

Let's Go on a Picnik!
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No, it's not a typo or a spelling error. Picnik (<http://www.picnik.com>) is an online photo editing program, and the best part is that it's FREE!!!

When it comes to photo organizing, editing, enhancing, and sharing, there are several tools available. I like Picasa (a free download from Google at <http://www.picasa.com>) for organizing my pictures, but its editing and enhancing features aren't especially strong. I do like the fact that I can easily upload pictures from Picasa on my computer to Picasa Web Albums online. You can choose to have your albums public – and link to them in your blog – or private – and email an invitation to those with whom you'd like to share.

Another tool that I've been using for editing and enhancing my photos is Picnik. The beta version was free for a while and then split into a pared down section of tools for free and the "Pro" version with expanded features for an annual fee. You can upload your photos from several sources, including Picasa (yeah!) – and Flickr – and there are great editing and enhancing tools. These are now (almost) all free, including the ability to place text in – and frames around – your photos. Picnik offers several sharing options, and you can download the edited or enhanced photos to your computer to use in other applications. The only downside to the free version is advertising.