

# Radio Days – 2010-07-10

## *Tip of the Week – Things Take Time*

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I recently met a client who needed to change his way of processing his employees' payroll. The old way involved an Excel spreadsheet which had to be changed for the new tax scales. I persuaded him that QuickBooks provided a much better way of doing payroll as it would be more effective for his complete accounting needs. All was going well until I realised that he expected that, in two hours, I could install QuickBooks, create a new company file and then show him how to enter his weekly payroll. On top of that he expected that these same two hours would enable him to know how to enter all the other transactions which a busy enterprise generated.

As a book I which read many years ago stated: *It takes a certain amount of time to cook an omelette. If you try hurry the process your omelette will either be burnt or it will be raw.*

## *Free Photography Programs*

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These program are all free to download and install. Please download some (or all) of them so that you can amaze your friends with your photographic skills.

### *Picasa*

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Picasa is the free program from Google which can make many improvements to your photos with little knowledge of programs like Photoshop or Photoshop Elements. It can also upload your photos to the internet so that you can share them easily. This program is quick, especially when viewing RAW files.

### *Zoner Photo Studio*

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Zoner Photo Studio is similar to Picasa in its photo manipulation modes. It gives you more control over these manipulations so you can make your changes more easily if you take the time to learn the program. It is, however, much slower than Picasa when working with RAW images.

### *PicPick*

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PicPick is a program which provides a full screen capture tool, an intuitive image editor, a colour picker and colour palette, pixel ruler, protractor, crosshair and even whiteboard. For many people this may not be an important program.

### *Image Composite Editor*

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Image Composite Editor may be one of the most exciting programs to hit my computer. This program is designed to create a composite image from a series of images. This composite image can then be viewed on your computer or uploaded to the Photosynth website and shared with your friends. This program is especially useful for tourists who want to show their stay-at-home relatives all the amazing sights of the new world!

## *Websites*

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Picasa	<a href="http://picasa.google.com.au">http://picasa.google.com.au</a>
Zoner Photo Studio	<a href="http://free.zoner.com">http://free.zoner.com</a>
PicPick	<a href="http://picpick.wiziple.net">http://picpick.wiziple.net</a>
Image Composite Editor	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/yc7vr33">http://tinyurl.com/yc7vr33</a>
Photosynth	<a href="http://photosynth.net">http://photosynth.net</a>