Google Photos

Google Photos is an application where you can upload, store and share your photos.

- To access Google Photos, you can go to Google’s homepage and click the “Apps” icon next to your google account icon, or look it up using the search bar.

https://www.google.com/photos/about/
How to Use Google Photos:

- To Use Google Photos, you must have and be signed into a google account.
- When using the app, there is a sidebar displaying different pages you can go to. The main one is “photos.”
- To Upload a Photo, you can either click the “Upload” button at the top of the page, or use your mouse to directly drag the images to the “photos” page. You can upload your photos from your computer or Google Drive.

- After you have uploaded a photo, you can view it directly on the “Photos” page.
- If you are looking for a certain photo, you can enter a certain word of an object or place in the photo into the search bar, and Google Photo will show your pictures that match your search.
- Hovering over a picture with your mouse will show a checkmark in the top left hand corner of the picture. This checkmark allows you to select a picture.
By selecting an image, you can add the image to an album, share the image, order printed copies of your photo, delete your photo, download, favorite edit the date, time or location of the photo and archive your photo.

You can also click on the image directly and it will allow you to edit the photo by adding filters or other options such as rotating the photo or cropping it. You can also view information about the photo, such as the size, when it was uploaded and add a description of the photo.
• Pressing the star button at the top of this menu allows you to add this photo to your favorites.

**About the Other Pages:**

• Under “Photos” there are other pages listed. This list will explain the basic functions of each.

• **Explore**: Explore allows you to look through photos that you have recently uploaded and view your photos by category- such as selfies or videos.

• **Sharing**: This page allows you to view not only photos that you have shared, but photos and albums that have been shared with you.

• **Print Store**: This page allows you to purchase prints of your photos. You can also create items such as photo books or posters for purchase using your photos.

• **Favorites**: This page allows you to view the photos that you have favorited.

• **Albums**: This page allows you to view all of the albums you have created.

• **Utilities**: This page gives options that allow you to create movies, animations and collages using your photos and videos. It also allows you to archive photos, and for backing up photos to Google. You can also create an account for a partner- which allows access to your photos.

• **Archive**: You will find the photos that you have archived here. Even if you’ve archived a photo, you will still be able to find it in searches and albums as well.

• **Trash**: Deleted items will be here for up to sixty days, should you desire to restore them, or delete them yourself.
Using the Create Option in “Utilities”:

- In Utilities, you have the option to create new media, such as movies, animations and collages.

- **Creating a new movie**: For movies, there are a preset number of options that can help you make a new movie- such as watching a child growing up or creating a cat video. In order to use those options, you must have a certain number of photos with faces that allow for the movie to be created.
Creating an animation: To create an animation, you must have at least 2-50 pictures. The animation will be created by selecting the desired photos and clicking “create” at the top of the page. The animation will be created for you.

Creating a Collage: To create a collage, you must have 2-9 pictures. Creating the collage is the same way as creating an animation, simply select the desired photos and press “create” at the top of the page. The collage will be created for you.

All movies, animations and collages can be found by using the “Explore” page.
About Storage:
- Google allows for 15 GB of free storage across all its platforms. That means that items in Drive will contribute to your storage count in photos. However, if you so choose, Google does allow for the purchase of more storage using monthly and yearly plans.

Congratulations! You can now use Google Photos!