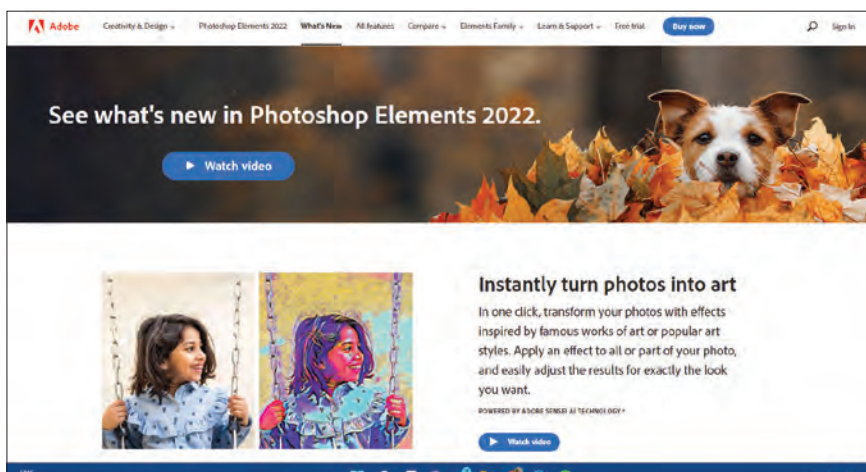




Review: Adobe Photoshop Elements 2022

Lisa A. Alzo reviews a popular photo editing software program

ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN FAMILIAR WITH ADOBE PHOTOSHOP for some time, my introduction to Adobe Photoshop Elements (PS Elements) www.lisaalzo.com/pselements2022 began early last year with the purchase of PS Elements 2021. When I discovered that even more features were offered in PS Elements 2022, I accepted Adobe's offer of an upgrade. As of April 2022, the current onetime purchase price for PS Elements 2022 is US\$99.99 (upgrade for US\$79.99). You can always check the latest cost via Adobe's Website. Since my upgrade allowed PS Elements 2021 to remain on my desktop, it has provided a good opportunity to compare the two versions side by side. You can compare PS Elements 2022 to still earlier versions (2020, 2019) via Adobe's Website www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements/upgrade.html.



See what's new in Adobe Photoshop Elements 2022 at www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements.html.

Perhaps the best way to think of the PS Elements version series is as a fun and easy-to-use alternative to the full version of Photoshop. I think the young genealogist and the young-at-heart will especially like PS Elements given the sheer variety of preset edits that are available. After all, why limit fun edits to only modern images?

Although the full version of Photoshop is the standard against which we compare all other image editing software, in recent years another factor might influence your decision whether you want to use this or Photoshop Elements. For those who remember purchasing the full version some time ago, times have changed. You can only use the full version of Photoshop via a 'Creative Cloud' subscription plan, and your continued use is contingent on you keeping your subscription up to date. You can check the latest plan rates on Adobe's Website. A nice feature of the subscription plans for designers and image editing professionals is automatic updates whenever they become available.

Although PS Elements is less powerful than the full version, it should be suitable for most tasks performed by genealogists. I especially like the fluidity of choice between the 'Quick', 'Guided' and 'Expert' Modes. The uncluttered interfaces of each mode are largely intuitive, and it is only using the 'Expert' mode that there's a learning curve. For many tasks, the easier to use 'Quick' and 'Guided' modes can save a lot of time.

Key Features

Adobe provides a list of features new in the latest version of PS Elements, and you can refer to www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements/whats-new.html for a detailed description. Here is a basic overview of what you will find in PS Elements 2022.

The Organizer – The Organizer area functions to help you find exact photos and videos by searching for combinations of people, places, events, and other subjects. PS Elements makes it easier to find your photos with a visual view automatically sorted by date, subject, people, places, and events. The organizer also supports the playback of GIF images.

Automated Backup and Updates – PS Elements 2022 automatically backs up your catalog structure, so you can easily recover images in the event of a problem. You also get automatic software updates.

Automated Editing – There are more than 60 guided edits in PS Elements 2022 to help you make basic tweaks or advanced artistic