

Transferring pictures from your camera to your computer

You've just finished taking pictures. Now you need to get them into your computer. There are two ways to make that happen:

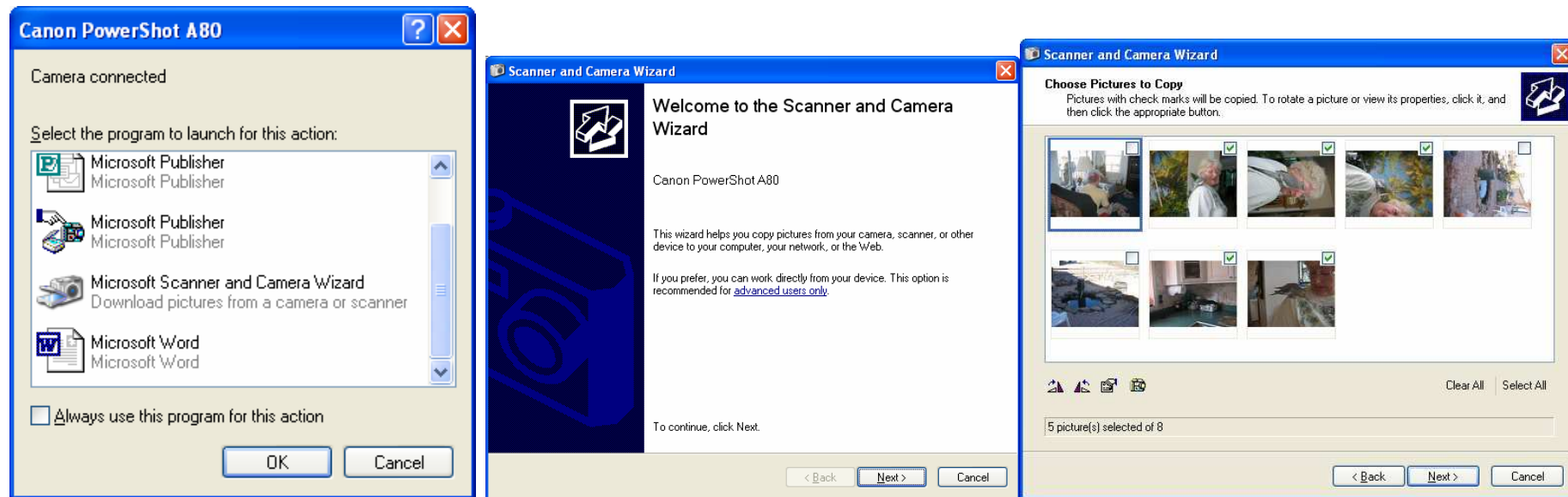
1. attaching your camera directly to the computer (also known as tethering)
2. use a memory card reader
3. wireless

Connect your camera to your PC per the instructions or remove the media card and insert it into your card reader.

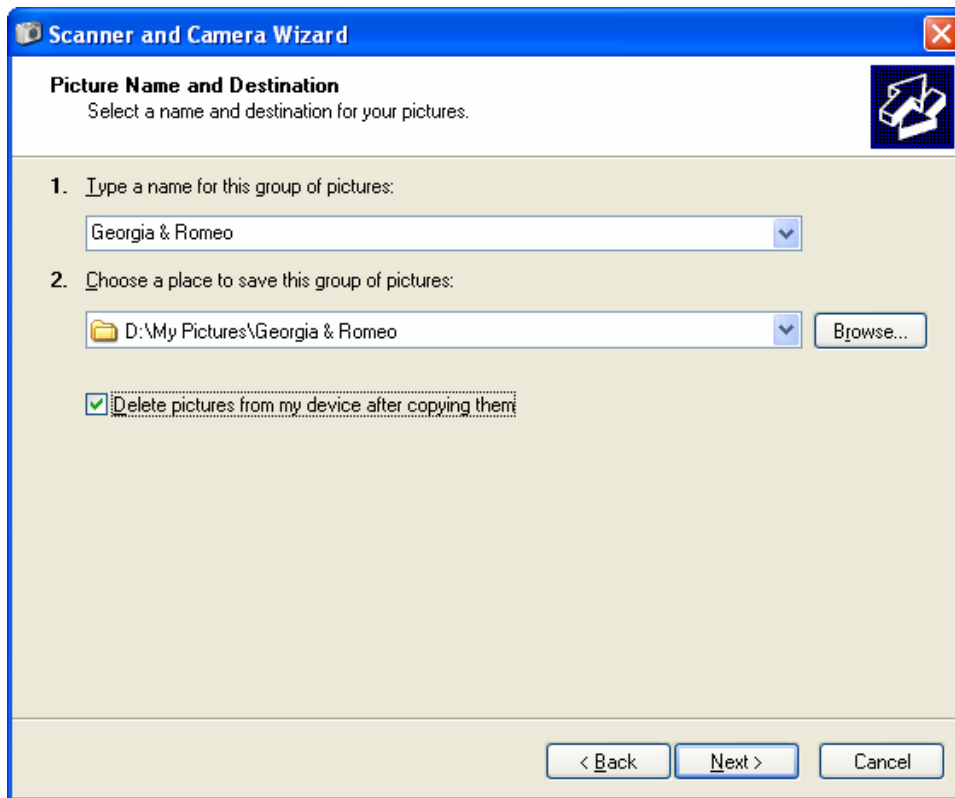
If you are using Windows 98 you'll also need to use the software that came with your camera to transfer the pictures.

Windows XP makes transferring photos from a tethered camera or connected card reader easy. It automatically recognizes the memory card and launches the Scanner and Camera Wizard. In a series of simple steps, your images will live on your computer and be ready for organizing, editing, printing, or sharing by e-mail or with an online photo album.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/getstarted/transfer.mspx>



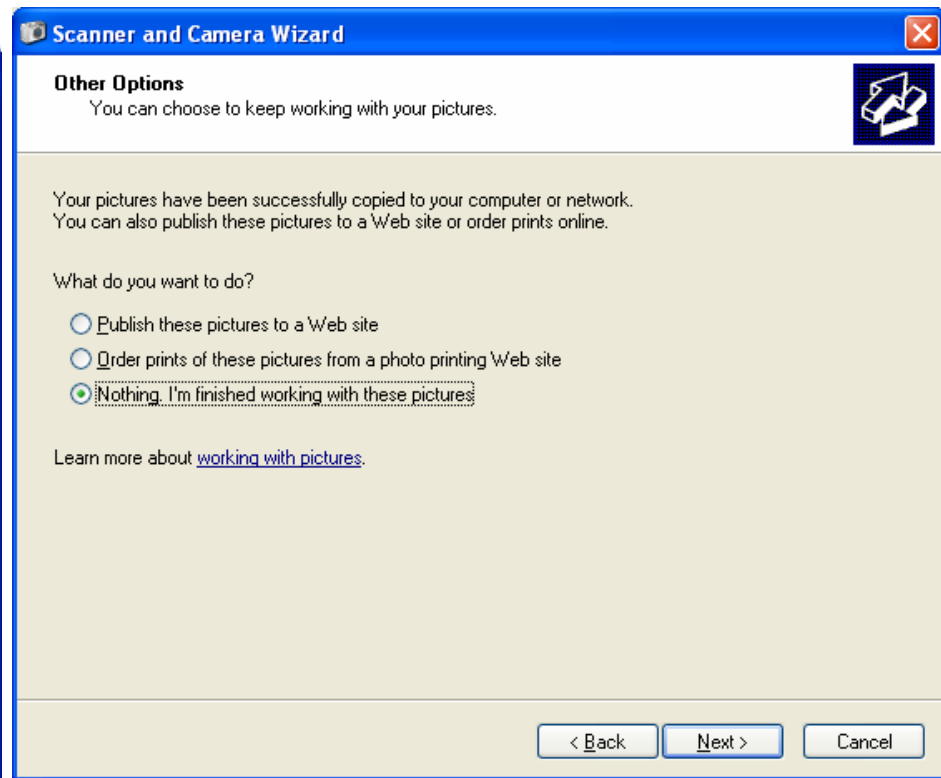
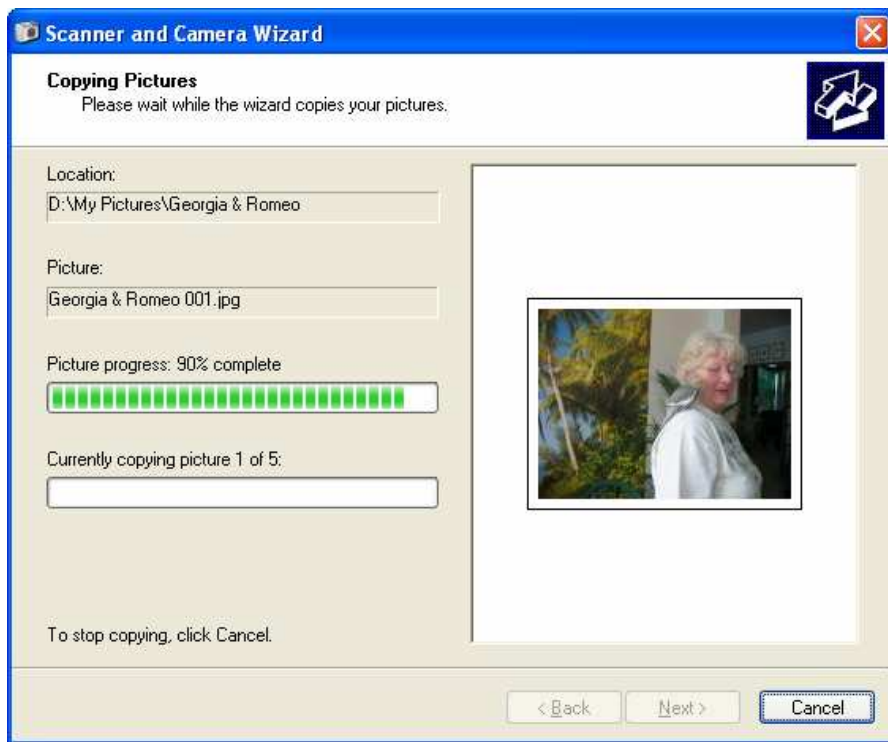
You may have taken several pictures in various times and places. Now you can group your pictures-select each photo that belongs in a group by checking it then save just one group at a time or the entire batch at once.



You can name the group of photos descriptively, then you can select where to save them. Click on Browse to select a location or to create a folder for your photos. You can also opt to delete the photos after they are copied to save yourself a step.

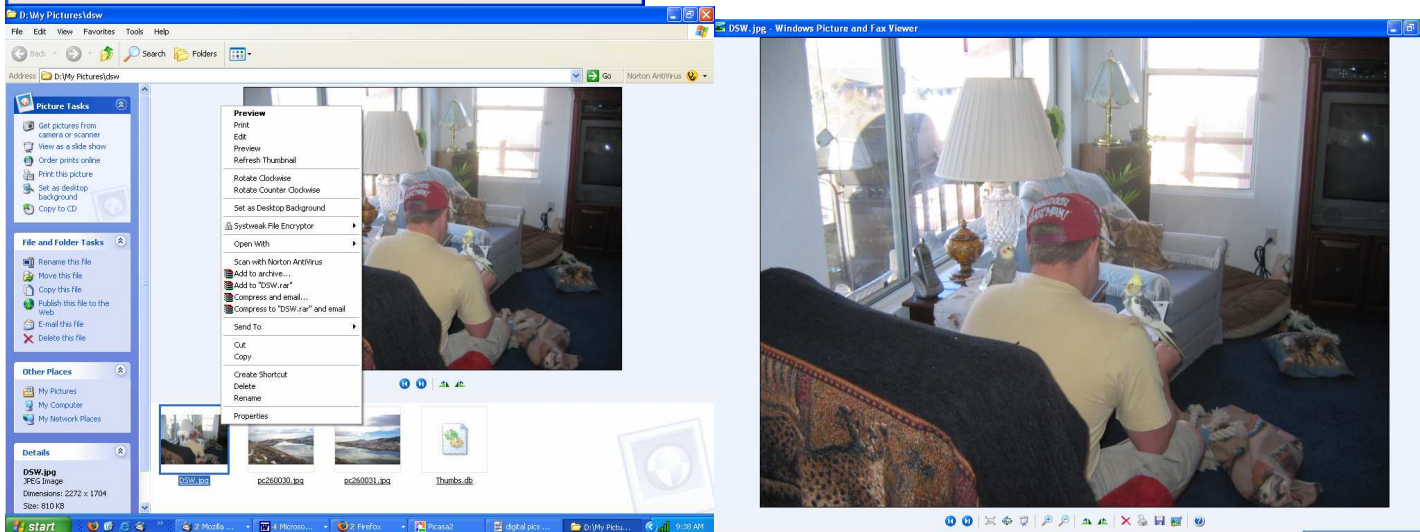
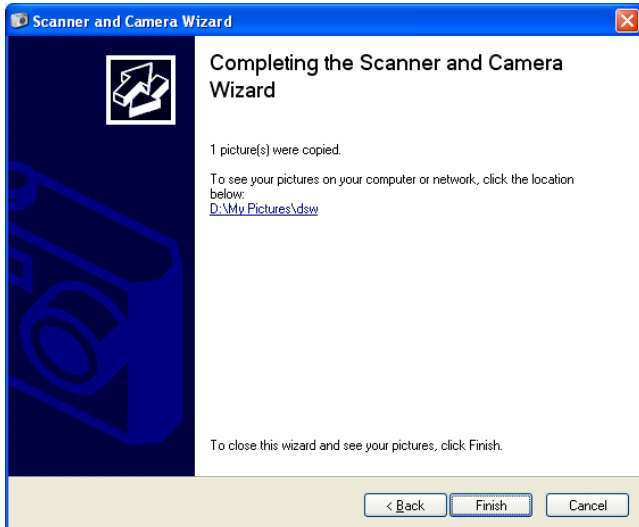
Take a few extra moments to create a folder and to name your pictures with a descriptive name! You'll be glad you did when you go to look for them in 6 months!

When you transfer images from your digital camera to your PC, take great care in that you do not overwrite images currently on your PC by creating a new folder for each transfer.



If you directly connect a digital camera to your computer to transfer photos from a media device instead of using a card reader, **never, never**, disconnect the camera while data is transferred! Always wait until data transfer is complete and use your operating system's "Safely Remove Hardware" feature or equivalent.

Click BACK to return to the selection screen so you can select another batch of photos to transfer. The pictures that you did not select are still on the media card. Click BACK to return to the selection screen so you can now transfer the next set of pictures. Or click NEXT if you have finished transferring pictures.



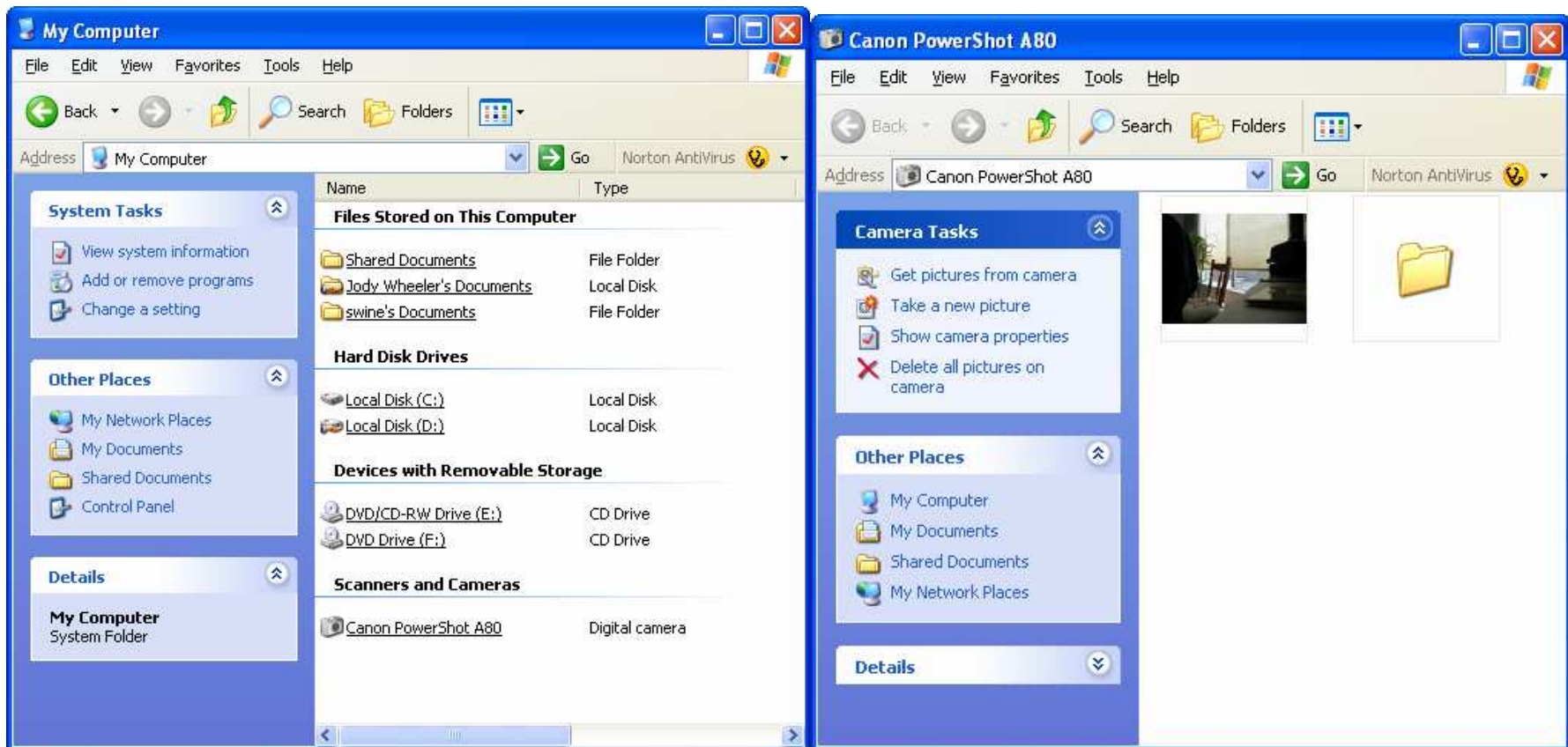
You will then be presented with the contents of the folder that you just saved your photos into. By double clicking on a thumbnail picture on the bottom of the screen the XP users will usually then see the picture displayed in the Windows Picture and Fax Viewer. Or you could right click on the thumbnail to get the Open With option to specify which program to open the picture into.



The tool buttons on the bottom of the screen allow you many helpful tools:

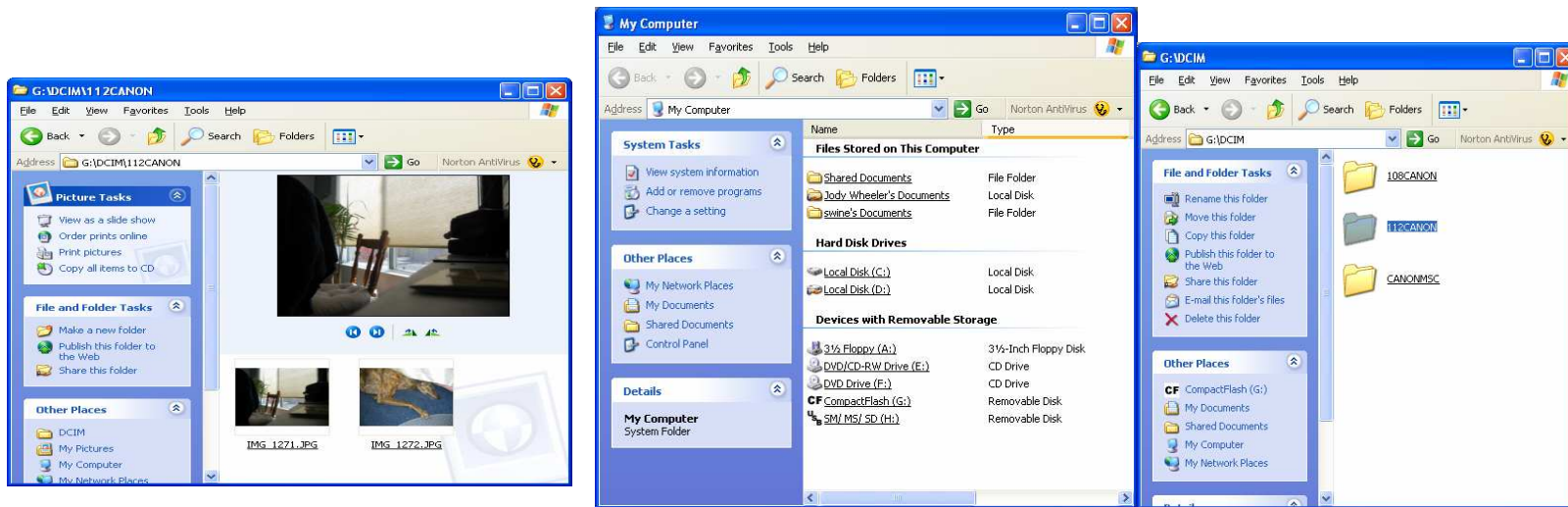
- ↻ scroll through all pictures in the current folder.
- ↻ Select the best fit
- ↻ Select the actual size
- ↻ Start a slide show of all pictures in the folder
- ↻ Zoom in
- ↻ Zoom out
- ↻ Rotate clockwise
- ↻ Rotate counterclockwise
- ↻ Delete
- ↻ Print
- ↻ Copy the picture
- ↻ Open the picture in the default editing program
- ↻ Help

You can also manually transfer photo's via My Computer. Insert your media card into your reader or connect your camera to the tether and turn it on in transfer mode.

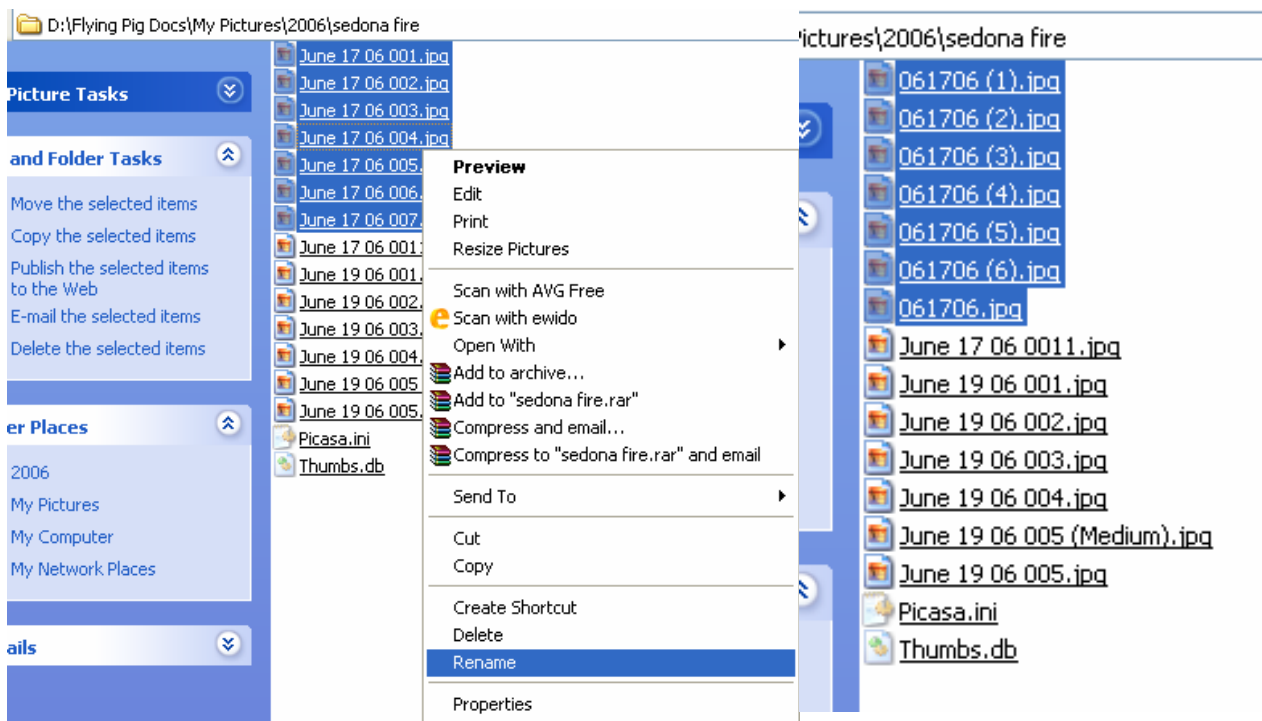


Double click on the camera or the card reader that is listed here that contains your media card to view the contents of the media card. Note the options on the left- if your camera is connected directly to your pc you can open the camera wizard from here also.

If you are transferring via a card reader you will have to browse to the location of the pictures via My Computer. Then open the folders to locate the JPG images, then you can copy them to any location that you chose. Once you have selected the pictures look for the shortcut bar on the left-you will have an option to Move or Copy the selected files to a new location.



***Did you know you can rename an entire batch of pictures easily in Windows XP? Select the pictures: shift click or ctrl shift click, right click and chose rename. Type in the new name but leave the extension as JPG and click ENTER.



All that you selected will have the new name and be numbered sequentially!

**When you are done taking photographs with your digital camera, immediately save those photographs to external media!*

Before archiving your digital photos on backup media, you should add the date(s) photos were taken to the folder names, if not the filenames of the photos themselves. This can help you later when trying to find photos, especially if you knew around what time the pictures were taken.