

WORKFLOW

Step 1 Browse and Organize Images

Select images using advanced browser tools, or compare multiple images and choose one for enhancement.

Step 2 Apply RAW Adjustments

Capture NX offers an unparalleled selection of tools for working with NEF files. The Camera Settings palette can be used with NEF images to adjust camera settings *after* a photograph has been taken. Fine control is available for subtle adjustments.

Step 3 Correct Tones and Color Cast

The new Black, White, and Neutral Control Point tools can be used to set dynamic range and correct colors naturally and intuitively.

Step 4 Apply Global Adjustments

Use the advanced tools in Capture NX to brighten shadows, add contrast, enhance saturation and warmth, control color balance, and much more.

Step 5 Fine Tune Color and Light

Use the new Color Control Points to control color and lighting selectively, eliminating complicated processing and tedious manual selection. Capture NX makes control visually clear!

Step 6 Apply Selective Adjustments

Selectively apply any of the over 25 enhancements available within Capture NX using a range of selection tools that includes a Selection Brush, Lasso and Marquee Tools, and Selection Gradient.

Step 7 Resize and Crop the Image

Change the size and resolution of the image using the Size / Resolution feature, then crop the image to the desired aspect ratio using the Crop tool.

Step 8 Sharpen and Print the Image

Use Unsharp Mask to enhance detail, then print the image using the updated Print dialog for control over color management settings.

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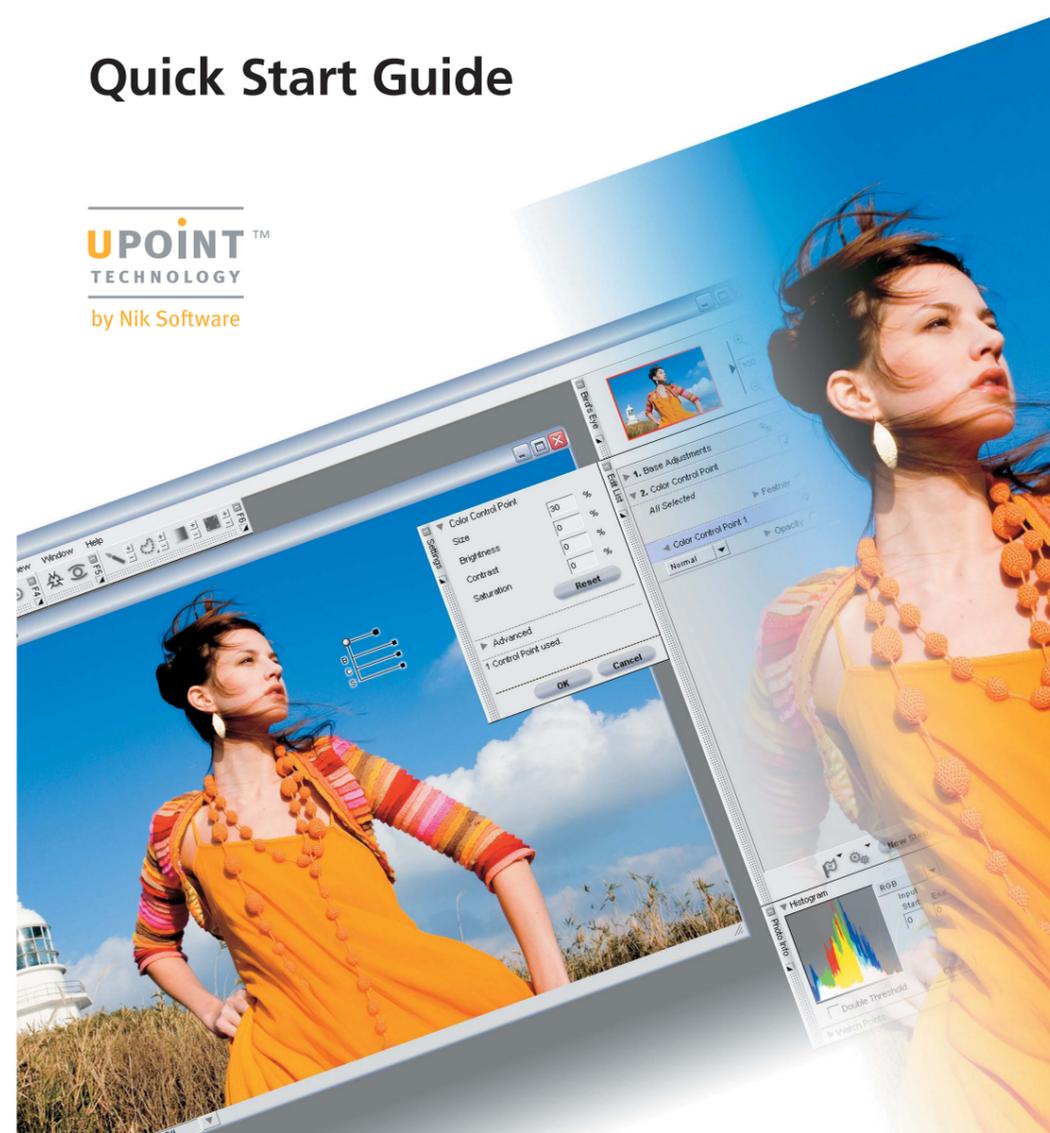
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Capture NX

Quick Start Guide

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INSTALLATION

Installing Capture NX

Windows

Insert the Capture NX setup CD into a CD or DVD drive. If the installer does not start automatically, go to My Computer and double-click the icon for the Capture NX setup CD. Note that Microsoft .NET Framework version 1.1 will automatically be installed if not already present on the computer. The computer must be restarted when installation is complete.

Macintosh

Insert the Capture NX setup CD into a CD or DVD drive. Double-click the CD icon for the Capture NX setup CD () and then double-click the Capture NX icon () to start the installer.

If a "Select Region" dialog is displayed, select a region and click **OK**. A language-selection dialog will be displayed; select a language and click **OK** to display the Setup Wizard. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.

Launching Capture NX

Once installation is complete, Capture NX can be launched as described below.

Windows

Double-click the **Capture NX** icon on the desktop (if available) or click **Start** and select **Capture NX > Capture NX** from the program list.

Macintosh

Click the **Capture NX** icon in the Dock (if available) or double-click the **Capture NX** icon in the "Applications: Nikon Software: Capture NX" folder.

Entering Your Product Key

Enter your name and product key if prompted.

The product key may be found on the CD-ROM case. **Do not lose this key.** It is required when installing or upgrading this software and can not be replaced if lost.



Color Control Points 1 - 2 - 3

Step 1. A Color Control Point is placed on the sky for greater darkness and saturation. Although this Control Point mainly affects the sky, some of the clouds are affected as well.



Step 2. Next, a Color Control Point is placed to identify the clouds in the image. This new Control Point applies only to tones in the clouds, not the sky, and prevents the first Control Point from affecting the clouds.



Step 3. Finally, Control Points are added for skin tones and foliage. A Control Point added to the model's face brightens and increases the vibrancy of the skin. Another added to the foliage darkens the leaves and draws attention to the model.



INTERFACE

Browser

Select, rename, sort, organize, compare, tag, and enhance images. Multiple images can be modified quickly and easily with batch processing.

File Directory

Find pictures in any folder on your hard disk.

Camera Settings

View information on the current image or see what images would look like at different camera settings.

IPTC Information

Add keywords and other information to the image.



Bird's Eye

The Bird's Eye Palette displays a thumbnail version of the entire image and shows the area currently displayed in the Editor. Use this palette to find your place in the image and quickly navigate to other locations.

Edit List

The Edit List is the central location for all the controls in Capture NX. Changes to the image are listed in chronological order and can be modified or removed at will. The Edit List is a cornerstone of the Capture NX non-destructive workflow.

Photo Info

View instantly updated information about the image, including the histogram and color watch points.

A View Toolbar



Use the Direct Select Tool to position and change Control Points, the Hand tool to pan and scroll the image, and the Zoom tool to zoom in and out.

B Edit Toolbar



Rotate, straighten, and crop images.

C Black, White, and Neutral Control Point Toolbar



Place editable Control Points directly onto an image for quick and accurate changes to dynamic range and removal of unwanted color casts.

D Color Control Point and Red-Eye Control Point Toolbar



Apply localized enhancements that take advantage of the unique and powerful U Point Technology offered in Capture NX.

E Selection Toolbar



This toolbar contains selection tools that can be used to selectively apply any of the enhancements available within Capture NX.

Please see the User's Manual for additional information.