

“INTRODUCTION TO PHOTO EDITING”
PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS
5.0

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- **PhotoShop Elements 5.0**

Less Expensive (\$80.00); More user friendly;
Includes most major tools found in full version;
Intended for amateur level digital editing.

- **PhotoShop CS3**

More Expensive (\$650.00); Longer learning curve;
Contains more complex tools and options; Intended
for professional digital editing.

- **PhotoShop Express**

Free, Web-based photo editing; easy learning
curve; users must first create an account.

What is a JPEG? (Joint Photographic Expert Group)

- Most commonly used **file format** by digital cameras.
- When you take a picture with a digital camera, the photo information is compacted and saved into a single file which can be viewed and accessed later.
 - Examples:
 - » **Picture01.jpg**
 - » **Picture02.jpg**
 - » **Picture03.jpg**

Opening an Image

- Your Digital Camera connected directly to computer
- Memory Card – using a separate card reader.
- CD – (If you are using a film camera, the images can be transferred to a CD disc [as *JPEG's*] while being developed. Check with your processing clerks for more details.)
- Use a scanner to digitize your prints.

Getting Started

- Open the PhotoShop Elements icon located on the desktop.



- Work Space / Work Area
- Tools (left hand side)
- Menu Bar (top of screen)
- “Undo History” (right hand side)

Get closer to the image



» **Zoom Tool**

- Doesn't change the size or dimensions of the image.
- Zoom in to do touch up work.
- You can also use the wheel on the mouse to zoom in and out.

Get closer to the image



» Move Tool

- Useful for moving around the photo while zoomed in very close.
- Click and hold down the left mouse button, to “grab” and move image.

Making Initial Adjustments, if needed!

- **Rotating an image:**

Image (Menu Bar)

→ Rotate



» **Straightening Tool** – horizontal leveling.



» **Crop Tool** – fix off-center subjects, delete unwanted areas.

Touch Up Adjustments



» Red Eye Removal Tool

- Zoom in close, select the entire area around the eye.



- A quick fix to an age old problem.

Touch Up Adjustments



» **Clone Stamp Tool** - Select one area of the image and “clone” it to another area.



» **Healing Brush Tool** – Same as Clone Stamp tool; except Healing Brush tries to match the existing texture and lighting - producing a more natural clone. Ideal for removing blemishes and pimples from skin.

*** Both tools require a reference point. Hold down the ALT key and click on the area of the image you want to reproduce. Now click in the area you want to cover up.***

Touch Up Adjustments

- **Adjusting Brightness and Contrast:**

Enhance (Menu Bar)

→ Adjust Lighting

→ Brightness/Contrast

- **Convert color image to Black and White:**

Enhance (Menu Bar)

→ Convert to Black and White

Saving Your Newly Edited Images

- **Save As** – Choose this option to save a new copy of your edited image without harming the original. (recommended)
- **Save** – This option will replace the original.
- **Save for Web** – This option will lower the file size of an image making it more suitable for emailing.