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Akvis Sketch 9 - Thoughts, vs. 8, examples, etc

in 2 words: **VERY impressive**

I have found 9.0 to have the following benefits:

- * New edges tab for controlling edge characteristics
- * Improved sketch fine detail over 8.x ([see attachment for 8 vs. 9 closeup](#)). Subtle, but noticeable in areas of detail, like eyelashes.
- * Faster-to-Much faster rendering times (9%-88%, depending on image characteristics [detail, dimensions, resolution])
- * A preview window size preferences setting
- * Ability to export/import settings from/into 9
- * Ability to run 9 in "prior version" mode, which enables one to

.....Easily compare output from 9 to output from prior versions without having to uninstall 9 (use the 9 preferences setting to revert to the prior rendering engine)

.....Get results from prior versions after 9 is installed (if you prefer 8 over 9 for some 8 setting combination), in other words there s no loss of settings created under previous versions

Final thoughts:

- * If you are like me, a frequent Akvis Sketch user who likes the output of earlier versions, but wishes fine detail was cleaner, you will REALLY like 9.
- * If you are new to photo-art and are looking for a really good pencil sketch, but are not at all satisfied with Photoshop/PS Elements filters like *Colored Pencil*, *Find Edges* or *Smart Blur* [option: edge only], or any of the many free "edge finding" plugins or "sketch actions" on the net, I encourage you to download Sketch 9 and test it for yourself. It is without peer.
- * If you need *only line or edge* rendering, and no continuous tone rendering, then take a look at *Topaz Simplify*

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