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**Make virtual tours from your own photos online at Space Browse**

Make virtual tours of your property, activity or event photos for free at [www.spacebrowse.com](http://www.spacebrowse.com), a new site from UK developer phdcc (PHD Computer Consultants Ltd). Tours can be shared online or mashed up onto your own web pages or Google homepage etc.

Virtual tours are displayed in a viewer window with navigation arrows to let you explore the space, ie look left, right, up or down. You can also click on the orange rectangles, eg to go in through the front door of a house.

A recent house buyer, Ian, said this about existing room panoramas: *"I often feel the urge to have a closer look at some detail - or the view from a window."* Space Browse walk-through tours let you move round the entire space and look at anything of interest, so you get a better feel for the property and the area.

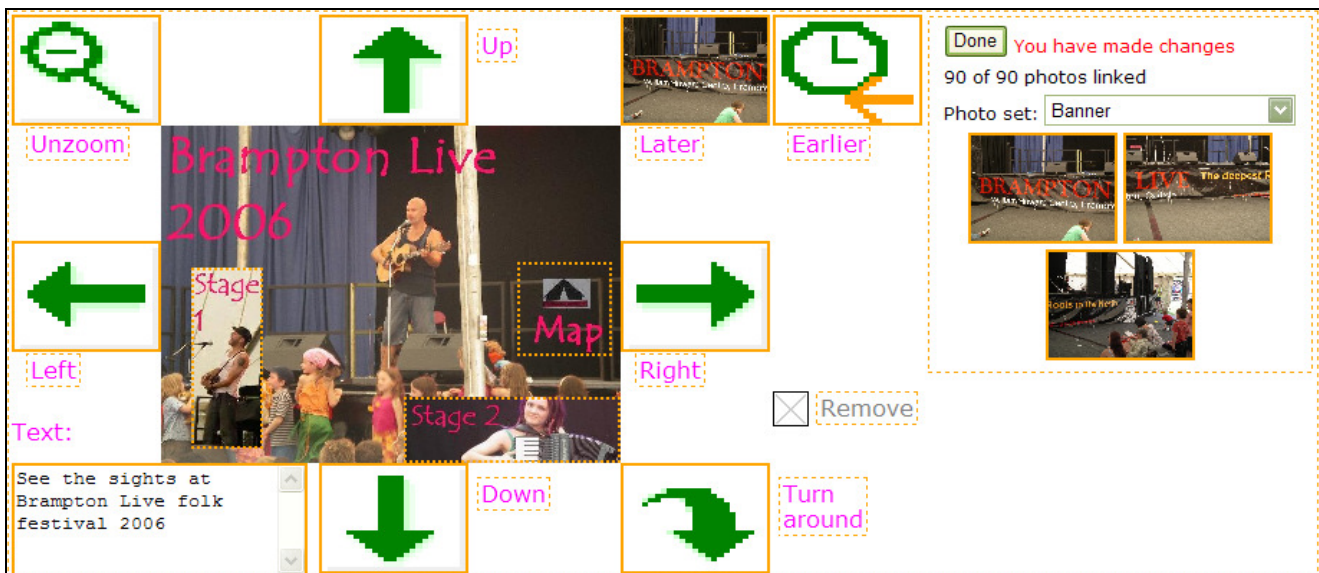
Space Browse tours also have many fun uses, such as:

- what happens at a festival, as pictured below
- how to do a walk or rock climb
- how to make a cake
- stories and games such as treasure hunts
- show who's at a party or family gathering



**Upload photos**

Crucially, it is easy to upload photos from any browser and make virtual tours online – no downloads required. Then link the photos together in the online designer:





## Using the Space Browse site

You can sign up for free to make your own virtual tour photo-sites, using up to 5MB of storage space, approximately 50 photos. For £8 per year you get access to 50MB, ≈500 photos.

Each tour is given a name and description and is listed in one of the available categories. Tours can be kept private or viewable by everyone. The site will offer groups for sharing shortly and the ability to leave comments.

When taking photos for a tour, take lots: this gives a better feel to the final tour. Take all photos in landscape format. To save time, reduce photos to 640x480 pixels before uploading. Try to remember where each photo was taken!

Finally, be safe online: don't make personal information publicly available. The site administrators have access to all content and will remove anything offensive.

## Mashing a tour onto your own site

Having made a tour, you can view it on other sites in various ways. You can add the Space Browse gadget to your personalised Google homepage or Pages site, or add it to your personalised Windows live.com or Spaces site.

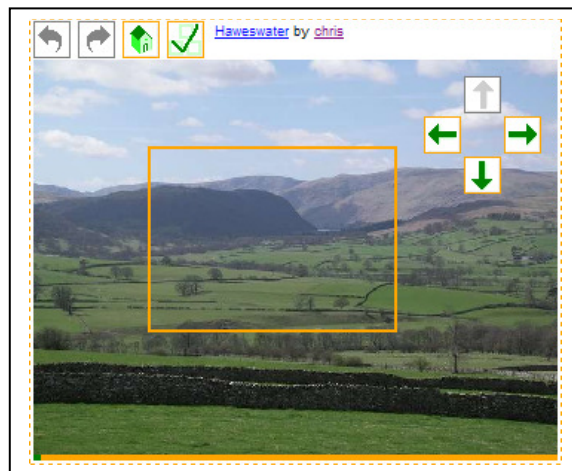


You can also add the viewer to your own site using gadget or widget technologies, or use an IFRAME if you know your HTML.

The Space Browse viewer can be configured in many ways. By default it just displays a random public tour. Alternatively you can restrict it to any of your own photos, just the most recent one or simply a specific tour to illustrate your house.

*Paddy: I like the zooming where you can get different views of the same object - even see the back of or inside it!*

*Mike: I thought that your system works really well as a crag guide.*



## Note to editors

PHDCC director Chris Cant is available for comment on +44 (0) 1931 713196 or [chris@phdcc.com](mailto:chris@phdcc.com). This press release and the accompanying photos can be found at [www.spacebrowse.com/pr/](http://www.spacebrowse.com/pr/).

The Space Browse viewer and designer use JavaScript and should work in most browsers on most types of computer. Chris Cant's developer blog at [chriscant.blogspot.com](http://chriscant.blogspot.com) describes some of the Space Browse techniques used.

Formed in 1994 and based in Cumbria, England, PHDCC has a strong background in consultancy and has a range of e-media publishing and search tools.