

Migration Options

For iPhoto and Aperture Libraries

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

My Recommendation

- Stick with iPhoto or Aperture for the rest of 2015
- Then iPhoto users should convert to Apple Photos
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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
- Photos also doesn't have the very flexible "Filter" feature that both Aperture and Lightroom have

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STICK WITH IPHOTO AND APERTURE TO THE END OF 2015

- Take that time to get more familiar with both Apple Photos and Lightroom
- Clean up your existing Libraries to get ready for the transition
- Carefully think about how you want your photos to be organized in the new program
- Merge or separate Libraries as appropriate

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

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- In Aperture, if you want the highest quality edited “Preview”, go to “Preferences”, then “Previews”
- Under “Photo Preview” select “Don’t Limit”
- Move “Photo Preview Quality” slider to far right
- Select all photos. Then hold down the option key and in the “Photos” menu, click on “Update Previews For Library”

CAREFULLY THINK ABOUT HOW YOU WANT YOUR PHOTOS ORGANIZED IN THE NEW PROGRAM

- Organize photos in a way that make sense to you
 - Use folders and albums
- Decide whether you want both “Masters” and “Edited Versions” in the new Program
- Decide if you want multiple Libraries in Photos or multiple Catalogs in Lightroom

Migrate to Apple Photos

- You get Apple Photos free when you upgrade your Mac OS to Version 10.10.4
- 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

Migrate to Lightroom 6

- Either buy Lightroom 6 for \$143 or pay \$9.99 a month for Lightroom CC, Lightroom Mobile and Photoshop CC.
- Open Lightroom and go to “File”, “Plug-in Extras” and “Import From Aperture Library” or “Import From iPhoto Library”.
- Click on “Options” to also import full-size previews. If you don’t import previews you will get only your Masters (JPG or RAW)

Migrate to Lightroom 6

- Flags, Star Ratings, Keywords, Places Info and most Metadata are transferred automatically
- Color Labels, Stacks and Faces Info will show up as Keywords
- In Aperture you organize photos into Projects, Folders and Albums. Lightroom tries to replicate your structure with Collections and Collection Sets

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Whether you migrate to Apple Photos or Lightroom, you will face a number of baffling issues
- In the Fall, I will do a 3-hour Workshop on a detailed review of Apple Photos
- Also in the Fall, the Lightroom Workshop will have a section on migrating from Aperture
- Photo Club Members will also be available for 1-on-1 sessions when you make the transition