

Meet Your Editor

Now that you have found the software that's right for you, check out the profiles below to confirm your choice and get more details. You might need more than one to get all the features you want.



Apple iPhoto

Apple's stalwart organizer/editor exports to social media and even opens videos and RAW files.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Syncs with iCloud and your iOS devices.

PRICE:

Free with a Mac; \$15 iLife '11 upgrade, direct



Google Picasa

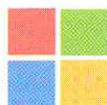
The simple, free editor for Mac and PC has plenty of sliders for fixing and includes 1GB of online storage. It lets you share easily to Google+.

STANDOUT

SPEC: All of your edits and effects are reversible.

PRICE:

Free



Windows Photo Gallery

The built-in Photo app for Windows has plenty of functionality in Windows 7; in Windows 8 it's more like a basic browser.

STANDOUT

SPEC: It makes a good starting point for sorting and viewing.

PRICE: Free



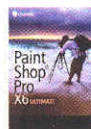
Adobe Photoshop Elements 11

This editor and organizer is like a mini Photoshop, but it has limited RAW and color management.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Includes Curves, Adjustment Layers, Masks, and Blend Modes.

PRICE: \$100, full; \$80, upgrade



Corel PaintShop Pro X6

Besides tools such as layers, masks, HDR, and basic RAW conversion, it has an organizer and tools for learning.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Now in 64-bit, it's ready to handle your biggest files.

PRICE: \$100, full; \$80, upgrade



Adobe Photoshop CC

The ultimate retouching app is now subscription-based; new features are added regularly.

STANDOUT

SPEC: It does almost everything.

PRICE: \$30 per month; \$20 per month with a yearly subscription



The GIMP

Short for the GNU Image Manipulation Program, this open-source app has cloning, healing, and layers. Requires add-ons for some features.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Users who can write code can customize it.

PRICE: Free



DxO Optics Pro 8

This RAW converter corrects distortion, chromatic aberration, and other lens flaws.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Unparalleled precision, tailored to your exact equipment.

PRICE: Standard, \$150; Elite, \$300



Corel AfterShot Pro

Formerly known as Bibble, this RAW conversion editor/organizer does the basics and won't break the bank.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Also runs on Linux!

PRICE: \$100, but frequently rebated to \$50



Apple Aperture 3

This Mac-only RAW converter is great for cataloging (it even has face detection), editing, and output.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Creates some of the most beautiful books and projects available.

PRICE: \$80



Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 5

This RAW specialist handles everything from organizing to conversion to light retouching.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Excellent shadow/highlight recovery and noise reduction.

PRICE: \$150, full; \$80, upgrade



Phase One Capture One Pro

Originally developed for Phase One's digital camera backs, this powerful RAW editor excels at tethered capture.

STANDOUT

SPEC: Mobile viewing of shoots in progress.

PRICE: \$300; \$100, upgrade