

Photoshop Elements SIG - October 10, 2007

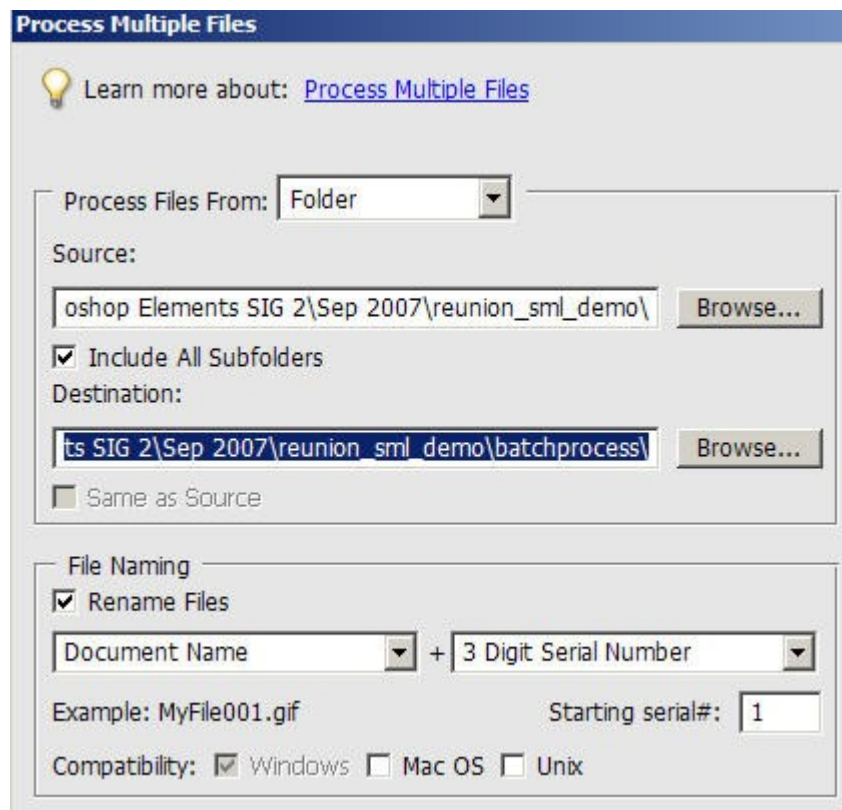
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Processing Multiple Files

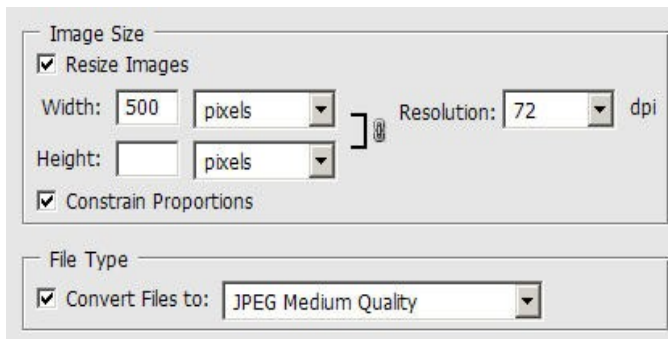
Photoshop Elements can do batch processing of files. This is very helpful if you need to clean up a number of photos at one time, such as after a vacation when you want to get the corrected versions and using Quick Fix one at a time would be too slow.

Suggestion: Start a new folder and copy selected photos from other folders into the one you will use for the multiple processing. In addition, add a new folder within that new source folder and name it **batchprocess**. That's where you will store the finished products.

Open either the **Quick Fix Editor** or the **Full Editor** (either one works for this). Then select **File > Process Multiple Files** from the menu. You will get a screen that looks like this.



First, **set your source folder** that contains all the files you want to process and use any folder you want as the destination folder. We will use the one we made, **batchprocess**. I recommend renaming the files by appending the 3 Digit Serial Number. Now we set the image sizes and quality of the output files.



Try a width of either **600 or 500 pixels** for photos to friends, and set the **Resolution to 72 dpi**. This is excellent for viewing on a computer or the internet. The height is linked and you should leave it empty to allow the processor to resize the images with the right size ratios. Also, accept a setting on **JPEG Medium Quality**. That gives a nice, clean picture while limiting the file size.

****** If what you want is to convert RAW or large JPEG files to smaller JPEG files for email or use on the Web, then you would just click **OK** to process them. However, if you also want to clean up your photos and improve things like contrast and tone levels, then you can use the **Quick Fix option** that comes with processing multiple files.

Using **Quick Fix** here will apply to **ALL** of the photos you are processing. Just add checkmarks on the right. I recommend only using **Auto Levels** and **Auto Contrast** and go with those to see what you get. This normally works for a large, diverse set of photos. Trying to do more, such as Sharpen, can get you in trouble on some of your photos.



A new addition with **Photoshop Elements 5** is the ability to add **Watermarks** or **Captions** to your process multiple files. Use it or not.

After everything is set up, click **OK** to start the processing of the multiple files. Your photos will show up inside your destination folder. All done.....

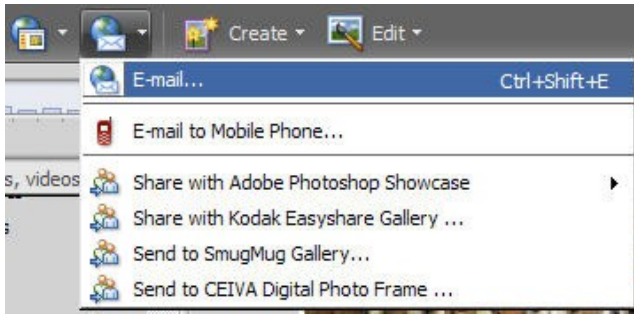
Sharing Pictures

Photoshop Elements offers several ways of sharing your pictures. In Photoshop Elements 5 the options are

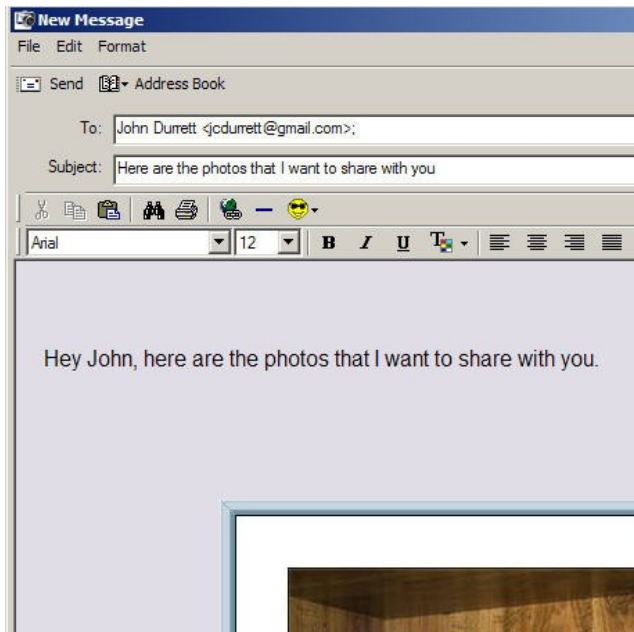
- E-mail
- Adobe Photoshop Showcase
- Kodak Easyshare Gallery
- Smugmug Gallery
- CEVIA Digital Photo Frame

E-mail Sharing

This is one of the easiest ways of sharing your photos. Open the Organizer. Highlight the photos you want to share using the Ctrl + Click method. Pick any pictures from any folders. They don't have to be in the same folder. Then select **E-Mail** from the drop down menu by the **Sharing Icon** in the tool bar.



Elements will show you the pictures you have selected and ask you to **choose a recipient from your e-mail list** (you may need to add the name and address using the Edit Contacts icon). Select a recipient and click **Next**. Choose the **Stationary** and next choose the **size of photos** you want to send. Pick your **font and type of frames**, and click **Next**. Elements will show you a draft of your email. Add any comments to personalize your email within your message, and click **Send**.



Adobe will then send the email using Adobe's free E-mail Service. If this is your first time

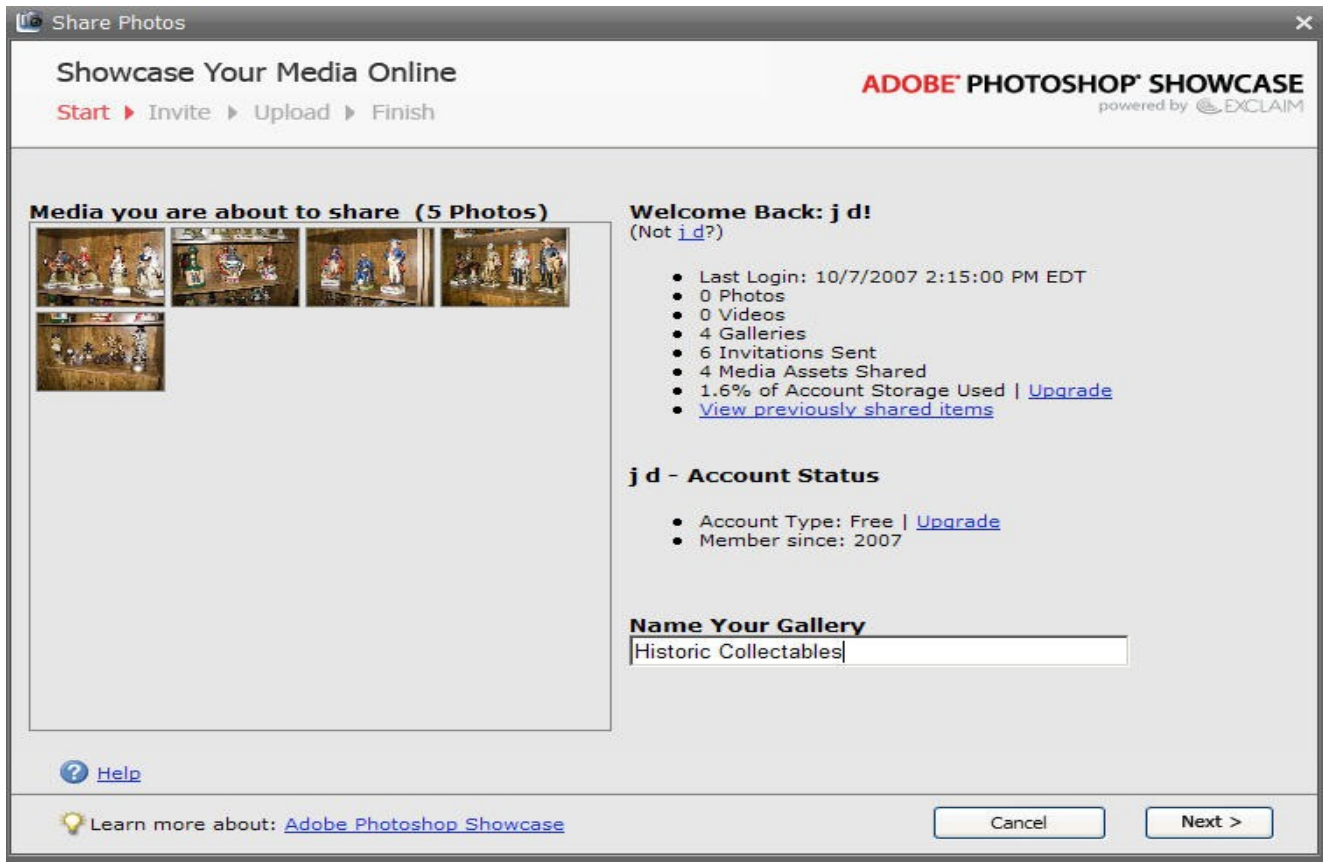
using the Adobe email service, then you need to set up your personal email address by selecting **Edit > Preferences > Sharing**. Add your **name and email address**, and click OK. Adobe will send a code to your personal email address that you need to use the first time you try to send photos using the **Adobe E-mail Service**. No problem. It is all free. And after the first time, it is all automatic.

Adobe Photoshop Showcase Sharing

Adobe has a relationship with Yahoo to allow you to post photos and albums online within your personal section of Adobe Photoshop Showcase. Then your friends can go to the Adobe Photoshop Showcase web site and see all your photos you have posted. And it is free.

To make this work, first select (Ctrl+Click) photos from the Organizer. Then go the Sharing Icon in the tool bar and select **Share with Adobe Photoshop Showcase > Share Photos**. If you are not already a member (free), you will be stepped through a process to become one.

After you have **named your gallery**, click **Next**. Then **select e-mail contacts** from your list and continue. You can also choose to share your photos with the Public (or not) at this time in the process. Adobe will then **upload your pictures and send out invitations** to those on your email list. **View the gallery** if you like. PS - If you did not choose to share with the public, you will need to sign into your account to view your gallery. All done.



Kodak Easyshare Gallery Sharing

Kodak Easyshare Gallery works the same as Adobe Photoshop Showcase. You need an account with Kodak, which can be set up during the process. Your photos are uploaded to the Kodak gallery and are shared with people you designate from your email address list. It is pretty easy.

Smugmug and CEIVA Sharing

Sharing with Smugmug works in a similar manner. The difference is that you need a Smugmug account to do this and it cost a

yearly fee. The fee is reasonable and I have my own Smugmug account which I maintain for teaching purposes.

CEIVA requires hardware and a subscription service. It downloads your photos (which you upload to CEIVA) into a digital frame. The frame can be at any location, including friends and relatives. It costs money, but it is another service available with Photoshop Elements.

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