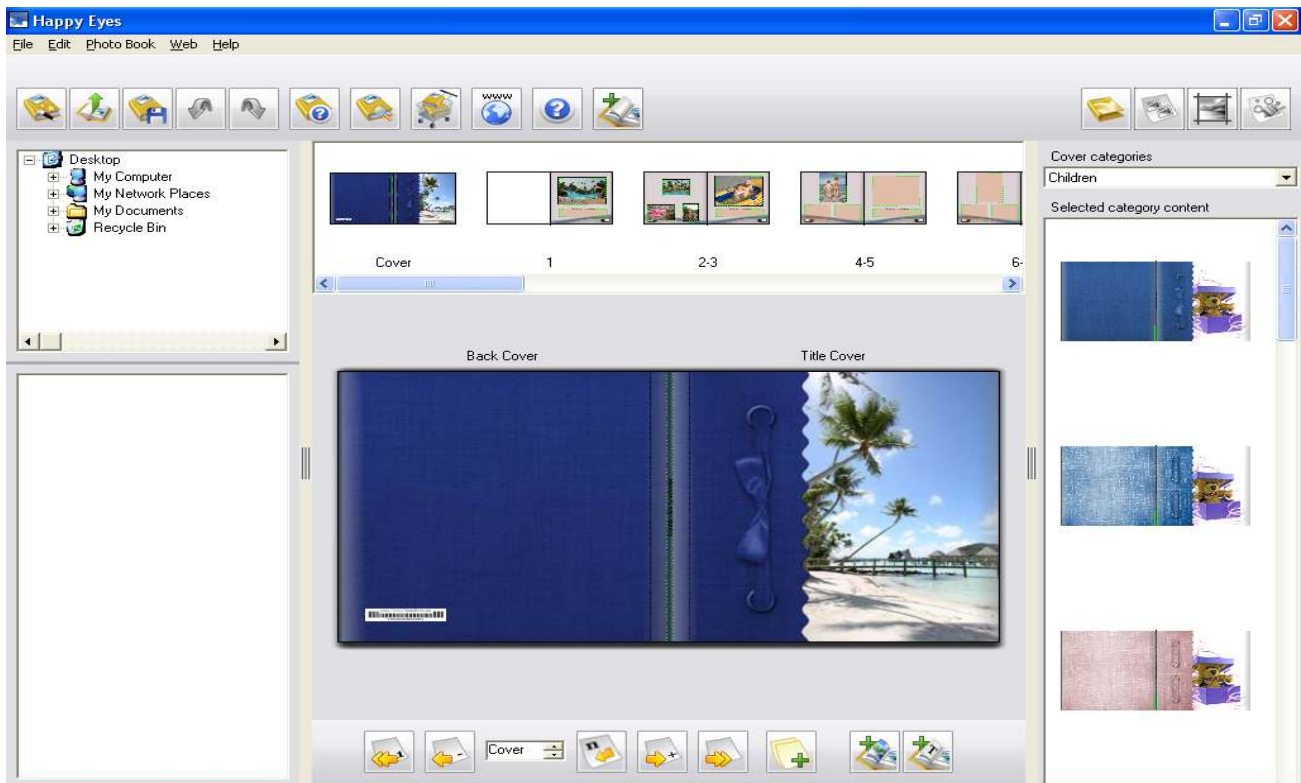


Figure 19: The Newly Created Photo Book



Modifying an Existing Album

After you have created an album, it is likely that at some time you will wish to modify it. To do so, you need first to open it. This can be done at startup, when in the screen below you choose the second option, (or if Happy Eyes is already open – by selecting File -> Open from the menu bar).



Figure 20: Opening an Existing Photo Book at Startup

The book you have selected for opening will appear in the Work Area of the Main Screen of Happy Eyes.

The Main Screen

Most of the modifications are easily done from the Work Area and the button bars of the Main Screen. Therefore, let's first have a look at the Main Screen of Happy Eyes. The Main Screen is shown in the first screenshot on the next page and its parts (the blue numbers) are described next.

1. This is the Work Area and albums are displayed in it. There are many activities that can be performed directly on the book in the Work Area, without having to go to the menus or the button bars. For instance, instead of using the wizard to create a new album, you can do it by dragging and dropping pictures from the File Explorer on the left (5) into the Work Area, position them there the way you like. (Just do not place the photos very close to the page margin because they can be truncated during production.)

In the Work Area you can make various changes to your book – you can add background or text to the pictures, or change the frames to shadows, or rotate the pictures at an angle you like more.

For instance, in the first screenshot on the next page the photos have no frames but only shadows. The frames have been removed on deliberately for these two pages but we can easily add a frame when we choose it from the right pane (6) of the Work Area.

Tip: If you drag the vertical grey lines aside, you will increase the size of the Work Area, as shown in the second screenshot on the next page.

The same screenshot shows two more features of Happy Eyes – that you can rotate pictures and text. Additionally, one of the photos has a shadow applied to it, while the other two have frames, so you can see how both shadows and frames look like.

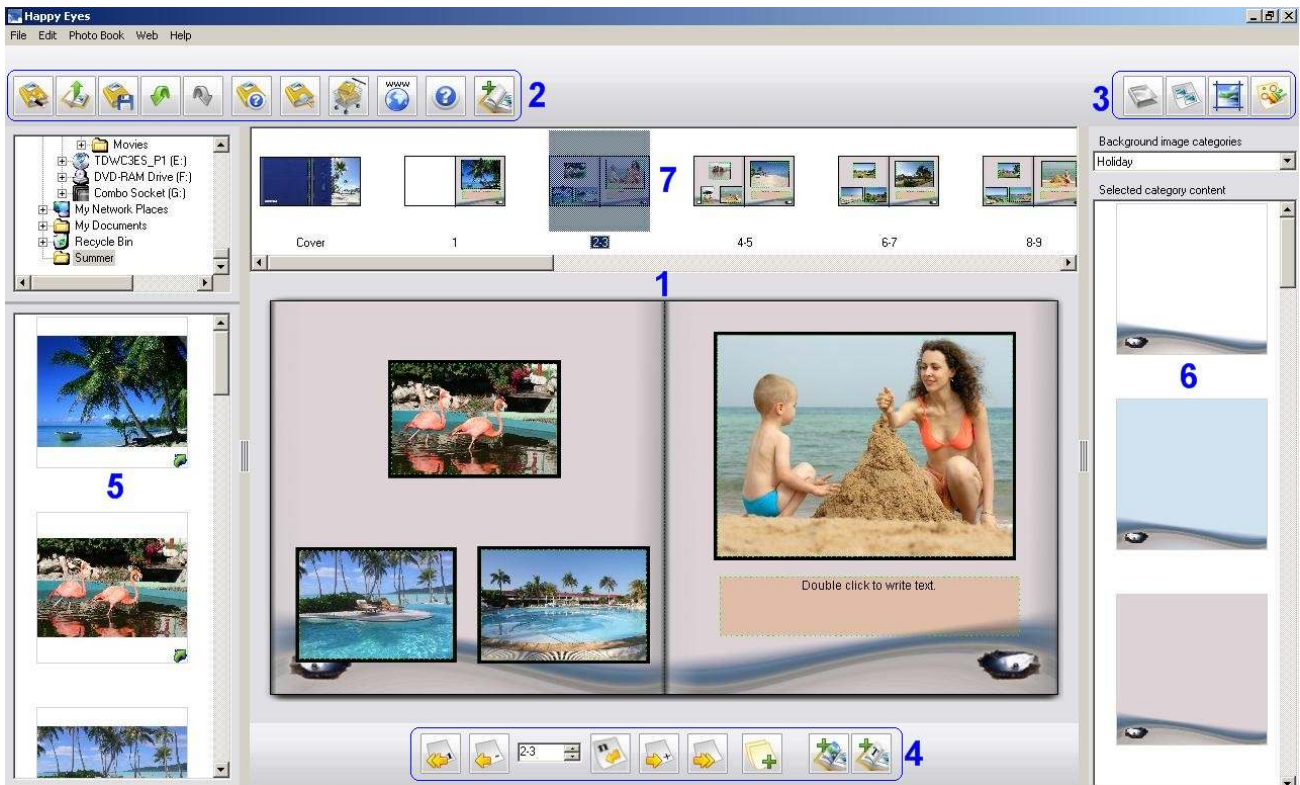


Figure 21: The Main Screen

Pictures and text can be rotated at any angle you wish. To rotate pictures or text just slightly grab the green rotation circle at the top of the placeholder box (the blue arrow points to it in figure number 22) and rotate it in the direction you want. Both pictures and text can be rotated. (If you wish to rotate them at 90, 180, or 270 degrees, you can do it from the Picture Properties dialog box, which opens when you right-click a picture and select Properties from the shortcut menu).

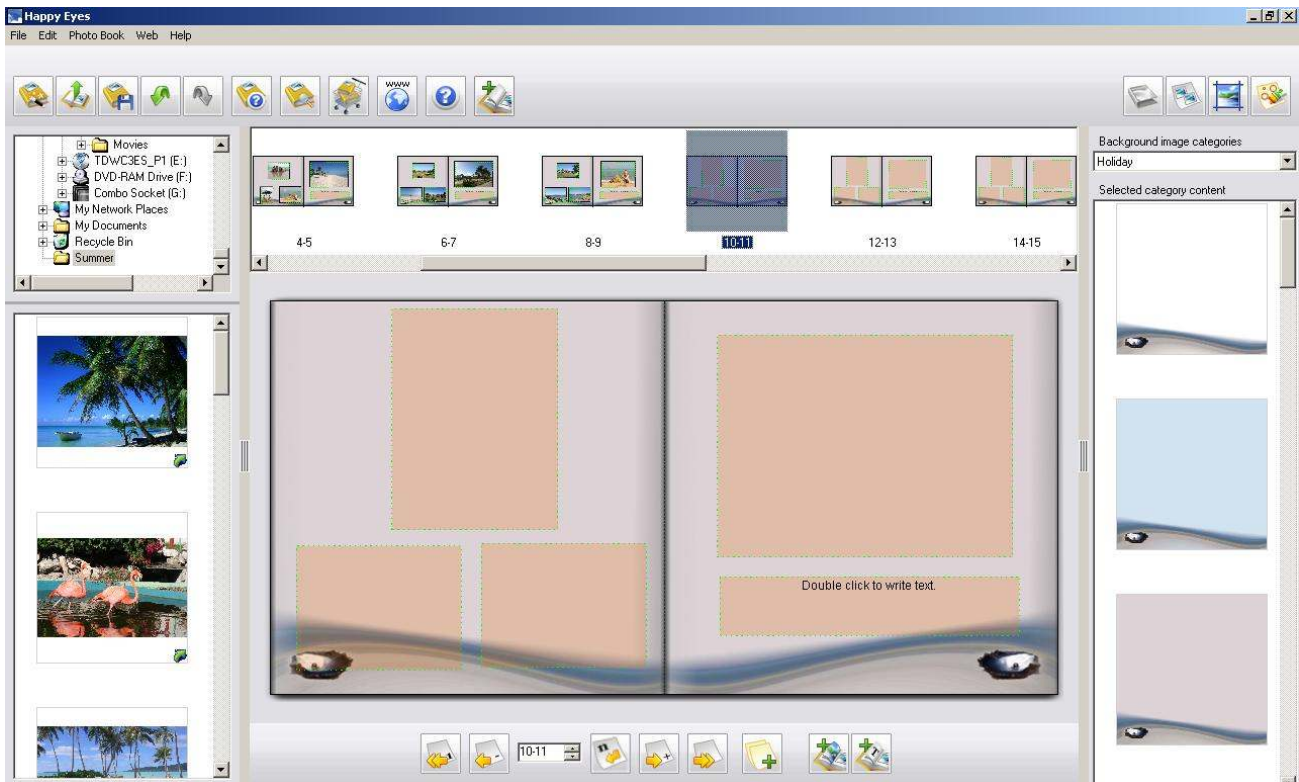


Figure 22: Empty Photo Holders and Text Boxes Rotate Point

2. This is one of the three button bars. It has buttons for general operations with the active book like creating a new book, opening an existing book, saving the active book, undoing and redoing changes, opening the photo book properties, opening the photo book preview, uploading photo book to the web site, going to Prima photo book web site, opening the Happy Eyes help and inserting new pages.



Figure 23: The Top Left Button Bar

3. The second button bar has buttons for modifying book components like book cover, page layout, picture frame, and page background – i.e. the elements that affect the appearance of the album. This button bar is described [here](#).
4. The third button bar, (see below figure 24) located at the bottom (under the Work Area) is the navigation button bar. Its buttons allow to move around the book – to go to the first page, to the previous page, to the page with the selected number, to the next page, and to the last page. There are also buttons for inserting multiple pages, picture holders and text. The insertion buttons in this button bar are described [here](#).



Figure 24: The Navigation Button Bar



5. File Explorer displays the contents of a drive or a directory on your computer. If there are images in the directory you have selected in File Explorer, these images will be shown in the pane under it. You can drag the images from there and drop them in the album. The images that are already in the book have a small green arrow in the bottom right corner, thus telling you that they are already in the album; if you delete a photo from the album, the arrow disappears.
6. In the last component of the Main Screen the gallery of available backgrounds, covers, layouts, etc. is displayed. When you click a button from **3**, the categories for the respective component are shown in **6** and you can select them.
7. The Toolbar Page Preview provides a shortcut to each and every page of the photo book.

Inserting Pages, Pictures, and Text

Inserting Pages

The Insert Page button inserts a page before the page that is currently open. There are some other ways to insert pages in the book – for instance, you can select Edit -> Insert Page, or when you are in the Work Area, you can right click and the context menu that appears will present you with following options, as shown in the next screenshot.

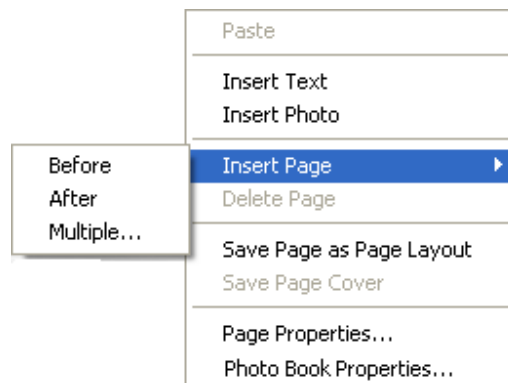


Figure 25: Right-click Menu

You can choose where to insert the pages – before or after the current one. Additionally, you can also insert multiple pages at once. In this case the following dialog will appear:



Figure 26: Insert Multiple Pages Dialog Box

Tip: You can access this dialog directly, if you select the plus button from the Navigation button bar.

Inserting Pictures

To insert a photo, either select Edit -> Insert Picture Holder from the menu bar, or click the Insert Photo button (you'll note that the cursor changes to a photo) and then click on the page in the album, on which you want the photo to be inserted. You will see a pink rectangle. Move it and position it to your liking. Drag an image from the File Explorer on the left (the pane below **5** in the Main Screen screenshot) to the pink rectangle.

You can also insert (or change) the image in the pink rectangle, if you right-click it and from the resulting menu select Properties.

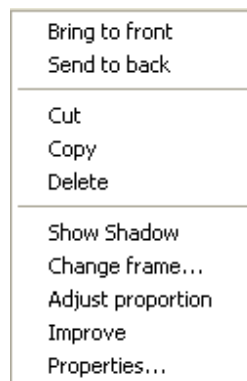


Figure 27: Photo Right Click Menu

Selecting Properties opens the Picture Box Properties dialog box, as shown next. There you can adjust the brightness contrast and saturation of the image, flip horizontal and vertical, rotate it or simply choose a new image. You can also improve the quality of a dark picture, apply black & white and sepia effect or resize its holder. If you are not happy with the changes, you can always use the Undo button and restore the image to its original form.

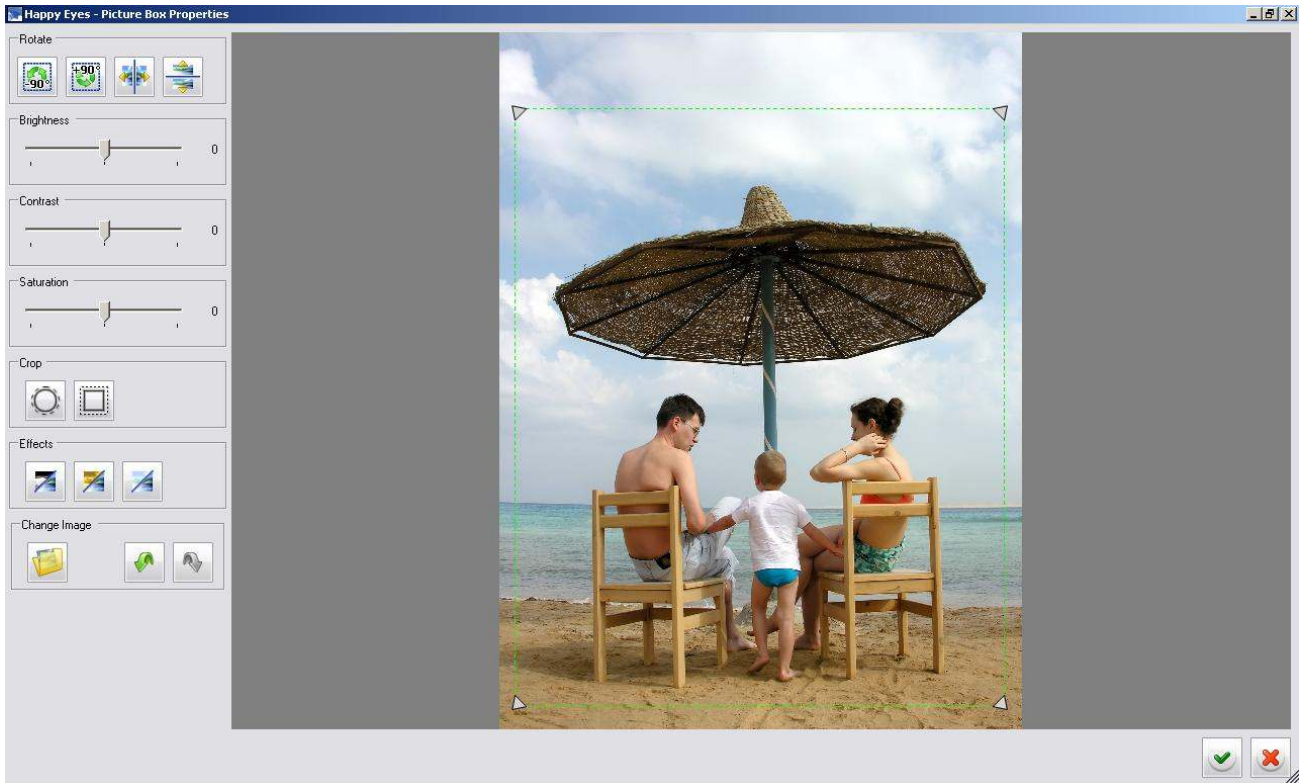


Figure 28: Picture Box Properties

Inserting Text

To insert text to a photo, either select Edit -> Insert Text, or right-click on a photo to open the right click menu and click Insert Text, or press the Insert Text button from the button bar on the right at the bottom of the screen. In either case, a pink rectangle will appear and if you double click it, this will display the text editor dialog box which is shown in the next screenshot.

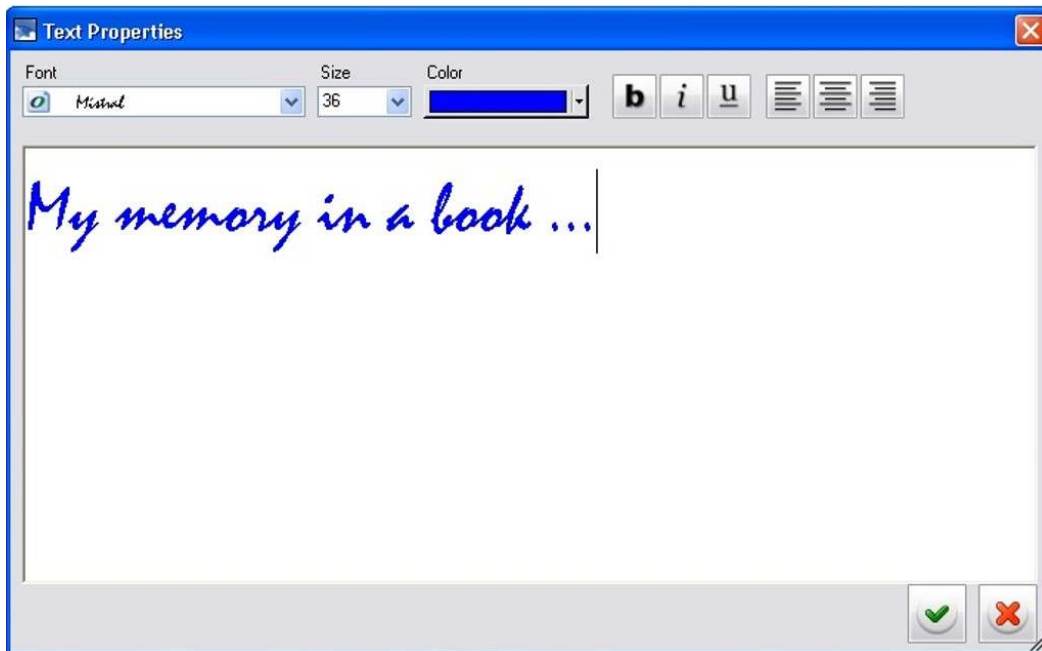


Figure 29: The Text Editor Dialog Box

Type in the text you would like to appear on the photo, format it accordingly and press the green tick to save the text.

There is one more button at the top left button bar – the Upload Photo Book button. When you click it (or select Web -> Upload Photo Book from the menu bar), the dialog box shown in the screenshot below appears. Enter all necessary data and when ready, click the Start Photo Book Upload button to upload the book (for registered users only).

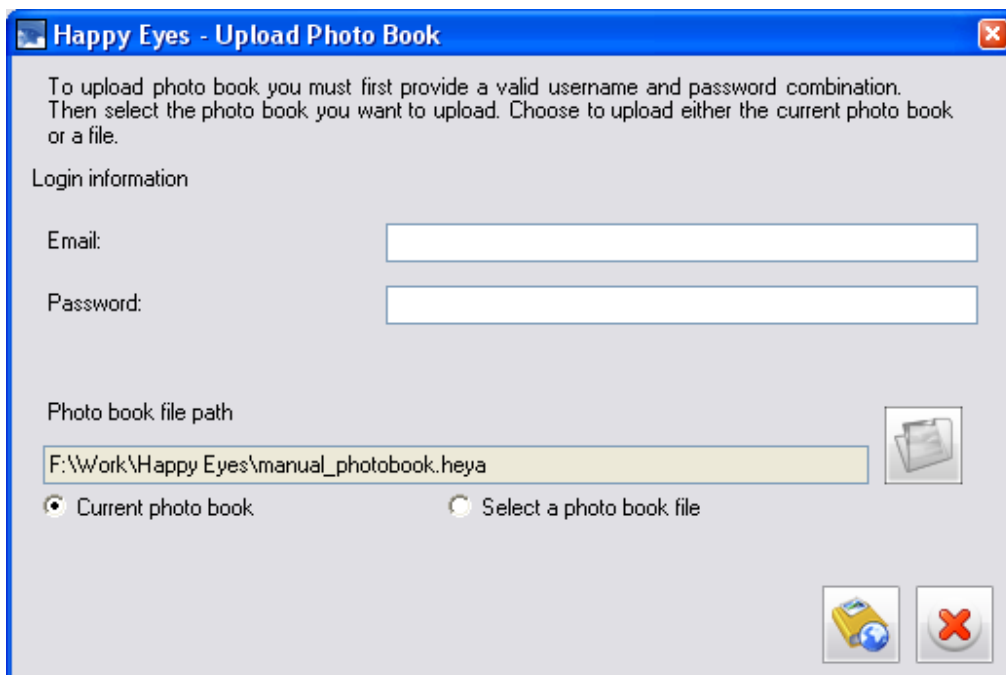


Figure 30: The Upload Photo Book Dialog Box

Modifying the Book Cover, Background, Page Layout, and Page Frame

The button bar on the right of the Main Screen contains four buttons for modifying the book cover, the page layout, the page frame and the background of the currently open album, respectively.



Figure 31: The Top Right Button Bar

Click on a button, and the categories for the particular component will be displayed in the pane below. Click on a category, to display the contents of the gallery that falls into this category into the pane below. When the images for the particular category are displayed in the lowest right pane, select an image and drag it onto the currently open album.

The items in both the category and galleries panes have a context menu with two commands – Rename and Delete. Use these commands to delete images, if you do not like them or to give them names that you'll remember easy.

A change you can make to the appearance of the book is to replace the frame with a shadow and vice versa. If while you were creating the book you chose a frame and now you would like to change it to a shadow, right click the picture and select Change Frame

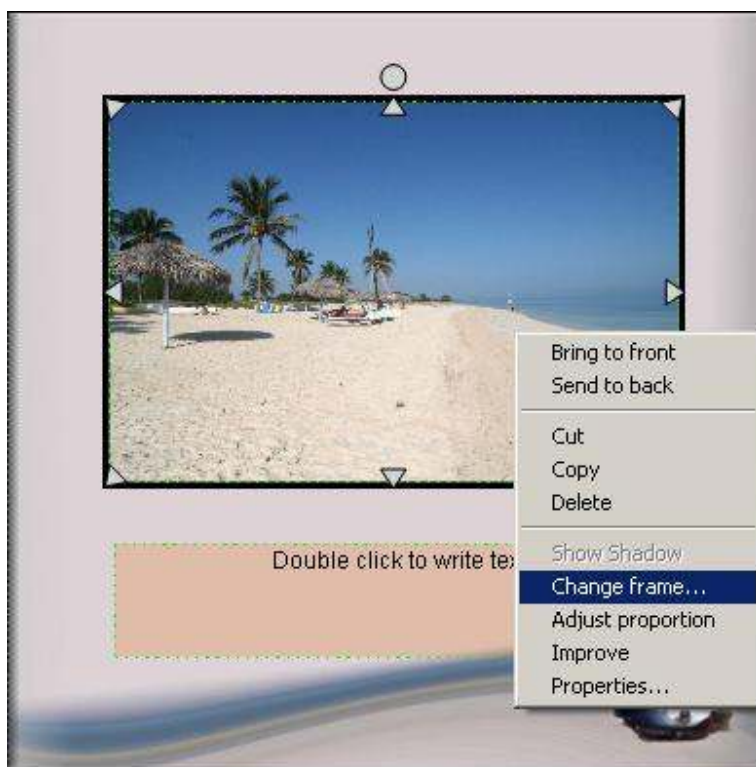


Figure 32: Changing the Frame

This will open the screenshot shown on the next page:

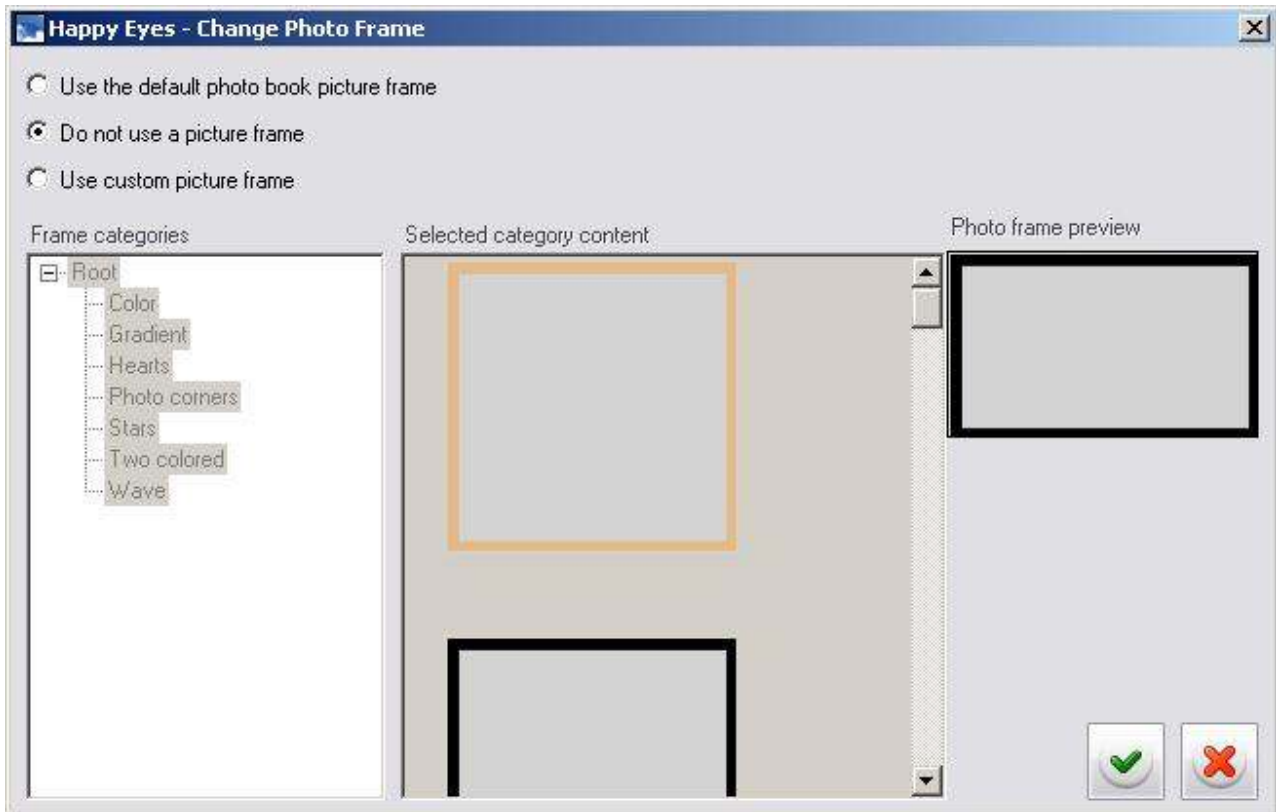


Figure 33: Replacing a Frame With Shadow

Select Do Not Use a Picture Frame and click OK. This will change the frame to shadow for the selected picture. If you do not see the shadow right away, right-click the picture again and put a tick in front of the Show Shadow option.

If you need to change the frame (to shadow or to another frame) for the whole book rather than for a single photo or you want to make more radical changes to the components of the album, you can always use the Photo Book -> Photo Book Properties command to invoke the wizard you got already familiar with in the previous chapter “Creating a New ” and to make whatsoever changes you feel are necessary.

In addition to replacing frames with shadows, it is also possible to adjust the picture holder to the picture. You can do this either by right-clicking a picture and selecting Resize Holder to Fit Picture, or by opening the Picture Properties box and clicking the Resize Holder button, as shown in the next screenshot. In both cases the holder will shrink or expand in order to better accommodate the picture.

The Adjust Proportions and Improve menu options do exactly this – adjust the proportions of a picture to fit into the holder and improve (dark) pictures by making detail more visible.

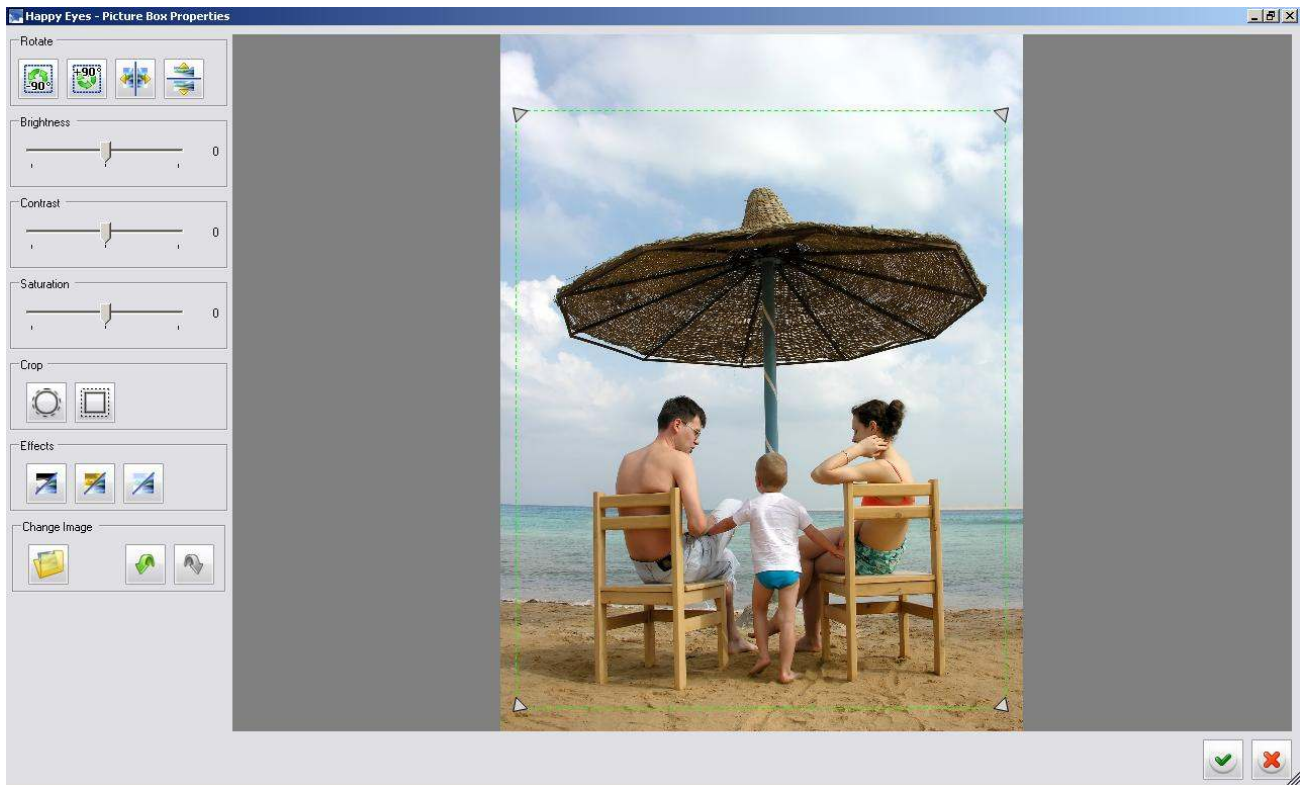


Figure 34: Resizing the Picture Holder

There are some advanced photo book modifying features, like creating photo frames, page layouts and page covers and they are described next. Select File -> New Photo Frame and you'll see the next screen:

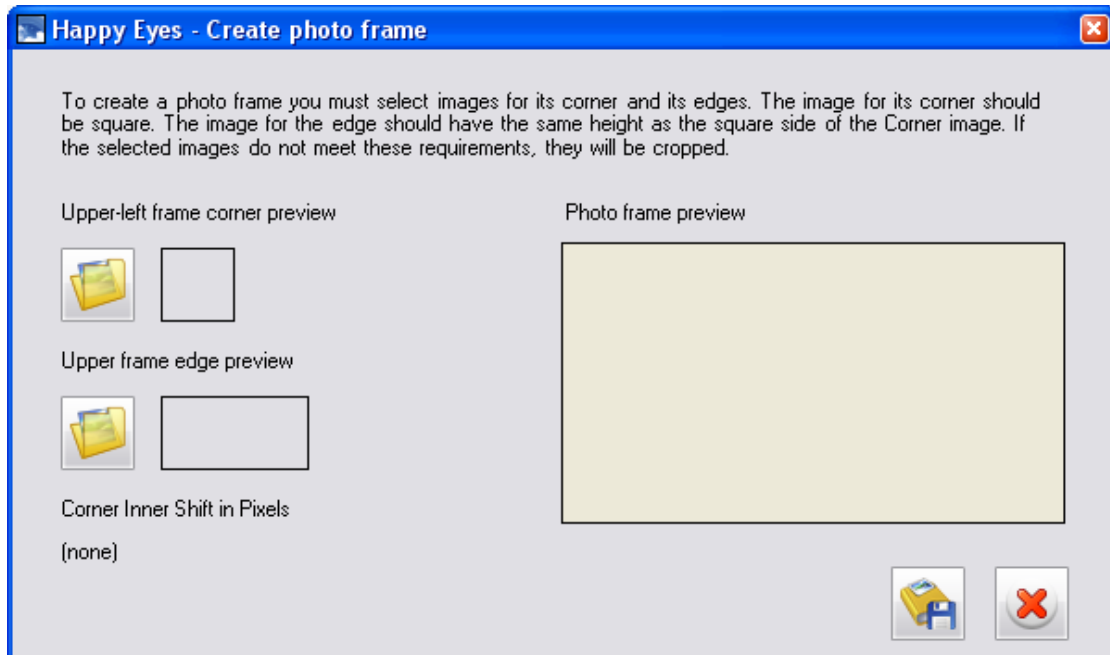


Figure 35: Creating a Photo Frame

Select images for the upper-left frame corner and the frame edge and save them under a category of your choice:

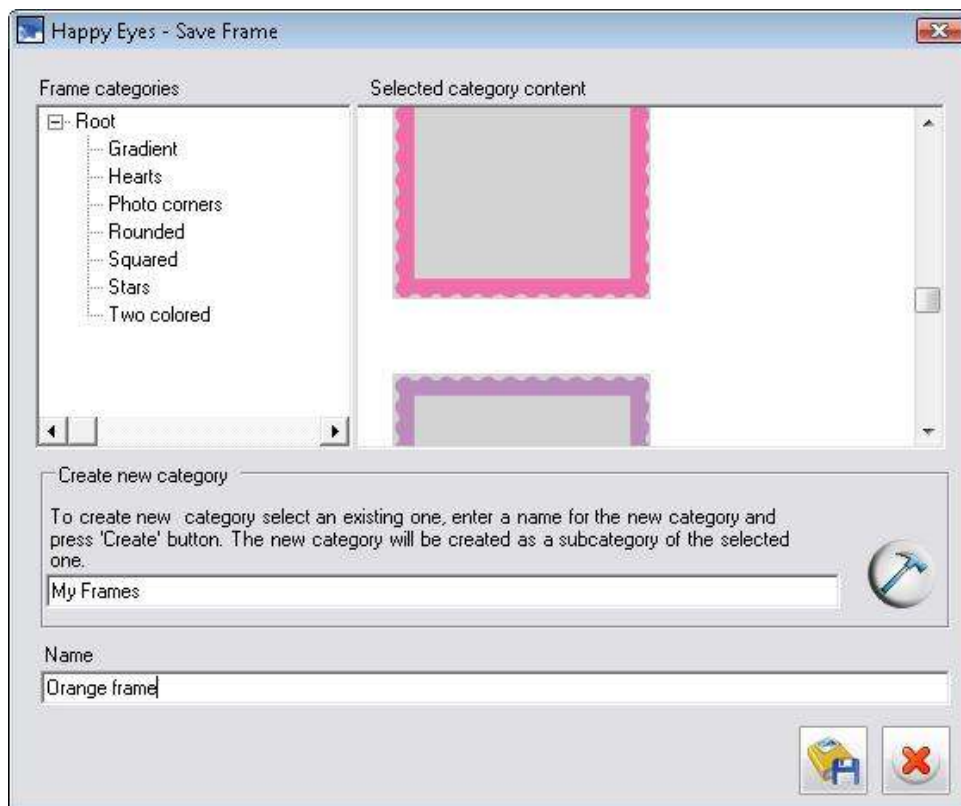


Figure 36: Saving a Frame

The procedure for saving a custom made page layout and book cover is shorter. If the book is currently closed and its cover is visible, then you can select File -> Save Page Cover. You can also create the cover you like (an image or text) and then select File -> Save Page Cover. Alternatively, if the photo book is open on a page the layout of which you have customized to your liking, you can select File -> Save Page as Page Layout and this way you will add it to the gallery and will be able to use it in the future.

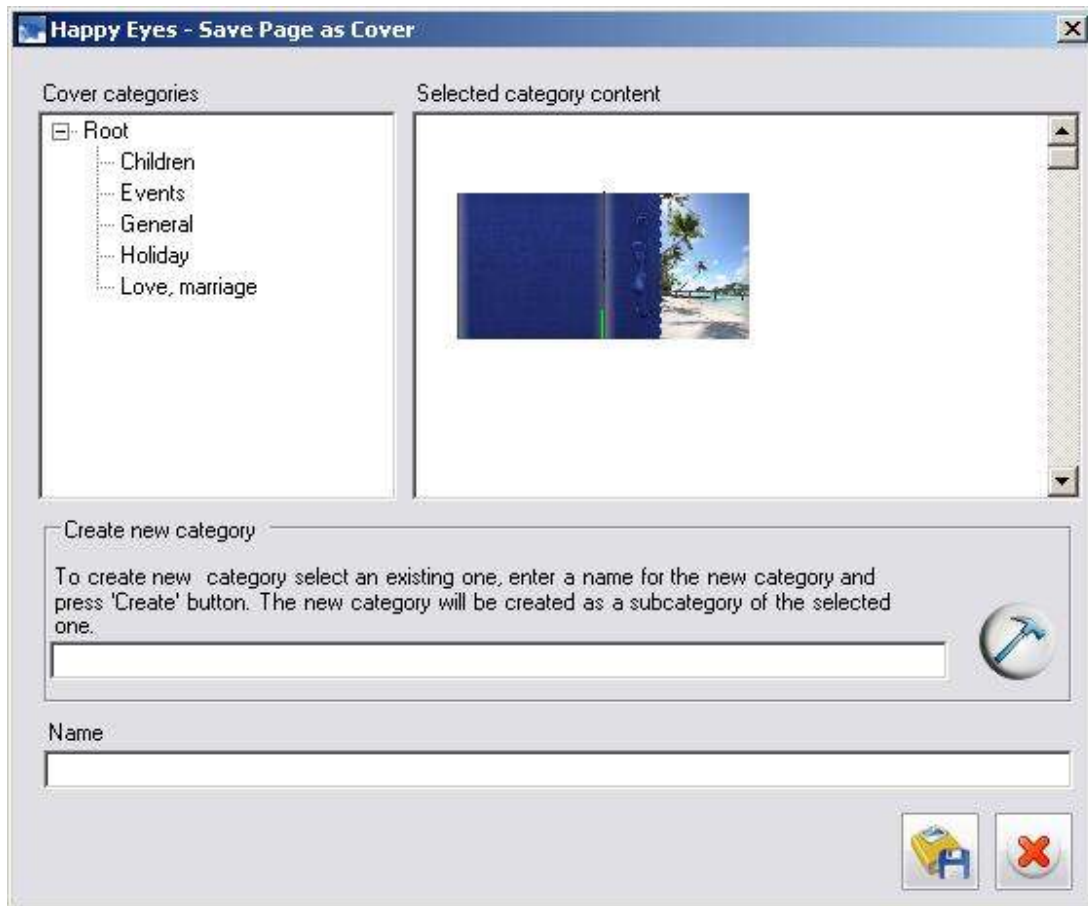


Figure 37: Saving a Cover



Figure 38: Saving Page Layout

When you have made the changes you wanted, there is only one step left – click Photo Book - > Photo Book Preview to enjoy the sight of your photos!



Happy Eyes Menus

Since most of the functionality of most of the menus of Happy Eyes Prima photo book has already been explained in the previous chapter, the menus and the commands in them will not be explained here. The purpose of this chapter is to present at a glance all the commands that users have at their disposal. So, here are the menus and submenus of Happy Eyes:

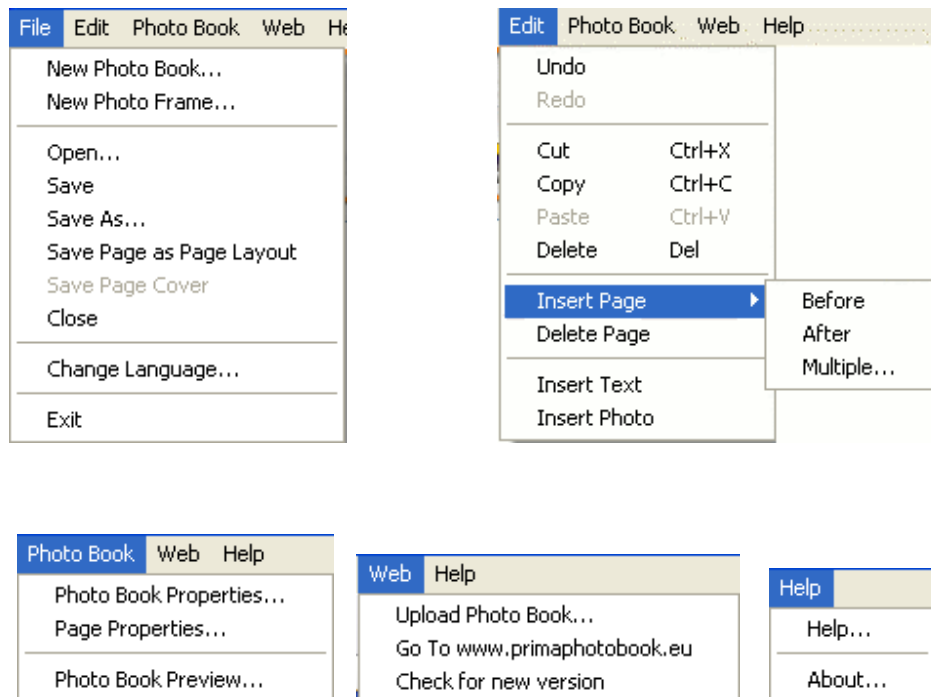


Figure 39: Happy Eyes Menus

Note:

The functionalities are the same for all formats photo books. The only difference is that you can't apply photo or text on the cover of a Landscape photo book and Luxury Quadrate photo book because they have predefined covers.