

Using the PhotExSimulator

Overview

The PhotExSimulator provides a very cut-down version of PhotExPresenter, allowing you to “judge” a small class of 4 entrants, each with 2 entries – so two rounds.

As well as the simulator program, you need a browser. You can run both of these on the same machine for testing (it’s much easier if you have two screens) or you can have the simulator program on one machine, and a browser running on one or more different machines.

Getting started

Download both the simulator program

www.photocompsoftware.com/pcs/photExSimulator_install.exe

The installers place icons on the desktop – violet for the simulator, yellow for the judge’s program.

Running a test

Start the PhotExSimulator program. You will see this...



Simulator:StartUp

You are the Moderator.... please enter

First name Last name

Your email address Your organisation code

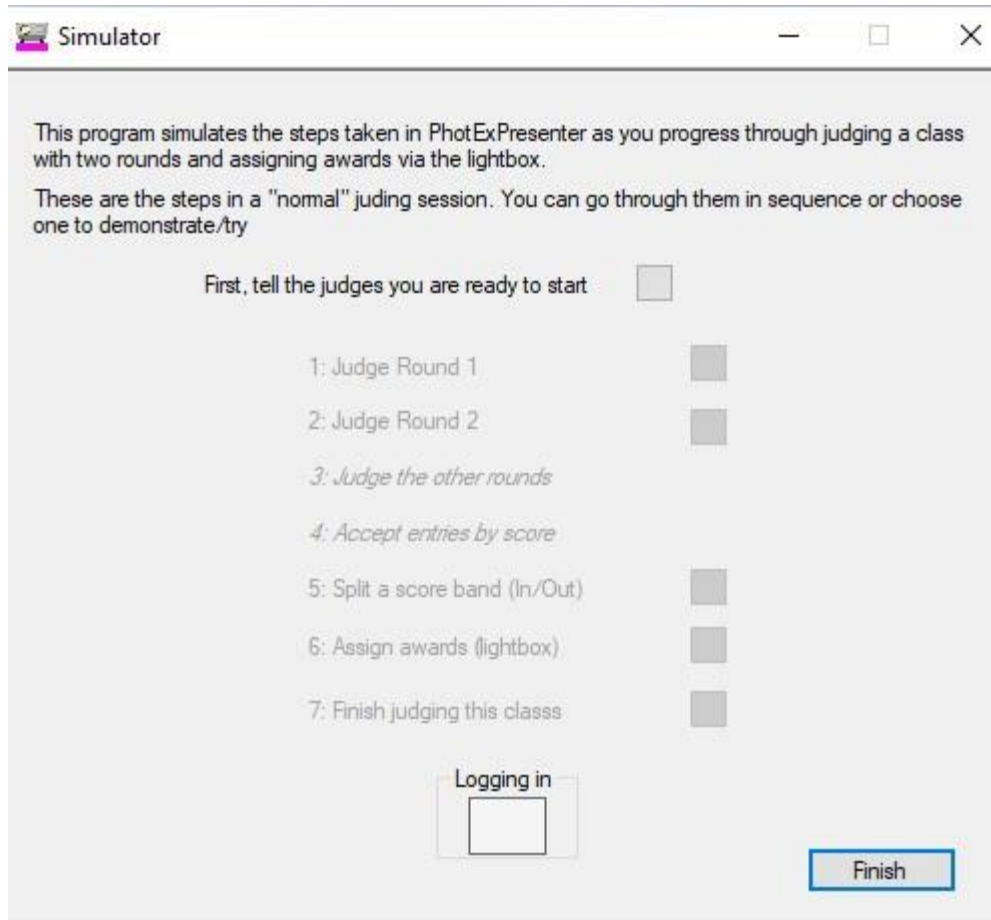
Judges Include me... ☒

First name	Last name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Add
Update
Delete
Next

Type in your name and email address. Type your organisation code (the one you use for competition entries)

To test the program by yourself, just click Next. You will see



Simulator

This program simulates the steps taken in PhotExPresenter as you progress through judging a class with two rounds and assigning awards via the lightbox.

These are the steps in a "normal" judging session. You can go through them in sequence or choose one to demonstrate/try

First, tell the judges you are ready to start ☐

1: Judge Round 1 ☐

2: Judge Round 2 ☐

3: Judge the other rounds

4: Accept entries by score

5: Split a score band (In/Out) ☐

6: Assign awards (lightbox) ☐

7: Finish judging this class ☐

Logging in

Finish

Now use this link to start the judging process in your browser...

<http://www.photocompentries.net/judgelogin.aspx?org=RJTest>

You will see



PCS_Judge

Organisation name

Competition name

Your email address *

Start

Type your organisation code as the "competition name" and type your email address.

Back on the simulator window, click the button by “First, tell the judges you are ready to start”. You will see “Waiting for the judge to log in” at the bottom.

Now go back to the browser window, and click “Start”

You will see message “Waiting to start judging”, and on the simulator window you’ll see your initials in the box at the bottom.

You can then start to test... I suggest you go through the steps in turn at first, and then return to any you would like to investigate further (for example, the lightbox). You can find help for judges at

www.photocompsoftware.com/Judging via the Web - Judges.pdf

Be aware that the lightbox can be very confusing if you are running the simulator program and the browser on the same machine, as you will have two lightboxes (one for you and one for the judge). See

www.photocompsoftware.com/Judging via the Web - Organisers.pdf

for full details on how to use the lightbox.

Running a demo/training session with your judges

Ask the judges to read the notes at

www.photocompsoftware.com/Judging via the Web - Judges.pdf

Now, when you start the simulator program, untick “Include me” and click “Add” to add each judge’s name and email address. Click the button beside “First, tell the judges you are ready to start” and then phone them or send an email to get them to start their browser. You can send them a link in the form

`Photocompentries.net/judgelogin.aspx?org=RJtest&comp=yourOrgID`

They should type their email address, which needs to match the address you entered in the simulator program.

Finally

When judging for real, you use PhotExPresenter. This works much the same as normal, with the selection of classes, rounds, accepting by score, splitting bands, selecting award candidates etc. You can also run the judging with “auto advance”, so when the last judge enters a score, the next image is displayed. For full details read the notes at

www.photocompsoftware.com/Judging via the Web - Organisers.pdf

Please send comments and suggestions and, of course, any bug reports to

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