

# FREE PHOTO EDITING APPS

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# SUMMARY

Free apps for editing digital photos are available in every type of computer, tablets, and cell phones. Here is some information to help you get started in whatever computer, tablet, or cell phone that you decide to use.

# TOPICS

- Photo Editing Basics
- Bundled Apps for Editing Photos

# PHOTO EDITING BASICS

- Our explanation of photo editing basics in a generic sense (without pushing any specific photo editing app or device) is available at [http://aztcs.org/meeting\\_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/photoedit-adjustments.pdf](http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/photoedit-adjustments.pdf)

# BUNDLED APPS FOR PHOTO EDITING

- To reduce your initial learning curve for doing photo editing, start off with the bundled app or apps that are already inside your computer, tablet, or cell phone:

# BUNDLED APPS FOR PHOTO EDITING

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- iPhone and iPad: "Photos" app
- macOS: "Preview" app AND "ColorSync Utility" app
- "Android" phone: "Photos" = "Google Photos" inside the "Google" group
- "Windows.." computers: "Photos"

# BUNDLED APPS FOR PHOTO EDITING (continued)

- **"..Linux.." operating system distributions: Most distros of Linux are now bundled with the "Shotwell" photo manager app. To edit a photo with it: Open/locate the desired photo. Go to the menu bar: Click on "Photo", "Tools", etc.**



# "PHOTOS" APP IN "iOS"

- In the "Home screen" of an "iPhone" or an "iPad", you will find a "Photos" app that looks like this:



# "PHOTOS" APP IN "iOS" (continued)

- <https://www.macworld.com/article/2987668/how-to-edit-photos-in-ios-using-photo-s-adjustments-panel.html>
- <https://www.maketecheasier.com/edit-photos-with-ios-photos-app/>
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- <https://photonify.com/best-photo-editing-apps-iphone/>

# "PREVIEW" APP IN macOS

- <https://www.howtogeek.com/201638/use-your-macs-preview-app-to-crop-resize-rotate-and-edit-images/>
- <https://www.macrumors.com/how-to/get-the-most-from-the-macos-preview-app/>
- [https://blogs.systemweak.com/how-to-edit-photos-on-mac-using-the-preview-app/-](https://blogs.systemweak.com/how-to-edit-photos-on-mac-using-the-preview-app/)

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- <https://www.imore.com/how-use-preview-mac#:~:text=Preview%20is%20the%20default%20app,it'll%20open%20in%20Preview.>

# "PREVIEW" APP IN macOS (continued)

- <https://www.patchworkoftips.com/blur-pictures-mac-os-preview/4485/>
- <https://www.wikihow.com/Use-Preview-Like-a-Pro-in-Mac-OS-X-10.6>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/preview/?platform=mac>



# "COLORSYNC UTILITY" APP IN macOS


- The bundled "Preview" app in macOS lacks a gamma adjustment
- In contrast, the little-known bundled "Colorsync Utility" in macOS has very good gamma adjustment
- See <https://support.apple.com/guide/colorsync-utility/welcome/mac>

# FREE APPS FOR PHOTO EDITING IN "WINDOWS.." (continued)

- "Photos" from Microsoft (bundled for free inside "Windows 10..", "Windows 8.x", and "Windows 7..")
- "Google Photo"
- "Adobe Photoshop Express"
- "IrfanView"
- "GIMP"

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- HARDER TO USE AND MORE POWERFUL

# "PHOTOS" FROM MICROSOFT IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- Our "how to" guide for using "Photos" from Microsoft in a "Windows.." computer is located at [http://aztcs.org/meeting\\_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/Photos-app-in-Win10.pdf](http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/Photos-app-in-Win10.pdf)

# "GOOGLE PHOTOS" IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- Our "how to" guide for using "Google Photos" in a "Windows.." computer is located at  
[http://aztcs.org/meeting\\_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/GooglePhotos.pdf](http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/GooglePhotos.pdf)

# "ADOBE PHOTOSHOP EXPRESS" IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- Our "how to" guide for using the free "Adobe Photoshop Express" app in a "Windows.." computer is located at [http://aztcs.org/meeting\\_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/AdobePhotoshopExpress.pdf](http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/AdobePhotoshopExpress.pdf)

# "IRFANVIEW" IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- Our "how to" guide for using the free "IrfanView" app in a "Windows.." computer is located at [http://aztcs.org/meeting\\_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/Irfanview.pdf](http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/photoedit/Irfanview.pdf)

# "GIMP"

## IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- <https://www.doublehike.com/best-free-photo-editors/>