

Digital Media Storage Michael Kellogg

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■ What are the choices?















Easy maintenance - Add or swap out drives quickly and easily. ideacentre Home Digital Storage store/share your data, Music, Movies and More.



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Memory Cards

Mostly used in your camera to capture images

Internal Hard Drives

Installed with your desktop and or laptop computer

External Hard Drives

Attached to your desktop or laptop

CD/DVD Burners

May be installed or attached to your desktop or laptop

USB Flash Drives

 Small portable hard drives (less permanent than CD's or DVD's)

Digital Media Storage

- Portable Storage Devices
 - Not permanently tethered to your computer
 - Include slots for different types of memory cards
 - Many run off batteries
- Multimedia Storage Albums (not only store your images but also have an LCD screen for viewing)
- Portable CD/DVD burners

What are you?

- Professional photographer who is doing video on your DSLR
- Professional photographer shooting multi day shoots in remote areas
- Traveler on a budget
- Do not want to bring a laptop on your backpacking trip
- May be taking some HD video and are shooting in RAW
- Have a new 15 megapixel camera but do not want to carry \$400 worth of memory cards that you may not use later

Solutions!



- Memory Cards-the straight forward approach
- They are light, durable and sometimes cheap
- 16GB card for about \$90
- 32GB cards available but expensive
- Buy a good name brand (not all cards are the same)
- No need to spend on ultra/extreme high write speed cards unless your camera captures images at a high rate of speed, or you are doing action photography

- USB Flash Drives
- Available in many size capacities
- Small and easy to carry
- Also easy to loose









■ Portable Backup Devices

- Come in many different flavors. iPod looking devices that have a one tone display to full color display units with 3" LCD's. Some have video players and mp3 players built in.
- Main advantage to photographers is large hard drives ranging from 60GB to over 250GB of storage space

- OK, I want a backup device! What do I look for in one?
 - Large hard drive (at least 60GG)-if you do not get one with a large hard drive you defeat the purpose
 - Rechargeable battery or Lithium Ion Battery
 - Last longer than AA's (don't want them to die in the middle of a back up)
 - Saves money in the long run
 - Lithium Ion charge faster and last longer than standard AA rechargeable

■ Features for backup confirmation

This is important because you want to know that your photos are securely backed up before reusing your memory cards

■ Full color screen

This allows you to see what you just backed up

Fast Data Transfer

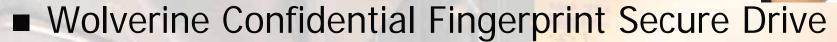
 Some hard drives are very slow to transfer files. The entry level ones will take about 15 minutes to transfer 8GB. Most cards today are 8-16GB.

The right slot for your type of memory card

Make sure that the unit accepts your type of card.

- Extra features that may interest you
 - Removable hard drive
 - Video/photo/mp3 player included
 - Portable size
 - Good warranty

- Wolverine 1TB Portable USB Drive
 - 120-1000GB starting at \$89.99



- 80GB-250GB starting at \$109.95
- Epson P-3000 40GB about \$400
- Epson P-6000 80GB about \$600
- Epson P-7000 160GB about \$800
 - Epson's all have color screens
 - Epson's include audio/video out
 - Rechargeable batteries
 - Support compact flash 1/11 and secure digital media



Home or Office storage system

- Western Digital Network Storage System
- Big capacity, small footprint
- 4TB-8TB
- About \$700
- Gigabit Ethernet connection





- Do your homework
- Buy what works for you
- Don't hesitate to back up your files
- What you loose you may not be able to get back