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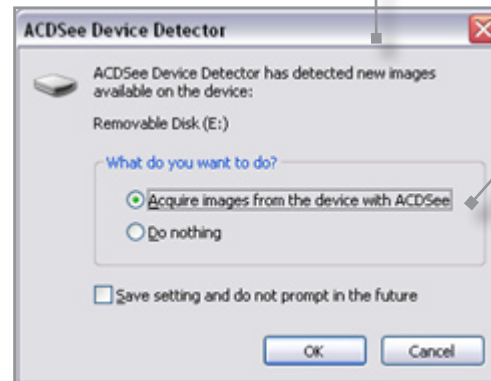
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This tutorial walks you through the process of downloading photos from your camera using ACDSee's Get Photos Wizard.

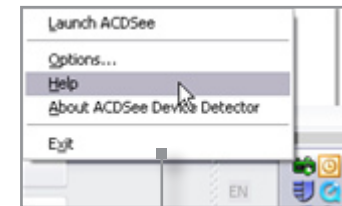
Getting photos is made easier by the Device Detector, which immediately senses when you plug in a camera, insert a CD, or other removable device like a mobile phone, scanner, or drive. The Device Detector is actually a separate small application that runs in the background. It is installed with ACDSee and places this icon in the Taskbar Notification Area in the lower right corner of your desktop.



When you plug in a camera, or insert a CD containing images, into your computer, the Device Detector icon turns green and the ACDSee Device Detector dialog opens.



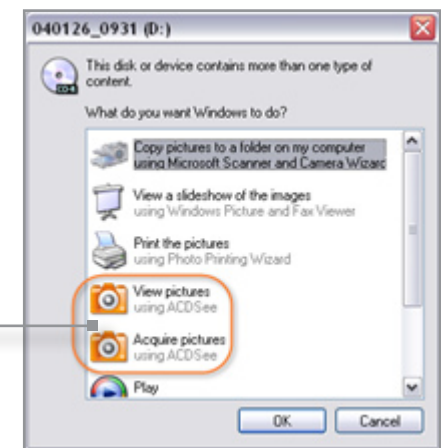
When you select **Acquire images from the device with ACDSee**, and click **OK**, the Get Photos Wizard opens.



You can click the Device Detector icon at any time to learn more about it, or to change the options for downloading photos.

If you have Windows XP, or another photo editor installed, you may see a dialog like this one pop up instead of the Device Detector. You can simply close it by clicking the red **X** or **Cancel**.

If you see the ACDSee 9 logo, click **Acquire Pictures using ACDSee** to open the Get Photos Wizard.



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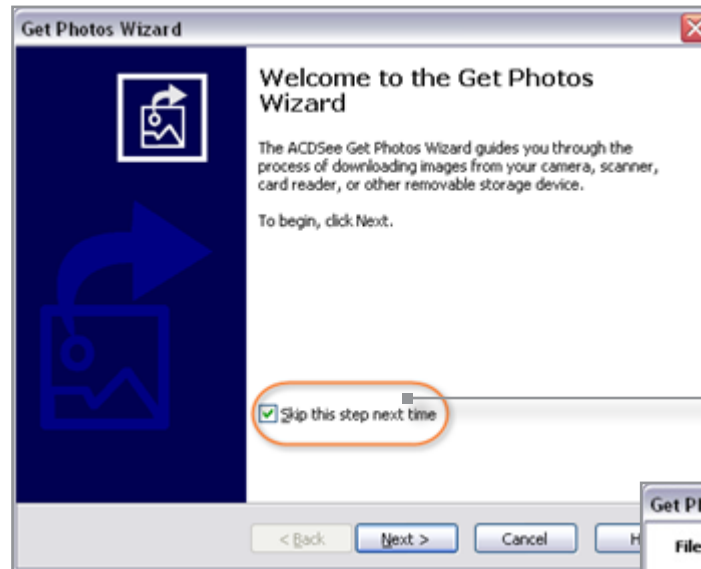
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The Get Photos Wizard walks you through each step of the downloading process, helping you to make decisions about where to store your photos, renaming them, and what to do with the photos left on your camera.

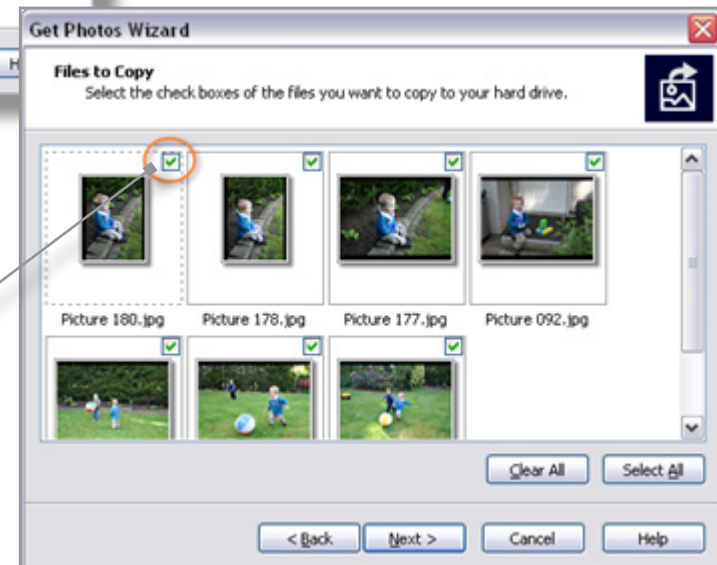


On the Welcome page, you can click the **Skip this step next time** check box to turn this page off.

Click **Next**.

The Files to Copy page displays thumbnails of all the photos on your camera or other device. In the corner of each thumbnail is a check box. You can click to clear this box if you do not want to download that particular photo.

When you are ready, click **Next**.



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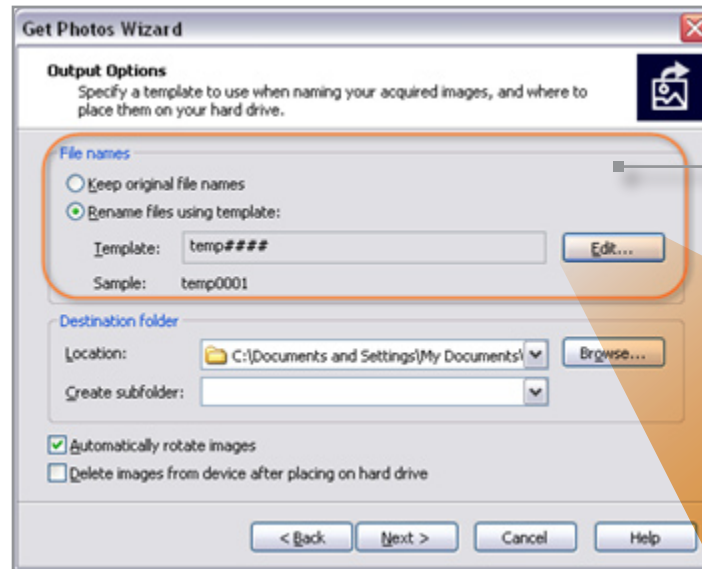
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On the Output Options page, you can create a template to rename all your photos as they download. You can keep the name and numbers that the camera gives each photo, but this does make them harder to identify later, as each batch of photos is given the same numbers. This makes it is easy to overwrite photos unintentionally if you copy them from one folder to another. Giving each batch of photos a name also makes them easier to find.

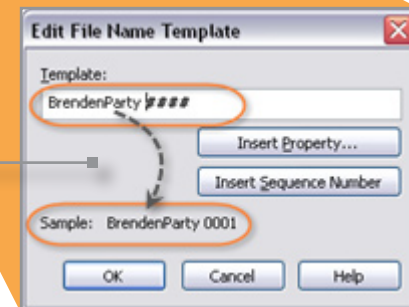


Click the **Rename files using template** radio button, and then click **Edit** to open the Edit File Name Template dialog where you can type in a new name.

In the **Template** field, delete the text in front of the ###s. Replace it with the name you want this batch of photos to have.

During the download, the #s will be replaced by a different number for each photo, starting with 0001, 0002, 0003 in sequence. A sample of the name shows you how it will look. You can also include spaces, more numbers, or other properties like file size, in the name.

Click **OK** when you are ready.



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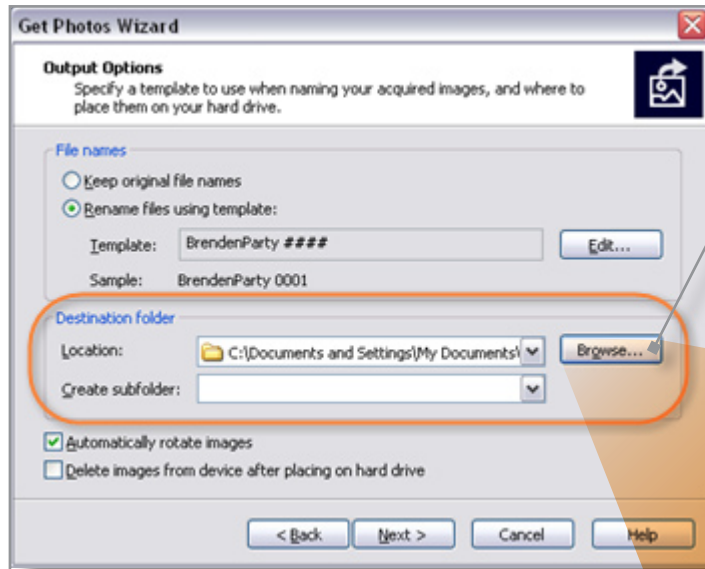
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Now that you have created a renaming template, you can select where on your computer you want to download them. ACDSee assumes you will want to download the photos to your My Pictures folder. (Look under My Documents if you can't find it.) However, you can browse to any existing folder or create a new folder for your downloaded photos.



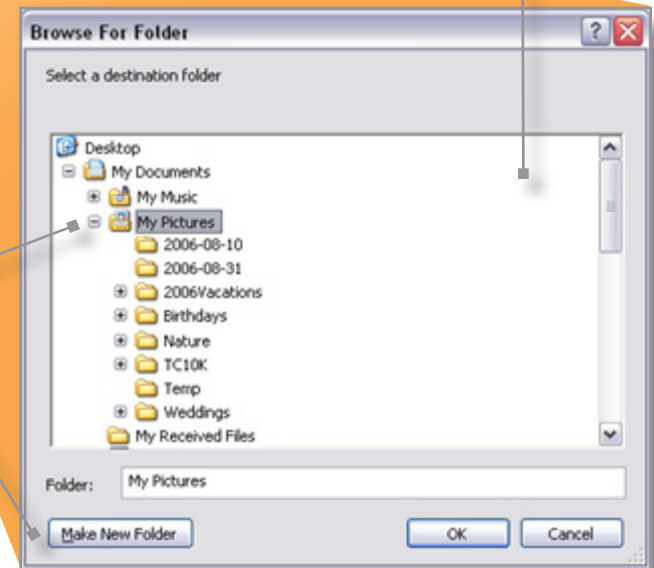
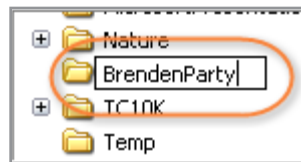
Click **Browse** to open the Browse For Folder dialog where you can either select a folder or create a new one.

To select an existing folder, navigate through your folders until you find the one you want, click it, and then click **OK**.  
(Click the - / + signs beside the folder names to show or hide their subfolders.)

To create a new folder, click the folder above the new one (My Pictures in the example) and then click **Make New Folder**.

A new folder will appear in the tree where you can type the name of the new folder.

Click **OK**.



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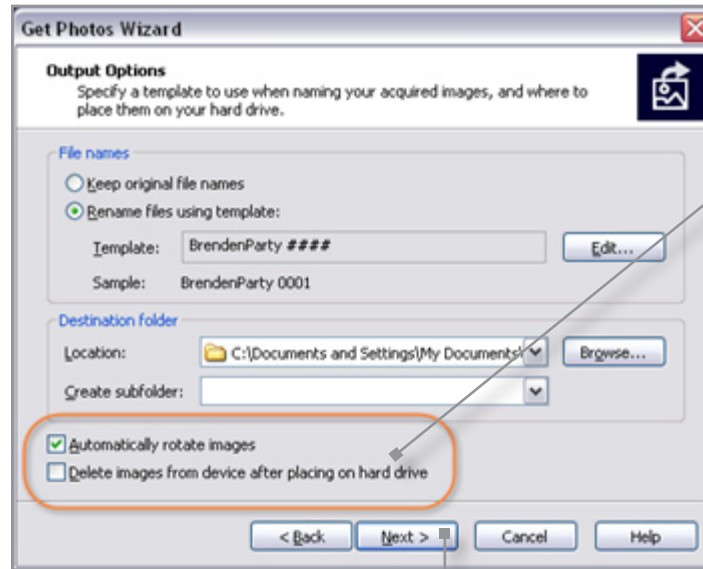
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There are two other options you can select on the Output Options page.



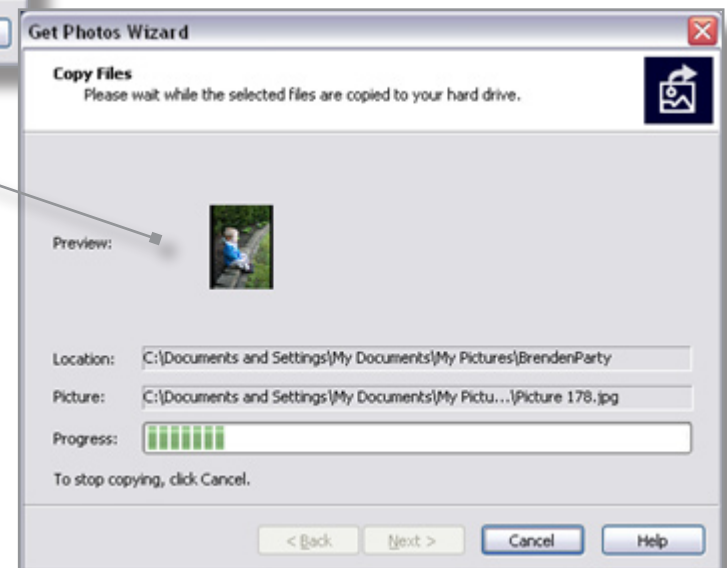
Some cameras allow you to automatically rotate photos as you download them. Click the check box to select this option.

If you want ACDSee to delete the photos on the camera one they are copied to the computer, click the check box beside **Delete Images from device after placing on hard drive**.

This option should only be used if you have checked that your photos have downloaded correctly.

Click **Next** and ACDSee copies the photos to the folder you selected, renames them, numbers them, rotates them automatically, and deletes them from your camera.

You can create a profile that completely automates the download process so that you can plug in your camera, and watch while ACDSee copies, renames, and saves your photos. You can even have a different profile for each camera or device. To find out more about automating downloads, read **Using device profiles** in the Getting Photos section of the Help.





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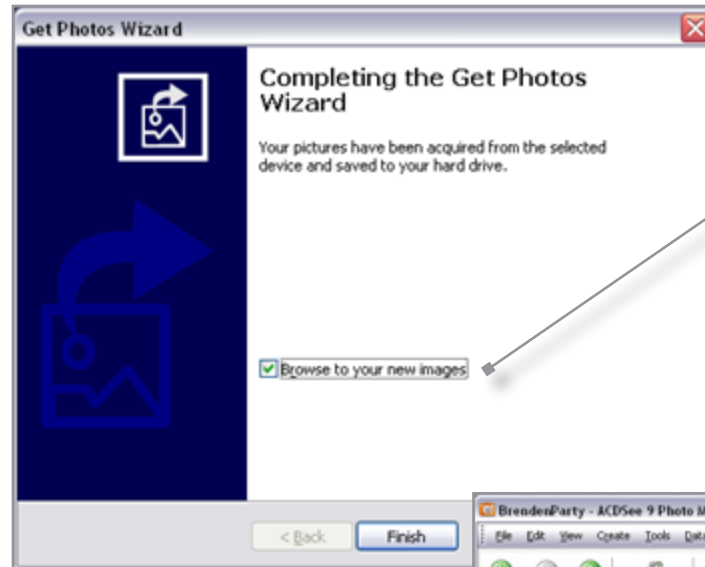
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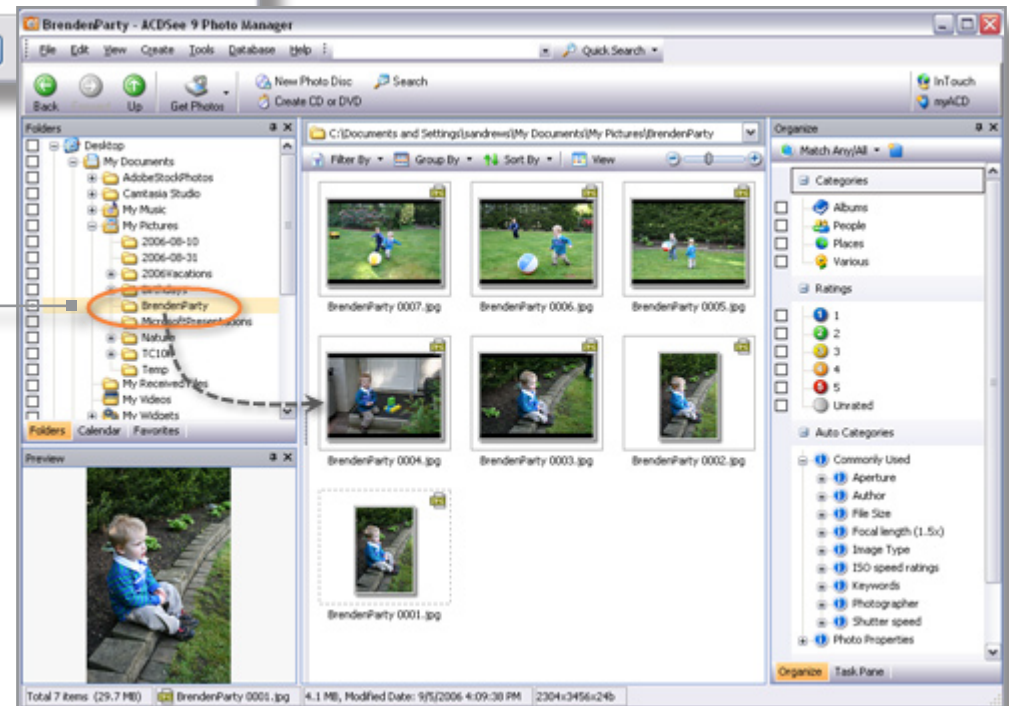
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Click the **Browse to your new images** check box if you want to look at your new photos, and then click **Finish**.

ACDSee opens the Browser and displays thumbnails of the photos you downloaded in the new folder.

When you browse your photos, ACDSee stores their thumbnails and file information in its database so that you can use this information to find them later.



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### Check to see if you learned these key concepts:

- » The Device Detector is a separate application that senses when you insert a device or CD containing images.
- » You can change your download options at any time by clicking on the Device Detector icon in the Taskbar Notification Area.
- » It is easy to rename files as you download them, by creating a renaming template. Renaming files is safer than keeping the camera's file name as it is easy to overwrite files with the same name.
- » You can download photos to any folder on your computer, or create a new one within the wizard.
- » There are also options in the Get Photos Wizard to automatically rotate photos and delete the photos left on your camera.
- » It is possible to create device profiles to completely automate the download process and to have a different profile for each kind of device.

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