



Glossary of Digital Scrap Jargon

Acid Free

Acid-free paper is paper that has had the acid removed from the pulp so that it has a neutral pH. Acid-free paper can prolong the life of the paper a project is printed on or attached to. All other elements used in the project should also be acid-free, such as adhesive, ink, fabric, bindings, etc.

Actions

Actions in Photoshop/Photoshop Elements are a set of instructions used to automatically perform a task. In Paintshop Pro, this same operation is referred to as Scripts. Another synonym is macros.

Alpha

Alphas are decorative premade letters typically used in titles or as caps. Some designers keep the alphas together on sheets which require separating to use. Use your photo editing software & lasso tool to easily separate and save the letters for use.

Blinkie

An animated graphic. (See .GIF)

Blog train

A marketing tool where you go through a list of designers or CT blogs and download free digital products.

Cluster/Clustering

Elements grouped together in a pleasing arrangement.

CT

An acronym for creative team members.

Creative Team

Creative team members create layouts, and sometimes products, used to promote a designer & her kits.

Digital Scrapbook

Digital scrapbooks are created on a computer then printed.

DSD

Digital Scrapbooking Day is actually several days but officially the first Saturday in October.

Facebook Hop

A marketing tool designed to go through a list of designers or CT Facebook pages and download free digital products. You must “like” each page in order to be allowed to download the product.

Flatten/Flattened

A flattened image is a layout that has been saved in jpeg format. There are no layers and the LO cannot be altered.

Font

Typefaces used in text and journaling.

Freebie(s)

Digital products designers give away as promotions, CT members or stores.

.GIF

Graphics Interchange Format is the format used for storing short, simple, animated loops. According to the creator, Steve Wilhite, it's pronounced JIF not GIF.

Gimp

Open source photo editing software used to create digital designs used in digital scrapbooking.

Hybrid

Hybrid projects combine traditional & digital components.

iNSD

Inter-National Scrapbooking Day is celebrated in early May but officially the first Saturday.

JPEG or JPG (Joint Photographic Expert Group)

A filename extension used for saving photos, digital background papers and layouts. JPEG files suffer generational degradation when repeatedly edited and saved but result in smaller file sizes.

Layer(s)

Some software use layers for each element of a design. Each layer can be manipulated, moved, deleted, etc. independent of other layers. Layers can be hidden.

Layout (LO)

Layout is another word for a scrapbook page and is sometimes abbreviated as LO.

Map

A map or sketch is a “drawing” designed to give ideas for layouts.

Memory Mixer (MM)

Software used to create digital scrapbooks, cards, calendars, and other gift items.

MyMemories Suite (MMS)

Software used to create digital scrapbooks, cards, calendars, and other gift items.

NSD

InterNational Scrapbooking Day is the first Saturday in November. This usually lasts several days.

.Page

The .page file extension is a format used exclusively by Artisan software program.

PaintShop Pro (PSP)

Software used to edit photos & to create digital designs used in scrapbooks.

Photoshop (PS)

Software used to edit photos & to create digital designs used in scrapbooks.

Photoshop Elements (PSE)

Software used to edit photos & to create digital designs used in scrapbooks.

Picmonkey.com

Online photo editing resource. Some features are free.

Pixel (px)

Small “dots” that collectively make an image. Each pixel can only be one color at a time.

Pixelated

A pixelated image is not clear or sharp. A small image that's been enlarged may have jagged edges when printed.

.PNG (Portable Network Graphics)

A filename extension for a single layer file with a transparent background. Embellishments & quick pages are saved in this format. It's well-suited for storing images during the editing process because of its lossless compression.

Pocket Scrap (digital)

Photos, journaling cards, and other items are digitally inserted in "faux" plastic pockets.

PPI

Pixels per inch. Quality digital designs use 300 pixels per inch resolution. A 12"x12" layout is 3600 x 3600 pixels.

PS

Photoshop is software used to edit photos and create digital designs.

.PSD

A filename extension for a layer file used by Photoshop and Photoshop Elements.

PSE

Photoshop Elements is software used to edit photos and create digital designs.

PSP

An acronym for Paint Shop Pro. It's also part of the filename extension used by PSP.

QR code

Quick Response code is a matrix barcode that can be embedded to add music, audio, video, website, etc. to a page.

Quickpage (QP)

A quickpage is a premade flattened digital scrapbook page. They have transparent backgrounds and cutouts in place to simply add one or more photos. Nothing can be changed or rearranged.

Raster

Raster layers are pixel based. When you draw or paste an image on a layer it's a raster layer. The background layer is always a raster layer. Some layers must be "rasterized" before applying effects. Synonymous with PSE Simplify.

RAW

A raw file contains high resolution, unprocessed data that has not been altered, compressed or manipulated in any way.

Resolution

Resolution describes the number of pixels per inch (ppi) used in an image. Higher resolution images produce better quality prints but has no bearing on how an image appears on screen. Quality digital scrapbook elements are created at 300 ppi.

Scripts

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Shadowing

A design strategy used to give digital layouts dimension. Without shadowing the LO will appear “flat”.

Siggy (Signature)

A small, custom “signature” to use in forums & groups.

Simplify Layer

In Photoshop Elements, a layer may need to be Simplified before any effects can be applied. Simplifying changes a Smart Object or Vector layer to a pixel based layer. Synonymous with rasterize in Photoshop.

Sketch

A sketch or map is a “drawing” designed to give ideas for layouts.

Smart Object

Smart Objects are layers that contain image data from raster or vector images, such as Photoshop or Illustrator files. Smart Objects preserve an image's source content with all its original characteristics, enabling you to perform non-destructive editing to the layer.

Styles

Styles (Layer styles) in Photoshop/Photoshop Element is one or more effects applied to a layer or layer group.

SVG

Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) is an image format. SVG files are small and compress well. They scale to any size without losing clarity.

Template

A template is a premade layered layout used in Photoshop or Photoshop Elements. Clip your own papers & embellishments to the existing elements on each layer. Layers can also be hidden or altered.

.TIFF (.TIF) (Tagged Image File Format)

The .tiff extension is another layered file format. The difference between a layered .psd and a layered .tiff file is the amount of compression used when saved. They both work in Photoshop and Photoshop Elements and look the same once they're opened in PS or PSE.

Traditional Scrapbook

Traditional scrapbooks use paper elements, photos & other materials in a book.

Tutorial

Step by step instructions designed to teach scrapbooking techniques, software or design concepts.

Vector

Vector layers hold scalable vector objects. If you draw a shape on a vector layer it is a vector object. Examples of vectors are type, shapes, smart objects, frame layers, solid color layers, gradient layers, and pattern fill layers. They are not tied to fixed pixels. They can be resized and changed later for greater flexibility.

Disclaimer: This list may not include every word or phrase that makes up digital scrapbooking jargon, but includes the most common.