PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 5 VERSUS 6

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This lesson lists differences we have discovered between Photoshop Elements (PSE) 6 and PSE 5.

1. POSITIVES.

A. PSE 6 loads much faster than PSE 5 did.

B. Most of the editing techniques and the tools in the Editor in PSE 6 remain the same as in PSE 5. You can view some of these in chapters 4-6 in our online lessons at http://DarryD.com/PSE5.

C. When one selects the Type tool, in the Editor, there are a lot more styles available.

D. The Quick Selection Tool is worth the price of this program.

E. Slideshows are quick to create and easy to share.

2. IRRITANTS.

A. Some of the online tutorials — as in PSE 5 — are not as user-friendly as they could be. Too often they assume the student knows PSE techniques that are not obvious to the new user.

B. There seems to be a limit on the number of photos that one can have in the Organizer before the system begins to noticeably slow down to a crawl. That number has more to do with the size of the files than the number, but it's about 1,000 with photos of 2 Mb or larger in size.

C. Updating the program yearly causes a desire to purchase the update and learn many new techniques that are different than the previous edition.

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS (PSE) 5 VERSUS 6 (ACCORDING TO ADOBE WITH *COMMENTS FROM DARRY D*) **FEATURE**	PSE 5	PSE 6	PSE 6 + PREMIER ELEMENTS 4
Fix common photo flaws with just one click.	✔	✔	✔
Flexible layout options to create scrapbook pages, CD/ DVD labels, & more.	✔	✔	✔
Organize your photos & video clips with visual tagging options. *Tags only remain in effect if photos are kept in the Organizer.*	✔	✔	✔
Access all of your photos & video clips from one convenient place: Organizer. *Organizer in PSE 6 is more user-friendly.*	✔	✔	✔
Online lessons at http://DarryD.com ease learning PSE.		✔	
Easily create perfect group shots with new the Photomerge™ technology.		✔	✔
Step-by-step assistance for improving photos & making creations. *Websites offer better assistance than PSE Help.*		✔	✔
Create professional-looking photo books with greater ease & flexibility.		✔	✔
Make image selections in just seconds and easily adjust specific areas of a photo *using the Quick Selection Tool*.		✔	✔
Create seamless panoramas with refined blending technology.		✔	✔
View & organize your photos faster than ever before		✔	✔
Quickly find the photos you need with new Smart Albums & a dedicated bin for project-related photos.		✔	✔
Make finer adjustments with enhanced Brightness/ Contrast control, Clone tool, & black-and-white conversion tool.		✔	✔
Add video-style effects & transitions to photo slideshows & then share them on disc or the Web.			✔
Create dramatic video freeze-frame effects & turn individual frames into disc covers & labels.			✔
Easily share your slide shows & movies with direct upload to YouTube™ and mobile devices.			✔

Source: http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshopelwin/upgrade/