

# **Sun City Summerlin Computer Club Seminar**

## **Alternatives to Picasa**

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# Where to Find the Materials

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- **Sun City Summer Computer Club Website:**
  - <http://www.scscclclub/smnr>
- **Direct Hyperlink**
  - [http://www.scscclclub/smnr/Picasa\\_Alternatives.pdf](http://www.scscclclub/smnr/Picasa_Alternatives.pdf)

# Seminar Agenda

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- **Introduction: Picasa is Dead (sort of)**
- **Picasa Features Recap**
- **Photo Editing Alternatives**
- **Photo Album Alternatives**

# Introduction

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- **Google announced that they were *retiring* Picasa as of May 1, 2016.**
  - Both the Picasa 3.9 desktop application and Picasa Web Albums
  - You can still download Picasa 3.9 from other sites, such as Softpedia or Download.com.
- **Google's Free Replacement is Google Photos**
  - Picasa Web Albums photos already moved
  - Issue with accessing / editing Picasa tagging data
  - Has a desktop uploader app, but no desktop editor
  - Easy to upload photos with drag and drop
  - Photo editor is web-based – has all the basic features
  - <https://photos.google.com/?pli=1>
  - Sharing: <https://goo.gl/photos/cKbSK9wJKqNGqvZb8>
- **Not everyone is pleased with the change**
- **This session will explore some alternatives**

# Picasa Features Recap

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- **Desktop Photo Editor / Organizer**
  - All the usual basic photo editing features
  - Nice tagging / annotation features
  - Volume operations – esp re-sizing for emailing
  - Slide shows
- **Web-based Publishing and Sharing**
  - Upload photos using Picasa desktop app
  - Select web folders or individual photos and share them via hyperlinks. Recipient clicks link to view.
- **Picasa Web Albums used part of 15GB free space on Google Drive.**

# Photo Editing Alternatives

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- Search: **image editing programs free download**
- **GIMP (Gnu Image Manipulation Program)**
  - Open source, FREE, widely supported, Windows, Mac, Linux
  - Very powerful – comparable to Photoshop
- **Paint.Net**
  - Open source, FREE, widely supported, Windows
  - Powerful – many features incl. layers
- **Windows Essentials Photo Gallery**
  - FREE download from Microsoft
  - Photo organizer and editor desktop application
  - Lots of nice editing and tagging features
  - <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2370417,00.asp>

# Photo Album Alternatives

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- Search: **photo sharing services free**
- Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/?ytcheck=1>
  - 1 TB of free storage
  - Upload and sync tools for all platforms
  - Web-based basic photo editor
  - Printing services
  - Share photos via hyperlinks
- Shutterfly: <https://www.shutterfly.com/?home1=true>
  - Unlimited free storage
  - Upload and sync tools for all platforms
  - Printing services
  - Share photos via hyperlinks
- Various cloud services – OneDrive, iCloud, Google Drive

# Final Q and A

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## Final Questions and Answers