

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

March 4, 2021

Members: Vicky Getz started up the Zoom and welcomed everyone; we had 8 participants.

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Digital Photography Changing

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We watched the video on facial recognition from this article.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/04/tech/face-recognition-ai-tool/index.html>

Most of Microsoft's popular photo software has been retired. Software must have security updates and new features to remain up to date. Before you go out searching for replacement you should check out what is available in the Microsoft's File Explorer and Microsoft's Photo App

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Windows 10 Photo App

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The Windows Photo App is Microsoft's default app for managing photos.

By default, all pictures in your PICTURES folder are scanned for GPS location data, generic object recognition, and OCR (Optical Character Recognition).

You can add other folders to the scan area, you can add facial recognition with the PEOPLE feature.

Other metadata contained in your photo that was manually added to your photos, such as tags and author, is ignored

The generic tags the photo app creates are not accessible outside of the Photos app, and you have to be a mind-reader in order to guess what the tags might be. The ALBUM organization is not accessible outside the photos app and doesn't travel with your pictures. The filename search is limited. The FOLDER option gives you large partial thumbnails, basically extremely hard to use with a collection of photos that has been created for 20+ years.

Even though it is not the greatest for finding or organizing your photos, there are some options worth exploring, such as the facial recognition from the PEOPLE option, the display of the photos location if the photo was taken with a GPS option, and the simple editing features that we showed last week.

GPS location comes from a cellphone camera or a camera equipped with GPS, this is not something that creeps in from the location of where a photo was scanned with a scanner. GPS location can also be added manually with special software.

The Windows 10 App has some interesting features, but it doesn't seem ready for prime time.

Question: How to display a photos location on a map in IOS14

<https://youtu.be/ZhH8yTx7558>

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FILE EXPLORER

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File explorer is a great tool for visually managing photos.

Vicky demoed how to tag photos for enhanced searching, and how to REMOVE tags and GPS information for privacy before sharing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_bNgAqFwsM&t

Adjust the View to display for working with pictures

Choose the desired thumbnail size

Options (Always show icons never show thumbnails must be OFF)

This article gives you hints on troubleshooting, if you can't get thumbnails to show. <https://windowsreport.com/thumbnail-previews-not-showing/>

Lastly Vicky demonstrated Google's reverse image lookup.

This and other minutes can be viewed at our website

<http://www.vrcc.info/>

Watch your email for your zoom invitation for March 11, 2021 at 9:30. T

Regards, Sandy McKenny, sec.