

# PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 5 VERSUS 6



© Darry D Eggleston, 813.677.2871, [DarryD@darryd.com](mailto:DarryD@darryd.com)<sup>1</sup>  
Click on any blue, underlined text to go to its linked reference.

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.

---

<sup>1</sup> Editors: Peggy S. Eggleston, Dick Evans & Parker Monroe. Permission for reproduction in whole or in part is granted to organizations for internal, non-profit use provided credit is given to the author along with the copyright notice: Article reprinted with permission. Copyright © 2008 Darry D Eggleston, <http://DarryD.com>.

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. <i>Tags only remain in effect if photos are kept in the Organizer.</i>	✓	✓	✓
Access all of your photos & video clips from one convenient place: Organizer. <i>Organizer in PSE 6 is more user-friendly.</i>	✓	✓	✓
Online lessons at <a href="http://DarryD.com">http://DarryD.com</a> ease learning PSE.		✓	
Easily create perfect group shots with new the Photomerge™ technology.		✓	✓
Step-by-step assistance for improving photos & making creations. <i>Websites offer better assistance than PSE Help.</i>		✓	✓
Create professional-looking photo books with greater ease & flexibility.		✓	✓
Make image selections in just seconds and easily adjust specific areas of a photo <i>using the Quick Selection Tool.</i>		✓	✓
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/>