

Digital Scrapbooking is a wonderful way show off photos of family, and friends! One of the best ways to get photos for Digital Scrapbooking is from your very own digital camera. Save your digital photos to your computer so that you have special, personal images to use for Digital Scrapbooking. Remember: All digital cameras are different, so make sure to read your digital camera's User Manual and Instructions before using this tutorial.

Step 1: Need a Digital Camera and Pictures

First take some pictures of family, friends, pets or whatever you like

Then to upload photos to your computer from your camera, you need to have a digital camera first – and a computer!

My camera happens to be a Sony digital camera, but there are many great brands to choose from

Once you have taken some photos with your digital camera, you are ready to begin!



Step 2: Plug your Digital Camera into your Computer

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Most digital cameras come with a USB cord that plugs your digital camera to your computer. Also, most digital cameras come with software to help you transfer the images. *(Please check your software and manual for complete instructions)* Doing this transfers the photos to your computer where you can save them, and then digitally scrap them!



Using a Camera Memory Card Reader to Transfer Photos

Sometimes it is easier take your memory card out of your camera transferring the photos using a USB Card Reader. These card readers usually connect to your computer via a USB connection. The advantage is that they are usually faster, sometimes easier to use, and you usually don't have to use a software program to transfer the photos. Also, some computers have these card readers already built into them

You can use this method instead of connecting your camera directly to your computer to transfer the photos

You can pick the method that works best for you



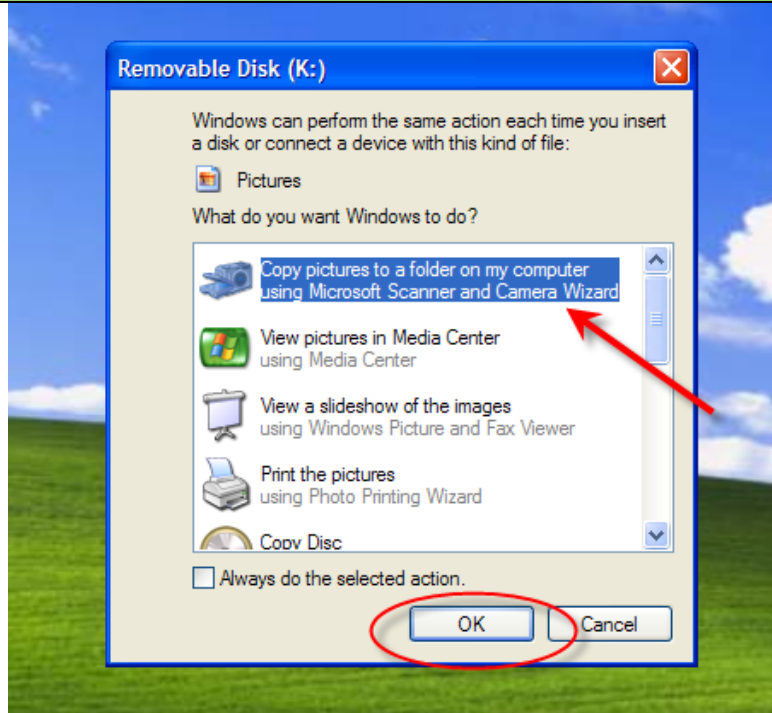
Step 3: Copy Pictures to Computer

Note: While all camera software or card readers might be different than our example, this step with our transferring photos will show some of the basic steps you might encounter when transferring photos to a computer

Wait a few seconds after plugging your digital camera into your computer, or after inserting the memory card into the reader and a pop-up dialog should appear

In our example we are using the Card Reader and this type of pop-up dialog appears

So in this case --- Choose **“Copy pictures to a folder on my computer”**



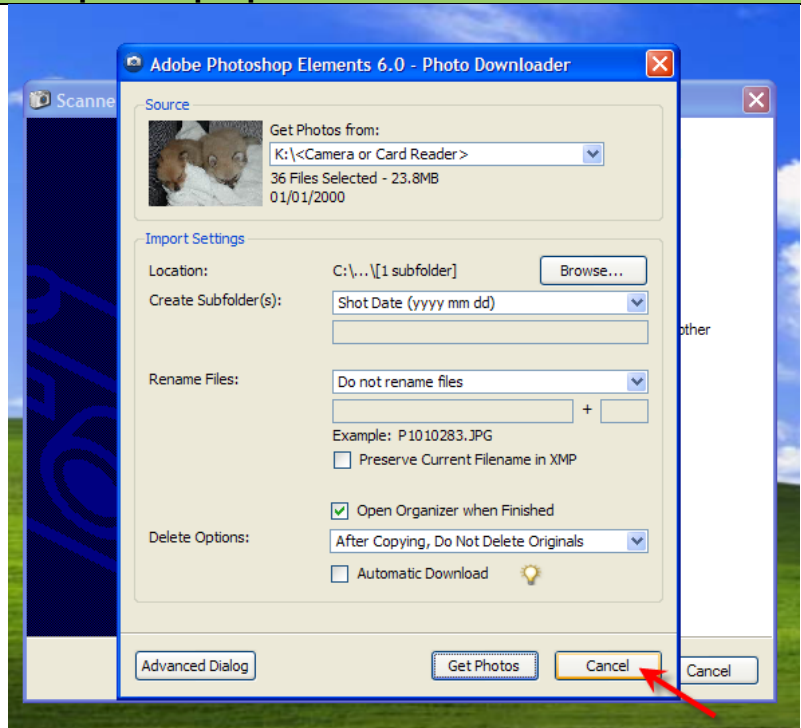
Click **OK**

Step 4: Cancel out of any other Graphic Pop-Ups

Another pop-up may appear if you have photo/graphic programs installed

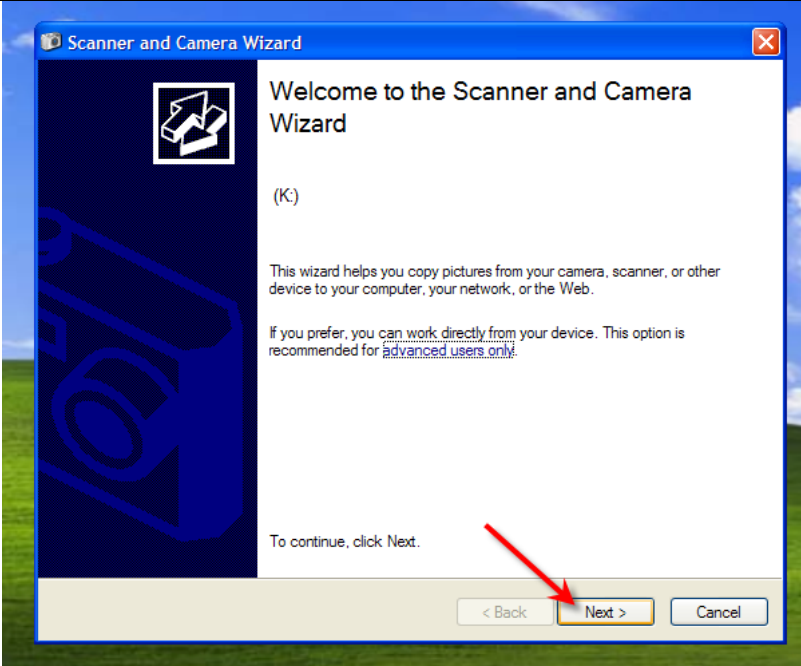
In this case, a pop-up for Photoshop® Elements 6 has appeared asking if I would like to open my photos from my digital camera to PSE 6 Organizer

In this case, I am going to click **Cancel** because I want to save my new photos to another folder on my computer first



Step 5: Continue with the Wizard

Click **Next** on the original pop-up to save photos to your computer



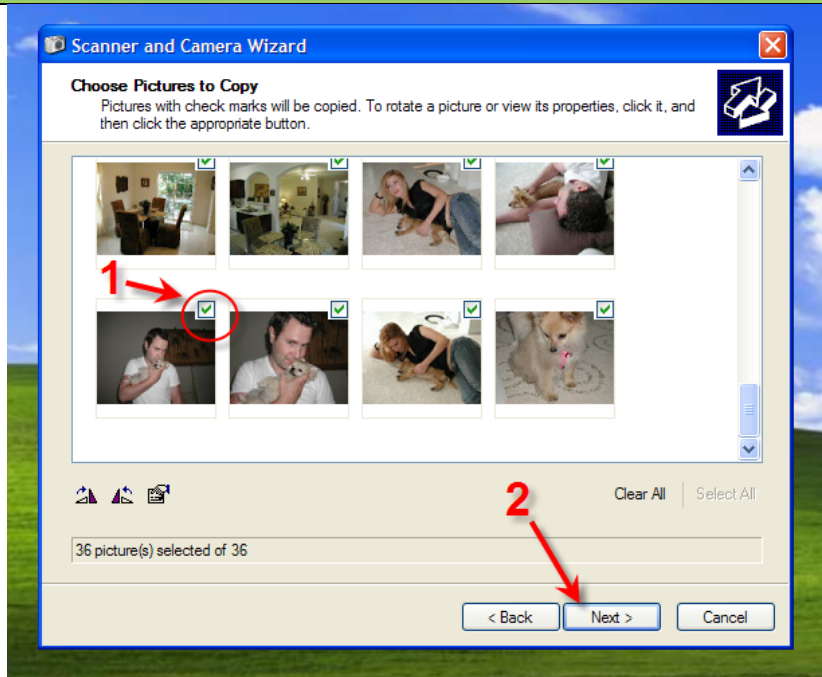
Step 6: Choose Photos to Save and then Press Next

The photos that you have taken with your digital camera will appear

All of the photos with the green check marks (see arrow #1 in red) are photos that will be saved to your computer

If there are any photos that you would not like to save to your computer, simply click on the green check mark once. The check mark will disappear and the photo will not be saved to your computer

Then click **Next** (see arrow #2 in red)



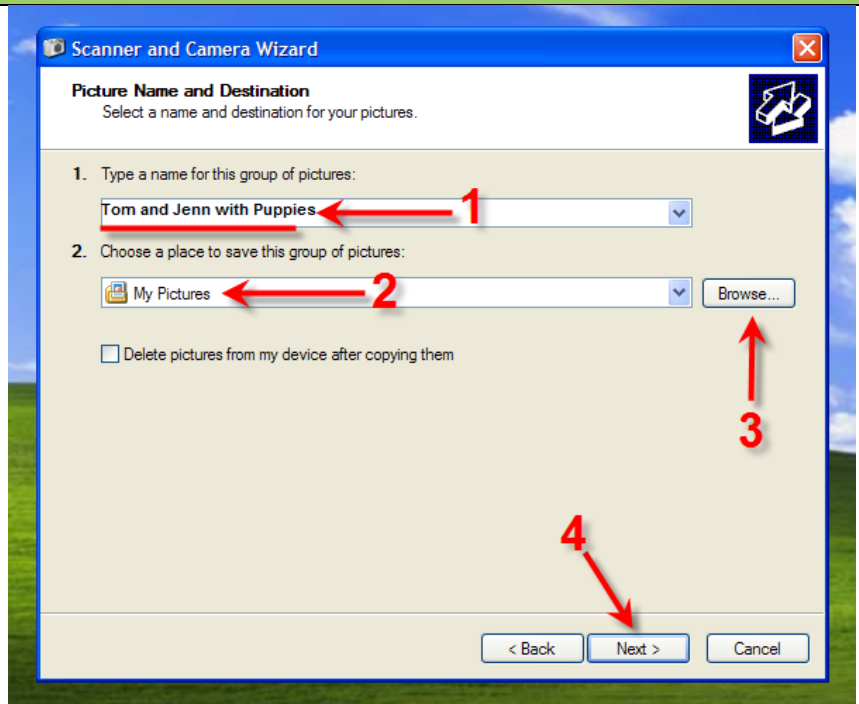
Step 7: Name your Photos "Theme" and Save to a Folder

A pop-up screen asks you to name your photos

I had taken several photos of my husband, and my puppies, and myself - so I named the photos "Tom and Jenn with the Puppies" because of the general theme of photos (see arrow #1 in red)

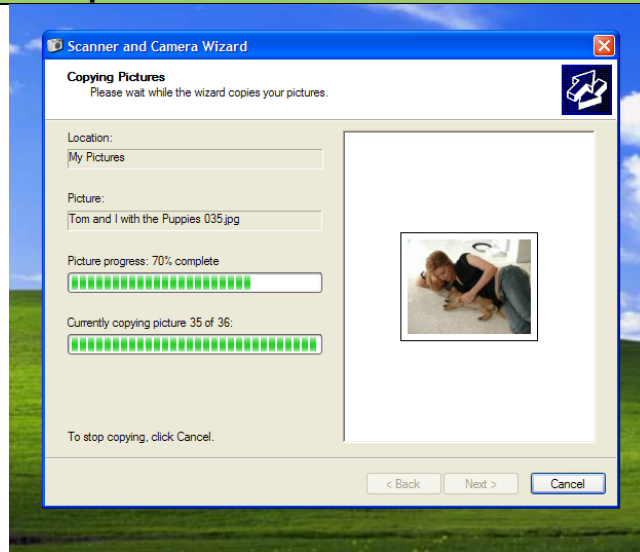
It also asks you where you would like to save the photos (see arrow #2 in red). It's important to save the photos in a place where you will remember when it's time to go back and use them. Use the **Browse** button if you need to (see arrow #3 in red) and navigate to a folder that you would like to save the photos in

Then click Next (see arrow #4 in red)



Step 8: Let Photos Transfer to Your Computer

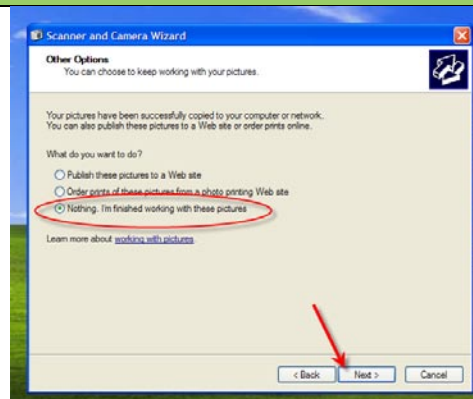
Be patient as your photos download and save to the folder you specified



Step 9: Finish Working With Photos

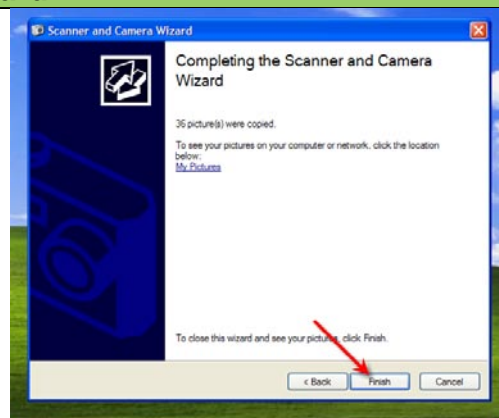
When the photos are done downloading, choose the option **"Nothing. I'm finished working with these pictures"**

Click **Next**



Step 10: Continue to the End of the Wizard

Click **Finish**



Step 11: You have Saved Photos from your Digital Camera to Computer!

Your photos have now been saved to a folder on your computer

Now that your digital photos have been saved, you may delete them from your digital camera if you would like and begin taking new photos

Also, now that you have saved digital photos on your computer, you can begin using these images for Digital Scrapbooking!

