

# An Introduction to Adobe Photoshop

## Foreword

When Photoshop was first introduced back in February of 1990 it caused quite a stir amongst the creative community. For the first time, designers and photographers were able to perform image editing tasks without resorting to high end equipment that cost double the amount. It started a revolution that continues to this day. Over the years there have been many other programs that perform similar functions to Photoshop. However, Adobe's image editing software has seen off all comers and after 21 years, it is still the industry standard program in its field.

## Introduction

Adobe Photoshop is a massive program and it would take a volume of several thousand pages to cover every parameter of every function. In this publication I aim to provide a tour of the Photoshop user interface and cover some of the basic functions of Adobe Photoshop, in the form of a general overview. This will provide a good foundation to build on as you read the more advanced books in this series on Adobe Photoshop.

As you begin the process of learning Adobe Photoshop, you will quickly come to realise that there are often multiple way of accomplishing the same task. It is not necessary for you to learn the 5 or 6 different ways there are in Photoshop for creating a new layer. You only need to remember the one method that fits with the way you prefer to work. This may be a keyboard shortcut, right clicking, menus or icons, it's completely up to you how utilise the tools that are available to you.



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