

QUICK START

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Where To Start? A TOUR OF TUTORIALS & TRAINING

LET US LEAD THE WAY. All products include detailed directions, but the journey does not end there. Visit our website for endless avenues for exploring your creative cache.

For **FREE** training and basic layers tutorials visit:

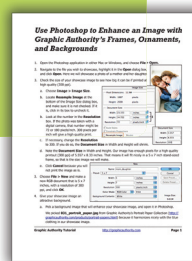
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Are you a Beginner?

ADVANCED USERS
FAMILIAR WITH FREE TRANSFORM, SCALING,
LAYERS & MASKS. SEE NEXT PAGE.

Download & read *Working with Layers 1 & Working with Layers 2* tutorials from graphicauthority.com/members

Beginners & intermediate users follow Steps 1-12 for instructions.



To see **PROS** using our products visit:

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FAQs OUR MOST COMMON QUESTIONS

If you still need assistance, email us: techhelp@graphicauthority.com

Are your products plug-ins?

No. Our product files are predominantly Photoshop files (.psd) or TIFF files (.tif). There are no plug-ins, filters, or other executable files.

How do I view the tutorial movies?

Our tutorials are produced in QuickTime format. If you do not have QuickTime Player, you can download it for free from Apple's website:
<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

Can I get the fonts used in your templates?

Yes, in most cases. While we are not legally licensed to distribute the fonts used in our templates and files, we make every effort to use fonts that can be downloaded from free font websites. Each of our products contains an **About Fonts** file (SEE #1 ABOVE) detailing all fonts used in the product, as well as their source. In some instances, font substitution may be necessary.

Can I resize your templates and frames?

Yes. Most of our products are provided in various convenient ready-made sizes, but you can scale them all to fit your specific output needs. For example, a 9x12" image can easily be resized to an 8x10" format. In Photoshop, simply go to the Image menu and select Image Size to enter your desired dimensions. If a proportional scale does not clip the image to your exact desired dimensions, go to the Image menu and select Canvas Size to enter the exact desired size. You could even create a Batch Action to resize all of our templates to best suit your workflow.

Can the templates be enlarged?

Yes. Our products are provided 300dpi, high resolution — most templates at a 12x12" dimension. We have communicated with photo labs who have simply used Photoshop to adjust the Image Size of an image over 200% with no noticeable degradation. In Photoshop, you can go to the Image menu and select Image Size. From there you can scale up the image size to your desired proportions. If you plan to go larger than 200-250%, you should communicate with your Photo Lab to ensure that their results will be on par with your expectations.

How do I load Brushes and Custom Shapes?

A common error many people make with brushes and custom shapes is attempting to double-click the ABR or CSH file from their desktop. These unique files must be **LOADED**, from inside Photoshop.

To load Brushes, select your Brush tool and click on the Brush Preset picker in the Options toolbar.

Scroll down to Load Brushes and locate your ABR Brush file from your Disc.

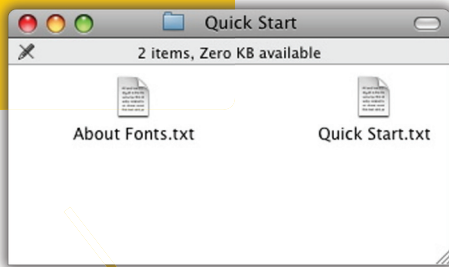
Similarly, to load Custom Shapes, simply select the Custom Shape tool from the Tools Palette.

Next, open the Custom Shape Picker from the options toolbar and click the pop out menu tab in the upper right hand corner. Scroll down and click Load Shapes. From there, locate the CSH file from your hard disk or off of your CD or DVD.

What's Inside? ANATOMY OF A GRAPHIC AUTHORITY PRODUCT

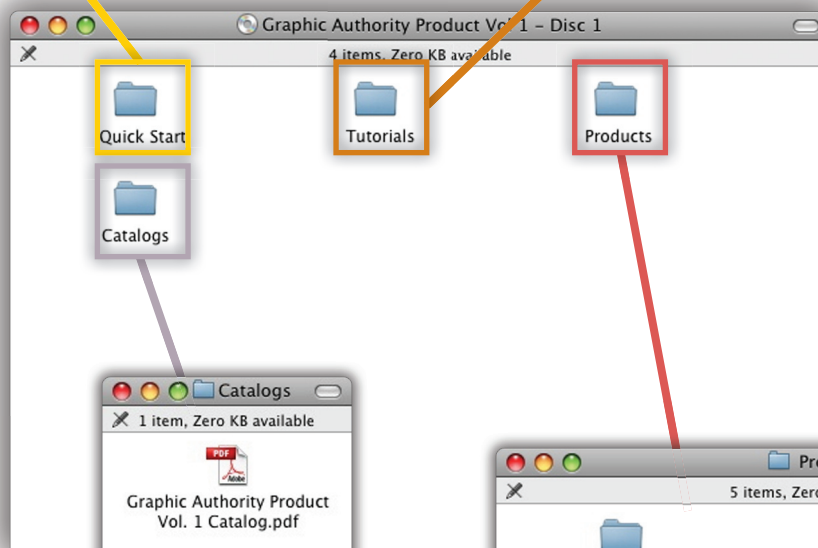
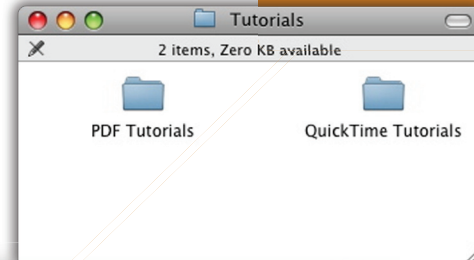
1. Overview

READ THIS FIRST. The *Quick Start* folder contains a brief overview of your product purchase and tells you how to Open the files. **There are no executable files or install files included in our products.**



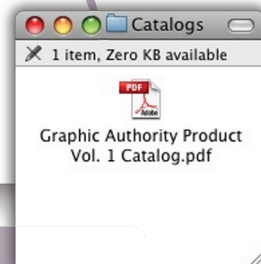
2. Instruction

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. All products include video, or written instruction for use. Most customers can be up and running with our products in 5-10 minutes. **You can find additional training and resources at www.graphicauthority.com/members**



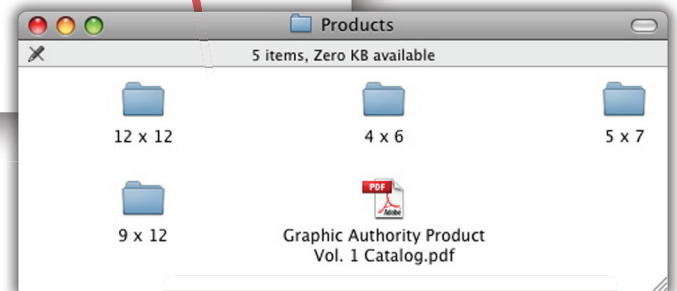
3. Preview

SELECT YOUR EFFECT. You can see all of the assets here. Browse all template, edge, frame, brush, background, custom shape or other files here in an easy to use PDF Catalog. You may also use Adobe® Bridge to preview the various assets included in the *Products* folder.



4. Assets

OPEN YOUR FILE. Here you can find our templates, edges or frames in convenient ready-made sizes. **Some products may also include folders containing Brushes, Custom Shapes or other asset files.**



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