

PicTran

# Picture Transfer Program

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## Technical Details

Version: 2.0.6  
Distribution file: Pictran206.ZIP

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## About the Program

Pictran is designed to copy files from your digital media to your hard drive. It will first copy the files from the media and folder you select, and if successful, will ask you if you wish to delete them from where it copied them.

Pictran will copy .jpg and .jpeg files to new names. All new filenames will end in .jpg even if the input file was called .jpeg.

You can choose to name the output files two different ways:

- 1) Date and serial:               yyyymmdd-nnnn.jpg
- 2) Date, time, and serial:     yyyymmdd-hhmmss-nn.jpg

Where

yyyymmdd is the date that the picture was taken.

hhmmss is the time of the day that the picture was taken.

nnnn is a four-digit serial number.

The program will retrieve the date that the picture was taken from the EXIF metadata, the date inside the picture file itself. If it cannot find that date, it will use the date that the file was last modified.

Normally, you would use the first option. Use the second option if you took pictures with more than one camera during the same day. This option will keep those pictures in chronological sequence.

If the program assigns an output file name that already exists in the destination folder, then it will increase the suffix continuously until it finds a unique name. The source files will never replace the destination files of the same name. If you took pictures with two different cameras on the same day, and you use Pictran to copy the files, then the pictures will still be named correctly.

It is not advisable to install Pictran to the desktop. Instead, add it to a unique folder.

Pictran will create and maintain an .INI file in the same folder that it runs in. It does NOT write to the Windows registry.

If the program, for some reason, cannot interpret the file as a picture, it will copy the file to the destination anyway, and the file on the destination folder will keep the same as that from the source folder.

Like everything I write, I wrote PicTran because I had a strong need for a program like this.

I use this program often. This way, I can stay on top of any bugs that crop up, and I am in tune with any developments that need to be made. Besides, I felt that it would be a terrible shame not to share this program with the world (hence the documentation).

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I have not wasted a lot of time putting in all kinds of little features and functions that very few people, if anybody, will ever use. That results in bloatware. This program is small and fast.

I will entertain ideas for enhancements, bug reports, suggestions, comments, etc. Please contact me at [support@davegrund.com](mailto:support@davegrund.com). Technical support is available for free via e-mail.

## Program Installation

PicTran is manually installed.

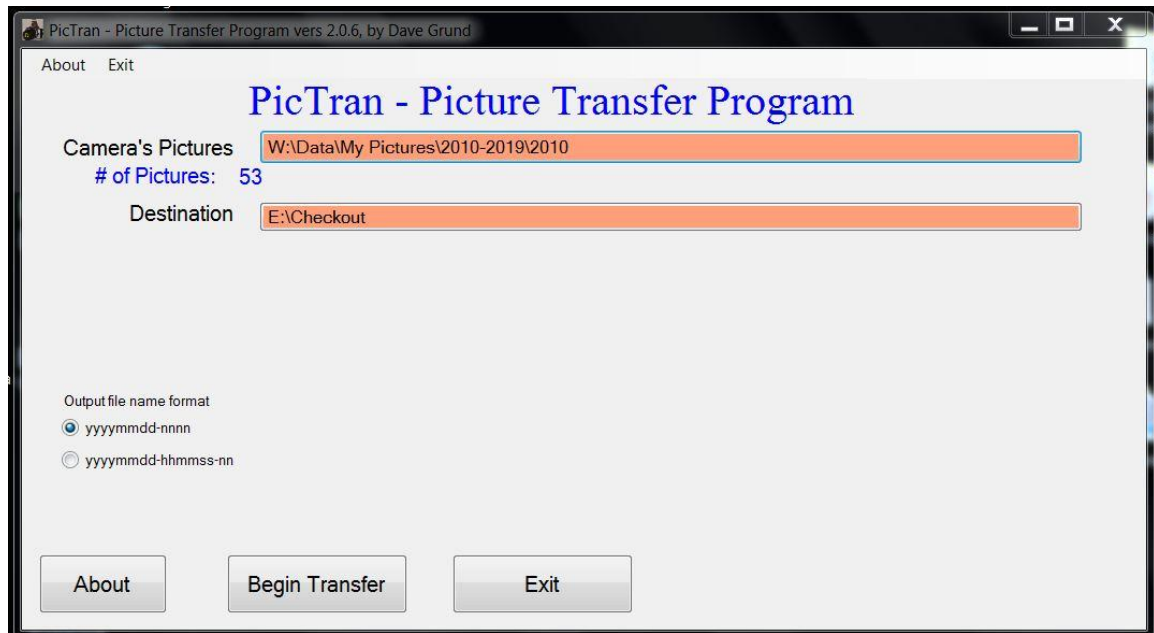
- 1) Create a directory (folder) for the sole use of PicTran.
- 2) Copy the distribution file into that directory.
- 3) Unzip that file using your favorite unzipping program.
- 4) After all of the files are expanded, **MOVE** the distribution file to an archived folder or somewhere else for safe keeping, out of that directory.
- 5) Create a Windows shortcut to the program, with no command line parameters. Put this shortcut with all of your other Windows applications. This is the one you will use to call the program up on demand.

The program does not use the Windows Registry, and there are no DLL's to install. If you wish to uninstall (sob), simply delete the directory and its contents, and the uninstall is clean and complete.

When writing this manual, a certain amount of Windows knowledge on the part of the user is assumed. For example, it is assumed that the user knows that if the “b” is underlined on a button, he/she can press Alt-B instead of clicking that button.

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## Main Screen



There are two folder-selection boxes on the main screen: one for the input file (*Camera's pictures*), and one for the output (*Destination*).

When you choose the input folder (by clicking on the orange box), the program will count and list the number of pictures it finds in that folder.

Once both the input and output folders are selected, the program will enable the “Begin Transfer” button.



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After the “Begin Transfer” button is pressed, the program will begin copying the pictures from the input to the output folders. It will display the pictures while it is copying them. The program runs quickly, so you may not see ALL of the pictures displayed. This is not a problem, and should be no cause for alarm.

When the program is done copying the pictures, it will ask you if you wish to REMOVE them from the input folder. This IS a destructive operation, and cannot be undone.