iPhoto is a discontinued digital photographic manipulation software application developed by Apple Inc. It was included with every Macintosh personal computer from 2002 to 2015, when it was replaced with Apple's Photos application.

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### History

iPhoto was announced at Macworld 2002, during which Steve Jobs (then-CEO of Apple) also announced that macOS would be installed on new Macs from then on, and revealed new Mac and Book models.\(^1\)

On March 7, 2012, Apple CEO Tim Cook announced an iOS-native version of iPhoto alongside the third-generation iPad.\(^2\)

On June 24, 2014, Apple announced that they would cease development of Photos and work on a transition to their new Photos app.\(^3\)

On February 5, 2015, Apple included a preview of Photos with a 10.10.3 beta.\(^4\)

On April 8, 2015, Apple released OS X Yosemite 10.10.3, which integrates the new Photos app. iPhoto and Aperture were discontinued and removed from the Mac App Store.\(^5\)

With the release of macOS Catalina 10.15 on October 7, 2019, iPhoto became unusable.

### Features

iPhoto is designed to allow the importing of pictures from digital cameras, local storage devices such as USB flash drive, CDs, DVDs, and hardtanks to a user's Photo Library. Almost all digital cameras are recognized without additional software.

Photos supports most common image file formats, including several RAW image formats.\(^6\) It also supports videos from cameras, but editing is limited to trimming clips.

After photos are imported, they can be filtered, labeled, sorted and organized into groups (known as "events"). Individual photos can be edited with basic image manipulation tools, such as "red-eye fix" command, "magnify brightness and contrast", "red, green, and blue", "Smart Tone", "Smart Color", "Smart Sharpen", and other basic filters. iPhoto does not provide the comprehensive editing functionality of programs such as Apple's own Aperture, or Adobe's Photoshop (not to be confused with Photoshop Elements or Elements).\(^7\)

iPhoto offers numerous options for sharing photos. Photo albums can be made into dynamic slideshows and optionally set to music imported from iTunes. Photos can be shared via Message, Mail, Facebook, Flickr and Twitter. Creating and sharing iCloud PhotoStreams are possible as well.\(^8\) Both public and invitation based ones. iPhoto can also sync photo albums to any iPod with a color display. These Photo Streams may also have an audio/video output to allow photos to be played back along with audio, or any other combination of photos, audio, movies, and video.

### macOS version

At an Apple media event on March 7, 2012, Apple CEO Tim Cook announced a new version of iPhoto for use on the iOS mobile operating system.\(^9\) Photos for iOS was made available that day on the Apple Store for USA$99 alongside the already-released Movie and GarageBand for iOS. It was officially supported on the iPhone 4 and later, iPod Touch (4th and 5th generations), iPad 2 and later, and iPod Nano (5th and 2nd generations), but hackers discovered that it could be installed manually on older devices using Apple's iPhone Configuration Utility.\(^10\)

For iOS iPhoto offered a feature set fairly comparable to that of its Mac counterpart. It could organize photos that were synced to the device or taken with it. Editing features included color correction tools and photo effects, as well as cropping and straightening tools. Photos for iOS lacked tools for creating books, calendars, cards, and ordering prints, though it could create "Photo Journals"—digital photo collages that could be uploaded to Apple’s Cloud service and shared.\(^11\)

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