

Creating and Using Droplets

What is a Photoshop Droplet

Photoshop droplets take actions you created and automate them for multiple files or folders. For example, when making a listing video, all the pictures need to be sized to 2350x1567. We have an action to size them. When a listing as 35-50 photos it may take 30 minutes to size them manually, 10 minutes to size them with the action and 60 seconds to size them with a droplet. In this video, I'll show you how droplets are the ultimate productivity tool in Photoshop.

Which Actions to Make into Droplets

Almost any action can be turned into a droplet. However, when making droplets into actions, it's best to have the 'Save and Close' commands for the image already in the action. I also suggest a temp folder for all action saves. They normally should not save over the original image.

Droplets automate actions. So any action that has a stop built into it for manual adjustments is not the best action to turn into a droplet.

How to Create a Droplet

Start by creating a folder to keep all your droplets. I suggest having in the same folder as your Temp Photos file or inside that folder. Inside that folder create an Errors folder.

Go to File > Automate > Create Droplet

Choose the folder in which the droplet will be saved and name the droplet.

Select the Set and Action the droplet will perform.
Uncheck Override Action "Open" Command & Include All Subfolders
Check 'Suppress File Open Options Dialogs' & 'Suppress Color Profile Warnings.'

Under the Errors choose the folder in which the errors log will be saved and name the log. For the destination click 'None.' This is used if you are saving the files from the droplet in addition to the action directions. All our actions have a save to temp folder in them, so the additional save is not necessary.



Using a Droplet

Drag a file, group of files or folder over the droplet. Check the output folder Check for Error Logs Your all done and Photoshop did the work for you!