Use mac PC built-in camera to make / take pictures on Mac OS X macbookair notebook with Photo Booth

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   It seems we lost our Good high quality Digital Camera somewhere and I was in need urgently to make a good quality photo (my ZTE Phone) has a very bad camera, so I got the idea to use Macbookair's camera as it has better
resolution to picture my present a Tank Tort :) hand made by my wife as a present for the Day of the Defender of the Fatherland which is a major feast in Russia, Belarus and many of the ex-Soviet Union members communist countries.
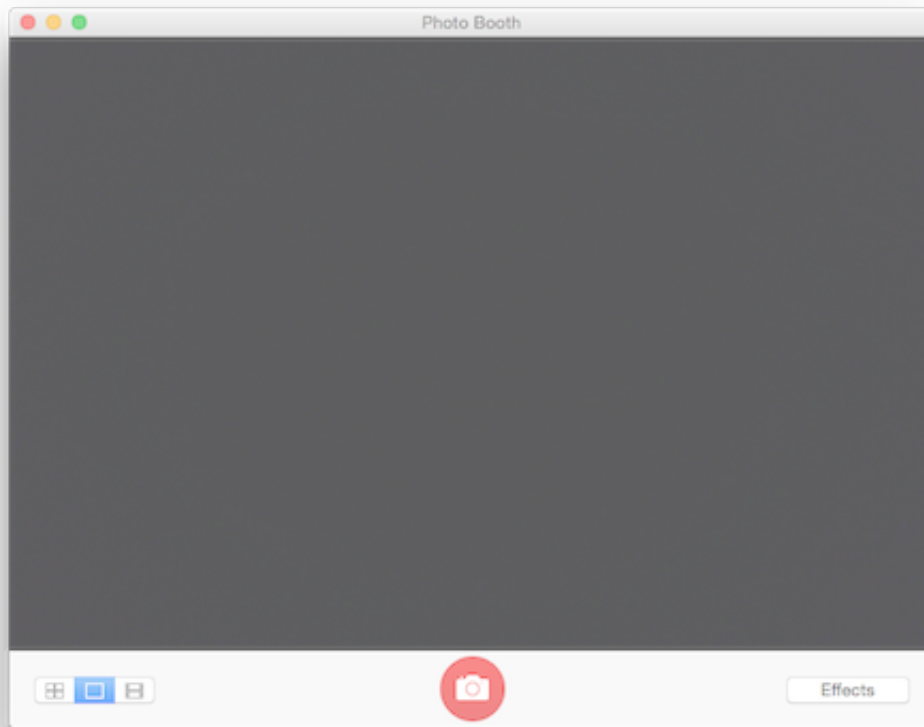
   Actually using build in camare in MacBookAir is a handy thing for people mising at the moment a good high quality digital camera as it is thin and light and build in MacBook cam can be used to make Videos and Pictures exactly the same way
as an ordinary Tablet Computer is used so commonly nowadays by many:

  In other words I needed for the Mac OS X equivalent to **Cheese's (Photo and Video) capturer program for Linux.**

  Luckily for people interested in using their Mac OS notebook as a amateur camera this is easy by using default shipped Mac Application called:

Photo Booth app

To **Launch Photo Booth app** it just look it up in **Finder** and double click it:

  Clicking the large red button underneath the preview area will take a picture after an optional countdown.

   Besides being able to capture Video and Pictures from Mac's camera it could add also some nice effects to taken pictures and videos (supports a basic video editing) features and effects.

   The effects you can choose are are: **Sepia, Black and White, Glow, Comic Book, Normal, Colored Pencil, Thermal Camera, X-Ray, and Pop Art. There are also effects that change the person in the picture using these effects: Bulge, Dent, Twirl, Squeeze, Mirror, Light Tunnel, Fish Eye, and Stretch.** Actually photographic filters of **Photo Booth** are very similar to **Adobe Photoshop.**

By default **Photo Booth will create picture, howver**

Photo Booth saves your photos as JPEG files in a folder named Photo Booth, located in your home
folder.

Choose File > Reveal in Finder

to see your picture files.

*A much better way to be able to easily see and access all taken Pictures and Videos with Photo Booth
is to*

open *Terminal*

and type:

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$ cd Pictures
$ ln -s Photo\ Booth\ Library/Pictures/ PhotoBoothPics
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This will make Link to pictures be easily accessible from you**r Finder -> Pictures folder**

Applying custom photo backgrounds

 A very useful feature of Photo Booth is that the user can apply backdrops to provide an effect similar to a green screen. When a backdrop is selected, a message appears telling the user to step away from the camera. Once the background is analyzed, the user steps back in front of the camera and is shown in front of the chosen backdrop.

 For people who prefer to [take photos using a console program on Mac OS I guess you should take a look at ffpeg](#)
Here is one more snapshot of the Tort Tank snapshot made with the Macbookair of Svetlana :)

P.S. If you like the Tort Tank and you happen to live in Sofia Bulgaria, you can order it by dropping me a comment with request :)

Enjoy ! :)

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