

7. Downloading pictures from your digital camera using the AutoPlay dialog box.

At the end of this lesson you will be able to use the AutoPlay dialog box to execute the procedure for transferring photographs from a camera to a specific folder on the PC by selecting the 'Import pictures' option from the list and following the onscreen instructions.

Step One:

When the PC detects the new device the Auto Play dialog box opens.

Click **Import pictures** using Windows

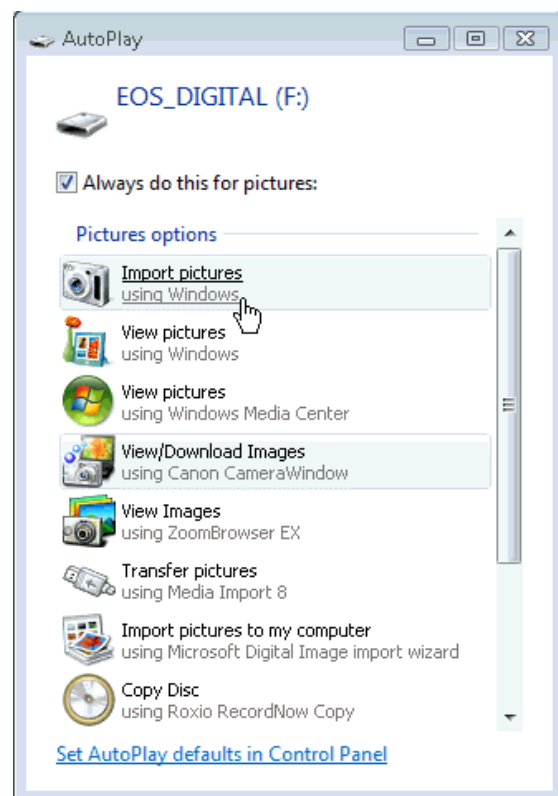


Figure 8.1 Autoplay dialog box

Step Two

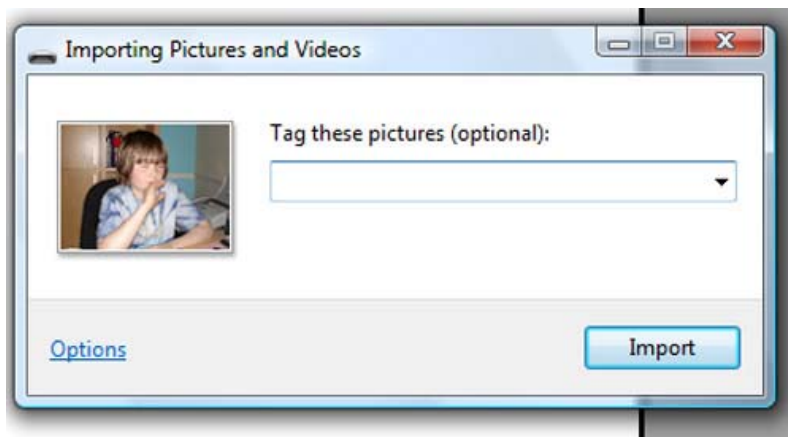


Figure 8.2 Tag input box

You can tag images – a tag is very useful for organizing and finding images. If you don't want to tag the image then leave the tag line blank and click the Import button

NOTE: The **Options** button on this dialog box allows you to customise the import settings. When selected the Import Settings dialog box opens. The photographs are automatically transferred to the default location, which in this instance is the "Pictures" folder. Click the **Browse** button if you want to place the images in an alternative folder.

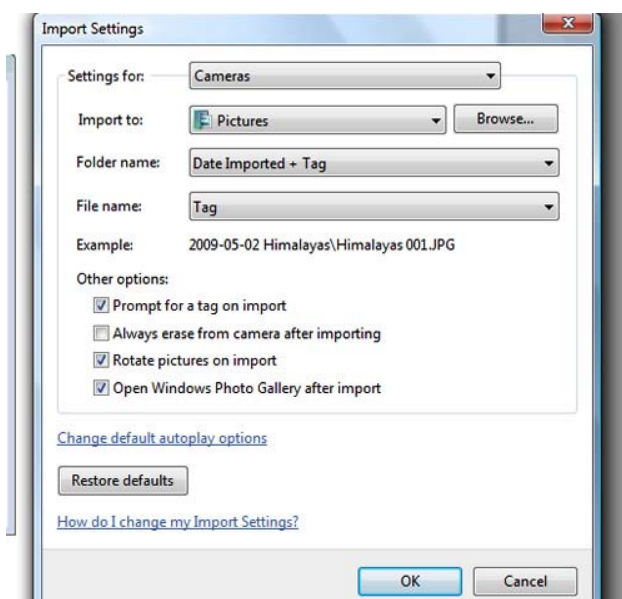


Figure 8.3 Import Settings dialog box.

Step Three:

After you click the **Import** button, Windows Vista starts moving all your pictures. Once all the images have been imported you have the option now of deleting the images from the camera. To do this, tick the **Erase after importing** tick box, but beware the images are gone forever from your camera.

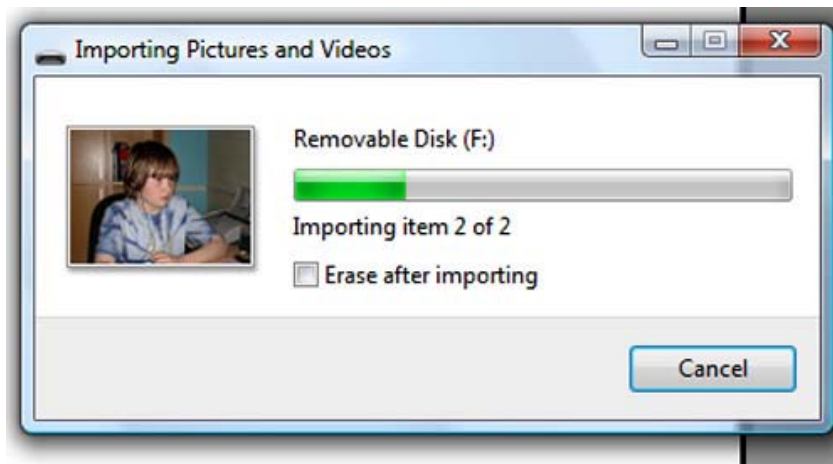


Figure 8.4 Importing Pictures and Videos dialog box.

Step Four:

Once the images have been copied **Windows Photo Gallery** dialog box will open and you can view the photos that were imported.

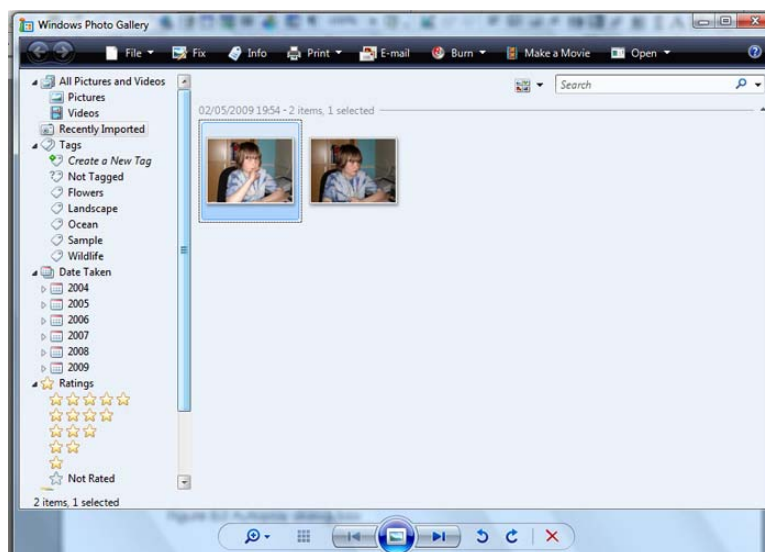


Figure 8.5 Windows Photo Gallery dialog box.

Step Six:

It is safe now to turn off your camera and remove the USB cable from your PC.

Alternatively, if you inserted the memory card from the camera, highlight the safely remove hardware device to safely remove the memory card from your PC.

In the next lesson we will be downloading pictures from your digital camera using Windows Explorer.