

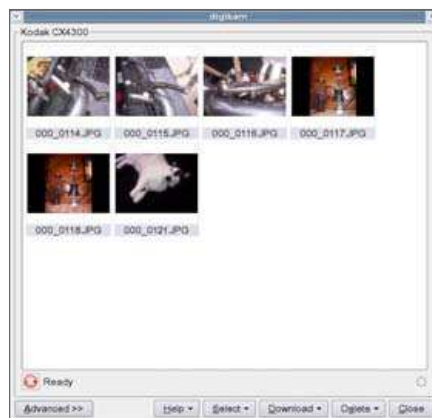
## digiKam

digiKam is digital photography tool that interacts with your digital camera to import, edit and manage your digital pictures.

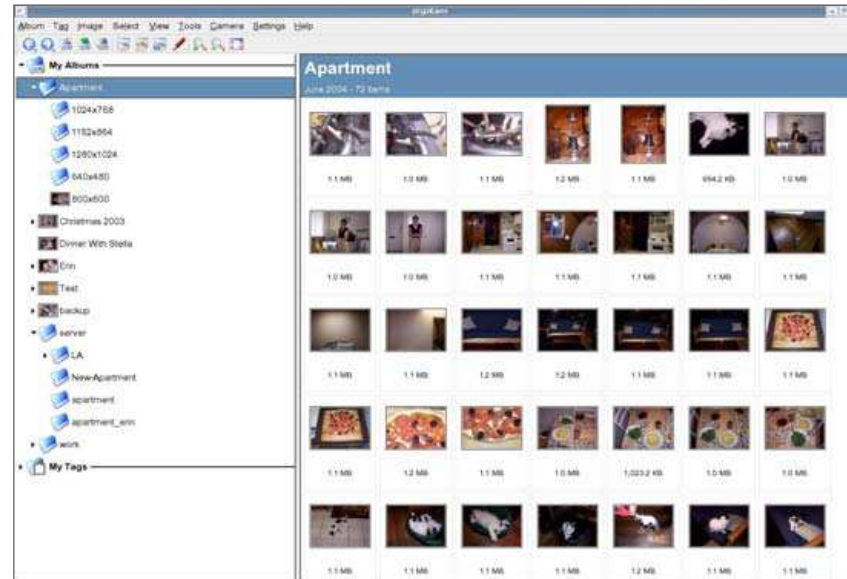
It is able to autodetect a large number of digital cameras, manage and organize different photo albums, perform image manipulations and even export your albums as photo galleries to publish on the Web.

It has been around for a while and is definitely one of the most advanced photo management tools for the Linux desktop today.

The main dialog features an expandable tree of albums on the left, and the main panel is used to display thumbnails of all the images in the selected album. Placing your



digiKam Photo Import tool



Main digiKam Window

mouse over any of the thumbnails will display additional information about the associated picture.

digiKam also supports some interesting plugins for export of your photos as a calendar, batch image manipulations, a slideshow tool that creates MPEG slideshows for your photos and much more.

The application is pretty straightforward to use. Typically, you will plug in your digital camera to the USB port of your computer, then click on the Camera menu entry, then select the Add Camera entry. Clicking on the Auto Detect button at this point typically detects your digital camera and adds it to the list.

After clicking the OK button, a camera import wizard shows up. You can use that wizard to select the pictures you would like to import from your camera and select an album where they should be imported. Optionally, you may choose to have digiKam automatically delete the photos from the camera once they have been completely imported.

On the editing side of things, the built-in editor that comes with digiKam does a pretty good job of most of the little tasks I frequently need after importing pictures. digiKam offers cropping, rotating and scaling tools, a red-eye reduction filter and a few color filters to apply color effects such as sepia, black &



Photo Editor

white and so on, to your photos.

Overall, I found digiKam to be a perfect all-in-one solution for importing, editing and managing photo albums from all my digital cameras over the last few years. It performs well, looks great and the user interface is intuitive.

—Xavier Spriet

### About digiKam:

- **License:** GNU General Public License (GPL)
- **Price:** Free
- **Web site:** <http://www.digikam.org>