

Creative Computing: Introduction to Digital Photography

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Recap

Overall my aim has been to give an idea of what you can do with an digital image editor like *Photoshop Elements*. There will be a lot of simple improvements that can be made to your digital photos which we have not covered. I'm keen to improve by learning more techniques, and I hope you are too.

A reminder of what our goals were

1. to become familiar with the operation of our digital cameras
2. to feel comfortable working with digital images under Win XP
3. to be able to use a digital imaging tool to carry out simple editing of our photos
4. to be able to back up our digital images to secondary storage
5. to be able to make use of our photos creatively
6. to take better photos
7. to be able to digitise existing conventional photos

I'm not sure about the first and fifth of these, but at least to an extent we've dabbled in the other goals.

In digital editing we looked at some very simple techniques as:

- cropping the photograph
- looking at the histogram
- lightening the photo by adjusting the midpoint
- darkening a photo by adjusting the midpoint
- using the clone tool to remove unwanted picture elements
- red-eye removal

I guess we did get a bit creative in looking at selecting a foreground figure copying it to separate layer, inserting that layer into another photo, and adding some text, a this at least allows you to think about creating your own postcards.

Please keep checking the blog, I'll try to add more links and notes.

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