

# Color Management



First steps in  
enhancing  
colors and  
adjusting  
exposure

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If your photo lacks color ...



You can fix it!



# Photoshop Elements 11

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- ◉ The following instructions are based on Photoshop Elements, version 11.
- ◉ Other versions have similar tools, but the pathways may differ.
- ◉ Use the “Expert” mode.

# Step 1

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- Follow the pathway: Enhance > Adjust Lighting > Shadows / Highlights.
- Experiment cautiously with these sliders:
  - Lighten Shadows.
  - Darken Highlights.
  - Midtone Contrast.

## Step 2

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- ◉ Follow the pathway: Enhance > Adjust Color > Adjust Hue / Saturation.
- ◉ Use the “Master” setting to adjust all colors at once, or adjust the colors one at a time.
- ◉ Experiment cautiously with the “Saturation” slider.

# Some examples



Before and  
after editing

# Switzerland's Lake Ägerisee

As photographed



Edited and cropped



All editing was done in the "Expert" mode.

1. Shadows lightened.
2. Highlights darkened.
3. Mid-tone contrast increased.
4. Saturation increased.



# Beach booths at Whitby, England

As scanned from an underexposed 35 mm slide (aspect ration 3:2)



As edited and cropped to an 8x10 format (aspect ration 4:5)



Principal editing tools used:

1. Enhance > Adjust Lighting > Brightness (increased).
2. Enhance > Adjust Color > Saturation (increased).

# The last word



Remember to sharpen your edited photo. (Pathway: Enhance > Adjust Sharpness)

Then choose “Save As...” from the “File” menu, and save it with a new name.