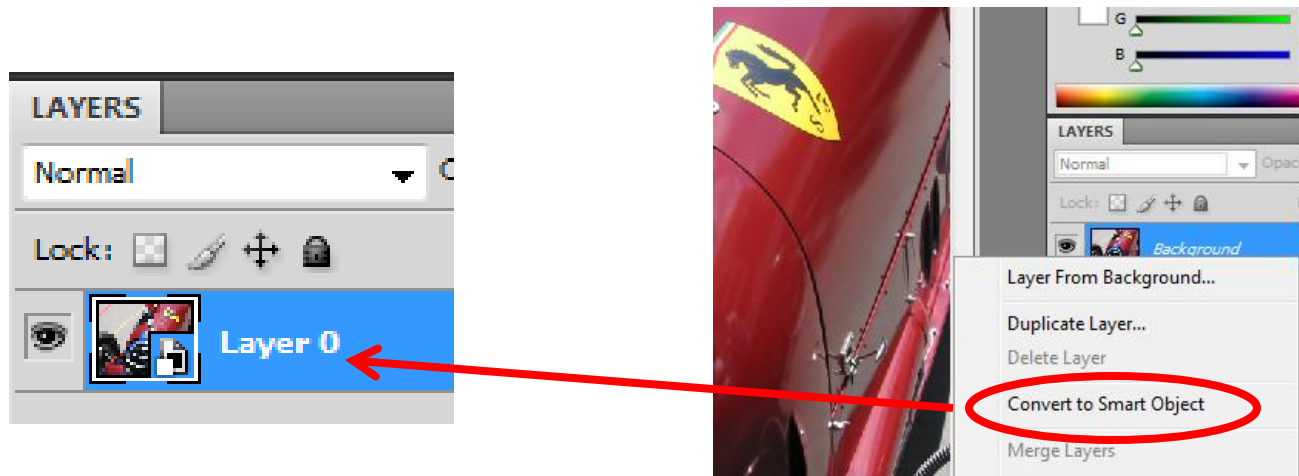


# Using Smart Filters in Photoshop

Gone are the days of having to use Undo for a filter. Now we have Smart Filters! The Smart Filter works much in the same way that an adjustment layer works by placing the filter in a separate layer that you can manipulate nondestructively.

To use Smart Filters, first turn your content into a Smart Object. Control-click (PC: Right-click) on the layer that contains the content, and select Convert to Smart Object.



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Once that is completed, go into the Filter menu and apply the filter you would like. In this case I have selected Gaussian Blur.

Once the filter is applied on the Smart Object, you will see a sub layer in the Layers panel that contains the Smart Filter.



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You can double-click on the Smart Filter and make any necessary adjustments or hide it by clicking on the Eye icon. There are a couple of filters that do not work as a Smart Filter: Extract, Liquify, Pattern Maker, and Vanishing Point.

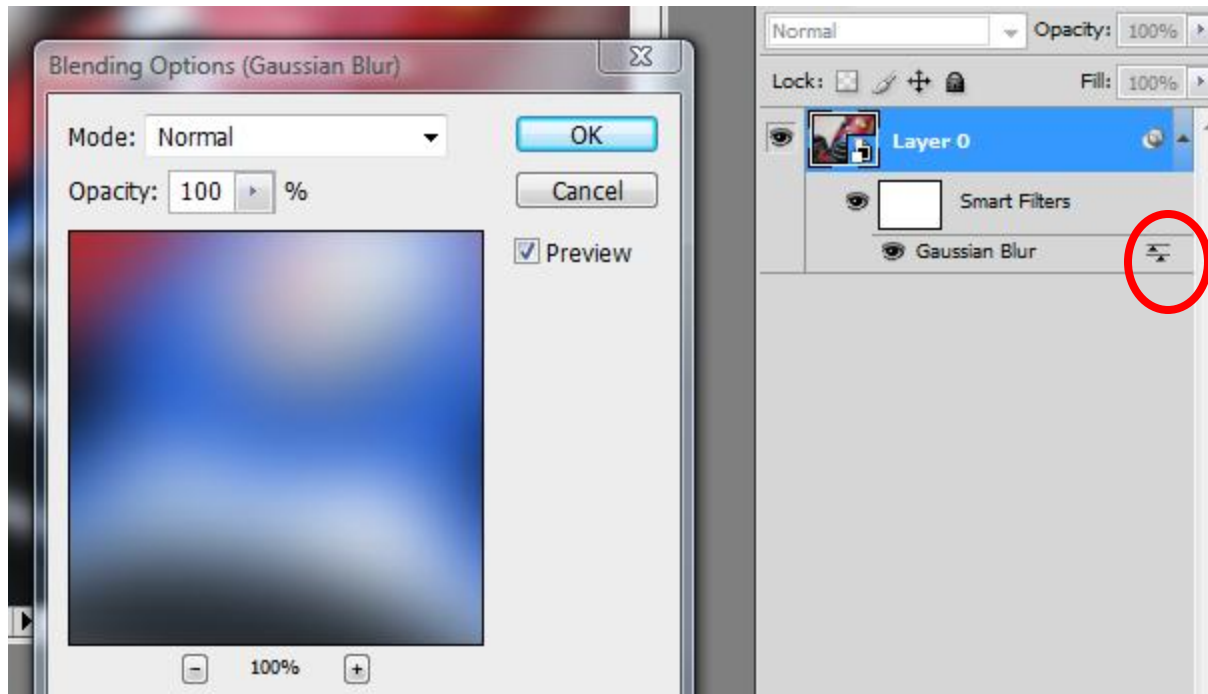
In the olden days, you could control how a specific effect reacted to an image by choosing Edit>Fade (effect name). This would give you a blend mode option for the effect, as well as an Opacity control.

The problem with this was you had no way to go back and modify that setting once it was completed.

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In Smart Filters, you have the option to set the blend mode and opacity of that effect, and still keep the control you need to modify it later.

Just double-click on the Edit Blending Options icon that appears to the right of the Smart Filter in the Layers panel.



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You can selectively show or hide any of the filters that you have applied to a Smart Object by painting on the mask for the Smart Filter.

Click on the Smart Filter's thumbnail, select the Brush tool, and paint with black.



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**This takes your creativity to a completely different level!!!**