

Brief History	Fotki was founded in 1997 by Dmitri Don and Katrin Lilleoks to store and share digital photos and to communicate with friends and relatives around the world. In 2001, the commercial version was launched. Since 2003, Fotki is a registered trade mark in the USA. In June, 2007, Fotki.com was recognized by CNET as one of the best Web 2.0 applications.
Scope and Coverage	Fotki offers unlimited storage space for digital images to Premium (i.e., paid) account holders and also to free account holders from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia.
Kind of Information	Fotki is a digital photo sharing, video sharing and media social network website and web service suite; it is one of the world's largest social networking sites. In many ways, the site appears to be similar to the majority of other popular photo sites which support a number of so-called Web 2.0 features, such as use of Ajax, tagging, RSS feeds, social bookmarking, GPS location information.
	The service offers unlimited storage space for digital images to Premium (i.e., paid) account holders and also to free account holders from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia. It also offers blogging (similar to LiveJournal or Blogger), online printing and selling of prints at custom prices, as well as email and co-branding.
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Special Features	The primary purpose of the site is to allow and facilitate the process of sharing digital photos online which includes 4 phases:
	 Upload - transferring an image file from a local device, such as computers, camera phone, pocket PC etc. to Fotki's server. Fotki provides several tools and applications to simplify the process and to accommodate users of multiple platforms. Some upload applications support the transfer of multiple files at a time. Storage - storing uploaded files on Fotki's servers.

	 Organization and presentation - ability to organize uploaded files into a structure based on the user's tastes and preferences and present them to viewers. Users have access to various management and customization tools. Access - making the digital media available online for viewing and download. The company provides a user interface for viewing and navigation, search tools and different security options to restrict access to the content if necessary. Fotki.com offers printing services which include digital photo prints, postcards, photo mugs, T-shirts, magnets, mouse-pads and photo frames at competitive prices. The site offers both member search and photo search. Members can be searched by name, profile type, location, gender, age, interest, marital status and more. IPTC keyword searching is supported.
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Remarks	Fotki is one of the world's largest social networking sites and digital photo sharing, video sharing etc. are its main activities. Users can also use images from this site for their personal or any other purposes.
Comparable Tools	 Fotosearch (http://www.fotosearch.com/) FreeImages (http://www.freeimages.com/)
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