

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

How Big is My Picture?

Well that depends...do you mean in pixels, centimetres or Megabytes (MB).

These days most people are dealing with JPEG picture files, that is, they have a file extension of .JPG as part of their filename. You will see this in My Computer, when you view the list of files in My Pictures as a "Detailed" view. Look down the column called "Type" and these files will have a Type of JPEG Image. Now look across to the "Dimensions" column. This tells you the size of the picture in pixels, and 100 pixels = 2.646 cm.

However, if you insert this picture into a Word document, you can change the size of the picture to be more or less than this size.

When sending pictures by eMail you need to be very careful as to the size of your eMail in MegaBytes. Normally an eMail should have attachments less than 3MB. But these days with high resolution digital cameras (6+ megapixels), you can easily exceed this with just one photo. So what you should do is reduce the quality of the picture without decreasing its size prior to eMailing.

Picasa is very good at this.

Also, when a picture is only for viewing on a computer monitor, then its quality can be a lot less than if you are planning to print it, or have it blown up as a poster.

So whatever you do, check the size of your eMail attachments before sending – it's most frustrating when you discover that someone has sent through a 20MB eMail that has clogged up the works and your eMail client has stopped working.

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