

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for
the novice to the advanced.

Digital Camera Tips

I've spoken previously about using the photos on your computer in word documents and the use of different photo management tools, but now I want to go back a step to help you understand getting photos off your camera and onto your computer.

Digital cameras normally come with software to load the photos onto your computer and manage your digital album.

However, once your computer knows about your camera, you don't have to use their download or management software. Simply by connecting your camera to the computer, either with a cable or a docking station, your computer will see the camera as simply another drive eg "F:" or "G:" etc.

So in the same way that you can copy files to and from a memory stick, you can similarly copy files (pictures) to and from your camera. The benefit of doing it this way is that you are very sure of where on your computer you put the photos. Your folder hierarchy could look like;
"MyDocuments\MyPictures\KodakPictures\2006\JuneFamilyHoliday
Now you can use the "MyComputer" icon or Explorer to navigate and structure your photo storage.

Lastly, don't forget to take backups. Your DVD burner can save up to 4Gb of data, so use this rather than risk losing the lot if the computer crashes.

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