

Send Photos- Novatix

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SendPhotos by Novatix is an email photo software product that works with Outlook 2000/XP and Outlook Express. Also works with web-based email programs. The cost of this program I do not know, but the web site: www.novatix.com listed the upgrade, SendPhotos Gold Edition as \$19.95. The main feature is sending photos with stationery and captions without having to send the photos as an "attachment". The gold edition has additional features that let you edit, check spelling, create a Web Page, and create custom stationery.

System requirements are Windows 98, ME, 2000, XP Home or XP Professional (which is the O. S. I used; Internet Explorer 5.0 or newer; 20MB free disk space; at least 32 MB RAM.

Installation ran automatically without a problem. The uninstall instructions are given in the online user's guide. The guide was easy to follow and walked you through starting the program; setting Email options, viewing and resending sent email photo messages. It can be started from either the start menu or the shortcut it places on your desktop and Outlook Express toolbar. The screen window is similar to a standard Window Explorer screen (left pane has three standard message folders: Sent items, Drafts, and Outbox) and right pane is the preview. While creating a message, a background timer periodically saves a copy of your message to the drafts folder.

After selecting photos, you can choose background stationery, arrange the presentation by photo size, drop shadow, and add photo captions. Then you click "next" to confirm your choices and send your message. More stationery is available online and I wasn't sure if you had to upgrade to the Gold edition.

The program is simple and easy to use and friends could print out part or the entire message. The photo messages I have already sent were liked and my friends asked about the program. The program has an email history page that shows recipients and subjects. The toolbar on this history page let's you print, delete, resend, forward and find a previously sent message plus a new message button.

Product support was not needed. It is an easy and fun program that I would recommend to beginners. For more creativity, an upgrade would be needed.