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The Wizard of Dos - March 7, 2014, 4:12 pm

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Ever wanted to make really high quality .gifs with very little compression, just like [this](#)? Well, look no further because that's what I'm going to teach you how to do today.

What you'll need: Photoshop CS5 or newer

A video clip in .mov format

Some time for uploading and processing

1. Open Photoshop

Pretty self explanatory. Open up that legitimate \$1,000 copy of CS6 and get ready for .giffing.

2. Import the video clip

It's time to import your video clip. Navigate that little cursor of yours into File > Import > Video Frames to Layer...

3. Find your video clip

Find the video clip you want to use. Preferably it should be a .mov file, but other file types might be supported, but I've had the best results with .mov files.

4. Trim the video

This step is optional, you can just click OK if you want to use the whole clip, but sometimes you'll want to trim your clip a little before importing it. Just move the black markers to trim the clip and click OK.

5. Wait

Depending on the length and resolution of your clip this might take a while. You can use the waiting time to think about life and wonder why you're even wasting your time making stupid .gifs of cats, but this step is optional.

6. Make the final changes

If you couldn't already, you should now see the Timeline window at the bottom of your screen. Using that you can, amongst other things, delete, edit and add frames to your .gif. Be careful when you delete frames, you might accidentally delete layers or content instead.

7. Exporting your .gif

Once you're happy with your .gif, you'll have to save it (duh). But you can't just save this like any ol' image, this baby needs to be saved for teh webz!

8. Export Settings

Now this window might seem a bit confusing at first, but unless you want to change the resolution, you probably don't want to mess too much around with these settings.

9. Saving the .gif

Now that you're finally ready to save the .gif, go ahead and hit that Save... button. Once you've specified a place to save the .gif go back and repeat step 5. After this, you've officially made a high quality.gif. Wow!

If you need to upload the .gif I recommend [gfyca](#). It's really good for large files, but converting the .gif to a html5 video might take some time. If you for some reason don't want a html5 video, you can always use [minus](#), which allows pretty big files. Unfortunatly minus doesn't show well on mobile. Both sites have their pros and cons, so you'll have to choose depending on what you need to use the .gif for.

And that's it! I hope you found my tutorial useful and remember, feedback and such are always appriciated, especially since this is my first ever tutorial ?

kazzZZY - March 7, 2014, 4:16 pm

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The Wizard of Dos - March 7, 2014, 4:20 pm

(Mar 7, 2014 05:16 PM)kazzZZY Wrote: [CITE](#) cool thank you for this tutorial! <3 would give u +rep if i had leet

Aww, thanks dude. Glad you enjoyed it ?

byrle - March 8, 2014, 2:05 am

Thanks for share. I like it. It's good

Krew - March 8, 2014, 2:10 am

Great tutorial and awesome comments ;)

Well done, mate!

Botcat - March 8, 2014, 2:17 am

Thank you for this awesome TUT!

helped me a lot with photoshop :)

K.ing - March 19, 2014, 9:22 pm

Hey man,

thanks for this tutorial.

very HQ

Auxil - March 20, 2014, 2:29 am

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The Wizard of Dos - March 20, 2014, 2:34 am

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Thanks, I try my best to make whatever I make bearable to read, usually with a joke or two.

iJacob - March 29, 2014, 11:06 am

Thanks man, This will help alot! -Jacob x

Vexane - March 29, 2014, 11:07 am

You should really mention file size and how to cut down on it.

Gifs can be huge if you don't know how to make them smaller.

Clipper™ - May 30, 2014, 2:21 pm

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