

Our Digital World group

Welcome

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Buyer beware

- In the 'Country of the Blind' the one-eyed may unintentionally mislead
- Our speakers are not expert advisors. They are merely friends who volunteer to research subjects on our joint behalf. They try their best to be accurate, but...
- The accuracy of information shared here must be verified, and the value of any opinions or preferences expressed must be judged by any who choose to rely on them

Photos

storing, finding, viewing and editing

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Objectives

- On 12 February 2016, Google suddenly announced it was discontinuing support for [Picasa](#) Desktop and Web Albums, effective 15 March 2016, and focusing on the cloud-based [Google Photos](#) as its successor. Picasa Web Albums closed on 1 May 2016. I will explain where your photos are
- I will present simple alternative FREE and low cost means to store, find, view and edit your digital images
- If time allows, I will go on to briefly introduce Serif's [Affinity Photo](#) for Mac and Windows

File Explorer and Photos Windows 10

- In File Explorer, use the **This PC** default folders **Pictures** and **Videos**
- Name Folders and sub-Folders logically e.g.

Holidays

Scandinavia 2015

1 Netherlands

2 Germany

3 Denmark etc.

Australia 2016

29-03-2017

30-03-2017 etc.

Events

Family

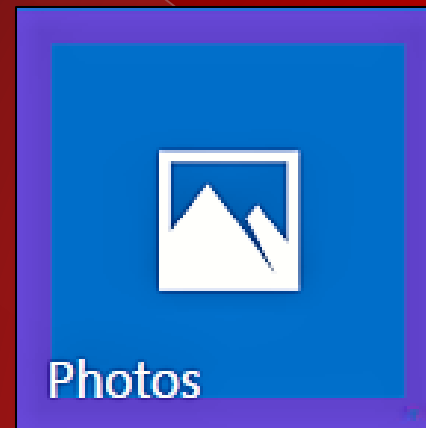
Daisy's Birthday 2016

Chantal's Wedding 2016

- **Delete unwanted files ruthlessly**
- **Ensure your Pictures and Videos files are backed up effectively (Windows has a built-in back-up facility you can activate)**

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Demonstration



Picasa (Desktop app)



- Google retired Picasa on 15 March 2016. It is no longer supported and there will be no future updates but Google promises that it will continue to function on your PC
- If you uploaded photos or videos to Picasa Web Albums you will now find them within Google Photos
- You will be able to manage the contents and add to these Albums using Google Photos
- Though no longer available from Google, Picasa 3 is still the best FREE photo manager for your Windows PC and the Final Windows 10 Build Version 3.9 Build 141.259 is still FREE and currently available to safely download from Tech Radar at: <http://downloads.techradar.com/downloads/picasa>
Please be careful to refuse any other bundled software, however reputable, offered during the installation process

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[YouTube – How Google solved our photo backup nightmare](#)

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Google Photos Backup to the cloud

- Downloads: Desktop Upload, iOS and Android Apps at <https://photos.google.com/apps>
- Google Photos Back Up (Cloud Storage capacity) is unlimited and 'free for ever' for Photos up to 16 Megapixels and Videos up to 1080p (Full HD) - but they are only FREE if you select the High Quality Option on set up or in Settings
- Alternatively, you can opt for photos and videos to be backed up at their Original full resolution to [Google Drive](#). But they then count against your initial FREE 15GB Google Drive space allowance – which is also consumed by other Google Apps including GMail. Google Drive space can be increased to 100GB for £1.32 per month or 1 TB for £6.63 per month
- Any Photos larger than 75MB or 100 MegaPixels: any Videos larger than 2GB; and any items smaller than 256 x 256 pixels cannot be backed up to Google Photos

Google Photos

How to use it

It's a good idea to enter Google Photos Settings and switch on **Backup and Sync**. On your Smartphone or Mobile Data equipped tablet configure to **'use WiFi' but not 'Mobile Data'**

- Video Tutorial about Google Photos 2016
<https://youtu.be/IEJH0n6xuJk>
- Get Started with Google Photos
<https://support.google.com/photos/answer/6220402?co=GENIE.Platform%3DAndroid&oco=1>
- How to Geek's – 15 Things you may not have known Google Photos can do <https://www.howtogeek.com/225333/18-things-you-may-not-have-known-google-photos-can-do/>

Google Album Archive

- You can see delete or download photos that you have uploaded to Google Products including:

Picasa Web Albums

Google+

Blogger

Hangouts

Google Photos

Google Drive

- Access the Google Album Archive using the 'Go to the Album Archive' link at

<https://support.google.com/picasa/answer/7008270?hl=en-GB>

Google Takeout

Download your data e.g. Photos

<https://takeout.google.com/settings/takeout>

- It isn't widely known that you can download your data from a huge number of Google Apps including:

Google Photos

Google Drive

Gmail

Google Calendar

Contacts

YouTube

Blogger

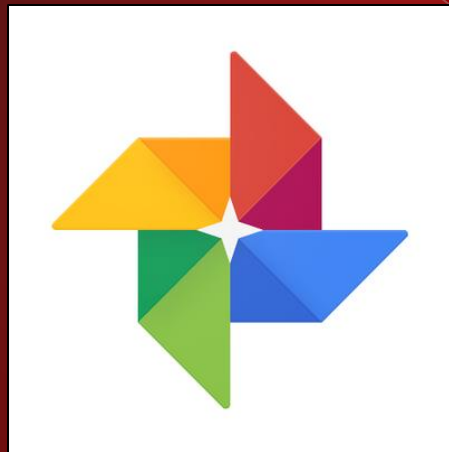
Chrome

- Downloading data does not delete it from Google Servers. If you want to delete some data or delete your account see

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3024190?hl=en>

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Affinity Photo Complete Digital Darkroom



<https://affinity.serif.com/en-gb/photo/>

- A License is currently £48.99 with no subscription, for personal use on every computer you personally own and control, and for commercial use on just one of those
- Excellent Video **Tutorials** on YouTube and an off-line Help system
- Serif claims:

“Five years in the making, Affinity Photo redefines the boundaries for professional photo editing software. With a meticulous focus on workflow it offers sophisticated tools for enhancing, editing and retouching your images in an incredibly intuitive interface, with all the power and performance you need.

Since its launch, Affinity Photo has received thousands of 5-star customer ratings, incredible reviews in the press and was chosen by Apple as the best Mac app of 2015.”

[YouTube – Getting Started \(Affinity Photo\)](#)

[YouTube - Discover \(Affinity Photo\)](#)

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Question Time

Last meeting

Wednesday **22nd March 2017**, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Upstairs Meeting Room

Our Digital World **Has ended**

Over our last two winter seasons attendance has steadily fallen, suggesting audience members have either found a level of comfort in our digital world, or made rational decisions to opt out of it as much as they possibly can.

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