

# Photo Organization Programs

Certain software programs have been designed specifically for image file management. Although these programs are excellent, they require learning a new program and are an added expense. File management is a personal choice, and whatever system works for you is the right one.

The main advantage of using an image organization program is that you can locate image files not stored on your computer's hard drive—like on a CD, for example. It is best to begin using one of these programs when you first begin to collect images. This is because you must input the data for each picture. You can see that if you waited a year after you began taking digital photos to enter all of that data you would have quite a task on your hands!

Following is a list of media management and cataloging software (courtesy of <http://about.com/>).

- Adobe Photoshop Album (Win) <http://adobe.com/>
- Photools IMatch (Win) <http://photools.com/>
- ACD Systems ACDSee (Win and Mac) <http://acdsystems.com/>
- Jasc Paint Shop Photo Album (Win) <http://jasc.com/>
- Cerious ThumbsPlus (Win) <http://cerious.com/>
- FotoStation (Win and Mac) <http://fotostation.com/>
- Apple iPhoto (Mac) <http://apple.com/>
- iView Media (Win and Mac) <http://iview-multimedia.com/>
- Preclick Lifetime Photo Organizer (Win) <http://preclick.com/>
- Photodex CompuPic Pro (Win) <http://photodex.com/>