

Software Review by Roger Lakner  
For Adobe's Software Application - Photoshop 7.0  
<http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/main.html>

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I am a new user of Adobe's Photoshop. This being the case, I can only say now I know why it is considered a full featured professional level software application. Photoshop will go a long ways toward helping me fulfill my desire to become the best I can be in what I do.

I took an IQ test when I was in middle school and its results went a long ways toward forming the direction I have pursued in life ever since. The results showed that I had very high scores in the areas of mechanics and art. So I have worked at landscape design and construction, aircraft mechanics and blueprints, and personal paintings.

Now, I dabble electronically with creating and publishing Web pages, newsletters, archiving reviews, and editing digital photographs using Adobe products. I have never had so much helpful flexibility available at my fingertips from any art product such as Photoshop. Every time I come up with some wild artistic idea I find that it can be fulfilled from within Adobe's Photoshop, ImageReady and LiveMotion. These software packages capabilities far exceeds my talent to date. But I am collecting tools for a foundation that will carry my business and me far on into the future.

Some of the areas that I find most remarkable for my use within Photoshop 7 are:

- Love those filters. Constantly chuckling over my various creations.
- Creating Layer styles and Rollovers for my Web work.
- Brush tips and History capability for photo background or effect.
- The File Browser is a real handy management tool for layouts.

I am looking forward to any future improvements to the File Browser as I understand that this is a new tool in Photoshop.

I thought for my purposes that obtaining Photoshop would just be overkill. Now I am so glad that I took the plunge. Because even though it's pricey, I feel comfortable that I can grow to get more and more use out of it.

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