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Quick Start Guide for Photoshop Elements 2020

Program, Panels, Preferences & Tool Options
Manual

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Start From the Beginning (optional)

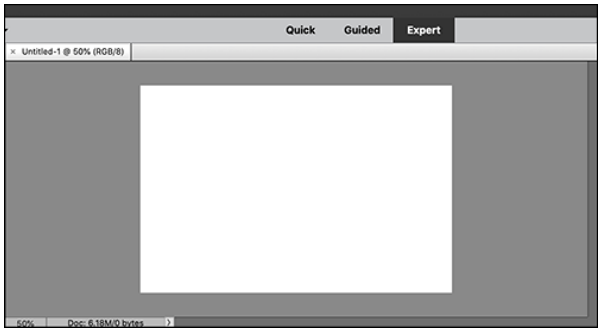
- Press Ctrl K (Mac: Cmd K) to open Preferences.
- In the General tab, click Reset Preferences on Next Launch.

NOTE: Resetting Preferences will not remove previously installed styles or actions.

- Click OK to the warning dialog.
- Click OK to close Preferences.
- Close Photoshop Elements and relaunch.

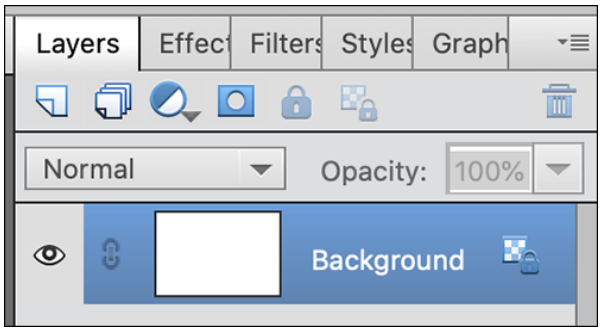
Basic Setup

- Click on Expert Mode.
- In the Menu Bar, choose File > New > Blank File. The settings of this file are irrelevant.
- In the dialog box, click OK.
- Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on a gray area of the viewing area to get a menu and choose Default. If you don't see any gray area, Press Ctrl - (Mac: Cmd -) to zoom out.



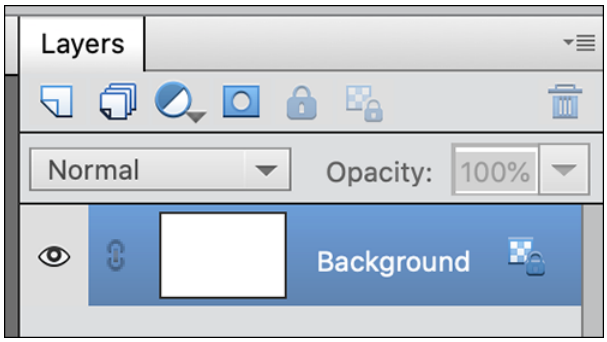
Custom Workspace

- In the bottom corner of the program, click the arrow next to More and choose Custom Workspace.



- Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the Effect panel and choose Close.
- Repeat to close the Filter panel, Styles panel, and Graphics panel.

NOTE: To open new panels, in the Menu Bar, choose Window and choose a panel to open.

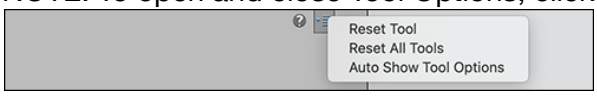


Tool Options

- Get the Move tool.

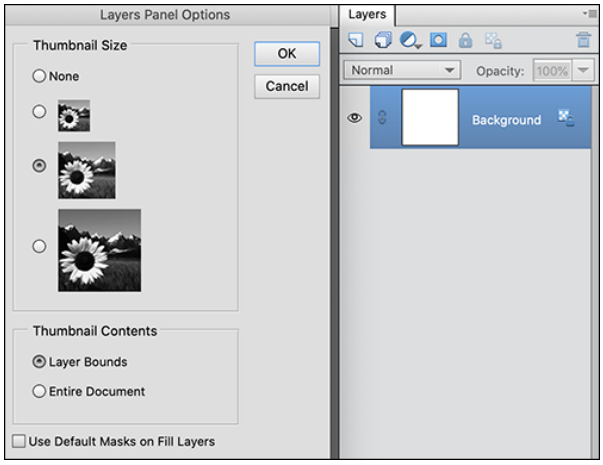
- In the Tool Options, click on the flyout menu (it's indicated with 4 horizontal bars) and uncheck Auto Show Tool Options.

NOTE: To open and close Tool Options, click on the Tool Options icon.



Layers Panel

- In the Layers panel, click on the flyout menu and choose Panel Options.
- In the dialog box, set the Thumbnail Size to Medium, the Thumbnail Contents to Layer Bounds, and uncheck Use Default Masks on Fill Layers. Click OK.



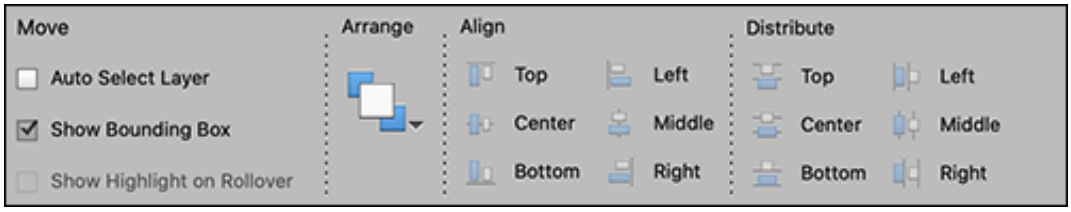
Preferences

- Press Ctrl K (Mac: Cmd K) to open Preferences.
- In General, leave all the settings as shown (they are default settings) except:
    - Check Disable Smart Objects.
    - Uncheck Select Move Tool After Committing Text.

  NOTE: As of January 2021, Select Move Tool remains checked in PSE Videos
    - Check Allow Floating Documents in Expert Mode.
    - Check Use Shift Key for Tool Switch.
- Click OK to commit the changes.

Move Tool Tool Options

- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, uncheck Auto Select Layer and check Show Bounding Box.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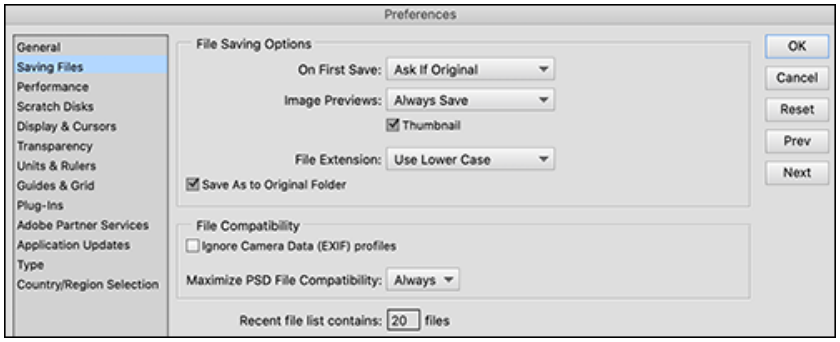
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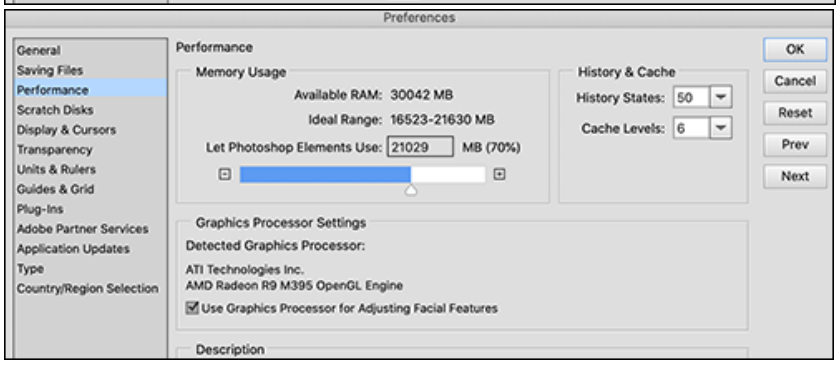
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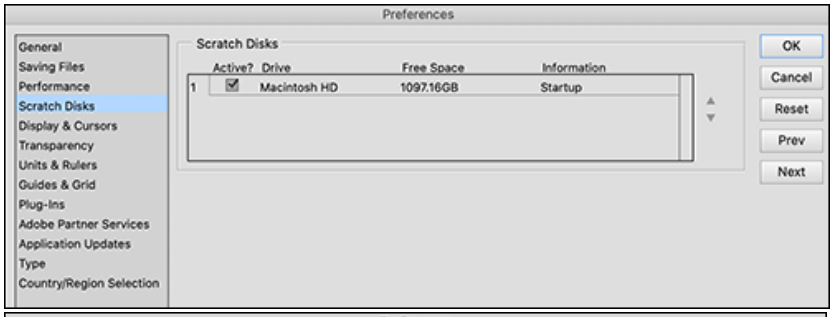
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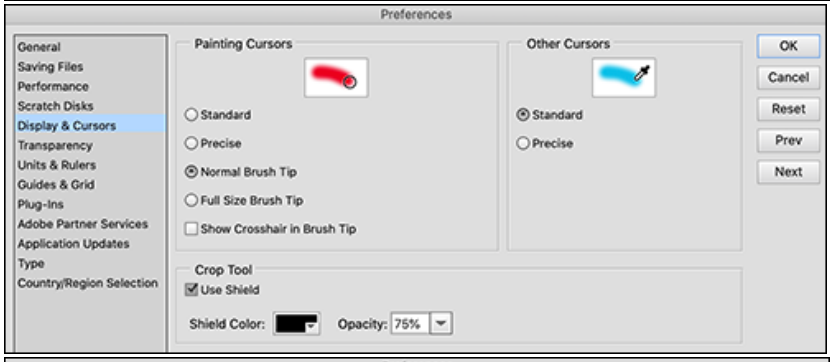
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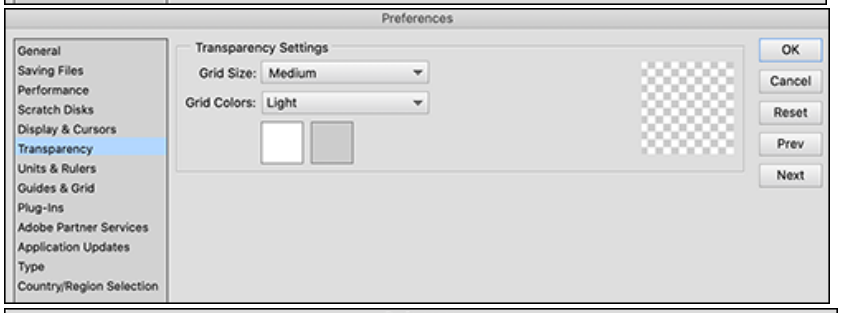
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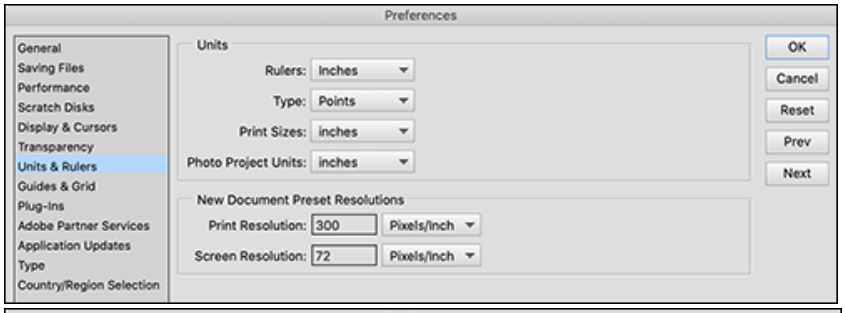
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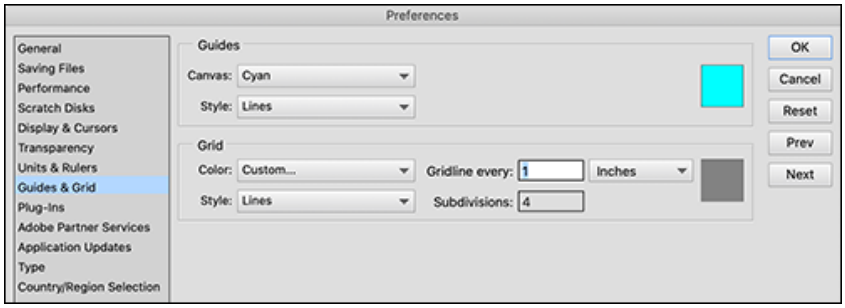
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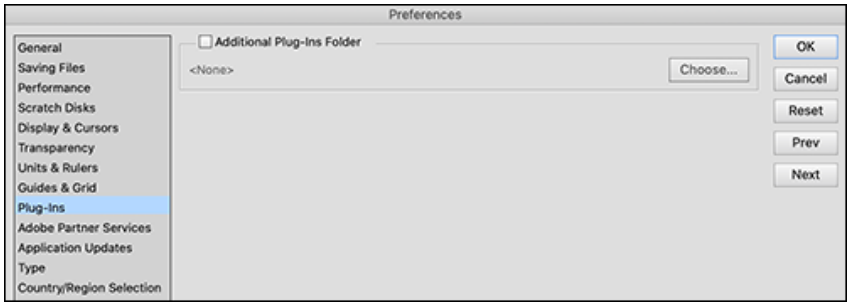
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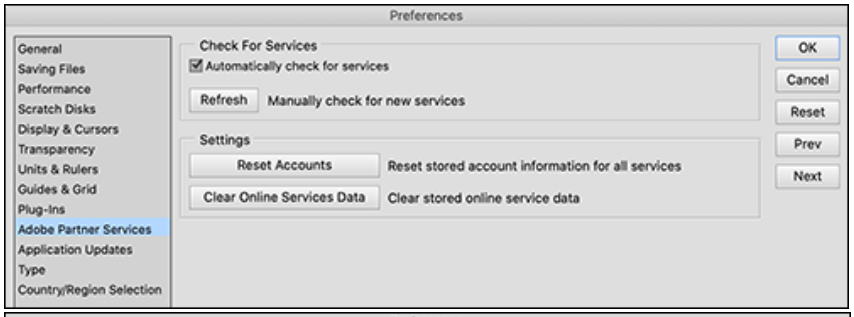
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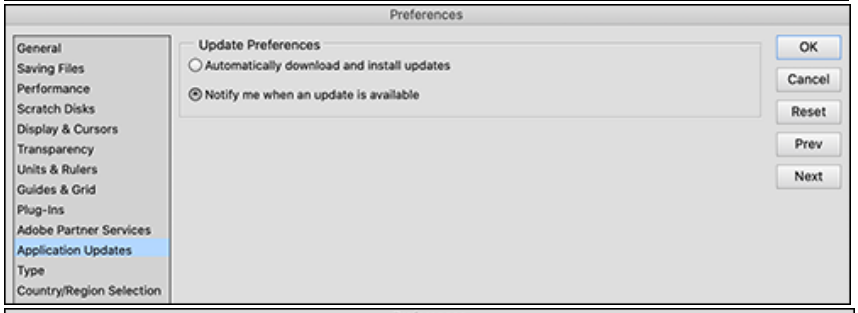
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