

Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.0

Fixing a scanned image

Scanned images are notorious for having odd colors and other problems, such as misalignment or ragged edges. Adobe® Photoshop® Elements 2.0 makes color corrections and other adjustments a breeze.



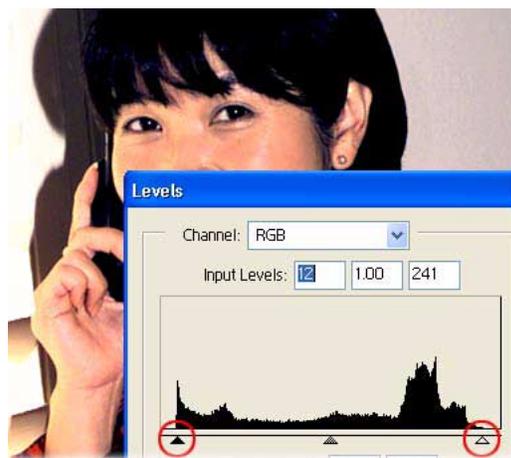
1. Straighten and crop your image.

Open your scanned image in Photoshop Elements. If your image needs to be straightened and cropped, choose Image > Rotate > Straighten and Crop Image. Photoshop Elements will do the work for you in one step. If you simply need to crop the image, use the crop tool to select the area you want to keep.



2. Correct tonality.

Choose Enhance > Adjust Brightness/Contrast > Levels, and then drag the sliders under the histogram to change the tones in your image. To adjust the shadows (dark tones) drag the black slider to the right to position it under the starting point of the pixels. To work on the highlights (light tones) drag the white slider to the left to position it under the ending pixels. Drag the gray slider to the left or right to lighten or darken the midtones.



3. Adjust colors in your image.

Choose Enhance > Adjust Color > Color Variations to fix color cast. Select Shadows, Midtones, or Highlights to affect the colors in those areas of the image. Click one of the preview thumbnail images to increase or decrease a color. You can click it multiple times to increase the effect. Click OK when the colors look good.

Our image has a touch of red, so we clicked the Decrease Red thumbnail to correct the colors.



4. Sharpen the photo.

The last step in improving the overall appearance of the photo is to sharpen the entire image. Choose Filter > Sharpen > Unsharp Mask. Then drag the Amount slider until the image is as sharp as you want. Pay attention to detailed areas, such as hair, eyes, and foliage to see the dramatic benefits. Be careful not to add a grainy texture to smooth areas such as skin tones or blue skies.

We paid special attention to the area around the woman's eyes while we sharpened the image.



5. Save the file.

Choose File > Save As, rename the file, and save it in Photoshop Elements format.

