

Tutorial

Session 3: Getting to Know Photoshop Elements

Now that you have taken some pictures you might have noticed that some of the images have little problems like red-eye, colorcast, and too dark or too light. Elements can help fix these problems; the following tutorials are just few of the ways to fix some common problems.

Keep in mind that there are many others ways of solving the problems.

Getting Started:

- Remember to use a copy of the original
- Take a look at the Main Menu hand out if you need to review where Element menus and tools are located.

To Lighten or darken an image.

Open an image that you feel is too light or too dark.

- File > Browse

In the *Browse* dialogue window navigate to your images,

- Select, and click ok or double click on the thumbnail.

After the is file opened, make a copy of the file

- File > Save As

Give the file a new name and save to a specific location.

Once you have the image opened in the menu

- Enhance > Quick Fix

In the dialogue window, there are two thumbnails of your image, left is for before and right is for after the change.

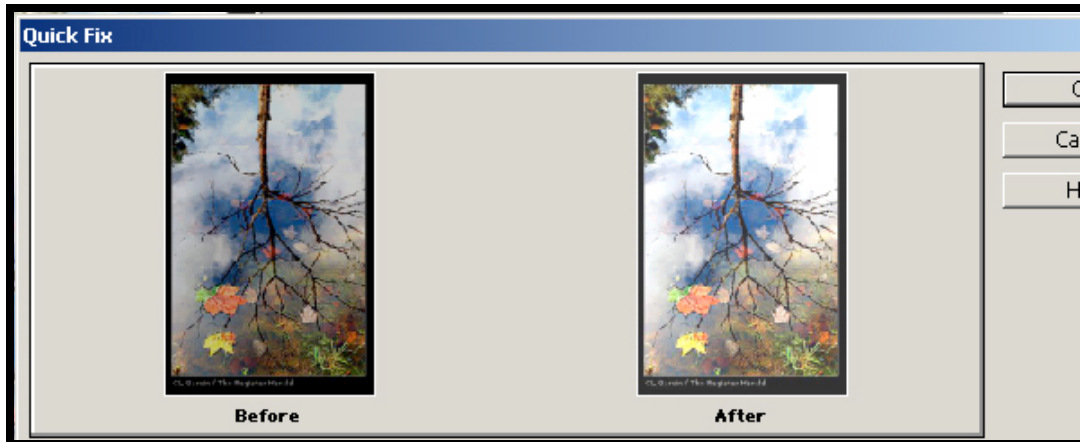


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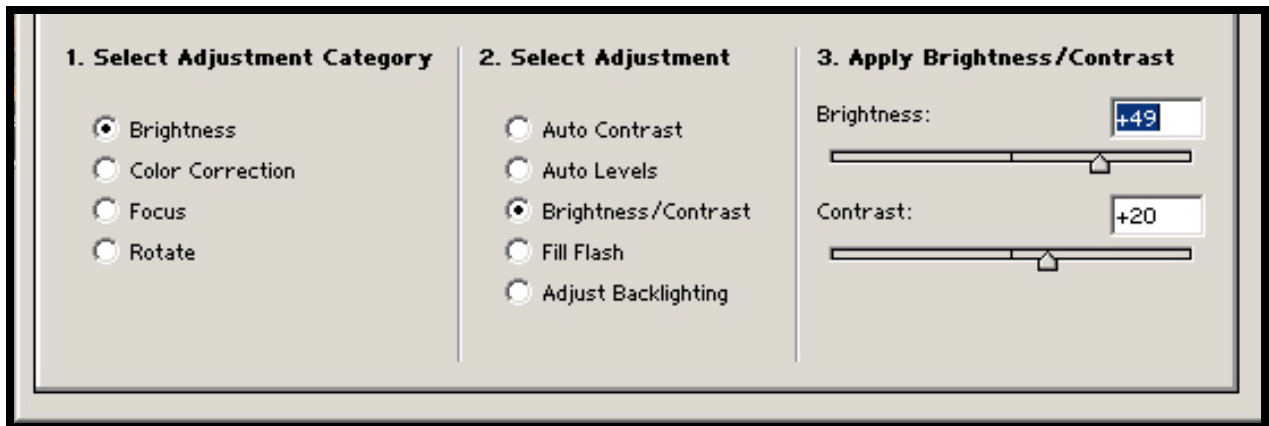


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- Under the Select Adjustment Category.
 - Select the Brightness button.
- Under the Select Adjustment
 - Brightness/Contrast
- Use the slider to the right to make the adjustments



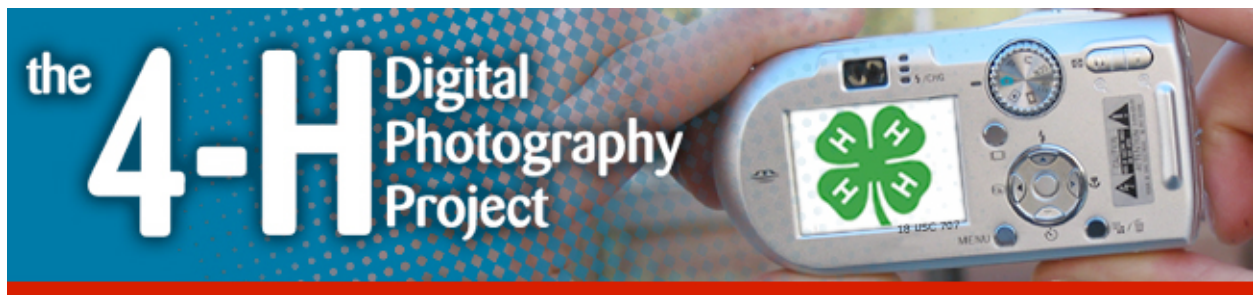
As you make the adjustments keep an eye on the two thumbnails. Click the undo if the adjustment isn't working for this image. Try the other Adjustments to see which one works the best for this image or click OK/Apply.



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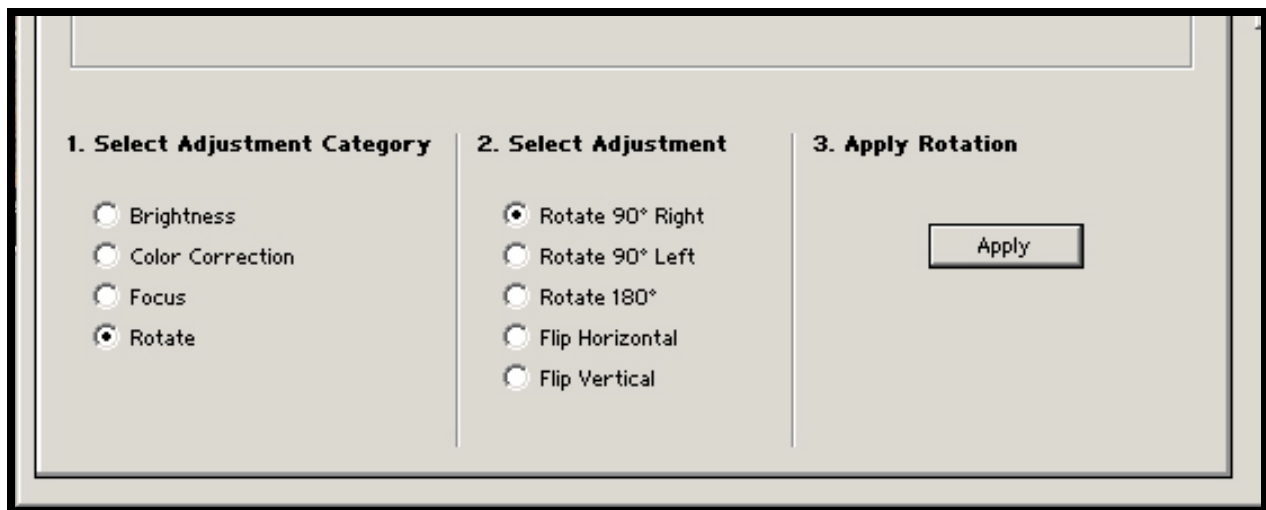
- File > Save > Close

Rotate Image

Rotate sideways 90 degree or upside down:

Open an image that is sideways or upside down.

- Enhance > Quick Fix
 - Select rotate
 - Select the adjustment that will correct the problem 90°, -90°, or 180°.
- OK/Apply
- File > Save > Close



Slightly crooked images:

Open an image that is a little crooked

- Image > Rotate > Straighten and Crop

This command straightens and removes the extra background created around the image when it was rotated. Because Elements determines the amount to rotate and crop, it may not be the best solution.

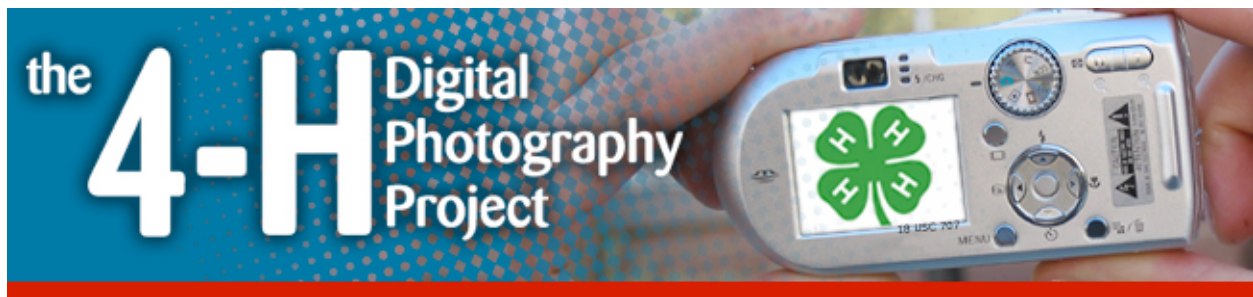
Click undo and let's try a more custom way to rotate by following the tutorial below.



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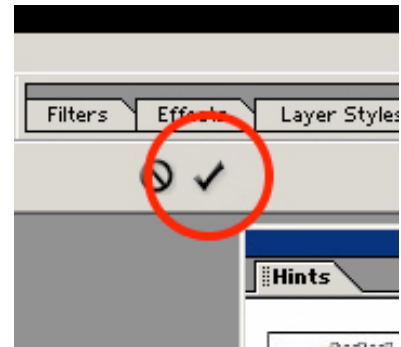


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A more custom rotation using free transform.

- Image > Transform > Free transform
Notice the dotted lines around the image.
- Place the cursor outside the dotted until the cursor becomes a curved arrow.
- Click and drag up or down to rotate.
- When you are done rotating click the check icon in the options bar.
- File > Save
Do not close, let's crop the unwanted background image.

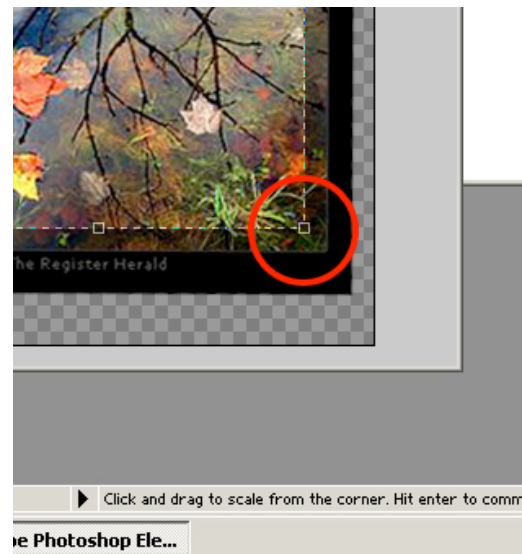


Crop



Open image you rotated using the free transform or any image that has too much space around the main subject.

- Select the crop tool from the toolbox
- Click and drag the cursor around the area you want to keep
- Click and drag the handles on the corner and at the mid points to adjust the amount of crop. The darkened area outside of the rectangular crop mark indicates that will be the area cropped out.
- Click the check mark in the options bar.
- File > Save > Close



Remove red eye:

Open an image with red eye(s)

- Select the zoom tool bar (magnifying glass)
 - Click and drag around the eyes

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- Select the Red Eye Brush tool from the tool bar
- In the option bar, click inside the size box to change the size of the brush.
 - Enter a brush size that is a little bigger than the pupil.
- Change the tolerance. A higher value will make the color darker. Try different values to see which will work best for your image.

Adjust color (colorcast):

Open an image that looks too red, blue or green

- Enhance > Adjust Color > Color Cast
 - In the colorcast dialogue box
- Click in the image that is supposed to be white, black, or gray.
- Elements automatically adjusts the color
- Click Undo to try the following color correct

For more control colorcast

- Enhance > Adjust Color > color variations
- If there is too much red click on the decrease red button and so on.
- Try the various buttons to see how each one affects the image
- The 2 images at the top will show a before and after.
- Click OK



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