

Technical Bulletin

Digital Photography - How to use Photoshop®

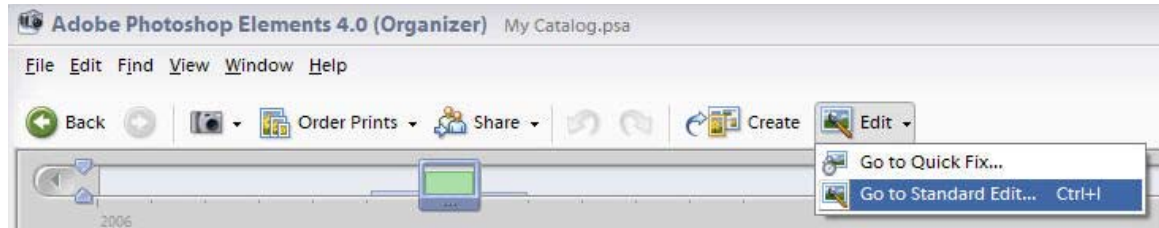
Adobe Photoshop® is a very robust program for manipulating digital photos. It sells for about \$570. Adobe also offers a simplified version called Photoshop Elements 4.0 that sells for about \$85. For our needs, the elements version is more than adequate. This bulletin is not a photoshop training program, just a simple method to get you started using the program to produce modified photos for use in a dental office. We highly recommend that users further their education with one of the Photoshop training courses to get the most from this program.

Lets get started. We will walk you through the steps one by one.

- ┌ ─ ─ ─ ┐ **Step 1** ┌ ─ ─ ─ ┐ Load the "before" photo into your computer. Using the removable memory, plug it in and photoshop will help you store and catalog the photo. If not, remember the folder where you stored the file.

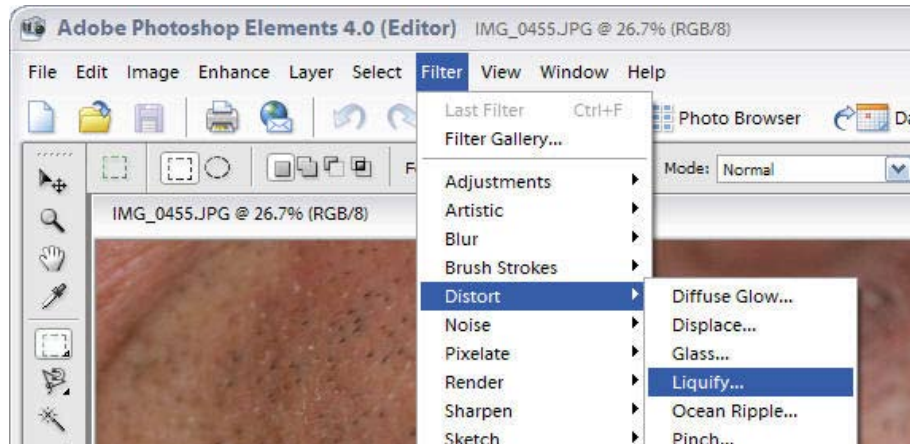


- ┌ ─ ─ ─ ┐ **Step 2** ┌ ─ ─ ─ ┐ Open Photoshop and click on the "View and Organize Photos". Then double click on the photo you took as the "before" picture.



Step 3

Click on the edit button on the toolbar and go to standard edit. An editor window will open.



Step 4

Click on the Filter button on the toolbar, go to Distort and then Liquify. It will give you a circle brush. Resize the brush to 12 pixels.



Step 5

Choose an area of the tooth to extend/modify. Using the mouse, left click and hold, then drag the brush until you get the desired look. It takes a little practice.

- Remember to get a good shade to drag
- Tissue can also be moved
- If you don't like it, push it back or click on revert.
- For best results, use a tablet instead of a mouse.

Step 6

After your satisfied, click OK and save as "patient name - mods"