



Digital Group

Software Choices

Adobe Creative Cloud

- Photography Plan - £9.98 per month
 - Lightroom
 - Lightroom Classic
 - Photoshop
 - Bridge
 - Adobe Spark
 - Adobe Portfolio
 - 20gb of cloud storage
- www.adobe.com



Photoshop Elements

- Cut down version of Photoshop
- Missing some of Photoshop's useful tools
e.g. Curves
- Perpetual licence £72.92 / upgrade £59.00
- Amazon prices – www.amazon.co.uk

ON1 Photo RAW 2019.6

- Fairly close to Lightroom
- Not close to Photoshop
- Perpetual licence ~~\$174.96~~ \$79.99
- Upgrade ~~\$154.96~~ \$63.99
- www.on1.com



Luminar

- Close to Lightroom
- No Photoshop functionality
- No ability to process HDRs (need Aurora £91)
- No Panorama stitching
- Perpetual licence £64 for Luminar 3
- Perpetual licence £91 for Luminar 3 + Luminar 4 (£81) when it is released
- www.skylum.com



Capture One Pro

- A strong Lightroom equivalent
- No Photoshop equivalent features
- Perpetual licence £299, or
- Subscription of £20 per month
- Express free version available for Fujifilm & Sony users
- www.captureone.com



Affinity Photo

- Photoshop with a different name
- Raw processor not as good as Adobe Camera Raw
- Perpetual licence £48.99
- www.affinity.serif.com

DxO PhotoLab

- Only a Lightroom competitor, not Photoshop
- Least intuitive of the software previously mentioned
- U-Point Technology from Nik Software a plus point
- Essential Edition perpetual licence ~~£112~~ £86.99
- Elite Edition perpetual licence ~~£169~~ £129.99
- www.dxo.com



Perfectly Clear

- Mainly used for portraits
- Limited editing functionality
- Perpetual licence £108.75
- www.eyeq.photos/perfectlyclear



Alien Skin Exposure X4

- Getting there as a Lightroom competitor
- Includes layers functionality
- Not as good as ON1 or Luminar
- Perpetual licence \$119 / upgrade \$79
- www.alienskin.com/exposure



Zoner Photo Studio X

- A Lightroom and Photoshop alternative
- Not as good
- Subscription \$49 per year or \$4.99 per month
- www.zoner.com



Topaz Studio

- Some basic adjustment tools
- No organiser
- Originally developed plug-ins for Photoshop
- Topaz Studio developed as an interface for some of their plug-ins
- Perpetual licence \$99.99
- www.topazlabs.com



Raw Therapee

- A Raw editor
- No organiser
- Free
- www.rawtherapee/blog/rawtherapee-5.6-released



Camera Manufacturers

- Software provided with your camera
- The software developers have access to the code behind the camera functions
- Very useful for Raw conversions
- Free with camera



Other Free Software

- darktable – www.darktable.org
- GIMP – www.gimp.org
- Ashampoo Photo Optimizer 2019 – www.ashampoo.com
- Canva – www.canva.com
- Fotor – www.fotor.com
- Photo Pos Pro – www.photopos.com
- Paint.NET – www.getpaint.net (Windows only)
- PhotoScape – www.photoscape.com
- Pixlr X – www.pixlr.com



Before you buy

- There are other free and paid-for software out there
- Download free trials and USE IT
- All software companies bring out updates every 12/18 months

