

First steps to Google Photos

The first step in using Google Photos is to gather all your pictures – upload them – to your Google account. This means getting photos taken with your mobile devices: iPhone/iPad or Android phones and tablets. It also means gathering all pictures that are currently on your computer.

- [396. Gathering all your Photos with Google Photos](#) (7 minutes)
- [400. Your Lifetime of Photos at your Fingertips!](#) (2 minutes)

Android

Whether you have an android phone or tablet, you will want to install the free Google Photos App on it. If you take pictures with this device, you need to turn on the “Autobackup” setting.

- [384.Android Google Photos Orientation](#) (4 minutes) – a brief overview of the Google Photos app on an Android device
- [496.GP-Install on Android](#) (3.5 minutes) – how to set the Autobackup setting in order to get your pictures from this device to your Google Account in the cloud.
- Episode 50 of What Does This Button Do: [Google Photos on Android](#) (5 minute segment)

iPhone/iPad

On your Apple iOS mobile devices, you will want to install the free Google Photos app. If you take pictures with this device, you need to turn on the Autobackup setting.

- [387. Apple iPhone/iPad Google Photos Intro](#) (4.5 minutes) – a brief overview of the Google Photos app on an Apple mobile device
- [497.GP-Install on iOS](#) (2.5 minutes) – how to set the Autobackup setting in order to get your pictures from this device to your Google Account in the cloud.
- Episode 50 of What Does This Button Do: [Google Photos on iPhone/iPad](#) (6.5 minute segment: watch till timeline 25:22)

Windows Computer

On a Windows computer, you may already have hundreds or even thousands of pictures. In order to get them uploaded to your Google Account, you need the Desktop Uploader.

- [395. Google Photos Autobackup: How to Install on Windows](#) (4 minutes) – this video shows you how to get the software necessary to upload pictures from your computer to your Google Account
- [394. Google Photos Autobackup: Start, Stop, Uninstall](#) (3 minutes) – this video shows you how to control the Autobackup process once you have it installed
- Episode 50 of What Does This Button Do: [Google Photos on a Computer](#) (4.5 minutes)

Mac Computer

On a Mac computer, you may already have hundreds or even thousands of pictures. In order to get them uploaded to your Google Account, you need the Desktop Uploader.

- [390. Google Photos AutoBackup Installation on Mac](#) (5 minutes)
- [392. Google Photos Auto Backup – How to Uninstall on Mac](#) (1.5 minutes) – If you should change your mind and no longer want photos backed up from your Mac to your Google Account

Understanding the Google Photos Backup process

- [393. Google Photos Auto Backup Operations on Mac](#) (2.5 minutes) – Although this video was recorded on a Mac, it demonstrates operations that work the same on windows. Once installed, what is happening?
- [391. Google Photos – Importance of your Google Account](#) (3 minutes) – Using the correct Google account is SOO important, whether you're on Mac, Windows, Android, or iOS, pay attention to the account.