



Series 2 - Facebook Tips & Tricks

Welcome back to a series of computer related articles brought to you by VistaSol Computer Solutions. Over the coming weeks we are going to be featuring articles based on the theme of 'How do I . . .?'

In this week's article we are starting a brand new series of articles based on the theme of 'Facebook':

Part 1 – How do I upload photos to Facebook?



The method of uploading photos from within Facebook can be a little challenging to say the least; in this article we would like to show you an alternative method which allows you to do everything directly from your desktop. It even resizes the photos for you to speed up the 'upload'.

Bloom – Photo Up-Loader

The first thing you'll need to do is download the program from this link:

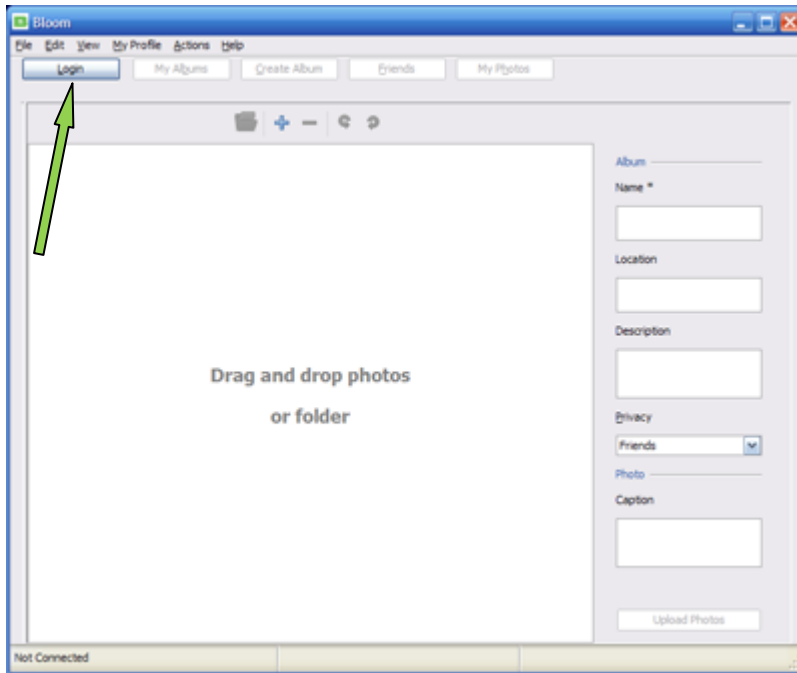
<http://antaki.ca/bloom/>

Click on the 'download' option at the top of the web page, and then click on the icon for the download which matches your operating system. (In most cases you should select the 32 bit windows version). Select 'save' and make a note of where the program is being downloaded to, then navigate to that location and double click on the file name. Follow the set-up prompts to complete the installation.

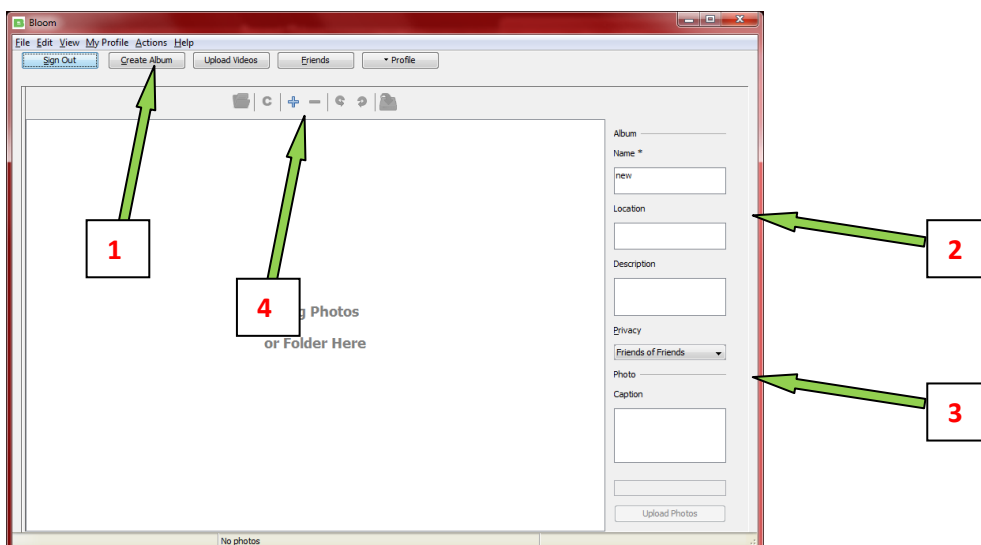
Double click on the 'Bloom' desktop icon to start the program

Logging In – The ‘tricky bit’ – To begin with!

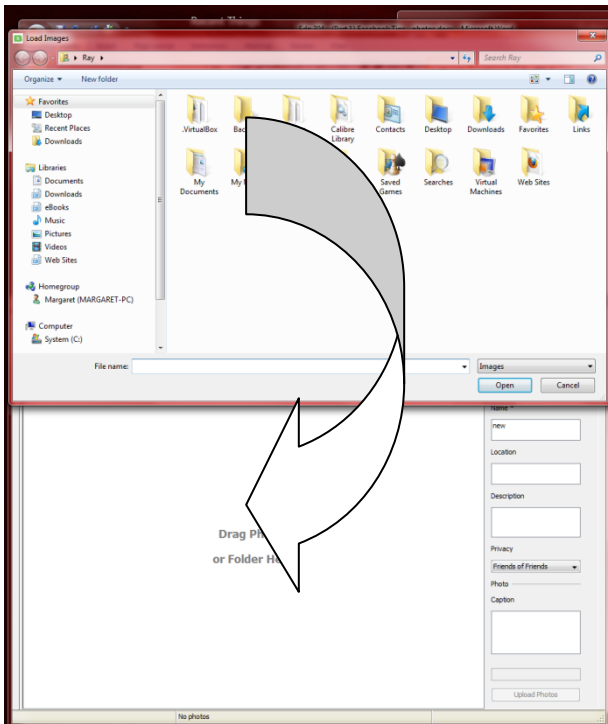
The first step is to click on the ‘Login’ button. Then click on the ‘login’ button in the middle of the program screen. If you are not already logged in to Facebook, a browser window will open – enter your username and password and click on the ‘Log In’ button in the bottom right corner, then close the browser. Go back to the program and click on ‘I Have Successfully Logged in’. The program will now connect to your facebook account and open another browser window – click on ‘Allow’ to grant the program access to your account (this should be a one time event).



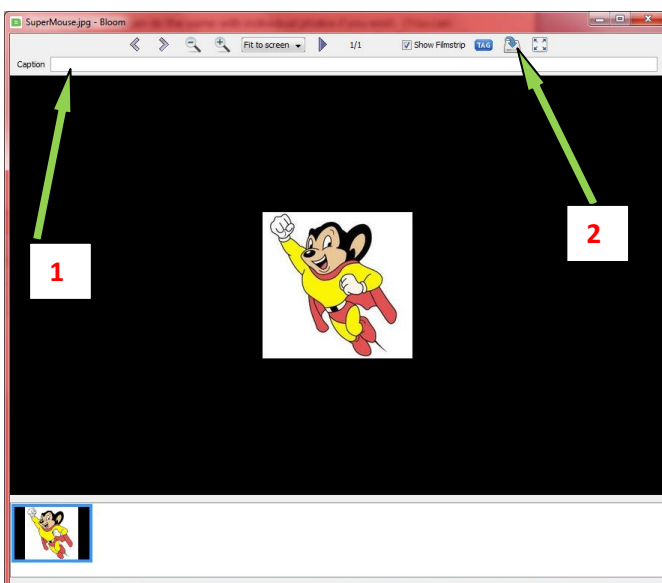
Important: After you log in, you can click on the ‘My Profile’ button to open existing albums/photos, or click on ‘create a new album’. For a new album, click on the ‘Create album’ button [1] and complete the details in the right hand column [2]. This will be the information about your album as it will appear in Facebook. You can also select who can view this album [3].



Now you are ready to add your photos (or videos). You can either add photos individually or as a complete folder. To do this you will need to open a window containing your 'pictures' – just click on the '+' button [4], navigate to the folder containing the photos you would like to include and 'drag' this folder/photo onto the program window (click on the folder with the left mouse button, hold it down, and drag the folder/photo). You can do the same with individual photos. (Drag the window containing your photos to one side if it is obscuring the Bloom program).



Close the file explorer window to return to the program (if you used the '+' button). The photos you have selected now appear in the program's main window. At this stage you can give each individual photo its own 'caption' [1] and add 'tags' [2] to identify people in the photos by double clicking on a photo.



Uploading you photos

Review your photo selections and remove any by clicking on the '-' button, or the '+' button to make additions. When you are happy with your choice of photos you can upload them to your Facebook account by clicking on the 'Upload Photos' button in the bottom right corner of the program.

Don't forget that you can view existing photos and albums from your facebook profile simply by clicking on the 'My Profile' button.

That's all there is to it - 'simples'! The program includes a 'help' section if you need it, just click on 'Help' in the toolbar at the top of the program window.