

Re: Windows Photo Gallery – Tagging Errors

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On Thu, 19 Feb 2009 20:56:24 -0600, CoolSwoosh
<guest@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi all – long time reader, first time poster. I'm hoping someone can help me out here.

I've been tagging my digital image collection in Windows Photo Gallery. Just recently, I've been having some problems with tags being written or read incorrectly. Here's an example of what I am seeing:

1. I tag a picture with something like "Places/Los Angeles, California"
2. It will write okay (no "file updates" remaining anything like that)
3. The next time I open up WPG, I will start to see more tags on the picture such as "California" and "Places/Los Angeles" – like the comma split them apart.

I suspect you are including special characters such as "/" in your tags which Windows Photo Gallery mistakes for a break chopping some of the tag off. I tried applying "Places/Los Angeles, California" to one of my pictures and everything left of the "/" didn't take. Replacing your label with Places,Los Angeles, California took, but to me that seem clumsy as an approach.

I'll assume you want to add tags to sort your images by. If so, then skip the word "places" since it has no real value for sorting and simply use a tag to describe the city itself. In this example Los Angeles,New York or Chicago.

A smarter way would be to use several of the sort keys already part of Vista. Go to a folder you have images in Windows Explorer. At the top of the column on the right, in the column header row, right click on a blank space, then click on more when the window pops up. Scroll down the list. Location would seem appropriate. Now Use the move up button so that any sort key you add bubbles to the top of categories you ALREADY see showing, otherwise you'll never see it and think something

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went wrong. Now when you return to the folder you'll see a column for location added. You can now sort accordingly. All that remains would be to "tag" your images with a city and/or state.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks all!

CoolSwoosh