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Alternatives to Photoshop CC

Product	Adobe Photoshop CC	Adobe Lightroom Classic CC	Adobe Photoshop Elements	CyberLink PhotoDirector 8 Ultra	Microsoft Photos (for Windows 10)	Corel PaintShop Pro	DxO PhotoLab	Phase One Capture One Pro	ACDSee Ultimate	Apple Photos (for macOS)
										
	Adobe	Adobe	Adobe	Amazon	Microsoft	Corel				
Lowest Price	SEE IT	SEE IT	SEE IT	SEE IT	SEE IT	SEE IT				
Editors' Rating										
Keyword Tagging	—	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	✓	✓
Face Recognition	—	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	✓
Layer Editing	✓	—	✓	✓	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
Lens Profile Corrections	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Content-Aware Edits	✓	—	✓	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—
Automatic Album Creation	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	✓
Read Review	Adobe Photoshop CC Review	Adobe Lightroom Classic CC Review	Adobe Photoshop Elements Review	CyberLink PhotoDirector 8 Ultra Review	Microsoft Photos (for Windows 10) Review	Corel PaintShop Pro Review	DxO PhotoLab Review	Phase One Capture One Pro Review	ACDSee Ultimate Review	Apple Photos (for macOS) Review



HELP AND SUPPORT

- A wide range of help sites, videos, tutorials, courses etc are available
- Most are free

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- Detailed cloning
- Moving objects
- Combining objects
- Selections
- Layers

JPG, RAW OR HEIC?

- Everything will edit JPG files
- Some will edit RAW files
- Some will edit RAW files from the latest cameras and lenses
- Work arounds possible via Adobe DNG
- Some will edit HEIC files
- Other image file formats may be supported

BASIC ADJUSTMENTS

- Windows Photos
- Apple Photos
- Faststone
- RIP Picasa
- Most Free



PHOTO CATALOGUING SOFTWARE

- Lightroom CC and Classic

MANAGING LOTS OF IMAGES

- Lightroom Classic



ADVANCED ADJUSTMENTS

- Lightroom CC and Classic



CLOUD EDITING

- Lightroom CC

FILTERS AND EFFECTS

- DXO Nik add on
- Topaz add on
- Lots of specialist programs and apps

WORKFLOW

- Lightroom →
- Photoshop →
- On1 →
- Photoshop →
- Nik →
- Photoshop →
- Lightroom



FREE PROGRAMMES

- “Came with the camera” – may have some manufacture specific advantages

FREE PROGRAMMES

- **PhotoScape**. Lots of features for a free app. RAW photo converter.
- **GIMP for Windows**. Free and open source. Lightweight software. Plugins to expand functionality.
- **Paint.NET**. Plugins to expand tools and functionality. Straightforward interface.
- **LazPaint** for Windows and Linux. Open source software. Simpler to use than GIMP.
- [See full list on lifewire.com](#)

GIMP

- <https://www.gimp.org/>
- <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=GIMP+Introduction+video&qpv=GIMP+Introduction+video&view=detail&mid=53CF78176109A207227653CF78176109A2072276&&FORM=VRDGAR>

PAID FOR PROGRAMMES

- Adobe Photoshop CC: Adobe continues to improve the world's leading photo editing software
- CyberLink PhotoDirector 8 Ultra: CyberLink PhotoDirector is a photo workflow and editing program
- Corel PaintShop Pro: Corel continues to add new photo-editing possibilities to its PaintShop Pro
- [See full list on pcmag.com](http://pcmag.com)
- [See all 8 rows on www.toptenreviews.com](http://www.toptenreviews.com)

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS

- Non Subscription
- Beginners and Guided Modes
- Gimmicky features
- In Expert Mode Does most things that Photoshop CC will do
- <https://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements.html>
- <https://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements.html#pse-overview>

SERIF AFFINITY PHOTOS

- Becoming popular
- Excellent “British” Help facilities
- £48.99 but available far cheaper
- <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/photo/desktop/>

COREL SUITE

- Long Established Editing Programme
- Aftershot RAW Editor
- <https://www.paintshoppro.com/en/>
- <https://www.paintshoppro.com/en/products/paintshop-pro/standard/#compare-ps>

ON1

- Was Perfect Effects
- Added editing features
- Now a very capable organiser and photo editor
- Lightroom and Photoshop Combined
- <https://www.on1.com/products/photo-raw/>

BUT WE WILL STICK TO PHOTOSHOP CC

19 April: "Opening, Viewing and Saving Files".

