



Digital Pictures  
Part Two

# Bits & Bytes

Bits & Bytes is a monthly newsletter for small business/home users who want to stay up to date on the newest technology, tips, tricks and trends.

## Digital Pictures Continued

In the last issue of Bits & Bytes we looked at how to manage and store digital pictures. (Note: You can find past issues of Bits & Bytes at [www.realm249.com](http://www.realm249.com)).

Now that all of your pictures are organized, it is time to show others

your masterpieces. You could invite them over and crowd around your computer to see a slideshow, but that presents a problem for relatives, family, clients, or friends who do not live nearby. The good news is that if they have an email address and an

internet connection they can see the pictures you have taken. In this issue, we will review three websites that offer this service for free and look at some of the differences between them.

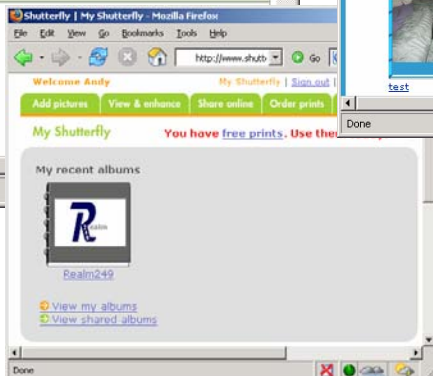
## Uploading, Sharing and Ordering

There are websites that help you upload your pictures and share them for free. You also can purchase the uploaded pictures, as can anyone else with whom you share them.

After you upload the pictures, use the "share" function of the website to send a link that directs your family, friends or customers to the

website to view your pictures. This is different than sending the pictures in an email. When you send pictures in an email, it takes quite a bit of time to attach them to the email; it also takes some time for the pictures to arrive via email. This is due to the large file sizes of digital pictures. Also, there are restrictions on the size of the attachments you can send and how

many. Using one of the websites reviewed in this newsletter allows you to accomplish the same thing, but faster and without the restrictions found with email. The websites do not send the actual pictures, but rather they send a link that leads to the site that is hosting your pictures.



## photos.yahoo.com

When you log in, you will be brought to the main screen. From here, click on the “add photos” button and it will bring you through the screens step by step to upload your pictures.

When you get to the screen that asks to individually browse your pictures one-by-one, click on the link on the right side of the page that says “get the easy upload tool.” This will install a small utility that provides you with a window onto which you can drag pictures to automatically upload. The utility needs to be installed only once. This is helpful if you do not want to search for each file or if you have several files. Just click on the “select photos” button and then browse to the files you want to upload.

After adding the photos, you can click on the “share album” to start the sharing process. Or click on the “Order Prints” button to begin the ordering process.

## shutterfly.com

After you register, you can begin adding pictures. Click on the “add pictures” button and assign a name to your album. After you enter in a name and click on the “next” button in the upper right-hand corner, it will ask you to install a small utility. This utility will start once it is downloaded and will allow you to add pictures using a user-friendly interface to browse for pictures. After you select the pictures you would like to add, click on “add selected pictures.” You can then click on “view pictures” on the following screen. This will show you what was uploaded to Shutterfly. At this point, click on the “share online” tab at the top of the screen, and it will bring you to the sharing section of the website.

To share the photos, put an “X” underneath the pictures you would like to share. To share them all, use the links on the top right side of the page to select “all” or “none.” Then click on the “next” button in the top right-hand corner. This will walk you through sharing your pictures.

To order prints, click on the “Order prints” tab at the top of the page.

## snapfish.com

After you register, you will be brought to the main screen. To start uploading photos click on “upload photos” in the top right-hand corner. Follow the instructions to name your album, install a small utility to upload photos with, and upload your photos. Note: When you get to the section to upload your folders, make sure to select “Full-resolution Upload” at the bottom. This will ensure that your uploaded pictures are of the highest quality for sharing and ordering.

Snapfish also allows you to order any pictures that have been uploaded by clicking on “order prints” in the top right-hand corner.

Note: Programs generally put your pictures into the “My Pictures” folder located in the “My Documents” folder. If you are unable to locate your pictures, this should be the first place to start looking for them.

|                     | Registration Time | Unlimited Storage | Album Sharing | Free | 4x6 Price Per Picture* | 5x7 Price Per Picture* | 8x10 Price Per Picture* | Free 4x6 Pictures | Score (out of 5) | Pros and Cons  |
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| <b>Yahoo Photos</b> | 2 minutes         | X                 | X             | X    | \$0.19                 | \$0.57                 | \$1.99                  | 10                | 4                | Pros: Registration not required to view shared photos<br>Cons: Users are forced to use yahoo email address to share pictures from. |
| <b>Shutterfly</b>   | 1 minute          | X                 | X             | X    | \$0.19 - \$0.29        | \$0.79 - \$0.99        | \$3.19 - \$3.99         | 15                | 4                | Pros: Registration not required to view shared photos<br>Cons: Picture prices highest of 3 sites reviewed                          |
| <b>Snapfish</b>     | 1 minute          | X                 | X             | X    | \$0.12                 | \$0.39 - \$0.79        | \$2.99                  | 20                | 3.5              | Pros: Best prices<br>Cons: Users need to register before they can view shared files  |

\* prices do not reflect shipping and handling

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