

# How To Transfer Photos from a Digital Camera

**Equipment needed:** Digital camera plus cable to connect camera to computer OR card reader

**Software needed:** Adobe Photoshop Elements

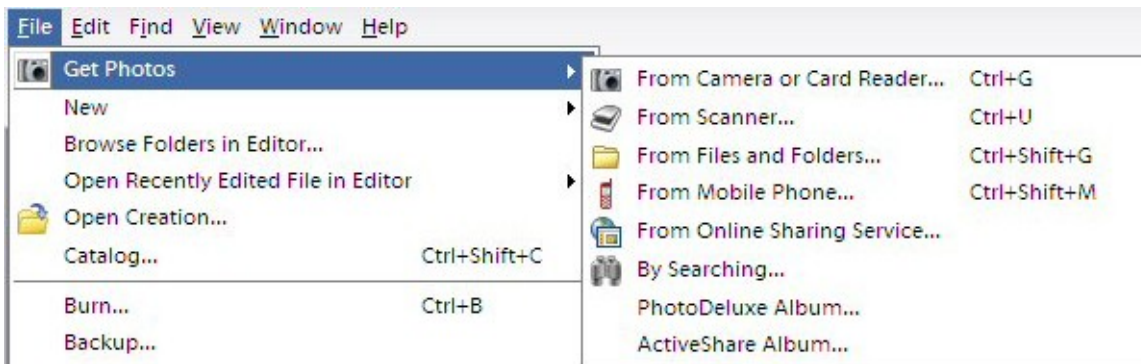
There are many ways to download photos from a digital camera. Most likely, when you bought your digital camera it came with software to do just that. By all means, if you're used to that software, use it! But what if you're at Furman and your dedicated software package is at home? Here are two easy ways to download your photos right here in the LRC.

The first method is to connect your camera directly to the computer. To do this, you will need the cable that came with your camera. The cable is usually either a USB cable (in which case you would plug it into any available USB port on the LRC computers) or a firewire cable if your camera is relatively new. In that case, you would plug it into the firewire port on the computer. If you're not sure how to do this, please ask me and I'll be glad to show you how. Just be sure you bring your camera AND the cable that came with it. In my case, my digital camera is so old, its cable is a serial port cable. Not acceptable – it takes almost four hours to download 128 MB of photos using this method. I abandoned this technique almost immediately and opted for a card reader.

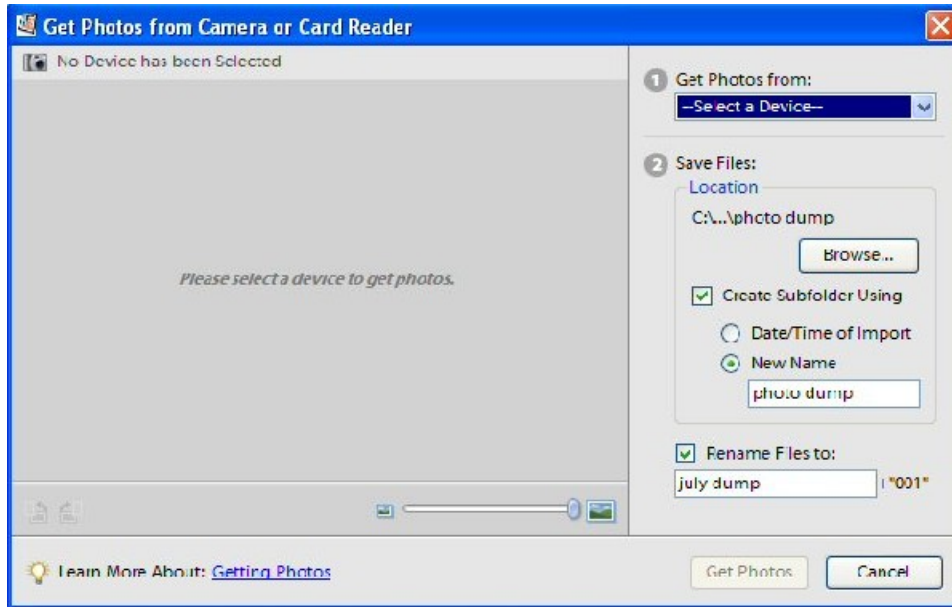
A card reader is a relatively inexpensive device that allows you to remove the media card from your camera (if you don't have a media card to remove, you must use the first method of connecting your camera directly to your computer) and place it in a card reader which attaches to a computer via a USB cable. Just insert the card in the reader, plug the cable in a USB port and you're ready to go. My card reader (a Lexar card reader that I bought at Wal-Mart for about \$25.00) will read at least six different types of media cards (Smart Cards, Flash Cards, Compact Flash, etc.).

Whichever method you choose to connect your photos to your computer (either with a direct connection via cable or through the use of a card reader), once you're connected you're ready to begin.

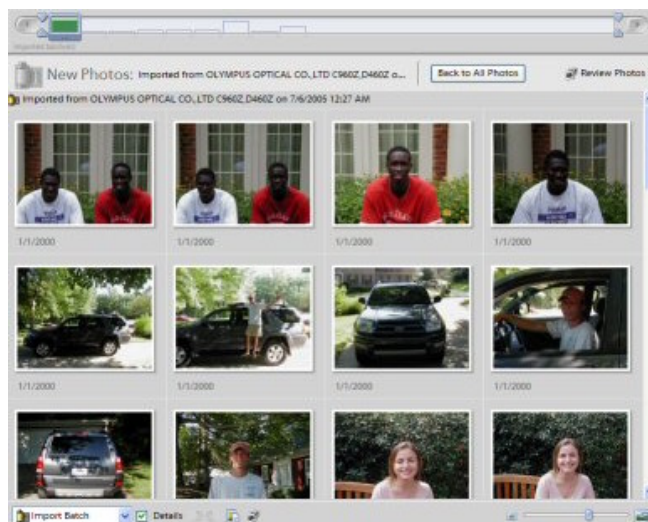
1. Launch Adobe Photoshop Elements. At the Welcome screen, select Import and View Photos.
2. On the toolbar at the top of the screen, click on File > Get Photos > From Camera or Card Reader:



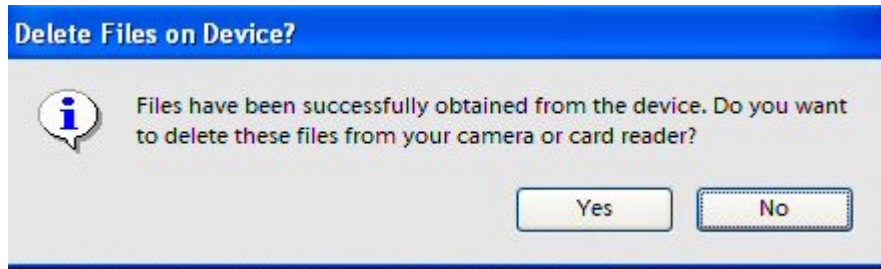
3. The following screen will appear:



4. We will select our options on the right side of the screen, beginning with the selection of a device to download from. Click on the arrow for the drop-down menu and select (in this case) card reader (if you were using a direct cable connection, you would select "camera").
5. In Step 2, select the location where you want to store your files by clicking on Browse, navigating to the folder you want, selecting it, then clicking OK.
6. Create a subfolder for your new photos and give it a new name if you wish.
7. Choose how you want to rename your files. Once you have made your selections, click the button that says **Get Photos**.
8. Adobe Photoshop Elements will then transfer your photos (with lightening fast speed!) to the Organizer window where thumbnails of each photo will appear. These are actually pointers to the real images which have been stored in the folder you designated.



9. One more option: Photoshop Elements will ask if you want to delete the files from your device:



10. You're done!! Your photos are safely stored on the hard drive in the folder you designated. At this point you can do anything you like with your photos.

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