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Basics

What is Adobe Photoshop Elements 2023 and who is it for?

Photoshop Elements 2023 is photo editing software for anyone who wants to edit and create with their photos. It's a one-time purchase that doesn't require a subscription. It offers:

- Easy editing with automation and AI
- Step-by-step guidance for editing and creating
- Fun ways to make and share creations, effects, prints, and gifts
- An Organizer to easily categorize and find your photos
- New web and mobile companion apps (English-only beta)

Adobe Sensei AI technology* powers automated options in Photoshop Elements 2023 to make things easy, and there's always room to add your personal touch. Learn more.

What are the new web and mobile companion apps?

The Elements 2023 products include new web and mobile companion apps that are available to licensed users of Photoshop Elements 2023 and Adobe Premiere Elements 2023. The apps are currently beta and available in English only, and they include 2GB of free cloud storage.

Web app (English-only beta)

- Access, view, and share photos and videos.
- Create photo and video slideshows and photo collages.

Mobile app (English-only beta, available on Android devices to start):

- Access, view, and share photos and videos.
- pload media to the cloud to be used on desktop and web.
- Upload media from desktop to be viewed on the mobile app.
- Share media from the app to your desired social networks and messaging apps.

What's the difference between Photoshop Elements and Premiere Elements?

- Photoshop Elements is designed for people who take photos and want automated and easy ways to make them look great, turn them into personalized creations, and print and share them with family and friends.
- Premiere Elements is designed for people who take videos and want quick and easy ways to trim them, make them look great, turn them into fun creations and polished movies, and share them with family and friends.
- Both apps share a common Organizer for easy access to all photos and videos.
- They're sold separately or bundled together as Photoshop Elements 2023 & Premiere Elements 2023.

How does Photoshop Elements differ from the subscription versions of Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Photoshop Lightroom Classic, and Adobe Photoshop Lightroom?

- **Photoshop** Elements is designed for consumers who are just getting started with photo editing and want an easy way to organize, edit, create, and share their photos. Automated options deliver great results to enjoy as is or use as a starting point for creative exploration. Photoshop Elements is offered as a one-time purchase—no subscription required.
- **Photoshop** is the professional standard for creating compelling images, designs, and 3D artwork.
- **Lightroom** Classic addresses the workflow needs of professional and advanced amateur photographers on the desktop, enabling them to import, process, organize, and showcase large volumes of digital photographs.
- **Lightroom** is the cloud-based service that lets people easily edit, organize, store, and share their photos anywhere—on mobile devices, the web, or desktops.

What's the difference between Photoshop Elements and Adobe Photoshop Express?

Photoshop Elements and Photoshop Express can both make photos look amazing. Photoshop Elements and Photoshop Express are each tailored to different types of photo editing in different situations. Deciding on which photo editing software to use is all about what device you have, how extensive you want your edits to be, and what type of photographer you are.

- **Photoshop Elements** is designed for consumers who want an easyway to organize, edit, create, and share their photos. Automated options deliver great results to enjoy as is or use as a starting point for creative exploration. It can handle large, complex files that contain multiple layers and a lot of information. It has many more tools and features than Express so users can perform comprehensive transformations and

improvements. Photoshop Express can enhance a photo, but Photoshop Elements can improve as well as completely transform it. Photoshop Elements is offered as a one-time purchase—no subscription required.

- **Photoshop Express** is a mobile app for iOS and Android and is available in various app stores. It works with your mobile device's camera roll. The app is built for smartphone photography, and its editing tools are made for fast changes on your phone. It's ideal for applying quick edits, such as filters and overlays, and effects, including text and light leaks. Users can change opacity and tonal coloring, as well as edit exposure, shadows, brightness, saturation, and more.

I use free photo editing software. Why should I consider Photoshop Elements 2023?

Most free photo editors offer a limited set of editing tools. Photoshop Elements is the leading consumer photo editing software because it provides every level of user everything they need to organize, edit, create, and share, including:

- Adobe Sensei AI technology and automated options that do the heavy lifting so you can focus on bringing your vision to life*
- Great-looking slideshows, collages, and effects that are automatically applied to your photos and delivered upon launch—all powered by Adobe Sensei
- The Organizer to clean up the clutter and find photos and videos in a snap using Smart Tags, facial recognition, and more—powered by Adobe Sensei
- Quick Edit to make one-click fixes
- A total of 61 Guided Edits to grow your skills—just follow the steps to make basic tweaks, artistic creations, and everything in between
- Expert Edit for complete photo transformations
- Enjoy your favorite photos as gallery-quality wall art and beautiful prints, or create unique mementos for friends and family
- The ability to create eye-catching slideshows and collages in all-new styles as well as inspirational quote graphics to share on social media
- New and exclusive templates
- Access to web and mobile companion apps (English-only beta)

Should I buy Photoshop Elements 2023 or the Photoshop Elements 2023 & Premiere Elements 2023 bundle?

If you like to take and share photos and videos, get the bundle to:

- Use the common Organizer for easy access to all your photos and videos.
- Edit and share photos and videos together in creative ways.
- Get a great value. Learn more

Where can I learn more about new features?

See What's New or the full list of Features.

Is Photoshop Elements available as a trial?

Yes, you can download a free, full-featured 30-day trial. Once the trial period ends, you can purchase right from the trial software so you don't have to download it again.

Technical questions

Where can I find the serial number to install Photoshop Elements?

- **Boxed product:** We no longer include a DVD in the box. Please follow the redemption instructions in the box to get access to the product download and serial number. Be sure to write down the serial number to use during product installation.
- **Electronic software download (ESD):** During your online purchase you'll receive a redemption code. Follow the redemption process to access the product download and serial number. Be sure to write down the serial number to use during product installation.
- **Amazon customers:** If you purchased from Amazon, get instructions for retrieving your redemption code.

Can I get the product on a DVD?

We no longer include a DVD in the boxed product. If you'd like to have a DVD, contact Adobe Customer Care.

Can I install Photoshop Elements on more than one computer?

You can install your product on up to two computers. If you want to move your product to a new computer, simply choose Help > Sign Out in the product from one of the computers that has an active license. That will deactivate it. Then you can install the product on your new computer.
NOTE: You must be online while deactivating the product.

What are the minimum system requirements to run Photoshop Elements 2023?

See the system requirements for more information.

Does Photoshop Elements support macOS and Windows 32-bit operating systems?

No. Microsoft and Apple stopped supporting 32-bit systems before Photoshop Elements 2023 was released, so the product can only be installed on 64-bit systems.

Will Photoshop Elements work on Apple M1 computers?

You can install Photoshop Elements 2023 on computers powered by the Apple M1 chip.

Do I need to be online to use Photoshop Elements?

You'll need to be online to do the following:

- Install the software (so your license can be validated and activated)
- Download specific feature content (but once you download, you're free to use the software offline)
- Use features like social sharing
- Deactivate the software to use it on another computer

Why do I need to sign in to use Photoshop Elements?

Signing in with an Adobe ID (your email address) activates your software, connecting it to Adobe's servers via the internet and giving you a secure and personalized experience. Activation validates your software license, associates it with your computer, and helps protect your computer from malicious code by verifying that you have genuine Adobe software.

Can I edit raw images in Photoshop Elements?

Photoshop Elements can open raw files from supported cameras. The supported camera list depends on the version of Adobe Camera Raw installed on your system. Get more details.

- Photoshop Elements does not save your changes to the original raw file. In other words, your edits are nondestructive.
- After processing the raw image file using the features of the Camera Raw dialog box, you can choose to open the file in Photoshop Elements.
- For Photoshop Elements 2023, the Camera Raw plugin is no longer part of the installer, but it can be downloaded and installed from within the product. Go to the Help menu to do a one-time download.

If I run into issues, what type of support can I expect?

If you're missing a redemption code, you'll need to contact the store or site where you purchased the product. If you need help with installation, activation, or any other software issues, you can contact Adobe Customer Care.

What should I do if I need help using Photoshop Elements?

- Reach out to the Photoshop Elements community to get answers from product team members and other expert users.
- Explore the top features of Photoshop Elements.
- Choose the appropriate topics from the Photoshop Elements user guide.
- Report a bug or request a feature.
- If you still can't resolve the issue after exploring the resources above, you can contact Adobe Customer Care.

Purchasing options

Do I need a subscription to purchase Photoshop Elements?

No, it's a one-time purchase. A subscription is not required.

I own an older version of Photoshop Elements. Can I get upgrade pricing?

Yes, we offer upgrade pricing for existing customers on adobe.com in the United States.

Where can I find out about volume licensing for Photoshop Elements 2023?

For licensing questions, visit the Adobe Volume Licensing page or contact your local Adobe sales representative.

Learning Photoshop Elements

How can I get started using Photoshop Elements 2023?

The home screen offers direct links to tutorials and fun things to try with your photos. You can also check out Photoshop Elements Learn & Support for all you need to get started—video and step-by-step-tutorials, Help content, and links to resources offering comprehensive product support from Adobe and our knowledgeable community.

Where can I find the manual?

You can find the manual on the Photoshop Elements Help page. To learn more about the latest features in Photoshop Elements, see What's New.

- Moving Elements

- Peek Through Overlays

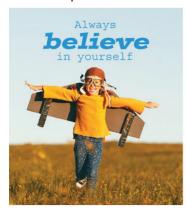- Collage Templates

- Slideshow Styles

- Quote Graphics

- Moving Overlays

Adobe Sensei is the technology that powers intelligent features across all Adobe products to dramatically improve the design and delivery of digital experiences, using artificial intelligence and machine learning in a common framework.

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