

Photo Editing for Free!

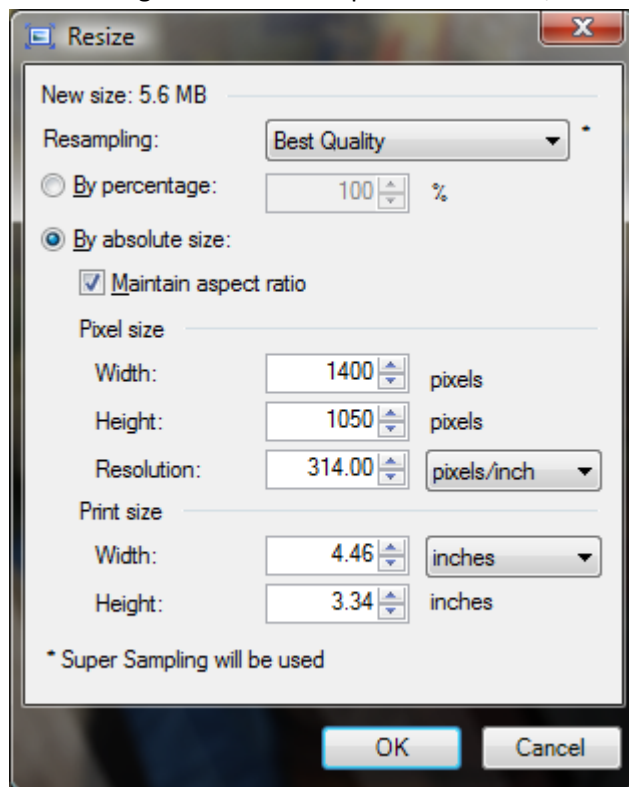
Photoshop may be the “industry standard” application for photo editing, but it’s huge, complicated and difficult to learn – not to mention being expensive even in the “Elements” version. One could say the same about Lightroom!

If you want a photo editor that is FREE, fast, very capable and easy to learn, download Paint.NET from <http://www.getpaint.net>. One of our members uses it for just about everything! It has loads of add-ins available and can work with raw images if required.

If I just want to do some image resizing, I can start Paint.NET, load the files, resize and save them while Photoshop is still loading...

Resizing an image for competitions in Paint.NET

1. On the Image menu at the top of the window, choose “Resize...” to display this dialog box:



2. Make sure “Resampling” and “maintain aspect ratio” are set as above.
3. If the image is “landscape” format (wider than it is high) set the Width to 1400 pixels. If it is “portrait” format (higher than it is wide), or square, set the Height to 1050 pixels. The other dimension will be calculated automatically.
4. When resizing is complete, go to the File menu and choose “Save As...” Save the image as a JPEG file with a new name. When asked for the Quality, make sure it is set to 100.
5. See our Photoshop resizing tutorial for advice on file naming conventions.