

## Re: USB

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On Sun, 16 May 2004 01:51:49 -0700, Big Mac <no-email-in-usenet@zzz.org> wrote:

>Tiggy, not an expert here, but as far as I understand it, you'll have  
>your old USB ports and your new ones also. I do not know, however, if  
>a computer over a certain age needs some kind of motherboard or chip  
>compatibility – probably not, because if you have a PCI slot, it will  
>work.

If a USB2 card is fitted, then peripherals plugged into its slots will benefit from USB2 speeds and capabilities.

>And what someone else said – I don't think your printer can take  
>advantage of the faster speed available to it even if it was made for  
>USB 2.

No reason why not.

>But, I bought an external USB hard drive for backing up, and  
>that I am pretty sure is taking advantage of the increase in speed  
>with 2.  
>  
>And you ask about digital cameras – maybe it will download onto your  
>computer faster with the .JPG pictures it takes. That is if the  
>camera itself is made for the USB 2. However, I don't think a camera  
>has much built-in memory to store enough pictures anyway so that the  
>difference in speed will save you much time.

Downloading camera images at high speed? What's the point?

>I bought a standard 128 MB memory card for mine, & now it can store  
>over 500 pictures in standard mode. So no USB anymore for my camera.  
>When a memory card is used it disables the camera's built-in memory.

Not always. Some do, some don't. Most will have a facility built in to the camera to transfer pictures from internal memory to the card.

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>*It uses the multi-card reader that came with the computer (hopefully*  
>*anyway - I*  
>*haven't tried it yet... :- )*

A card reader is the way to go. No need to mess around with software to read the camera. "Photo" printers now have slots to read cards and print copies.