


Chip - Chip Plus



Best websites to store your images

If you enjoy digital photography and wish to share your captures with your friends and family, taking them online is the perfect option. Check out these ten sites and analyze which fits to your requirements perfectly.

BY KAMAKSHI S

- 1 PHOTOSHOP.COM**
PHOTOSHOP.COM, (earlier Photoshopexpress.com) is an Adobe product. Photoshop Express is the online editor for the Photoshop.com services. You can upload, manage, edit and share your images on this website. Printing services are available only for US-based members. The website offers some of the best online image editing options. You can use Photoshop Elements to upload images on to the website. You can edit images from on your Facebook, Flickr, Photobucket, or Picasa accounts. The website supports collaborative photo blogging.
- 2 PHOTO.NET**
THIS website is for amateur photographers who require online assistance. There are different moderators overlooking each section of the website where images are posted. Apart from receiving insightful comments on your photography skills from resident experts, you will find a lot of tips on buying the right equipment, basic and advanced tutorials, photography books, etc. You can order photo prints and gifts and purchase other photography related equipment like still cameras, lenses and tripods.
- 3 SNAPFISH**
ALTHOUGH more of a photo store than an image hosting service, Snapfish nevertheless is a product from HP Labs which doubles up as photo sharing service. Apart from basic image fixes, you can add image captions and invite your friends to view and add images to your album. You can order high quality prints and photo gifts from the site. Popular sites like photobucket and Picasa use Snapfish services for ordering
- 4 PICASAWEB**
COMING from the Google stable, Picasa is one of the most popular photo storage and sharing websites. You can also make image based movies and collages using images stored online through the Picasa desktop application. The application also provides assistance to carry out basic image editing; collage creating, image blogging and uploading. You can run slideshows and order prints and photo gifts online too. Public images can be viewed directly but private images require invitation by the album owner. You can further secure your photographs by enabling the 'Sign-in required to view' album option. This web service supports viewer comments and collaborative photo blogging too.
- 5 WEBSHOTS**
WEBSHOTS is a very interactive photo sharing web portal. You can opt for a free or a premium account. Unlike other portals, there is no size-based limit but a number based limit (you can store and share 1,000 free and 5,000 personal photos on the premium account for starters.) Apart from printing your personal pictures as photo and on various photo gifts, you can also download and print photographs taken by professional photographers. The website has collaborated with PhotoWorks for photo and gift printing. Like Picasa, this website also has a provision to use desktop application for easy management of your online photos. The website also extends support for mobile updates.

Chip - Chip Plus



6 SHUTTERFLY

JUST like Snapfish, shutterfly is a web portal which is essentially a photo printing service rather than a photo sharing service. Nevertheless, you can use the website to back up your personal photos and share them too. Your friends don't need to sign up to view your uploaded images; you can share the album link to enable a slideshow view of your photos. You can also organize, edit, upload and share photographs through its desktop application. Apart from basic image fixes, you can add free borders and personalized captions to further customize your images. You can also print photos with short message on their reverse to keep the magical moments alive. The website supports collaborative photo blogging.

7 MULTIPLY.COM

INSTEAD of merely uploading, sharing and printing your photos, if you plan to host them on a web address of your own, then multiply.com is a good option to look at. You can get your own sub-domain, maintain your blog, network with your net friends, upload photos and videos and use your uploaded media in your blog posts. You can also order photo prints and photo gifts online. The website does not support collaborative photo blogging, but members can post comments on your media files.

8 IMAGESHACK

ALTHOUGH this web portal is tipped to be the 5th largest in its genre, certain features the site has to offer fall short of expectations. Image correction only includes rotating an image in either direction. You can add your images to your blog, create

image slide shows and get codes for sharing images on email, forums, and websites. You can import your Flickr images to your Imageshack album. While their contemporaries offer a host of complimentary services, Imageshack acts as a mere repository where you can backup and share your images.

9 CHANGING PRINTER SETTINGS

PHOTOBUCKET is said to be the one of the largest image sharing web portals in the world. This website supports collaborative photo blogging. Your visitors do not need to have to a Photobucket account to view images from shared albums. You can customize your Photobucket account using the listed themes. You can also edit images and add frames and other effects to them. You can search for images on the website. The portal offers specialized services like printing photo gifts, creating collages or slideshows for your social networking profiles and blog sites. You can even create your own professional online scrap book through scrapblog.com.

10 FLICKR.COM

EVER since Yahoo! photos shut down operations, the company has focused its energies to provide similar features to its users via Flickr.com. You can create a Flickr account through your Yahoo! account. The website supports collaborative photo blogging, meaning you can invite your friends to a group for making changes to photos appearing in particular albums (called 'sets'). The website provides basic image fixing via picnic.com. You can also use uploaded images for photo gifts. The website has provisions to edit multiple images in a single batch. You can add locations tags to your images via Yahoo! Maps.