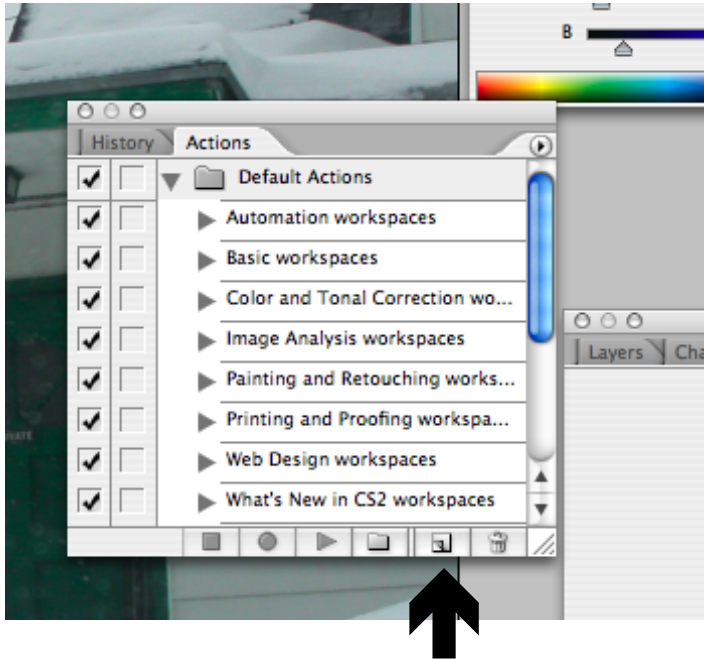


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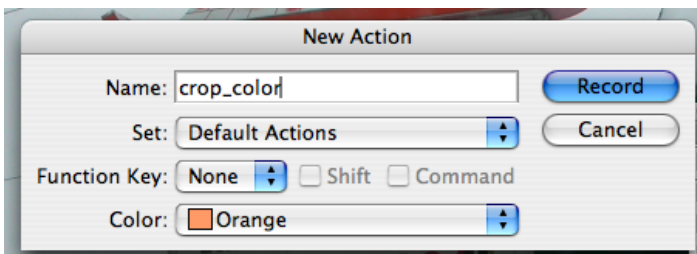
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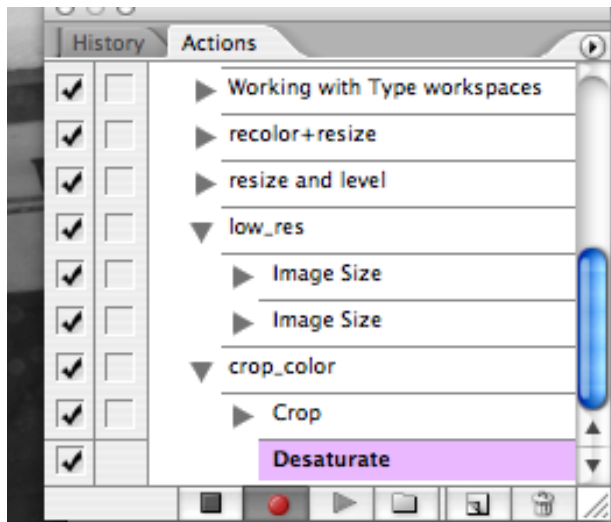
RECORDING AN ACTION

The first step to begin automating your workflow is recording an action. Adobe makes it very easy to record common tasks and “play” them when needed.

- Open a new image.
- Make sure the actions panel is open by going to Window --> Actions
- On the bottom of the panel, click the “Create New Action” button.
- A dialogue box will appear. Name your action. You can also color code it and assign it a function key. Hit RECORD



- Complete the actions you'd like on the photo. This could be cropping, color control, etc. Things that you need to do repetitively or find yourself doing often in your workflow work best here.



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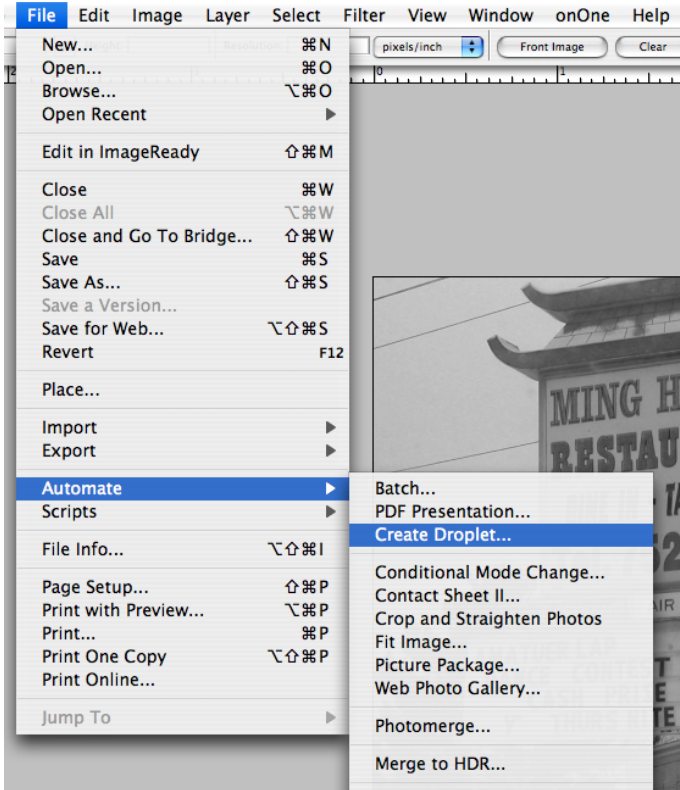
- You will notice that the record button is now RED in the actions palette. Continue until you are finished and press the STOP button. Your action is complete.

- Your action will now appear in the actions palette as you named it. Open a new photo and press the play button. The action will be completed on this photo.

Note: You may often include saving the image in the workflow.

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CREATING A DROPLET

After you have created and saved an action or set of actions you can create a droplet to utilize the action quickly and easily. The droplet allows you to literally drop images into it and Photoshop will automatically perform the actions you've saved on it.

a. Go to File ---->Automate ----->Create Droplet. A dialogue box will appear.

b. Choose the destination of the Droplet. I usually put mine on the desktop. In the PLAY menu, choose the action you want to use.

c. Choose the destination where you would like the EDITED photos to be saved. I often create a new folder for them. Choose the name you'd like for the new photos. They can be auto-numbered or dated. Only click the Override Save As box if you have recorded how the image will be saved in your action.

d. Hit Create Droplet.

e. The droplet will appear (where ever you saved it) as an icon. To use it, simply drag and drop images into the icon. Photoshop will launch and complete the saved action.

