



Macintosh - Windows Comparison #8

Edit a File

Create a JPEG File in Adobe Photoshop and Edit It Later

Mac OS

1. Launch Photoshop and create a file in JPEG format named "A.jpg".
2. Quit Photoshop.
3. To edit later, double-click on "A.jpg". Photoshop will launch. File can now be edited.

Windows 95

1. Launch Photoshop and create a file in JPEG format named "A.jpg".
2. Quit Photoshop.
3. To edit later, double-click on "A.jpg". Microsoft Internet Explorer incorrectly launches instead of Photoshop.
4. Quit Microsoft Internet Explorer.
5. Double-click on My Computer.
6. From the View menu select "Options...".
7. Select the File Types tab.
8. Scroll down the list of file types and select "JPEG Image". Click Edit... .
9. In the box labeled "Actions" select "open". Click Edit... .
10. Select the box that says "Application used to perform action". Click Browse... .
11. Locate the directory that contains Photoshop[†] and select "Photoshp.exe". Click Open.
12. Click OK.
13. Click Close.
14. Click Close. All Files with ".jpg" extensions will now be associated with Photoshop.^{††}
15. Double-click on "A.jpg". Photoshop will launch. File can now be edited.

[†]Depending on the location of the application, browsing for the Photoshop executable file will add several steps not listed here.

^{††}This procedure will assign all files ending in ".jpg" to Photoshop. Other applications that may use files with the ".jpg" extension can no longer launch them by double-clicking, since they have been associated with Photoshop. This is due to the fact that Windows 95 links a file to the application that created it solely through that file type's extension (in this case ".jpg"). These file types are determined by the "8.3" filename of the files in Windows 95 and must be associated by the user in many cases. The Mac OS, however, invisibly and automatically stores not only the file type, but also the unique application that created that type. Therefore, it is not limited to having one file type associated with one kind of application, like Windows 95 is.