

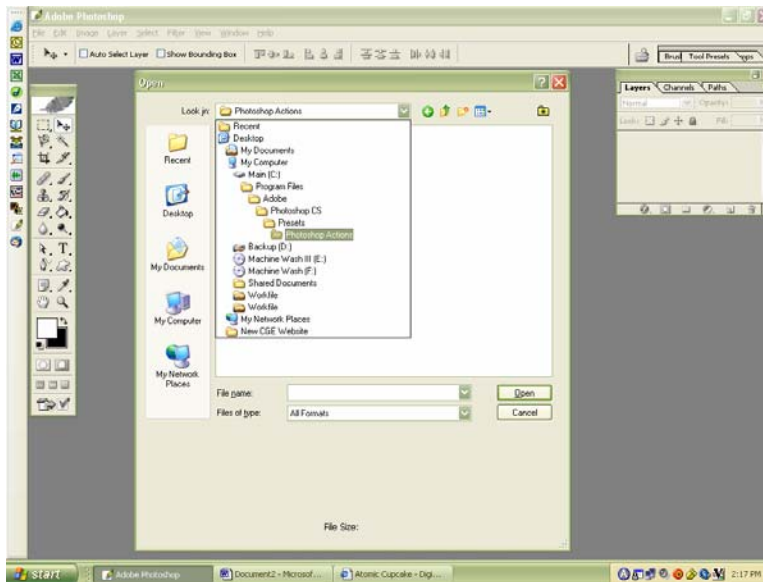
INSTALLING ACTIONS IN PHOTOSHOP

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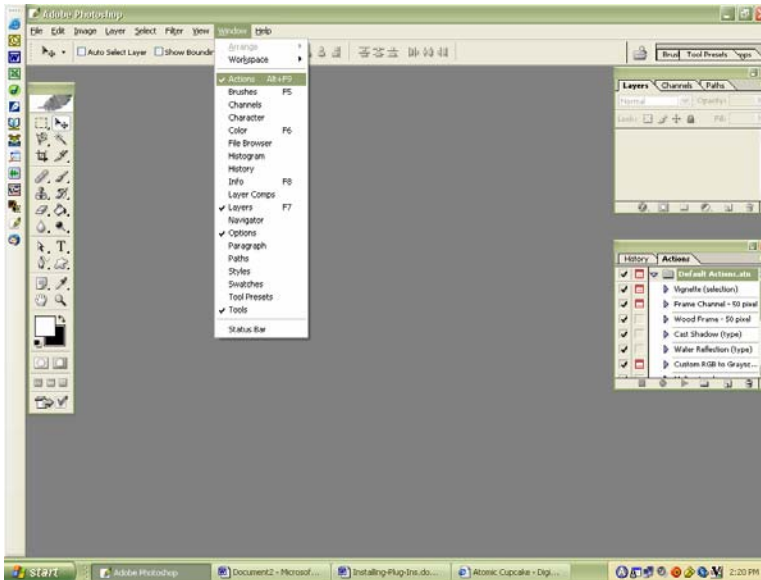
Actions are a great way to get instant changes to your photos with one-click. It's sort of like a tape recorder in that you are replaying the same sequence of steps over and over again but only clicking on the play button to do so. Some actions are free, some need to be purchased. But all are available for download. Adobe's website has a nice listing of actions here: <http://share.studio.adobe.com/axBrowseProductType.asp?t=5> and there are some other ones specifically geared for digiscrappers at Atomic Cupcake here: <http://www.atomiccupcake.com/>

Once you decide which action you want, you will need to download it to a specified folder. The folder to save it to is `c:/Program Files/Adobe/PhotoShop7/Presets/PhotoShop Actions`. If you have version CS or CS2, the file folder will reflect that and not PS7.

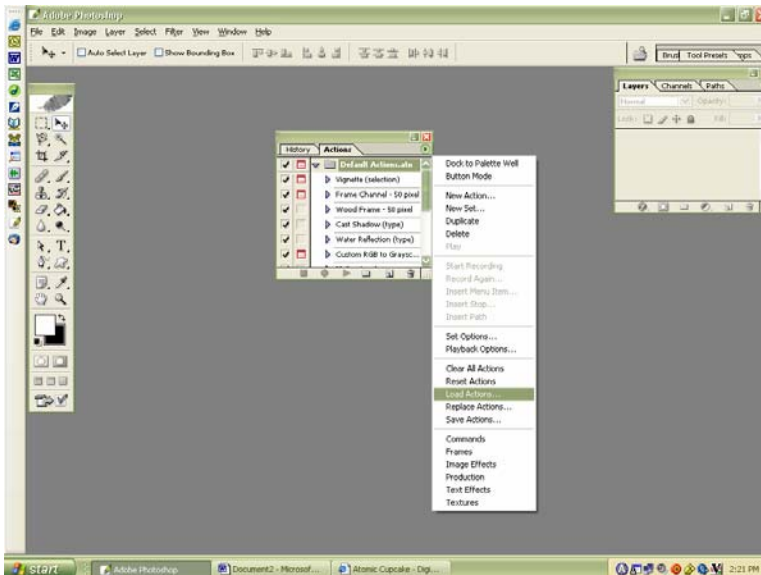


If the action is an .atn file, you will be all set to go. Just close out of your program, and restart the computer for the action to take effect. If your action was a zip file, you will need to unzip it, and extract it to the PhotoShop Actions folder. Then you can close out and restart your computer.

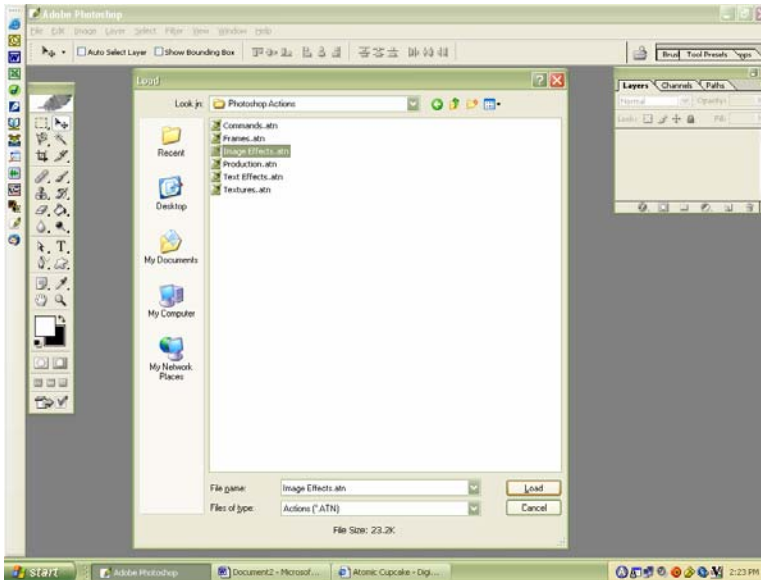
Once you restart your computer, open up PhotoShop. Go to your Options Bar at the top of the screen and click on WINDOW / ACTIONS.



A new window will pop up on the right side of your screen. You will automatically have the default actions listed. Now you need to actually **LOAD** your newly downloaded action. To do this, click on the small green circle with the black triangle....it is in the upper right corner of the Actions Palette. Scroll down and select **LOAD ACTIONS**.



Once you do that, you will then be prompted to navigate to the PhotoShop Actions folder on your hard drive. Locate the action you just downloaded and choose it, then click on **LOAD**.



Now your new actions are all loaded and ready to use.

Now choose a photo you want to apply the action to. I'm going to convert a color photo to sepia tone using the Image Effects actions. Once your photo is open, go to the Actions Palette and click on the action you are going to use. Then click on PLAY SELECTION. It is the black triangle at the bottom of the Actions Palette.



Now you will see your layers palette going crazy as it performs all the steps necessary to convert your photo to the desired effect.

Here is my finished photo. Now all I need to do is save it with a new name and it's ready to scrap.

