

Supplementary Advice: PC Notebooks & Course Software

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- ❖ **PC NOTEBOOK** - You do NOT need to own or bring a computer with you.

Bryan will be providing some PC Notebooks (laptops) for use by course members. These PC Notebooks will be running Adobe Photoshop Elements version 9, 8, 7 or 6. All will be Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7 computers.

- ✓ **COMPUTER MOUSE**

If you are bringing a PC Notebook (laptop) with you, it is important that you also bring a computer mouse and mouse mat with you.

- ✓ **USB MEMORY STICK or PORTABLE EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE**

You might like to bring one of these items with you if you want to take home some of the training files or images that you have been working on.

- ✓ **YOUR OWN IMAGES**

You are welcome to bring along some suitable images on a camera memory card e.g. SD Card if you think that these might be useful for the course. In the main, these should be .jpg files as written (saved) by your digital camera. Whilst the course will address RAW editing and you wish to bring some RAW files, please do not bring many.

APPLE MACINTOSH COMPUTER USERS

Although Bryan is a regular Apple Macintosh computer user and iPhoto trainer, this course will not be appropriate for Apple Mac computer users unless you have Adobe Photoshop Elements for the Macintosh. (Even so, it is advised to arrange to talk to Bryan before making a booking).

USING YOUR OWN PC NOTEBOOK

If you own a PC Notebook that is running Adobe Photoshop Elements version 6, 7, 8 or 9 and would like to bring it to use during the course, please do so. *It would be very helpful to let us know about this in advance and what version of the software will be on it.* Also, remember to bring a mouse and mouse mat.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

If you are interested in buying your own copy of the latest version of Adobe Photoshop Elements to sort, store and retrieve your digital images as well as for use editing, manipulating and printing, check that your PC can run the software. How to go about this along with a suggested buying source is detailed overleaf. Whilst purchasing the latest version is preferable, Version 7 (only available on-line) is worth considering as an alternative.

PC Specifications - These vary for each version of Adobe Photoshop Elements. The requirements, as specified by Adobe, for versions 8 and 7 are detailed below. For version 9 - see the Adobe website www.adobe.co.uk

Adobe Photoshop Elements v.8.0 - Requires 1GB RAM and a 2.0 GHz or faster processor. (From my experience, if Dual Core/Core 2 processor, less than 2.0 GHz is likely to be OK). Additionally it requires Windows XP Service Pack 2 or 3 or Windows Vista, or Windows 7. If running Windows Vista or Windows 7, I would recommend a minimum of 2 GB RAM (3 GB - 4 GB RAM even better). The available hard disk space requirement is 2 GB.

Adobe Photoshop Elements v.7.0 - (Requires 1GB RAM and a 2.0 GHz or faster processor. (From my experience, if Dual Core/Core 2 processor, less than 2.0 GHz is likely to be OK). Additionally it requires Windows XP Service Pack 2 or 3 or Windows Vista. If running Windows Vista, I would recommend a minimum of 2 GB RAM (3 GB - 4 GB RAM ideally). The available hard disk space requirement is 1.5 GB.

To find out about the amount of RAM a PC has installed and to see what version of the Operating System you are running do one of the following: -

Windows XP - Right mouse button click on "My Computer", then from the drop down menu list, click on "properties". You will then see "System Properties", from a list under the "general tab". Your System, Processor and RAM will be shown.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 - Do much the same as above for XP but "My Computer" is called "Computer". After clicking on "properties" you will see "View Basic information about your computer". Under "Windows Edition" you will see your version of Vista/Windows 7 and under "System" see "Processor, Memory (RAM)". You can also find this information from Control Panel > Welcome Centre.

Purchasing Adobe Photoshop Elements (PSE)

The price varies according to promotions and retailers: -

- To upgrade from any previous version expect to pay around £51 on-line www.adobe.co.uk or via telephone from Adobe Direct 0800-028-0148
- A full-boxed version is around £75 in PC World but www.amazon.co.uk usually sells this cheaper. (Also available from Adobe Direct)
- For a cheaper on-line purchase, "**warren-m software**" is well worth considering. You will find this seller by visiting the "Market Place" on www.amazon.co.uk where OEM and/or used copies are available. On the Amazon site, choose **Software** > (then the) **Elements Version** > **New/Used**. Sometimes Warren-M is sold out & not listed, so check again after a few days. PSE 9 or 8 may not be available from this source. Check for Version 7 also. Warren-M delivers very promptly by 1st Class Royal Mail.

FINALLY - Remember, so long as you can meet the requirements of the Course Checklist, you don't need any software or to own a computer to enjoy this course. We are very much looking forward to your stay with us at the Ammerdown Centre!
