

WHAT ABOUT DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING PROGRAMS?

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Are you just getting started in digiscraping? Well, this is the page where you need to start. You cannot scrap without the appropriate program!

For my classes, I teach using Photoshop Elements and you will need to obtain that program. It was the best \$70 I ever spent! A worthwhile investment compared to purchasing paper scrapbooking supplies.

Program Acronyms for the More Popular Programs

First, in the digiscraping world, you will see strange acronyms. Learn what they stand for to avoid unnecessary stress. You've already read one of them: "digiscraping." Do you feel like you are learning already?

PSE is **Photoshop Elements** (This is the scaled down version of PS and more affordable). ([Creator is Adobe](#))

PS is **Photoshop** ([Creator is Adobe](#)) This is an expensive and more difficult program.

PSP stands for **Paint Shop Pro**. ([Creator is Jasc](#))

These programs are the most popular. Often, the first one you learn is the one you prefer or it depends on personal preference.

Trial Downloads

You can find a 30 day trial for PSE here: <http://www.adobe.com/downloads/>

You can find a 30 day trial for PSP here: <http://www.corel.com>

These programs are also popular because the learning curve is easier, but not as powerful.

DIP is **Microsoft Digital Image Pro** ([Creator is Microsoft](#)) Earlier versions were called Picture It! <http://www.microsoft.com/products/imaging/docs/indexfy06.html>

PI is **Photo Impact** by Ulead

Other Programs

Other programs are satisfactory, but the serious scrapper will most likely find them insufficient for their needs. They have templates, clipart and fonts, but not really the tools required to create your own graphics. For example, they are not capable of at least 300 ppi for quality printing or they do not have the ability to place shadows. These programs include:

Print Shop by Broderbund

Scrapbook Factory Deluxe

Sierra Print Artist

Creating Keepsakes Scrapbook Designer Deluxe

FotoFusion (trial version and their own support group here: <http://www.lumapix.com>)

Hewlett Packard Creative Scrapbook Assistant

Other helpful about programs links:

<http://www.digitalscrapbookplace.com/university/Scrapping101/programs.shtml>

<http://www.scrapbook-elements.com/info.html>