

Digitizing Images for your Electronic Portfolio from 35mm film and prints

Many times, you may not have access to a digital still camera or to a scanner. No problem! You can take pictures with standard film cameras. Even those throw-away 35mm cameras will take good snapshot prints that you will be able to digitize for your portfolio. Many film developing services offer an option to receive a digitized version of your pictures. Have the film developed and check the option to receive a floppy diskette (or a CD), usually at an extra cost.

You can also scan individual paper prints with a scanner. For one or two images per roll, that is manageable. However, the task can become very time-consuming. For a large quantity of images, there are several options:

- **Kodak** offers the feature of creating a **Picture CD** with several different high quality versions of your pictures. <http://www.Kodak.com>
- There are several online photo developing services: **dotPhoto**, **Ofoto**, **Shutterfly**, and **SnapFish** are WWW-based services that offers film developing as well as digitizing your images. You receive prints of your images, and an online space on their server where digitized (but low-resolution) versions of your photos will be stored for a limited time. You can share them with friends and family, and order more prints. You can also reorganize your images on their website and order a CD-ROM with high quality versions of your pictures.

To get started, just click on the link below and log in with your email address and password. They will send you a Snapfish Welcome Kit with free postage-paid film mailers, or you can print out a postage-paid mailing label and send your film in right away. <http://www.snapfish.com/getMailerChoose>

From each roll of film you send to Snapfish, you'll get:

- A full set of prints on Kodak paper, and your negatives
- A free online photo album that's easy to share with friends and family (low resolution photos stay online for 90 days)
- Online reprint ordering, either for regular prints, download individual high quality digital images, or order a CD-ROM with your selection of high quality digital images

If you use a digital camera, you can also get 10 free 4x6 prints the first time you upload photos from your computer to your account. Just log in to your account and click on 'upload photos' on the home page to get started.

For more info about how Snapfish works, please visit the link below: <http://www.snapfish.com/howitworks>

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Weblinks: <http://www.ofoto.com> <http://www.shutterfly.com> <http://www.snapfish.com> <http://www.dotphoto.com>

Scanning slides requires a special scanner to hold the slides or film strips. Some flat-bed scanners have an add-on or adapter that allows scanning slides. However, you can usually only scan one slide at a time, and the quality of the image is limited by the density of the scanner. A dedicated slide scanner usually scans slides at much higher density and automates the process; you might consider using one if you have a lot of slides to digitize.