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Flickr: Create Groups to Share your Photos

Now that you’ve got your latest vacation photos stored on your computer, your next question might be, “how can I share these photos with everyone?” Emailing photos has its limitations, especially if you have many pictures. With [Flickr](#), an online photo-sharing application, you can upload your photos to the site and create [Groups](#) to control who can access the photos. Not only can the members of your group view your photos, they can make comments and add notes too. With Flickr, it’s easy to manage your pictures and share them with anyone you’d like — and did we mention it’s free?

Getting Started

If you already have a Yahoo account, you can login to [Flickr](#) with the same username and password; if not you’ll need to take a minute to sign-up.




Groups

Once you login, you’ll be instructed to upload your photos. Click on the Groups tab to create a group.



Groups can be **Public**, **Public (Invitation only)**, and **Private**. Be sure to read the specifications for each type of group before you create one. Private groups are helpful for sharing with family, friends, or colleagues; keep in mind that once you make a group private it cannot be made public later. You may want to consider making a group public if you’d like to share some of your favorite shots with the world. Check Flickr’s [Group Guidelines](#) and [Group FAQ](#) for more tips on managing groups.

Choose which sort of group you’d like to start

 Public, anyone can join	 Public, invitation only	 Private
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public groups are useful for discussion and photos of general subjects like <i>Gardening</i>, or <i>Recipes to Share</i>, or geographical locations, like <i>Vancouver</i>.• The group page is public and anyone who wants to can join instantly.• Admins can choose to show or hide discussions and/or group pools from non-members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite-only public groups are useful for small groups who wish to focus on a particular theme, but want to maintain control over membership.• Anyone can view the group page, but the only way to join the group is by invitation.• Admins can choose to show or hide discussions and/or group pools from non-members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private groups cannot be made public later.• Private groups are useful for families or groups of friends.• Only group members and those who have been invited will be able to view the group page.• Private groups are completely hidden from group searches, and don’t display on people’s profiles amongst groups they belong to.

That’s our technology tip for this week. If you have found the information helpful, please drop us a line at Training@luc.edu . If you’d like to go back to our archive of technology tips, please visit us on the Web at <http://www.luc.edu/its/techtips.shtml>.