Who Does Image Processing?

Pre-Processing

(Before taking the shot!)

- Adjust the camera settings
 - the camera is set to manual
 - choose the focus point
 - set the aperture (depth of field)
 - choose a suitable ISO
 - decide on the shutter speed

OR

- the camera is set to automatic
 - choose appropriate scene from menus (scenes are created by manufacturer)

Post-Processing

(Everyone does it!)

- Image hits the camera's sensor ... What now?
 - if the camera was set to manual
 - RAW files are created (if selected)
 - uncompressed files (quite large)
 - image is unaltered by camera's software
 - needs manual post-processing using software
 - files are usually 20MB or larger (lots of image data)
 - manual image file-editing is recommended

OR

- if the camera was set to automatic
 - JPEG files are usually created
 - post-processing is done immediately by the camera (using scenes programmed by the manufacturer)
 - image files are compressed by the camera
 - unnecessary data is deleted by the camera
 - files are usually less than 10MB (limited amount of image data)
 - manual image file-editing is limited