

Migrating To Apple Photos

From iPhoto or Aperture

Your Options

- Stick with iPhoto or Aperture as long as you can
- Migrate to the new Apple Photos
- Migrate to the new Adobe Lightroom 6
- Migrate to some other program

PROGRAM COMPARISON

PROGRAM	EASE OF USE	CAPABILITY / COMPLEXITY	COST
IPHOTO	VERY HIGH	LOW	
APPLE PHOTOS	HIGH	AVERAGE	FREE
APERTURE	AVERAGE	HIGH	
LIGHTROOM	LOW	VERY HIGH	\$143.00

PROGRAM COMPARISON

- Apple Photos has more editing tools than iPhoto, but less than Aperture
- Importantly, it doesn't have the "Brushes" feature that both Aperture and Lightroom have
- But both the Snapheal and Affinity extensions do have a "Brushes" feature

CLEAN UP YOUR EXISTING LIBRARIES TO GET READY FOR THE TRANSITION

- Delete duplicates, near duplicates and “bad” pictures
- Empty Trash in iPhoto and Aperture
- Clean up the way you organize your photos
- For example, in Aperture, I organize my “Projects” in folders: by year/by month/by topic

Migrate to Apple Photos

- You get Apple Photos free when you upgrade your Mac OS to Version 10.10.3 or later
- Simply open your iPhoto or Aperture library in Apple Photos
- In Photos when you import a Library you get the Edited Version of each photo but can “Revert to Original”
- If you don’t “Duplicate” before you “Revert to Original”, your edits will be lost

Migrate to Apple Photos

- Apple Photos organizes your photos into “Moments”, “Collections” and “Years”
- Apple Photos also creates an “Album” for each of your “Events” in iPhoto or each of your “Projects” in Aperture

Migrate to Apple Photos

- Once you migrate a Library to “Photos” you now will have two libraries
 - An iPhoto or Aperture Library (.migratedphotolibrary or .migratedaplibrary)
 - And an Apple Photos Library (.photoslibrary)
- Any changes you subsequently make in one of these, such as adding or editing photos, will not appear in the other Library

My Recommendation

May 2015

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- Then iPhoto users should convert to Apple Photos
- Then Aperture users should convert to Lightroom

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November 2015

- Stick with iPhoto or Aperture for the rest of 2015
- Then iPhoto users should convert to Apple Photos
- Then Aperture users should either:
 - Convert to Lightroom
 - Continue to use Aperture and monitor the editing extensions that become available with Apple Photos

Extensions Available

BeFunky Express - Free

Macphun Intensify - \$13

Macphun Tonality - \$18

Macphun Noiseless - \$15

Macphun Snapheal - \$10

Affinity Photo (12/15)

Pixelmator (In the Future)

DxO Optics (In the Future)