Image Editing with Photoshop

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a. What Photoshop is

Photoshop is what is known as a raster graphic editor and creator. It is considered a professional grade piece of software within the graphic design industry used to edit photos and create original graphics.

b. What Photoshop is used for/what it is not used for (raster vs. vector graphics)

Raster graphics- pixel driven pictures that have a set resolution. The pictures are rendered on the screen one pixel at a time to reproduce the image. This is excellent for digital photography, and some scanned images. Still pictures that might need color correction and printing are what Photoshop excels at. Some artists do actually draw in Photoshop and create incredibly realistic images that look as if they are digital photos. Bert Monroy is an example of that type of artist and designer. His work can be found at: http://www.bertmonroy.com

Vector graphics- mathematical representations of the lines and curves in an image. Vector graphic programs are used to create logos and graphics that need to be resolution independent. They can be scaled to any size, shape, or proportion without losing their sharpness and resolution. Adobe Illustrator is generally the vector drawing software of choice for professional graphic designers.

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