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Simple Guide to EXIF Data

What is “EXIF data” and why do I need to provide it?

EXIF (Exchangeable Image File Format) data is metadata embedded in digital image files. It is a standard used by digital cameras and smartphones to record and store details about each photograph. This data serves as proof of a photo's authenticity and helps ensure fairness in the PhotoCup competition.

Some examples of EXIF data

Camera settings

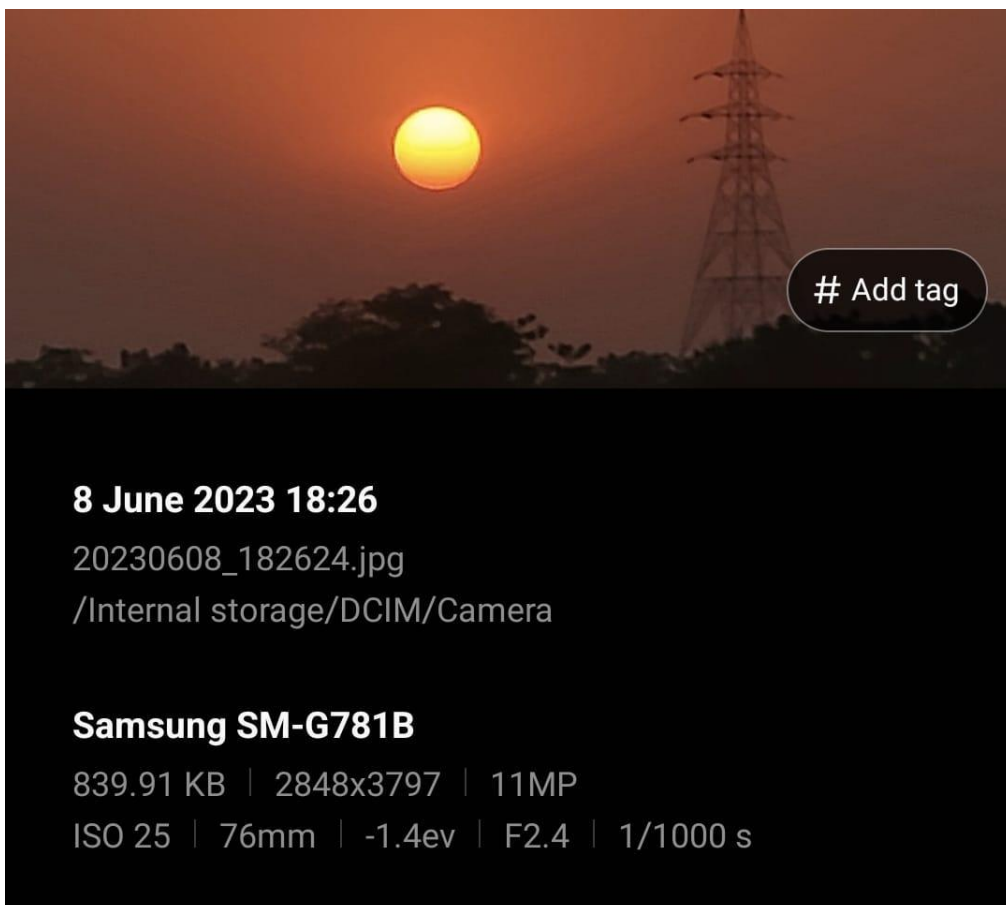
Aperture (f-stop), Shutter speed, ISO speed, Focal length, Camera make and model, Lens information.

Date and time

The precise moment the photo was taken.

Other details

Image resolution, Compression information.



How do I get EXIF data from various devices?

Android Devices

Step 1: Open the "Google Photos" app on your Android device.

Step 2: Locate and tap on the photo you want to examine.

Step 3: Swipe upward on the photo, or tap the three-dot menu icon (usually located in the top right corner).

Step 4: You will see the photo's information, including EXIF data, displayed. This may include the date, time, camera model, and location (if available).

Note: You can get EXIF data from the default gallery, too, by clicking on details/info. The EXIF data should be displayed, including camera settings, date, time, aperture, shutter speed, etc.

iOS Devices (iPhones and iPads)

Step 1: Open the "Photos" app on your iOS device.

Step 2: Select the photo you wish to view.

Step 3: Swipe up on the photo, or tap the "i" information icon.

Step 4: Scroll down to view the EXIF data.

Digital Cameras

Many digital cameras allow you to view basic EXIF data directly on the camera's LCD screen during playback.

Press the "Info" or "Display" button while viewing an image. The exact button and display format vary by camera model. Consult your camera's manual for specific instructions.

Using Computer Software

Transfer the photos to your computer.

Windows

Step 1: Right-click on the image file.

Step 2: Select "Properties".

Step 3 : Click the "Details" tab.

macOS

Step 1: Open the image in "Preview".

Step 2: Go to "Tools" > "Show Inspector".

Step 3: Click the "EXIF" tab.

Note: Many photo editing software programs that are used with digital cameras will also display EXIF data.