FILE MANAGEMENT

- Think of the computer as an electronic file cabinet
- Your personal folder (Vista) or My Documents (XP) is the file cabinet
 - > The major subfolders are the drawers
 - Folders within the drawers can be used to store major topics or individual files
- You can create folders within folders, within folders, within folders
- Your files (documents, letters, spreadsheets, photos, music, etc.) are stored in the folders



You can store data in the drawers that already exist

The Documents drawer

The Music drawer

The Pictures drawer

The Videos drawer



files



My File Cabinet / My **Personal Folder The Computer Club Drawer Folder for all of the Classes** Folder for all of the **Advanced Class material** Folder for all of the **Training Material Folder for Digital Photo**

- The following slides illustrate creating folders and organizing digital photos in the Windows Vista Pictures folder
- There is a mixture of photos in the My Camera folder that need to be moved to proper folders
- To do this the following folders will be created
 - Flowers
 - Paintings
 - Vacations
 - Bangkok
 - London
 - > Washington DC

Click the Start button and select Pictures



Folders already in the Pictures folder

For the first new folder (Flowers)



On the toolbar, click Organize and select New Folder



The New Folder appears

Don't touch anything before you type the name you want to give to this new folder

When you have finished typing the name, tap the Enter key



You now have a folder named Flowers

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Use the same procedure to create a folder named

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Paintings

Vacations Double-click the Vacations folder

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You are now in the Vacations folder

On the toolbar, click Organize and select New Folder to create a folder for

Bangkok London Washington DC



Now you need to go back to the Pictures folder and locate the photos that you want to move to the proper folders

Click Pictures, or the back button



This is called the Navigation Pane

If it is not being displayed

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On the toolbar, click Organize, move to Layout, and select Navigation Pane



Sample Pictures

There are two ways to display the Navigation Pane

This is the Favorite Links

You need the Folders view

Click the little arrow to the right of Folders



The photos we're going to sort out are located in the My Camera folder

Click on My Camera and the photos in the folder will appear in the right panel



- To move the photos from one folder to another you can
 - > Do it the hard way one at a time
 - > The easy way move groups of photos
- To move groups of photos that are not contiguous
 - Hold down the Ctrl key and very carefully click each of the photos you want to move as a group
 - If you drag or jerk the mouse, the computer will make a copy of the photos that are already highlighted
- If the photos are contiguous
 - Click the first photo
 - Hold down the Shift key and click the last photo you want in the group



Click the first photo, hold down the Shift key and click the last photo of the group

- Place the mouse pointer on one of the highlighted photos
- Hold down the right mouse button and move the mouse pointer into the left panel



When you get the mouse pointer to the right of the Bangkok folder the file name will highlight

When you see the file name highlight, release the right mouse button



When you release the right mouse button, you get a shortcut menu that will allow you to Copy Here, Move Here, or Cancel the operation – In this case, click Move Here



Use the same procedure to

Move the Flower photos to the Flowers folder Move the London photos to the London folder Move to Paintings to the Paintings folder Move the Washington DC photos to the Washington DC folder