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applies only to a short list of cameras using serial cables; USB-enabled cameras like the Gateway must be treated as computer drives. PhotoSuite is heavier on photo-sharing tools than photo enhancements. Color correction is hard to do in PhotoSuite, but gamma correction is a breeze.

At normal distances, picture quality was not quite a match for the other cameras (especially on overexposed areas, where pixilation was obvious), possibly because the Gateway has only a Fine JPEG setting, not a Super-Fine or TIFF setting, like the others. However, on an 8 x 10-inch print, the difference was barely discernible—not bad for a 5-MP camera at a 3-MP price.

Hewlett-Packard Photosmart 935 \$449

Rating: ★★★★★

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Not only did the Photosmart 935 take the crispest shot; HP makes it incredibly easy to share them with others. This is the 5-MP digicam to get.

The Photosmart 935 is aimed at the shutterbug whose main interest is sharing photos with friends. Its image-editing software lets you instantly share photos via e-mail or the Web; you can print, create albums, burn pictures onto CD, and annotate photos with text, sticky notes, highlighting, and more.

To make sharing even easier, HP offers a \$79 docking station that connects to your computer's USB port and has a TV-out



port; a remote supplied with the docking station lets you control slideshows on your TV screen.

The Photosmart has directly accessible controls for exposure compensation, macro focusing, and flash mode (off, on, auto, and night), which other cameras sometimes bury in submenus. (Make sure the camera you choose gives you easy access to the ones you'll use most.) There's also an infinity-focus lock for use when shooting distant objects through windows or grills, which is a rare feature. On the other hand, the choice of lens apertures (f-stops) is very small, and you can't select shutter speeds directly.

The HP's photos were, by a small margin, the most crisply detailed and accurately focused in our tests. If you want to show off your hi-res pics in the least amount of clicks, the Photosmart 935 is for you.