

# All About APERTURE





Aperture is an easy  
step-up from iPhoto that  
gives much better results

# Before Using Aperture

- Set your Preferences in “Aperture” menu
  - Choosing where to store files
  - Choosing where and how to download
  - Choosing edit and email options
  - Choosing Photo Stream options



# The Aperture Library

- Similar to iPhoto, but unlike Elements, Aperture stores everything in an “Aperture Library”.
- To get pictures into or out of Aperture, you have to use the “Import” and “Export” functions.

# Convert From iPhoto

- iPhoto and Aperture now have unified libraries
  - Libraries can be opened in either program
  - You need iPhoto 9.3 or later
  - You need Aperture 3.3 or later
  - See <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT5260>
- You can buy Aperture in App Store for \$80



# Convert From iPhoto

- With iPhoto open:
  - In “File” menu, click on “Open Library in Aperture
- With Aperture open:
  - To merge iPhoto library into Aperture library:  
In “File Menu” click on “Import” and then “Library”. Locate & open “iPhoto Library”
  - To maintain separate iPhoto library :  
In “File” menu click on “Switch to Library” and locate & open iPhoto Library

# Aperture Workflow

- Download Photos
- Merge/Split/Name “Projects”
- Purge and Edit Photos
- Use Faces/Places/Keywords/Albums
- Create Slideshows/Books/Web Journals/  
Web Pages/Calendars/Cards
- Upload to “Photo Stream”
- Backup “Aperture Library” regularly



# Download Photos

- Decide Whether to Enter Event Name
- Choosing to Auto-split Events
- Import All or Selected Photos
- Decide Whether to Delete or Keep Photos



# Merge/Split/Name Projects

- By default, a Project is created for each day
- Merge for multi-day projects
- Split for multi-project days
- Name the resulting Projects

# Purge Photos

- Select 1st photo & click “Option H”
- Delete bad photo or advance to next photo
- Save only best of similar photos
- Click “Option R” when finished



# Edit Photos

- Choose “Adjustments” on upper left
- Click icons to “Crop” or “Straighten” photo
- Can use “Effects” & “Quick Fixes” to start
- Add Adjustments you want to use
- Use sliders to improve picture
- Click “Revert to Original” to start over
- Click “Show Original” icon to see Master
- Use “Lift” and “Stamp” to copy Adjustments

# Edit Photos

- Under “Add Adjustments”, click on “Quick Brushes” to alter part of photo
- Select a brush ... lighten, darken, contrast, saturation, skin smoothing etc.
- Select size and strength of brush and then use mouse as a brush



# Edit Photos

- Click “Option Shift H” to highlight hot and cold areas.
- Slide “Recovery” to the right to remove the overexposed “hot” areas in red
- Slide “Black Point” to the left to remove the underexposed “cold” areas in blue
- This provides the most detail in the photo

# Use Faces

- Click “Faces” icon on upper right
- Enter names on some unnamed faces
- Drag unnamed faces to their name
- Click on a named face to see all pictures of that person



# Use Places

- If camera has GPS, place is automatic
- Or click on “Metadata” & “Assign Location”
- Enter location and click on “Assign”
- To search by place, click on “Places” icon
  - Click on a pin to see pictures from there

# Use Keywords

- Click on “Keywords” on upper left
- Edit Keywords as needed
- Select pictures & drag relevant Keywords



# To Find Types of Pictures

- Click on “Filter” icon on top right
- Check categories that you want to use
- Assign values that you want to search for

# Create Albums

- Under “New”, select one of Album options
- Select photos for album and drag to album
- “Smart Album” will add relevant photos
- Use Albums to collect photos for projects



# Create Slideshows

- For quick slideshow, click on “Shift S”
- For best slideshow, click “New” & “Slideshow”
- Click on icons and choose settings
- Use arrows to preview or play
- When finished, you can select “Export”

# Create books, web journals, web pages, cards or calendars

- Click on “New” on top left of screen
- Choose item & follow instructions
- Open your Library in iPhoto to create cards or calendars



# To Export Pictures

- Select album or event or pictures
- In “File” menu, click “Export”
- Make selections & click “Export”
- Choose name & location, then click “OK”
- You can now use these photos in other programs and for other purposes.

# To Share Pictures

- Click on “Share”
- Select an item
- For “Email”, then select a format & size
- For “Photostream”, it must first be enabled in “Preferences”.



# Back up “Aperture Library”

- In Finder , locate “Aperture Library” in “Pictures”
- Insert CD/DVD or connect external hard drive
- Drag “Aperture Library” to CD/DVD or hard drive
- Or use “Vaults” from within Aperture
- Or use “Time Machine” to backup your Mac

# Advanced Aperture Topics

- Using Photoshop or Elements as your editor
  - Click on “Photos” menu and then “Edit With External Editor”
- Using multiple libraries - in “File” menu, select “Switch to Library”
- Getting inside your “Aperture Library” package



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