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How To Resize a Photograph File

There are many ways to resize a photo file. By resize, in this context, I generally mean make the file smaller. A well-known, long established and free tool for doing this is GIMP. However, for those with photos "on" an MS **Windows**-10 machine the "**Paint**" tool that comes with the Operating Environment can be used to do the job, manually, fairly easily. Simply get the photo showing in "Paint" and then use, under the "Home" tab, (may have to look in the "Image" group), the "Resize" option. This starts a new window. The Radio Button defaults to "Percentage" and the "Maintain aspect ratio" is ticked by default. I typically change the Radio Button to "Pixels" and change whichever is the higher of "Horizontal" or "Vertical" to a value of 1000 (for a photo taken with my mobile phone, it typically shows about 4288). After clicking "OK" I then change to the "File" tab and use "Save As".

Using the 1000 pixel limit typically reduced my file sizes from about 4 MB to 600 kB.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GIMP>
