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The Organizer								The Editor							
Completely New Look and Feel for Both the Organizer and Editor	XX	X	X	X	X	X	Look and Feel remain the same since PSE 11, but new features added	New Filters in Editor	XX	X	X	X			
New Workflows to Exploit New Look Especially in Organizer	XX	X	X	X	X	X	Some workflow improvements especially in Facial Recognition.	Auto Correction With Learning		XX	X	X			
People, Places, and Events Views Tabs in Organizer	XX	X	X	X	X	X		Edge Content Aware Fill added to Straighten Tool		XX	X	X			
Places & Geo Tagging				X	X	XX	Sublocation or 4th level added.	Dehaze Command				XX			My Favorite Addition
Adaptive Grid View			X	X				Standalone Content Aware Fill			XX	X			
Import Workflow			XX	X	X	X	Added Batch Input in PSE 14								
Improved Folder View	XX	X	X	X	X	X		Content Aware Move Tool Added		XX	X	X			From Photoshop
64-bit Mac Version	XX	XX	X	X	X	X	Beginning with PSE 13 Windows now is 64-bit Application also	Frames, Textures, and Effects added to Quick Edit mode		XX	XX	X			19 new Effects added to Expert Mode. Additional Effects have been added to each Quick Edit Category. PSE 12 had increased number of Quick Edits from 10 to 50 in Quick Edit mode.
eLive			XX	X	X	X	Access tutorials and articles directly from program. Updated automatically periodically.	Refine Edge (for Selections) from CS5	XX	X	XX	X			Improved Refine Edge added to Selection Brush Tool.
Direct Copy to CD/DVD	X	X	X	X	X	X	Not sure this is true. Export does not support Optical media.	New Selection Edit Tool			XX	X			Use after Quick Selection Tool for Example.
Organize, Edit, Create, Share Workflow Modules	X	X	X	X	X	X		Quick Selection Tool	X	X	X	X			
Video Sharing to Vimeo added to Sharing Tab	X	X	X	X	X	X		Photomerge Group Shot	X	X	X	X			
Share Web Galleries, Images, and Videos using Photoshop.com	X	X	Discontinued	X	X	X	No Edit Online Accounts (Revel) under Preferences in the Organizer	Photomerge Exposure	X	X	X	X			
Auto Enhance Options Available in Organizer	X	X	X	X	X	X	Previously removed.	Photomerge Faces	X	X	X	X			
Smart Albums	X	X	Removed	X	X	X	Replaced with Find > By Details (Metadata)	Photomerge Style Match	X	X	Removed	--			Very low usage.
Expanded Version Sets	X	X	X	X	X	X		Photomerge Scene Cleaner		X	X	X			
Video Format Support in Organizer	X	X	X	X	X	X	Some full screen video playback quality in Slide Show Editor issues.	Guided Technique Interactive Tutorials	XX	XX	X	X			PSE 11: Low and Hi Key, Vignette, and Tilt Shift, PSE 12: Restore Old Photo, Zoom Burst, and Puzzle. PSE 13 added B&W, Selective B&W, and Noir
Auto Curate						XX	Analyzes catalog to smartly curate the images based on their quality, face presence, Smart Tags, Trips, and Events.	Guided Edit Selection Page				X			
Internal Performance Improvements						X		Three New Guided Edits				XX			Speed, Extract, Resize
Yahoo Photo Map							Yahoo Removed from PSE 10. Has used Google maps for last few versions.	Shake Reduction				XX			From PS CC
Auto Stacking	X	X	X	X	X	X		Photomerge Panorama	X	X	X	X			Moved to Guided Edit View
Multi-Session CD/DVD ROM Writing	X	X	X	X	X	X		Three Levels of Editing - Full, Quick Photo & Guided Edit	X	X	X	X			
Multi-Disk Backup	X	X	X	X	X	X		Photo Collage Project		X	X	X			
Online Backups	X	X	X	X	X	X	Revel removed in PSE 15	Photo Books	X	X	X	X			
Photoshop Elements will be transitioning to a subscription service.								Flash Galleries	X	X	--	--			
Places and Events Tags now in the Organizer Tags Panel							Still a Perpetual License Product. In PSE 11 only people were included in the Tags Panel.	Move Tool added to Quick Edit mode		XX	X	X			
In the Organizer, the Media view now allows alphabetic sorting of filename								New Auto Effects in Quick Edit				X			
PDF Slide Show	X	X	X	X	X	X		Rotate & Straighten in Quick Edit				X			
Auto Face Tagging	X	X	X	X	X	X	Continues to improve.	Magic Extractor	X	Removed	--	X			
Share Directly to Twitter from PSE							Facebook available since PSE 11. Don't think this is a good thing. But you can still search for Video Projects.	Adjust Sharpening Control	X	X	X	X			
Video Projects Albums	X	Removed	--	--	--	--		Color Curves	X	X	X	X			
View Slides Shows Directly on TV using Windows Media Center	X	X	--	--	--	--		Auto Red Eye Fix	X	X	X	X			
Revamped Slide Show Editor	X	X	XX	XX		XX	Slide Show Editor rewritten with simple yet useful version with its icon in the Icon Bin at the bottom of the screen	Magic Selection Brush	X	X	X	X			
Order Prints Pane	X	X	X	X	--	--		Object Extraction has been added to Photomerge				XX	X		Steps guide you.
Mac Version	X	X	XX	X	X	X	PSE 10: Mac added Organizer. PSE 12 Mac version still lacks a couple of Windows Organizer Features.	Pet Eye Correction		XX	X	X			
Text Search Box	X	X	XX	X	XX	X	Significantly improved in PSE 15	Additional Removed features: Edit > Remote Connection Enhance > Photomerge Style Match TWAIN plug-in: The plug-in is no longer available on 64-bit Windows computers. Crop tool: The Golden Ratio option is no longer available.					XX	X	Not sure of impact of no Remote Connection.
Common Organizer with PRE	X	X	X	X	X	X		Straighten Tool	X	X	X	X			Includes CA now
Auto Analyzer > Smart Tags	X	X	Removed	X	XX	X	Searching, including Smart Tags totally redesigned and improved in PSE 15.	Scrapbook Presets		X	X	X			38 total Effects and Patterns. Up from 67 or so.
Mac Version Now has Organizer	X	X	X	X	X	X	Mac PSE 12 is 64-bit program	Smart Brush	X	X	X	X			
Get Photo From Mobile Phone	X	X	X	X	X	X	Looks like a card reader or camera now.	Adjust Skin Tone Feature	X	X	X	X			
Face Recognition	X	X	X	XX	XX	XX	Continues to improve.	Remove JPEG Artifacts	X	X	X				Scrubby slider added to Text Size. Text on Selection somewhat tricky to use.
Attach to Email Feature	X	X	XX	XX	X	X	Much improved setup. Photo Mail removed. Now attachments only	Add Text on Selection, Shape or Path	X	X	X	X			
Sync Multiple PCs Through Photoshop.com	X	Removed	--	--	--	--		Create Paragraph Text	X	X	X	X			
New Tagging Interface - Cloud Edit & Tag from Full Screen	X	X	X	X	X	X		Multi-Select Layers	X	X	X	X			
Add Captions to Multiple Files	X	X	X	X	X	X		Defringe Command	X	X	X	X			
Search for images by Similarity, Objects, and Duplicates	X	X	X	X	X	X		Revised File Info Dialog	X	X	X	X			
Review Pictures in Full Screen	X	X	X	X	X	X		Find by Metadata or Version Set	X	X	X	X			
Import Outlook or vCard Contacts	X	X	X	X	X	X		Recompose	X	X	X	X			
Date View	Removed	--	--	--	--	--		Camera RAW File Editing	X	XX	X	X			Limited
Mobile Albums Allow Sharing all of your pictures and videos to your mobile devices using Revel							Phasing out Revel. Integrating sharing Mobile Albums into Organizer	16-bit per Channel File Support	X	X	X	X			
Enhanced Search								Shadows/Highlights Command	X	X	X	X			
Auto Tagging								Cookie Cutter Cropping Tool	X	X	X	X			
Enhanced Instant Fix								Quick Fix Editor	X	X	X	X			
Import from Cloud Services								Auto Smart Fix Command	X	X	X	X			
Improved Sharing to Facebook & YouTube								Spot Healing Brush	X	X	X	X			Now Includes Content Aware Fill
								Project/Photo/Organize Bin	X	X	X	X			
								Color Variations Command	X	Removed	--	--			
								Hints Palette	X	X	X	X			

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Save For Web Command	X	X	X	X	X			Guided Edits
How To Pallet	X	X	X	X	X			
Adjustment Layers	X	X	X	X	X			
Layer Styles	X	X	X	X	X			Drop down to position the Stroke.
Facebook Cover and Profile Photo Template and direct upload			XX	X				Multiple Themes
Layer Mask	X	X	X	X	X			Makes using layers much easier.
Content Aware Fill added to Spot Healing Brush and Panoramas	X	X	X	X	X			
Rules of Thirds and Golden Ratio Overlay Options in Crop Tool.	X	X	XX	X				Auto Crop Selections Added. Golden Rule Removed.
Export Creations to JPEG, TIFF, or PDF	X	X	X	X	X			Already could do this with Slide Shows.
Correct Camera Distortion	X	X	X	X	X			
Convert to B&W	X	X	X	X	X			
New Quick Fixes, eg. Blur Skies	X	X	X	X	X			
Guided Edit Action Player	X	X	X	X	X			PSE 11: Improved Action Player Management
Tabbed Documents	X	X	X	X	X			
Floating Panels	X	X	X	X	X			
Quick Fix previews	X	X	X	X	X			
SurFace Blur	X	X	X	X	X			
Layer Groups & Color-Coded Layers					XX			
Perspective Crop					XX			
Content Aware Move Transform					XX			
Face Aware Liquefy					XX			
Filter Gallery Revamp					XX			
New Guided Edits					XX			Speed Pan, Effects Collage, Art Painting, Frame Maker
Optional Smart Layers					XX			
Water Color Guided Edit					XX			
Open Closed Eyes					XX			
Double Exposure Guided Edit					XX			
Shape Overlay Guided Edit					XX			
Auto Selection Tool					XX			
Background Changer Guided Edit					XX			

XX = Significant Improvement re. Previous Version