

Jasc® Paint Shop™ Photo Album™ ReadMe

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Welcome to Paint Shop Photo Album

If you are upgrading from either Jasc After Shot or Dell Image Expert, this product has been renamed to better express what the product does. Adding Paint Shop to the name accentuates that it is part of the Paint Shop family, meant to work hand in hand with Paint Shop Pro.

Starter vs. Premium Edition Features

If you are running the Starter Edition, you will have a limited-time preview of many of the features of the full Photo Album product. Features that are designed to expire will have a small blue star next to them in the user interface, changing to a red star after they expire. Once these features expire, you can purchase an upgrade to the full product and restore the full functionality.

What's New in Paint Shop Photo Album 4

- **Video CD.** Now, instead of making slide shows which play just on a PC, you can create a CD which plays on either a PC or your TV via a DVD player. Note that a few restrictions apply - your DVD player must be capable of reading CD-R or CD-RW discs and support the VCD (Video CD) format. Most players support both of these, particularly newer ones. Now you can make a single inexpensive CD, which will play slide shows on a DVD or a computer. Plus, your original image files are automatically written to the same CD, giving you an auto-backup of your favorite photos, and you can add a background music track using your MP3 files or music files we have included. CD-Rs are inexpensive - each disk can hold hundred of photos at less than the cost of a single reprint with conventional photography.
- **New enhancement features.** Part of the value of After Shot was the ability to enhance your photos to make them better. Photo Album further increases this power:
 - **Adjust Wizard.** The new Adjust Wizard takes you through four easy steps to control the photo enhancement process. At each step, simply choose the image example you like best to arrive at a better photo. To start, click the new Adjust button in the Image View. If you prefer the greater control of manual adjustment, click the triangle next to the button and select Adjust.
 - **B/W and Sepia.** With conventional photography, you have to choose color or b/w when you load your film. Now, simply shoot in color, then decide later if you prefer a black and white look or an antique brown-toned sepia image. Check out these new conversion options in the new Effects menu.
 - **Thinify.** Did a picture catch you in an unflattering light? Try our exclusive Thinify feature to improve your image. Try that with film! Look for this feature in the Effects menu.
 - **Frames, Photo Edges, and Borders.** Enhance a picture by adding a creative picture frame, unusual photo edge, or color border. Again, look under the Effects menu.
- **User interface changes.** You'll notice many changes in the user interface, such as a new toolbar layout, ability to rotate while in Album view, choice of three thumbnail sizes (look under the View menu), and a new background patterns.
- **Improved Help.** Help topics are now available on-screen in a real help system. Many dialogs now have Help buttons that take you right to the corresponding help topic.
- **Speed improvements.** Through the use of a new multi-threaded database and more caching of thumbnail images, you'll see an improvement in how quickly Photo Album responds. You'll also see that we create a copy of the database when you exit the program to give you a backup of this critical file in case there's a problem.
- **Multiple undo.** You can press Ctrl-Z multiple times to back your way out of edits you later regret. Now you can experiment with abandon.

What's New in Paint Shop Photo Album 4.03

The following defects have been fixed since the 4.0 release:

- **Corrected Video CD launch problem.** Clicking on the Video CD button while the CD-ROM is in use (e.g., a music CD is playing) will no longer result in the computer becoming non responsive. In such a case, the user will be warned that the CD is in use and will need to be freed up before a Video CD can be created.
- **Improved formatting on Video CDs.** Fixed slight picture distortion on PAL and NTSC when creating Video CDs.
- **Fixed Album naming problem when using Video CD.** Certain Japanese and Korean characters were causing problems when used as Album names on Video CDs. It is now possible for users to name their Albums using native language characters, Roman characters, or any combination of characters following standard Windows naming conventions.
- **Improved support for CD burners.** Improved support for CD-R drives, media, and write speeds when creating Video CDs.
- **Improved audio on Video CDs.** Fixed sound track issues such as garbled or high-speed sound tracks on Video CDs. Please note that some DVD players have limited ability to play either the VCD format or CD-R and CD-RW media, meaning Video CDs created with Paint Shop Photo Album may not play correctly on all DVD players.
- **Show file names during PC slide shows.** When the Show Titles option is selected in Slide Show Settings and an image title is missing, the file name will be displayed. This works like After Shot 1.x and Image Expert 3.x.
- **Default to Save As on the Image View toolbar.** This option can be changed to Save by clicking on the triangle next to the button.
- **Increased default text size in Add Text tool.** Use of a larger font size makes the type easier to see when this tool is first used.
- **Transferring selected images from camera.** When using Camera>View Images and Get Selected Images, the "Erase images on camera after download" option deletes only the images which were transferred.
- **Better E-mail support.** Fixed problems with several e-mail clients, including Netscape and Juno mail.
- **Improved support for network sync folders.** Fixed performance problems when images are cataloged in a network folder that is synchronized to a local folder.
- **Fixed shutter speed display problem.** In some cases, EXIF shutter speed values displayed incorrectly.

System Recommendations

The following are the minimum system requirements to use Paint Shop Photo Album:

- Pentium or comparable processor
- A 16-bit or 24-bit color display adapter at 800 x 600 screen resolution or higher
- Windows 98 (SE), NT 4.0, 2000, ME, or XP
- 64 MB RAM (128 recommended)
- 120 MB of available hard drive space
- Help system requires Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher; Netscape Navigator 4.0 or higher; or equivalent browser
- Product Tour requires Macromedia Flash browser plug-in
- Apple QuickTime 5 for movie file format support

Supported Cameras

Paint Shop Photo Album provides a direct serial or USB interface to many of the best selling digital cameras. Check our web site: www.jasc.com to view the list of supported cameras.

For information about troubleshooting camera connections go to the [camera troubleshooting page](#).

USB

Many cameras that support USB may require additional drivers. Please refer to the documentation provided with your digital camera for details. In addition, some camera manufacturers provide USB drivers that allow the camera to be viewed as an additional mounted drive on your system. Paint Shop Photo Album supports these cameras directly, as long as the images in the camera are stored in a format supported by Paint Shop Photo Album.

Windows Image Acquisition (WIA)

Paint Shop Photo Album now supports the Microsoft Windows Image Acquisition protocol on Windows XP. If a WIA device driver for your camera is included in Windows XP or provided by your camera manufacturer, or if your camera supports the Picture Transfer Protocol, you can use Paint Shop Photo Album to view and download images from your camera.

Using Removable Media

Paint Shop Photo Album is compatible with any camera that stores images in a format supported by Paint Shop Photo Album.

Twain

Paint Shop Photo Album can acquire images from any TWAIN-compliant camera.

Usage Tips

Connecting to Your Camera:

If you are using a camera that supports USB as a mounted drive, you should select "USB (Mounted Drive)" from the "Connect Via" list in the Connection dialog (available from the Camera menu). Please note this option is only supported if the USB driver provided by your camera manufacturer: 1) supports this feature, and 2) has been correctly installed and configured on your system.

Setting the Display Mode:

For best results, we recommend that you set your display mode to 24-bit super VGA. You can verify or modify the display mode by right-clicking on the desktop and selecting Properties, then Settings. In the Color Palette list, select the True Color or 24-bit Color option.

Emailing Your Images

If your system provides a MAPI-compliant mailer (such as Microsoft Exchange), you can email images directly from Paint Shop Photo Album by selecting either the E-mail Optimized Images, or the E-mail Original Images option in the Paint Shop Photo Album Share menu. If you are using a non-MAPI compliant email program, such as AOL, you will need to use the File Attachment facility of your email program to attach and send your image files.

You may experience problems after using the Send feature if Lotus Notes is configured as your default email program. Consequently, we recommend that you use the File Attachment mechanism if Lotus Notes is your default email program.

Windows 2000 and Windows XP Security

If Paint Shop Photo Album is installed on an NTFS file system on Windows NT, Windows 2000, or Windows XP, you will need to ensure that any users who will be running Paint Shop Photo Album have read, execute, modify, and write access rights on the Paint Shop Photo Album 2000 installation folder and subfolders. By default the installation folder is "C:\Program Files\Jasc Software Inc\Paint Shop Photo Album". Paint Shop Photo Album creates product-related data and temporary files in these subfolders and consequently the user running the product must have the correct access rights to create and modify these files.

Default Directory for New Albums

When Paint Shop Photo Album creates new albums, by default it will create them in a "Jasc Paint Shop Photo Album Images" directory that is located in either My Documents (or My Documents\My Pictures if it is a fresh installation on Windows ME, Windows 2000 or later). This default location can be changed in the Download tab of the Tools Options dialog.

Video CD Compatibility

We have found that support for the VCD format is inconsistent across DVD players. First, make sure your player can play CD-R or CD-RW discs and that it can read the VCD format (Video CDs). Some players will read only CD-RW (re-writable media) instead of CD-R (record-once media) or vice versa. Some players have trouble reading discs with music tracks, so you can try recording without music. These issues are being worked on by DVD player manufacturers and should improve with newer players.

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