

Basic Digital Image Restoration

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- 1) Thoughts and Ideas
 - a) The computer is a sophisticated tool, but it is dumb. The image displayed by the computer is just a bunch of numbers, a collection of colored pixels
 - b) Many ways to accomplish repairs
 - c) Concentrate on what is important
 - i) Hierarchy of importance in an image is face, hands, body, background
 - d) Beg, borrow, steal, image data from other areas of image
 - e) Cropping images can reduce work
- 2) Equipment discussion
 - a) Computer
 - b) Software
 - c) Scanner (helpful but not necessary)
 - d) Digital tablet (helpful but not necessary)
- 3) Scanning tips
 - a) Output considerations: what is your desired output format
 - b) Rotate photo / document: to minimize defects
 - c) Consistent scanning: check your levels
- 4) File handling
 - a) File naming
 - b) Filing structure
 - i) Original
 - ii) Working versions
 - iii) JPEG folder
- 5) Image file type
 - a) JPEG, Joint Photographic Expert Group, is **NOT** the preferred format, lossy
 - b) TIFF Tagged Image File Format raster bitmap lossless
 - c) PSD PhotoShop Document proprietary format
- 6) Some common restoration challenges
 - a) Image too dark
 - i) **01 Bradbury Mary Ann** Duplicate image, Patch tool, Stamp, Healing, Threshold, Eye dropper, Layers, Adj layers, Blending modes, (Ferrotype image reversal)

- b) Image too light
 - i) **02 Baby Faded Small** Layers, Blending modes (Multiply)
 - c) Color shift
 - i) **Hiking images** Automatic adjustments, Layers
 - ii) **03 Larry Pepper** Automatic adjustments
- 7) Photoshop Tools
- a) PhotoShop Help menu
 - b) Drop Down Menus
 - i) Photoshop Help
 - c) Toolbox
 - d) Keyboard shortcuts – *example* Control and Z
 - i) Nested tools denoted by triangle in lower right corner of tool button. Reveal these nested tools lower with Shift and command letter.
 - e) Palettes
 - i) History
 - ii) Layer F7
 - iii) Info F8
 - f) Clone tool S
 - g) Healing Brushes J
 - i) Spot
 - ii) Healing
 - h) Patch tool J
 - i) Selections, a selection is always made either by the user or by the program
 - i) Marquee
 - (1) Elliptical
 - (2) Rectangle
 - (3) Single pixel
 - ii) Feather
 - iii) Lasso
 - (1) Freeform
 - (2) Polygonal
 - (3) Magnetic
 - j) Rulers
 - k) Guides
 - l) Grid
- 8) Blending Modes
- a) Blending Modes: Many tools have Blending Mode functionality.
 - b) Keyboard shortcut Shift and “+” or Shift and “-“ to toggle through all of the modes, make sure the tool you want is active.

Software:

Adobe Photoshop Elements

<http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshopelwin/>
Photoshop CS3

<http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/family/>

Corel Ulead PhotoImpact X3 – Similar to Elements

Paint Shop Pro Photo X2 – Similar to Photoshop CS

<http://www.corel.com/servlet/Satellite/us/en/Product/1181657927030>

Books:

Photoshop Restoration & Retouching, 3rd edition by Katrin Eismann

New Riders Publishing ISBN#: 0-321-31627-4

Considered by some to be the bible of digital restoration. This book is for users with some Photoshop experience, and is written for Adobe Photoshop CS2.

Digital Restoration from start to finish 2nd edition by Ctein

Focal press ISBN#: 978-0-240-81208-3 Excellent information.

Photoshop Elements 5.0 by Barbara Brundage

Progue Press/ O'Reilly ISBN 0-596-52728-4

How to Wow with Photoshop Elements 5 by Jack Davis, Mike McHugh and Wayne Rankin

Peachpit Press ISBN # 0-321-48615-3

This book has many ideas, but for your best results the book should be read start to finish.

The Photoshop Elements 5 Restoration & Retouching Book by Matt Kloskowski

Peachpit Press ISBN # 0-321-48165-8

Photoshop Blending Modes Cookbook for Digital Photographers by John Beardsworth

O'Reilly Media, Inc. ISBN# 0-596-10020-5

<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/photoblend/index.html>

Real World Digital Photography, 2nd edition by Katrin Eismann

(Co-authored with Sean Duggan and Tim Grey)

Peachpit Press ISBN#: 0-321-22372-1 (<http://www.photoshopdiva.com/>)

Internet Sites:

[Adobe Support forum](http://www.adobe.com/forums) has an PhotoShop Elements user forum

www.adobe.com/forums

Catalogue of Books on PhotoShop Elements and other Computer / Software Instruction Books

<http://www.missingmanual.com/>

Adobe Photoshop Product Information

<http://www.adobe.com/>

Paint Shop ProPhoto, Snapfish, and Other Image Editing Software.

<http://www.corel.com/>

Adobe Studio Exchange All kinds of free stuff after you register on the site

<http://share.studio.adobe.com/>

MyJanee – Lots of tutorials and free downloads www.myjanee.com

More Tutorials – [www.photoshopgurus.com/tutorials.html/](http://www.photoshopgurus.com/tutorials.html)

Sue Chastain – another website with lots of downloads and tutorials

<http://graphicssoft.about.com/>

Scanner tips and info from a very knowledgeable person Wayne Fulton.

<http://www.scantips.com/>

RetouchPRO forum on retouching images

<http://www.retouchpro.com/forums/>