

Resizing a Photo Using Photoshop Actions:

This is a technique that many people are not even aware of and is used when you wish to resize a number of photos that include both vertical and horizontal images.

Using the “Resize” dialogue in Photoshop will not yield the results one wishes. For example:

If you have a horizontal photo that is 3500 pixels by 2400 pixels, a vertical photo taken by the same camera would be 2400 by 3500 (same numbers just reversed).

Now if you resize the photos using “Actions” (since you are often resizing a number of photos at the same time) you want to create a new action; name it “Resize”. While recording the Action go to Image>Image Size and change the width to 1600 pixels and hit “OK”.

Stop recording the Action.

Go to the vertical image and play the Resize Action. The resulting image is also 1600 pixels wide, which is not the result that you wanted. The photos do not scale the same way which is what we wanted.

Now record a new Action, name it Resize-Fit.

Instead of going to Image Size, go to File>Automate>Fit Image. In the dialogue box Constrain the image to 1600 by 12000 which were the dimensions used when we previously resized the images. Hit “OK” and the image is resized.

Stop recording the Action. The resulting image is 1600 pixels wide.

Now go to the vertical image and play the Resize-Fit Action again. The resulting image is now 1200 pixels high; the correct proportions that we wanted when we are resizing multiple images.

Now that you have created an Action, you can use it with the Batch command found under File>Automate to process a large number of images at the same time.

