

Exercise 2.2

Working with Photos (Part 1)

Introduction:

On Tuesday, you journeyed out to photograph the DVC campus. Today, we will begin to develop a workflow for post processing and organizing your captured images. You will have a choice to work with either Google's Picasa (free) or with Adobe Photoshop Express (also free) to complete this lab exercise.

Part 1:

- If you are working on your own computer, download Picasa from <http://picasa.google.com/>, set up an account <http://www.photoshop.com/express/>, or set up an account with <http://www.picnik.com/>
- If you are going to work on the lab computers, follow Digital Life Tutorial 0.3 to set up Portable Picassa 3 on your flash drive.
- After you have Picasa up and running, make sure you change the default location for imported pictures (especially if you are running off a flash drive) by navigating to Tools>Options. Under the "General" tab, you will find the "Save Imported Pictures In" field where you can click the browse button and navigate to a folder on your flash drive.
- Import your photos to your Picasa gallery or upload your photos to Photoshop Express/Picnik
- Begin editing your images using the techniques we discussed in lecture today. Pay careful attention to the composition techniques discussed in lecture last week, you may need to crop your images to improve them.
- After you have touched up your photos, you will need to export them to a new folder and/or upload them directly to a web album.

Part 2:

Please select the best image from each category of exercise 2.1 (campus buildings, people, detail/texture, unexpected angle, macro photography). You will post them to the course website making sure to tag your post with your full name (for example, 'Grant Adams') and 'exercise 2.2'. There are two options for creating a gallery of images on the website. You will need to select one.

Using Picasa Web Albums:

- Upload your selected images to your Picasa web album. To do this, navigate to Tools>Upload>Upload to Web Albums with your images selected. Follow the on screen prompts. You will need to sign in using your gmail address. Make sure to create a specific album with just your photos and make the photos viewable to the public.
- Next, click on the album and copy the url of you album.
- Now, create a new post on our course website and create a link to the web album. (I will demonstrate this in class).
- That's it, now publish and you're done!

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Using the website to build a gallery:

- Log in to the course website and navigate to the 'Dashboard' page.
- Locate and click on the "Gallery" link at the bottom of the page.
- Select "Add Gallery / Images"
- In the "Add new Gallery" tab, type your username (first letter of your first name followed by your last name) and click the "Add Gallery" button.
- Now, click on the "Upload Images" tab. From here, click browse to find the images you would like to upload and select your user name in the "choose gallery" drop down menu and click "Upload Images." This process may take some time.
- Now, create a new post and select the "NextGEN Gallery" button (the last one on the top row of icons). Select your gallery in the drop down "select gallery" field. Next, select the "Image List" radio button and click Insert.
- Now, publish your post, but don't forget to add relevant tags & a title!