

## **Corel Paint Shop Pro Photo X1**

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**Price-** Amazon.com. \$49.99 after \$30.00 rebate, Newegg.com \$87.99, CNet.com \$56.09

**System Requirements-** Windows 2000(sp4), XP home or pro  
500 MHz processor or faster  
256 Gig ram  
500 Mb of free hard drive space  
Internet explore 6 or greater  
1024 x 768 resolution display, 16 bit color  
Apple Quick time player, Microsoft Direct X 9  
CD-R, CR-W, DVD/DVDR player

**Introductory summary-** This is a photo editing program with lots of bells and whistles. You can edit, crop and even change colors and contrast. There are a great deal of adjustments that can be made to any picture. Snapfire is for organizing your pictures. Painter essential is for transforming a picture to look like a painting.

**Installation-** The cd installs very easily. There are three parts to install. Paint shop Pro Photo X1. Snapfire, and Painter essential 3(trial edition). It took approximately twenty minutes to install all three parts and an addition twenty minutes for the product updates. The programs can also be check marked for auto updates. There is a repair and uninstall feature on the programs and the cd. If you register online after installation, Corel will give you free picture frame download.

**Documentation-** This comes with a second cd for training. It is very comprehensive and easy to follow and understand. It takes a little over to two hours to watch it. It can be stopped at any time. It has easy features to find exactly what you need to go back for refresher course.

**Product support-** Corel toll free number is 800-772-6735, as well as the online tech support link. I didn't need to use either of these.

**Features-** This program is very intricate and detailed. I feel that I would not be able to use this product without the training cd. It is definitely not for the novice. In Paint shop Pro Photo X1 you are able to remove red eye, cut and crop or rotate and mirror any picture. If a color is not bright enough, it can be enhanced with the paint brush feature. Snapfire simply organizes your pictures, prints or emails them. If you want to be a Picasso you can use Painter essential 3 to turn the picture into an oil painting.

**Extra help-** Paint shop pro has a web site dedicated to information and a forum for help using any of the paint shop programs. I found several workarounds for problems in great detail.