

Photoshop Elements

THE ENTRY BASICS

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According to *Wikipedia*, the online dictionary, Photoshop Elements is the consumer version of the Photoshop raster image-editing product, sold at a fraction (about $\frac{1}{5}$ th) of the cost of the professional product or bundled with related hardware such as scanners and digital cameras.

It's easy to use if you know some basic tips-and-tricks.

This lesson introduces you to the opening options of that program.

1. You open Photoshop Elements by:
 - ❶ Selecting Start > All Programs > Photoshop Elements 4.0 — or —
 - ❷ Double, left-click on a desktop shortcut to the program — or —
 - ❸ Left-click on a shortcut on your Quick Links (next to the Start button).

Figure 1 is the opening screen.



Figure 1

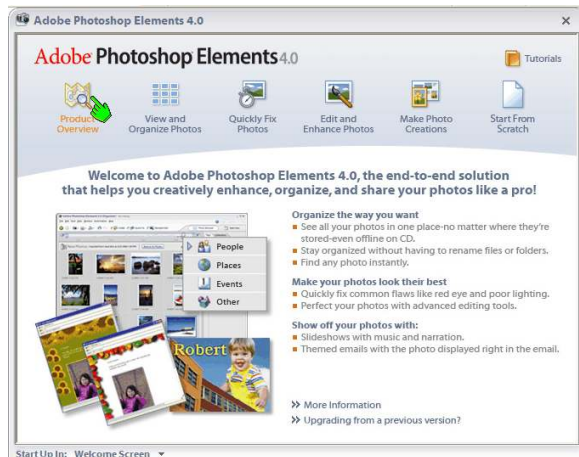


Figure 2

2. The first option is to experience an overview of the product (**Figure 2**).

This is a good place to start.

3. The second option is to “View and Organize Specials” which takes you into the Organizer (**Figure 3**).

This is where you will view photos:

- ▶ You upload from your camera into dated folders which are usually placed into the “\My Documents\Adobe\Digital Camera Photos\[date of upload]” folder — or —
- ▶ Copy into the “\My Documents\My Pictures” folder from emails that people send to you. You can access this folder by selecting Start > My Pictures.



Figure 3



Figure 4

4. The third option takes you to the “Quickly Fix Photos” option (**Figure 4**). Here you will be presented with a series of automatic, “smart” fixes to photos.

5. The fourth option, “Edit and Enhance Photographs”, allows you to do extended modifications to photos, like adding text, changing the size and placing special shapes into it (**Figure 5**).



Figure 5

6. The fifth option is Make Photo Creations (**Figure 6**). It is here that you will develop slideshows, movies, scrapbooks and other presentations of your photos.



Figure 6



Figure 7

7. The last option is "Start from Scratch" (**Figure 7**).

This is where you can create illustrations from scratch.

Enjoy this powerfully empowering program.