

New Photoshop Elements 8 Features

A Demonstration & Discussion of the New Features found in Photoshop Elements 8 - The Good and the Bad

1. Organizer

a. Thumbnail View

i. Tag Cloud (button next to Keyword Tag Heading)

(1) Alphabetical list with Big Text meaning more tags assigned

(a) Click to select all photos with that tag

(i) Cannot select photos for multiple tags

(b) Drag tag name to associate with a photo or group of photos

(i) Select multiple tags and drag to associate multiple tags to selected photo(s)

(c) Double click and click on trailing X to delete tag and all photo associations with deleted tag

ii. Tag Text box (next to Keyword Tag Heading)

(1) Select from list as you type - apply button assigns tag

(2) delete tags by clicking on trailing X and all photo associations with deleted tag

(3) Create tags in Other category by typing new name

iii. Face Recognition (button on line with Keyword Tag Heading)

(1) Face tag same as regular tag placed in People category requiring movement

(2) Can duplicate regular tags

(3) Takes lots of time, identifies background (wall pictures, street scenes etc.) faces which must be manually skipped.

(4) No purpose like Picasa Web Album:

(a) Identification - Photo shows name with cursor over and list of people in photo

(b) Sharing - tags associated with e-mail address so auto e-mail those in photo

b. Better integration between organizer and Premiere Elements

i. Smart Tags - Analyzing your photos by generating special tags that can be used by Premiere Movie Program

(1) I see no real need for this feature

(2) It generates lots of tags and writes them to file metadata

(3) Tags like Low, Medium, & High Quality; High or Low contrast; Blurred or In Focus; Single or Multiple or No Object; Too Bright or Too Dark, etc.

(4) Sometimes the tags are outright wrong. My eyes can do better tagging manually if I wanted to so tag!

c. Full Screen View (New button above thumbnails, also in top left Display menu)

i. Added button to go **directly to Full Screen View** from Thumbnail View

ii. Quick Edit Panel - Crop

(1) Add star ratings

(2) Hide/Unhide files

(3) Simple one click edits like Rotate; Red Eye; Auto Levels, Color, Contrast, Sharpen

(4) Button to Undo/Redo, Delete and Mark for Printing

(5) Button to goto Edit Full or Option to send movie clips to Premiere

iii. Quick Organize Panel - Easily add/create/remove Tags with tag cloud or Add to Albums

iv. New Transitions for Slide Show - Fade In/Out, Pan and Zoom, 3D Pixelate

d. Sync your photos to two computers using Photoshop.com

e. Removed Edit Top right drop-down selection menu - Right click could never select Edit Quick

f. Added Orange Fix Tag drop-down menu for editor selection

2. Editor

a. Edit Quick formerly Quick Fix

i. New Close Button on each after image

- ii. **Touch-Up items** added to Left Tool bar from Right Panels
- iii. **Preview**
 - (1) All sliders on right have preview button in front
 - (2) Move cursor over each preview to see result, click to establish
 - (3) Click and drag on preview to fine tune
 - (4) Click on *checkmark* to accept change or *X* to cancel in Category Heading.
- b. **Full Edit: New Look Images and Panels**
 - i. Tab Key Hides all but image or displays all including image
 - ii. Option button at top Tool bar for one or two column display
 - iii. New Tabbed view like a browser from *Window, Images, Consolidate All to Tabs*
 - iv. New Arrange button on top Center allows you to graphically pick image display
 - v. All panels and project bin can be combined, collapsed to icon or floating
 - vi. Reset Panels button in top center right, resets all panel customization
 - vii. Tab key toggles off/on all panels
- c. **Guides**
 - i. Create: *View, New Guide* for specific entered position or click & drag in ruler space to drag a guide onto grid
 - ii. To See them : *View, Guides*
 - iii. Move with Move Tool:
 - iv. Snap To: *View, Snap To, Guides*
 - v. Clear: *View, Clear Guides*
 - vi. Lock Position: *View, Lock Guides*
- d. **New Transform Selection command**
 - i. Particularly useful if you used one of the Marquee tools and it isn't quite right
 - ii. You can change the selection in the same ways as cropping
 - iii. Goto to *Select, Transform Selection*
- e. **Adjustment panel**
 - i. Available with Adjustment Layer if selected to see/make adjustments at any time
 - ii. Collapse double click on name or click to right of name
 - iii. Iconize click on bar above name
- f. **Exposure consolidation with multiple exposures**
 - i. Automatic: Generally fixes automatically but can fix manually by clicking on Manual
 - ii. Manual: Works like Group Shot
- g. **Recompose**
 - i. Change Landscape to Portrait
 - ii. Move people closer together
 - iii. Remove and Protect objects
- h. **Activation on 2 computers**
 - i. Deactivate using Help Menu if moving to a new computer to keep within 2 limit
- 3. Previous release major enhancements
 - a. **Scene Cleaner**
 - i. Eliminate unwanted people, animals, objects
 - b. **Group Shot** (In all cases all photos must have the same background)
 - i. Best faces from several group shot photos
 - ii. Collage of 3 different poses of same person
 - iii. Photo of 3 persons without tripod