

# TUTORIAL FOR TRANSFERRING PHOTOS FROM YOUR PHONE TO YOUR COMPUTER

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# Transferring photos and videos from your Phone to your computer

We will discuss four methods to transfer photos and videos and files from your iPhone to your computer.

#### MEHODS

- 1. iPhone to computer using the Windows Photos App.
  - 2. iPhone to computer using file transfer method.
- 3. iPhone to computer wirelessly using Google photos app.
  - 4. Any device to any device wirelessly using Wi-Fi.

Using 1 and 2 above will require a USB to Lightning iPhone changing cable to connect your iPhone to the computer. Also, an equivalent charging cable if using an Android phone. Number 3 and 4 are done wirelessly.

## 1. IMPORTING PHOTOS FROM YOUR IPHONE TO YOUR LAPTOP OR DESKTOP COMPUTER USING WINDOWS PHOTOS APP.

We will start with the iPhone to computer using the Windows photo app. If you have Windows 8, 10, or 11, it will automatically have the photo app installed, so you don't have to download anything.

Make sure your phone is connected to the USB port on your computer and if it is then you will see this navigation bar at the top of the Windows photo app. You then click on IMPORT which is indicated by the red arrow below.





It will then ask you if you want to import from a FOLDER or from a CONNECTED DEVICE. You will click on CONNECTED DEVICE and the software will look for any device you have connected. I am not an android phone user but I assume the choices will be the same if you are using an android phone. This is also a way you can import photos from a thumb drive into the photo app.

Ok, why use the photo app and not just keep your photos in a folder? Simply because of the many features in the photos app. If you have not used the photos app then you can read the info from a previous class we held here at Active Seniors. Go to the link below to see the photo app tutorial.

https://uploads.documents.cimpress.io/v1/uploads/e2fe5299-b526-4844-8aedb240283f671d~110/original?tenant=vbu-digital

After the phone is connected, once again click on IMPORT and select CONNECTED DEVICE. You will then see a screen like this which is asking what items you want to import.



If you click on the box by the red arrow it will select **all** photos in that grouping. Or, you can click on the individual photos as indicated by the blue arrow.

Another way to do it is to click the box by the red arrow to select ALL photos in that group and then any photos **you DO NOT WANT** to import you can deselect them by clicking on the boxes indicated by the blue arrow.

When you do that, you will see something like this:



Note that the photos (documents) with the red arrows have been deselected while all others remain selected.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your phone must be UNLOCKED and turned on for you to import photos. So before clicking on the import link, be sure to unlock your phone.

Once the import is completed you will see a box like this:



At this point you can turn off and disconnect your phone from the computer, or you can continue to import other photos.

Here is a youtube video to go over some of these steps: <u>https://youtu.be/GRrXJAQL0CE</u>

#### 2. IPHONE TO COMPUTER USING THE FILE TRANSFER METHOD.

In this section we will transfer photos using the same method you would use when transferring files.

You will still need the cable from the computer to your phone to do this method.

So once the phone is plugged in and turned on, click on your File Explorer tab. To find that tab click on the windows icon on the lower left of your screen



Then in the search box, type the word "File" and you will see this pop up. Then just click on File Explorer that is highlighted in blue on the screen.



After clicking on the File Explorer ICON, you will see something like this show up on your screen.



Then you click on the "Apple iPhone" in the list as indicated by the red arrow. When you do that you will see the following:



Then just click on that box and this will pop up:



DCIM is where all the photos are stored on your phone. So now we double click on that icon and we will see this:



If you see the above you will need to open one of those folders. Your most recent photos will be in the folder at the bottom of the list so just scroll down to the very

bottom, as indicated by the arrow, then double click on that folder to see the photos that are in the folder. In my case it looked like this:



Now that we have access to the photos on the phone, we can select those photos and move them to where we want to keep them on the computer. In the list on the left of the above image you can see a location named "PICTURES". So now we just have to select the photos we want to save and move them to the folder of our choice on the computer.



In the above I have selected the images highlighted in blue and now we are ready to move them to our desired folder. To do that we just click and hold and drag them to the desired folder. In this case I will drag them to the PICTURES folder.

Now after dragging them into the PICTURES folder, I can click on the Pictures folder to see if my photos were moved over there. In the image below you can see the 4 photos I selected have been moved to the PICTURES folder on your computer.



Again, even though I am demonstrating how to transfer photos from an iphone (because that is what I have), using an Android phone or other phone, as long as you can plug it into your computer the steps will be very similar.

Here is a good video to see how it is done. <u>https://youtu.be/3aVwJyqF7fE</u>

### 3. IPHONE TO COMPUTER WIRELESSLY USING GOOGLE PHOTOS APP.

Now our 3<sup>rd</sup> method will not need a cable between the phone and the computer. Instead, we will use the google photos app. Using this method, you will need to have a Google account. Here are the steps to setting up a google account:

#### To create a Google account:

- Go to www.google.com. Locate and select the Sign in button in the top-right corner of the page.
- 2. Click Create an account.
- 3. The signup form will appear. ...
- Review Google's Terms of Service and Privacy Policy, click the checkbox, then click Next step.
- 5. The Create your profile page will appear. ...
- 6. Your account will be created, and the Google welcome page will appear.

If you don't already have the google photos app **on your phone**, go to the app store and download it. Using the google photos app on your phone will allow you to communicate with your google account on your computer.

In your browser, type in www.photos.google.com/apps and you will see this screen. The upper arrow points to the web address of the download site. The lower arrow is where you will click on to DOWNLOAD the app onto your computer.



The download may take a few minutes, so just be patient and as it is downloading you will see something like this on the lower left of your screen:



In this example it says there is still 45 seconds remaining of the download. Once it has fully downloaded you will click in the box on the above little "up arrow" in the above image and then select "install".

Then the box below will pop up and it will have automatically put a check mark in the "Add desktop shortcut...." But I would suggest that you also put a check mark on "Add an application shortcut to your desktop" so the app will be easy to find in the future.

Once you have done that, then just click on "install".



Once you have the app downloaded to your computer (and your phone), just find the icon and open the app and you will see something like the following:



If you have just opened a google account for the first time, there will not be any photos present on this page. However, if you have had a google account for some time then most likely the page will be populated with photos as shown above.

Now all you have to do is WAIT and all the photos on your phone will be synced to Google Photos. Once that is done you can go into google photos and delete any you don't want to keep on your computer to reduce the amount of space used up on the app. Google Photos comes with 15GB of storage, free of charge, but if you want more you can get a paid subscription to increase the amount of storage.

Once the google photos app is populated with the photos from your phone you can then share them with friends, add them to albums, delete the ones you don't want, etc.

This has nothing to do with transferring photos but if you are in google photos and you want to find something you can use the search function at the top of the page and it is amazing how the software finds things. For example, you can search for "dog" and it will show you photos that contain dogs, and photos that have been captioned to include the word dog. In my case it shows some cats, wolf, coyote, etc. because they somewhat look like dogs.....hahaha.

I will now do a demo of the search in Google Photos!

### 4. ANY DEVICE TO ANY DEVICE WIRELESSLY USING YOUR WI-FI NETWORK

All the above methods have a few quirks that tend to complicate things but I am now going to show you a method that removes most of these problems. Using this method you can transfer photos from an iPhone to a PC, an Android phone to a Mac, a Mac to a PC, and so on. Basically, from anything to anything. And it is so simple!

Using this method, you don't have to download any apps, you don't need any interconnecting cables, or any of the methods we described in the bulk of this tutorial. All you need is to have two devices connected to the same WiFi node. Of course, this means that both devices must be in the same area. For example, you cannot transfer photos to a device in another town.

In the image below you can see that I have a choice of connecting to at least 5 different Wi-Fi nodes. But, as the check mark indicates, I have chosen to connect to the NETGEAR74 node. Now it is important, that is absolutely necessary, that both devices be connected to the same wifi node.

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Now here comes the good part. Once we have both devices connected to the same wifi node, we just go to <u>www.snapdrop.net</u> on both devices. Once I do that I will see the following on my PC:



You can see that it has given my iphone the name "Aqua Barracuda" and my computer the name "Orange Pianarian: and this is done as a security measure.

And, speaking of security, Dwight has checked and found that all this information is encrypted so it is very secure.

Meanwhile, on my iphone I see a similar screen that looks like this:



And here you see the same names. My iphone is known as Aqua Barracuda and my PC is known as Orange Planarian!

Now that we have both devices connected to Snapdrop.net, it is a simple process to transfer photos from one to another. For example, if I want to transfer photos from my phone to my computer I would click on the "Orange Plana...." On my iphone screen and this will result in the following:



And this gives me the option to choose photos from the photo library, take a new photo, or choose a file from the files on my phone, to be shared with my PC.

So, as the arrow indicates we would click on "Photo Library" to allow us to copy photos from our phone to our PC. And then we would select the photos we want to copy over to our PC. This is shown in the next image.

In the image below I have selected several photos to be transferred from my phone to my PC. This is indicated by the blue arrows. Once you have selected the photos to be transferred you click on "ADD" and they will transfer.



Now on the device you are transferring to you will get a prompt asking if you want to accept the photos. If this is the first time you have done this a prompt will ask if you want to accept each photo, one at a time. If you click on the check box it will transfer all photos without you having to respond to each one. Now when we go to our photo app on the PC you will see the photos that we just transferred. It is really that simple!



Now remember, you can do this from any device to any device, as long as both are connected to the same wifi node.

You can watch a youtube video here that shows you how this works.:

https://youtu.be/vpuSnH1B-7g

Ok, now that we have covered 4 methods, as with any class in school, you must now go home and do your homework. And, like any school classroom, you can come back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for our Tech Assistance workshops and get answers to problems you may have encountered while trying these at home.

Enjoy!