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Phone To USB

Many people these days use their smart phone as their only computing device. So when I ask, have they backed up their photos from the phone to their computer lately ? I often get back – “what computer ?”.

Now - there is a new USB flash drive that plugs directly into an iPhone or iPad, and they come in sizes up to 128 GB. So people without a desktop or laptop computer can still keep good backups of their photos, on this USB flash drive, and kept away from the phone. It is also excellent for transferring photos from one device to another. The flash drive is double ended, one end is USB 3.0 (fast) and the other is a “lightning connector” which plugs directly into modern iPhones and iPads.

In comparison, Samsung Phone and Tablet devices can use a conversion cable to go from Micro USB to USB, and these have been around for some time. So for these Android devices the ability to backup from the phone to a USB flash drive is not new.

But for the world of Apple, it is revolutionary. The SanDisk iXpand Flash Drive utilises a free app which is installed on the phone, and this facilitates the copying or moving of photos, either from the phone to the Flash Drive, or from the Flash Drive to the Phone.

Tip: The simplest and easiest way to get 1 or 2 photos off your phone is still by eMail. But these USB flash drives now give you another option for transferring large numbers of photos.

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