

Download pictures from your digital camera

After you take pictures with your digital camera, you'll want to copy the pictures from your camera to your computer so you can print them, share them with others, or back them up. Once your pictures are on your computer, you can erase them from your camera, freeing up memory so you can take more pictures. In Windows XP, you can copy pictures to your computer without requiring any additional software.

To copy pictures from your camera to your computer

1. Connect your digital camera to your computer by using one of the following:
 - **Use a USB cable.** Most digital cameras come with a cable that connects the camera to a USB port on your computer.
 - **Use a memory card.** Most computers now have built-in memory card readers. You can also buy a memory card reader that plugs into a USB port on your computer.
2. After you connect your camera, Windows XP will detect the connection and ask you what you want to do with your pictures. Do one of the following:
 - If you used a USB cable, click **Microsoft Scanner and Camera Wizard**, and then click **OK**.
 - If you used a memory card, click **Copy pictures to a folder on my computer using Microsoft Scanner and Camera Wizard**, and then click **OK**.
3. In the **Scanner and Camera Wizard**, click **Next**.
 - All of the pictures on your camera, or in your camera's memory card, are now displayed on the **Choose Pictures to Copy** page. By default, all of the pictures are selected for downloading. If there are pictures you do not want to download, clear the check box next to those pictures.
4. Review the pictures, and then click **Next**.
 - If you want to rotate pictures that you took while holding your camera vertically, click the picture, and then click either the **Rotate clockwise** or **Rotate counterclockwise** button in the lower-left corner of the page.
5. On the **Picture Name and Destination** page, type a name for the group of pictures, click **Browse**, and then select a folder in which to save your pictures.

You can create a new folder for each group of pictures you download.

6. To erase the images from your camera to make space for new ones, select the **Delete pictures from my device after copying them** check box, and then click **Next**.

The Scanner and Camera Wizard will copy the pictures from your camera to the folder you specified, and then remove the pictures from your camera.

7. On the **Other Options** page, you can choose to publish your pictures to a website or order prints. If you are finished working with your pictures, click **Nothing**, and then click **Next**.
8. In the **Scanner and Camera Wizard**, click **Finish**.

A window will appear showing the pictures you downloaded from your camera. Your camera is now clean and ready to store new pictures.

9. Disconnect your camera from your computer if you used a USB cable, or return the memory card to your camera.