

Adobe Lightroom - Where Do We Go Next?

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1. Brief overview of Adobe Lightroom (update from February 2009)
2. Adobe drama in spring and summer of 2019
3. Alternatives to Adobe Lightroom
4. Artificial Intelligence in photo editing – 1 click!!
5. The Twilight Zone of photo editing
6. Free software for Geeks
7. Q & A

Introduction

“Photography should be accomplished in the camera!” or

“All forms of image editing qualify as photography!”

You will be somewhere on this continuum.

1. You might have never used image software.
2. You might be a longtime user of one software.
3. You may be satisfied with what you have but are curious about developments.
4. You may be shopping around for image software.
5. You may already have an Adobe subscription and happy or unhappy with it.
6. You want something simple.
7. You are willing to put in your time to learn something new if it's worth it.

Joseph Christina – Life After Adobe – Cutting The Adobe Cord

There are a series of videos by J Christina about cutting the Adobe cord.

Google J Christina on Youtube.com and go to his playlist called Life After Adobe: Cutting the Adobe Cord.

Here is the video where he describes how he cancelled his Adobe subscription and why he chose to do it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW_73gAANqY&list=PLUrdf7hvHC2JExdtlPIVHtH1hFC4MKQqJ&index=6&t=0s

Here is the video where Christina describes several Lightroom alternatives.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=od6szamW66Q&list=PLUrdf7hvHC2JExdtlPIVHtH1hFC4MKQqJ&index=12&t=0s>

Here is the summary of Adobe drama I covered at PPS

Adobe - \$9.99 US / month for LIFE!! Rent, lease!!

J Christina paid \$59.99 US / month for Suite

- 1) Adobe toyed with \$19.99 US / month!
- 2) No longer software for more than 2 versions older than current.
- 3) Asked customers to delete more than 2 versions older than current AND threatened them with litigation if they refuse.
- 4) J Christina cancelled subscription, given 2 months free, loyalty deal for 1 year. Cancelled and told LAST TIME HE COULD OPEN Lightroom!!!
- 5) DRAMA!

Anthony Morganti provides series of tutorials about several image editing programs on Youtube. Google Anthony Morganti and check his playlists.

Here are some videos about new features of Luminar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JE4BWVIGypo&list=PLlIFqBuTM0WLLt-Fz2xHJp3-gL6eePMMC&index=2&t=0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJKpR77bCwI&list=PLlIFqBuTM0WLLt-Fz2xHJp3-gL6eePMMC&index=11&t=0s>

Jim Nix also provides tutorials on several image editing programs. Here is his video on Sky Replacement in the upcoming Luminar 4.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VlB8Aij4Vs>

Finally, Anthony Morganti just released a video providing an introduction to the free program darktable (officially darktable is all one word, lowercase letters). A new updated version of darktable will be released soon.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwndbKZGuCo&list=PLlIFqBuTM0WLLsY0kt1bojH3HABh4_1gc-&index=3&t=0s

List of Adobe Alternatives generated by J Christina

Adobe PhotoShop Alternatives

Affinity Photo - Windows, Mac, iPad \$49.99
Acorn - Mac \$29.99
Sketch - Mac \$99/yr or FREE
Pixelmator Pro - Mac \$49.99
Corel Painter - Windows, Mac \$359.99
Corel PaintShop Pro - Windows \$64.99
SumoPaint - Web Based FREE or \$4.00/mo Pro
Gimp - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
PhotoPea.com - Web Base FREE
Krita - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
Paint.net - Windows FREE
Pixlr - Web Based, iOS, Android FREE
PhotoScape X - Windows, Mac FREE
Paint Tool SAI - Windows \$50.00

Adobe Lightroom Alternatives

Affinity Photo Windows, Mac, iPad \$49.99
ON1 Photo RAW 2019 -Windows, Mac \$99.99 **Pano, stacking, hdr, AI masking**
Luminar - Windows, Mac \$64.00 **Not there yet, has potential**
Capture One Pro - Windows, Mac \$299/\$150 **Swiss army knife \$\$\$**
DXO PhotoLab Essential/Elite - Windows, Mac \$129.00/\$199.00
Alien Skin Exposure X4 - Windows, Mac \$119 **Good features, spinning icon**
Corel Aftershot Pro - Windows, Mac, Linux \$54.99/\$39.99
ACDSEE PhotoStudio 2019 - Windows \$99.99
PhotoDirector 10 - Windows - \$55.99
DarkTable - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE **Free, older format, powerful**
RawTherapee - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE **Free, older format, powerful**

Adobe Illustrator Alternatives

Affinity Designer - Windows, Mac, iOS \$50.00
Inkscape - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
CorelDRAW Graphics Suite - Windows, Mac \$424.00
Magix Xara Photo & Graphics Designer - Windows \$45.99

Clip Studio Paint Pro/EX - Windows, Mac \$50.00/\$219.00
Sketch 52 - Mac \$99.00
Figma - Windows, Mac, Web Based FREE
Autodesk Graphic - Mac \$29.99
Vectr - Web Based, Mac, Windows, Linux, Chromebook FREE

Adobe Premiere Alternatives

Davinci Resolve - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE or \$299 Studio
Magix Vegas Pro - Windows \$199 and \$799 for the Suite
Avid Media Composer - Windows, PC \$199/year
Final Cut Pro - Mac \$299
PowerDirector - Windows \$99.99 Ultra \$129.99 Ultimate
Lightworks - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE or \$19.90 Pro
HitFilm Express - Windows, Mac FREE / \$351.00 Pro
Apple Final Cut Pro X - MAC \$300.00
Filmora - Windows, Mac \$59.99
Avid Media Composer First - Windows, Mac - FREE
Grass Valley Edius Pro - Windows \$429.00
VideoPad - Win, Mac, And/iOS FREE, \$39.95/\$69.95
Windows Movie Maker - Windows FREE
Apple iMovie - Mac, iOS FREE
Blender - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
OpenShot - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
KdenLive - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
Shotcut - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
Olive - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE

Adobe After Effects Alternatives

Apple Motion - Mac \$299.00
DaVinci Resolve Fusion - Windows, Mac, Linux FREE/\$299.00

Adobe Audition Alternatives

Audacity Windows, Mac, Linux FREE
Cakewalk - Windows - FREE
Logic Pro X - Mac \$79.99
Reaper.fm - Windows, Mac, Linux \$60.00

GarageBand - Mac FREE

Steinberg Wavelab Elements - Windows, Mac \$99.99

Steinberg Wavelab Pro- Windows, Mac \$299.99

Magix Sound Forge Studio 13 - Windows \$59.99

Ableton Live - Win, Mac \$99.00/\$499.00/\$799.00

Pro Tools - Windows, Mac \$599.00

Tracktion T7 - Windows, Mac FREE

LMMS - Windows, Mac, Linux \$60.00

Reason - Windows, Mac \$399.00

FL Studio Producer - Windows, Mac \$199.00

Renoise - Windows, Mac, Linux \$75.00

CuBase Pro - Window, Mac \$ 290.00

Adobe InDesign Alternatives

QuarkXpress Windows, Mac \$295.00

Affinity Publisher Windows, Mac FREE

Scribus Windows, Mac, Linux FREE