

Rename a batch of photos all at once

Make photos easier to find by giving them descriptive names

When you download images from your digital camera to your computer, the file names of the images have nothing to do with the events or scenes in the pictures. Renaming each file manually is time-consuming, but using this [Microsoft Windows XP](#) technique, you can quickly rename a folder of digital photos all at once.

When you use this technique on a folder, all the files within the folder end up with a single name (including a sequential number) that relates to the subject of the images. Using this technique to rename your digital photos makes it easier to locate the one you're looking for at a later date - a photo named **museum of flight august (18).JPG**, for example, is easier to find than that same photo named **DSCN1518.JPG**.

To rename digital photos with a common name and sequential numbering:

1. Open a folder of digital photo files whose names you want to change.
2. Click **EDIT** and then click **SELECT ALL**.
3. Right click on the first digital photo file in the list and then click **RENAME**.
The name of the first digital photo file is highlighted and ready to be edited.
4. Type the name you want to use to identify all the digital photo files in the folder. Choose a name that allows you to identify a photo from this folder at a later date.
*Note: Be sure to type the file extension after the file name. In this example we use the extension **.jpg** after the file name **museum of flight august** because these image files are jpeg format, which is the format most digital cameras use by default.*
5. Press **ENTER** on your keyboard to rename all the digital photo files in the folder and add sequential numbering to the file names.

If you take a little time and go through you're my **MY PICTURES** folder and apply this technique to all your photos, the next time you try to find a specific photo you'll be glad

that you did. And if you get into the practice of applying this technique right after you download your images to your computer, your digital photos will be well-organized and up-to-date as you accumulate digital memories.