

FREE STORAGE ON THE WEB--PART 2

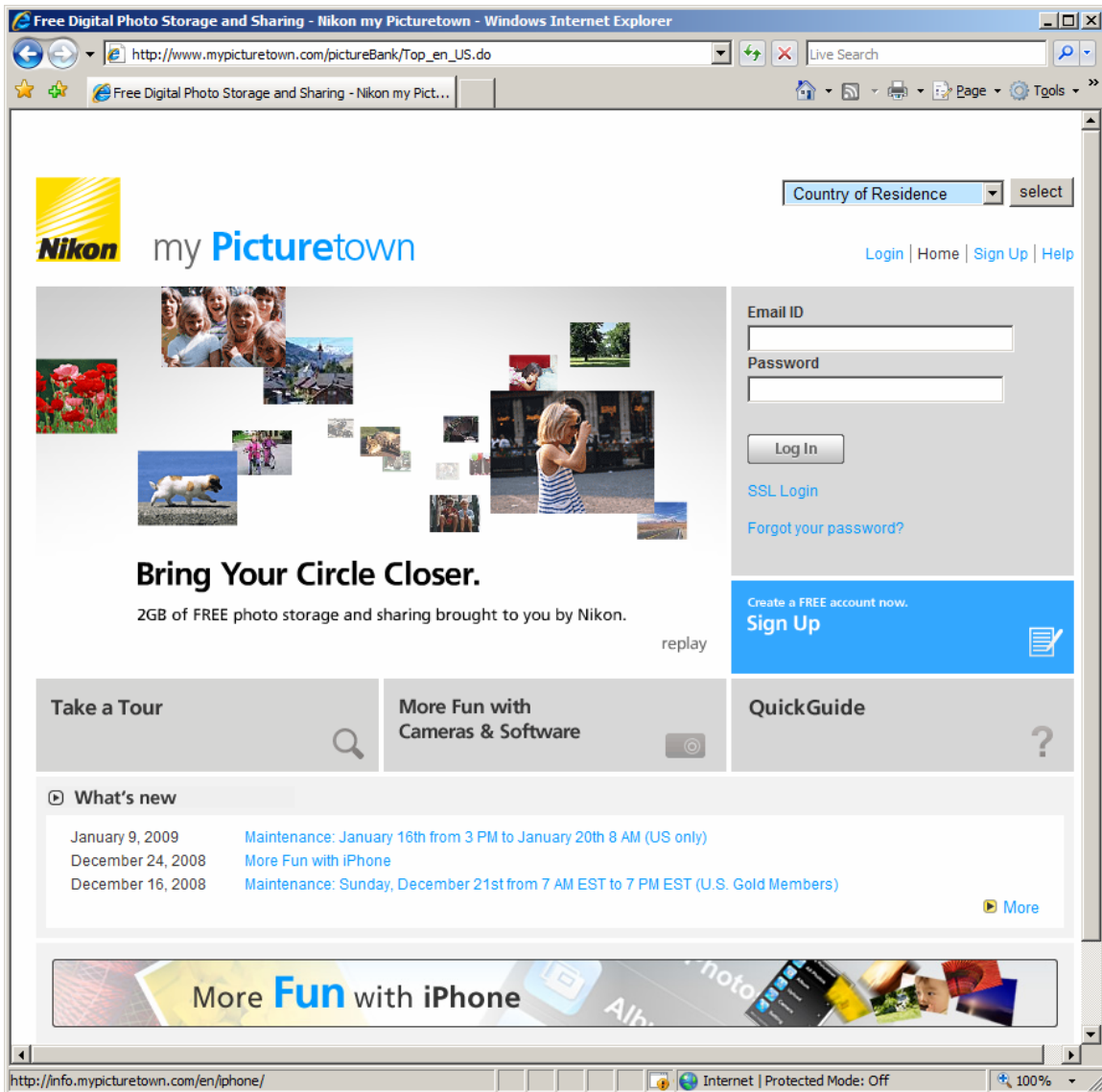
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"MY PICTURETOWN"

This is the second installment in our series of discussions about storing files for free on the Internet. Liz's favorite for storing and sharing her digital photos is called "My Pictown". This storage site is operated by Nikon.

Their Web site is at
<http://www.mypictown.com>



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Click on "Sign Up" near the upper right hand corner to get a free account.

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http://info.mypicturetown.com/en/quick/quickguide-01/qg-02.html

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Type of account

Users can choose either of the following two types of accounts.

Type of account	Free Account	Gold Account
Price per month	Free	\$ 2.99 - \$ 29.90
Storage	2 GB	20 GB - 200 GB (Select in 20 GB increments)
Information needed for sign up	E-mail address	E-mail address Customer information (name, address, etc.) Credit card

•For up to 2GB of space (Free)
 You can register for a Free Account and gain access to up to 2 GB of storage space for pictures without spending a dime.

•For up to 200 GB of space (Fee required)
 You can register for a Gold Account and gain access to up to 200 GB of storage space for pictures in 20 GB increments for a nominal fee.
 Plans are to provide not only greater storage capacity but also a number of limited services for only Gold Account users.

About the pricing system and billing cycle

Gold Account members will be billed the following charges each month based on their storage settings.

■Pricing system
 Gold accounts begin at 20GB of storage for \$2.99 per month. Additional storage can be purchased at an additional \$2.99 per month for each additional increment of 20GB up to a maximum of 200GB.

Storage capacities and pricing:

Storage	Price per month	Storage	Price per month
20 GB	\$ 2.99	120 GB	\$ 17.94
40 GB	\$ 5.98	140 GB	\$ 20.93
60 GB	\$ 8.97	160 GB	\$ 23.92
80 GB	\$ 11.96	180 GB	\$ 26.91
100 GB	\$ 14.95	200 GB	\$ 29.90

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The key features for a free account are:

Total storage space = 2 Gigabytes

Maximum single file size = not stated on "Picturetown" Web site

Maximum monthly bandwidth = not stated on "Picturetown" Web site

The maximum monthly bandwidth is the total amount of data that you (and others that you designate) upload to, and download from, your free account.

According to the "Picturetown" Website:

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my Picturetown supports the following file formats: JPG, NEF(RAW), NRW(RAW),MOV, AVI, and WAV.

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According to their May 28, 2008 press release, they currently have the following photographer-friendly features:

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The ability to upload RAW (NEF) files viewable as JPEGs

The ability to search for photos by the date they were uploaded or taken using a calendar

A full-screen slideshow option for viewing photos customizable with now up to 25 choices for background music

A new system allowing users to rate their images on a scale of 0-5.

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According to their November 19, 2007 press release, they also have the following features:

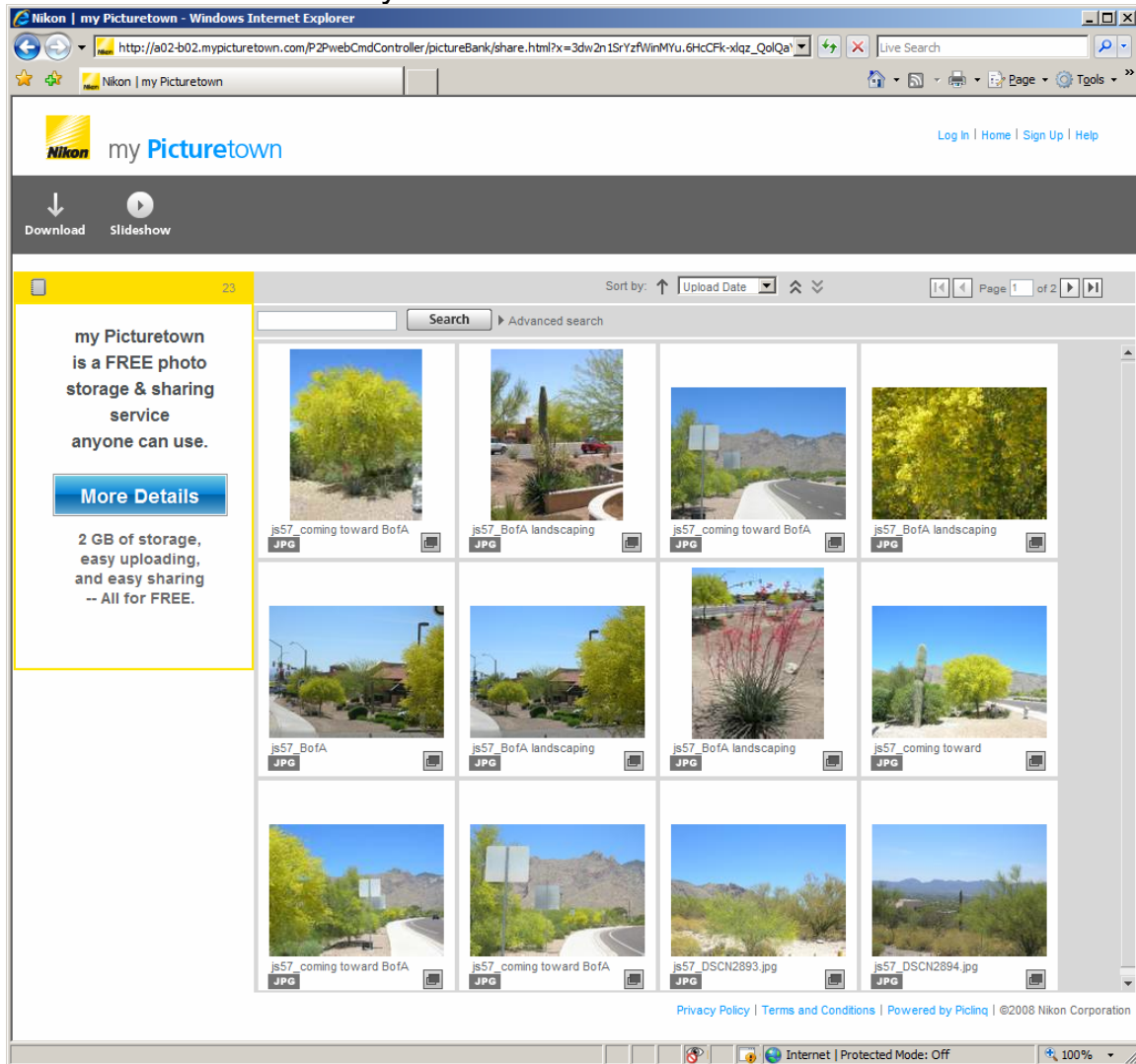
When you share or download photos, you can now choose size of photos from:

1024 x 768 pixels

1600 x 1200 pixels

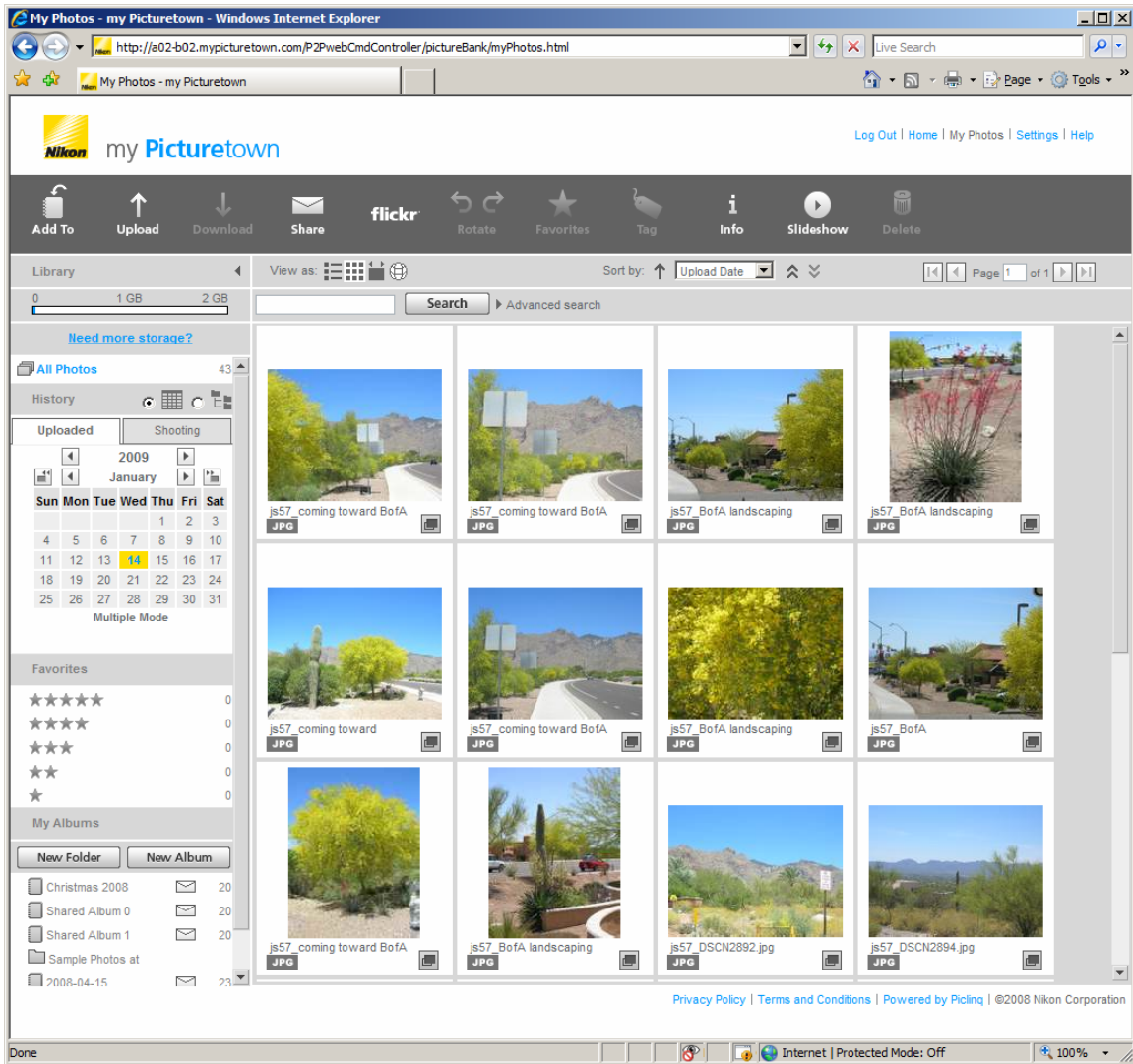
Original size

Some photos that Liz took on April 15, 2008 can be seen at [http://a02-b02.mypicturetown.com:80/P2PwebCmdController/share.jsp?x=3dw2n1SrYzfWinMYu.6HcCFk-
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When Liz logs into her free account to view the same set of photos, it looks like this:



Let me know if there is an online file storage service that you are particularly fond of and we will describe them in future articles in this series.

If you have any questions or problems, I can be contacted by the following methods:

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