

Through The Lens

*A guide to digital photography for computer enthusiasts.
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Creating an on-line photo album at Flickr

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While there are many sites that allow you to create an on-line photo album, often they are limited in how you can arrange the photos, caption them, etc. Five years ago, I wrote an article promoting the use of Shutterfly.com to create your own personalized photo sharing site. It was simple and had unlimited space. Unfortunately, the company stopped offering this feature a few years ago even if you were willing to pay.

One of the oldest sites is Flickr.com and a few years ago, I created an account and have been using it regularly ever since. I typically use it to post my latest travel photos so the limit of 1,000 images with the free version is not a big issue. If I need space, I simply remove my oldest trip that is no longer being viewed by friends and family. [Note: You can also produce hard copy photo books through their partners at Blurb].

Once you have created your account, it will prompt you to load photos from your computer or you can drag and drop photos onto the webpage. These then appear in your *Photostream*. This is the easiest place to select the images for the creation of an album but it is also where you upload new images on future site visits as you will not get that initial prompt. Simply go to your *Photostream* tab and click on the cloud icon at the top. This will take you to your computer *Pictures* folder.

For detailed instructions on using Flickr, click the presentation link below and go to slide 50.
<https://opcug.ca/opl/organizingphotos.pdf>

When you ***Edit in Organizr*** [sic] you can sort the images in whatever order you wish. I really like this feature as sorting by name or date is not always how I want to tell my story. You can also select an image and drag it to your album cover. It will not show right away even with a refresh but it will be visible the next time you open the Flickr site.

After you have edited and saved your album, you can go to the main *Album* tab and hover over your album to reach the share icon. Copy the link or post directly to Facebook, X, etc. I usually copy the link and then send it to friends & family by email.

Flickr defaults to taking you to the home page. Click on *You* and save that link for easy access.

