Using and running a Drag & Drop Script file in Photoshop.
Quick Start Use

1- Have an image **open** in Photoshop.
2- Select a script effect file from the Photoshop Menu **FILE >> SCRIPTS >> BROWSE...**
3- From the dialog box that opens, select the effect file (example.jsx) from where it is stored.
4- The effect will be run on your image - **Done!**

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: to disguise oneself or to go about disguised - to assume the appearance of something one is not.

AI Volume 2 Description:

Masquerade is a set of Photoshop effects that were specifically designed for AI generated Images. They can add a new depth to your AI Images with any one of the 10 Advanced Photoshop effects in Volume 2.

A simple Drag & Drop onto the Photoshop App and you can change the feel of AI images quickly. Trying to achieve these effects by re-generating your images, will often lose the results that your original prompts achieved.

These new 'masQuerade' effects, used on your crafted AI images, will extend the usefulness and reach of your work without messing with your creative vision. These will enhance it.

Compatibility and specifications

• Compatible with Mac OS X and Windows.

• In Photoshop, it has been tested to work with versions CS 2017 thru CC 2024 (as of last testing)

• masQuerade effects are not Actions, but Scripts. As easy to use as an action, but easier.

• Included in this read me file are Instructions for 3 ways you can use Pencil Pixels script files.

• Designed to work on AI generated art, portraits, figure studies, composites and concept artwork. (Can also be used for standard digital photography, quality graphics and Stock images.)

• 10 effects included in **masQuerade Volume 2**

Etch-Artist	Polarized Light	Ink Artist
Marker	Tonality HDR	Smudge Artist
Carbon Blue	Abstract Art	Street Art
Vargas Style		

Simple to use. With your image open in Photoshop, you select the script - that simple. The result is a Photoshop layered file. You can even explore changing the layers. By reducing/increasing layer opacity, changing blend modes or layer visibility it will provide you with more possibilities of customized looks. Use these Photoshop effects to transform AI images into different art styles.

Volume 2 *masQuerade* gives you a wide array of styles.

More styles are also available in our *Veneers* Volume 1 set.

If you post images, design packaging art, create greeting cards or want to upgrade the quality and diversity of the visual services you provide, you need the Pencil Pixels masQuerade series of one-click results.

Another Quick Start Use - Open an AI image in Photoshop, Select the script file and drag the effect file to the Photoshop's App icon.

See our video tutorial at https://youtu.be/jWlvpkuOHUc

Generate artistic effects with just one click

AI Designers looking to upgrade the quality of services they provide should seriously consider utilizing these effects. It is quite easy to use and apply. It is beneficial to a lot of photographers as well because it can be used to generate multiple concept images effortlessly. This is a deviation from other types of effects that are useful only as one application or on just a few picture types.

Pencil Pixels' scripts do not require any special processes or image files to produce the best results. The entire process has been simplified. It is easy for AI artists to make use of this wonderful tool. The different amazing photoshop effects we will open you up to a whole new level of opportunities and possibilities. AI art variations has just been simplified.
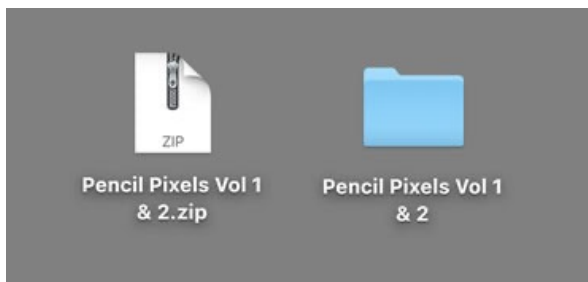
Photoshop Scripts

More detailed information for loading and using Pencil Pixels Script effects
- It does not use or manipulate your original image or layers. It duplicates your file first.
- Layers can additionally be manipulated if desired. In fact, it is encouraged.
- Works exceptionally well with portraits, figure studies and composite artwork, as well as AI Images.
- Photoshop Mac OS X or Windows compatible.
- Best for online sized use when the image is between 900 pixels and 3000 pixels. Please use and view at 100% for optimum results

Your purchased downloaded zip file contains the effect script, a tutorial for using the script, changing the layers to get alternate results and this tutorial for using Pencil Pixels Scripts for Photoshop or (if offered for) Adobe Elements.

Pencil Pixels scripts are "lightweight", There is usually just 1 file. There are no additional brushes, backgrounds or styles to load in order to get great results with just one click.
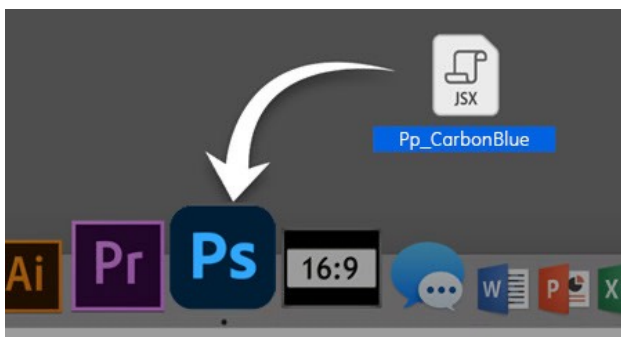
The file comes compressed as a zip file. Double click the file to show the folder.
A *"Using Scripts"* **video tutorial** is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pctBB7yvs3s
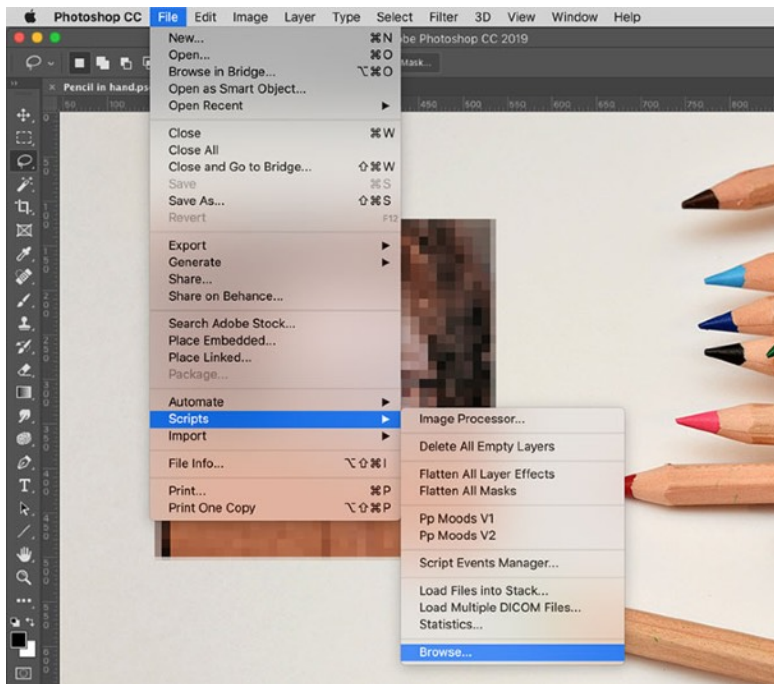
Using or loading the Script file

There are three ways to apply the effect to your image, depending on your ease with Photoshop or workflow. In all cases, **first have an image open in Photoshop**. Then use ANY of the following methods.

1) One of the easiest ways to load and use a script is to just drag the script file onto the Photoshop Icon The effect will begin to work on your image - and you're **Done!**

or you can

2) If you keep a number of effect scripts in a single folder, you can select one of the scripts from the Photoshop Menu. **FILE >> SCRIPTS >> BROWSE...**

First go to the **FILE** menu.

Drag down to the **SCRIPTS** menu item.

Select **BROWSE ...**

from the pop out menu, shown at left,

A dialog window, will appear and you select the script file you want to use.

Locate your **"*example*.jsx"** file from the folder that you've stored it in.

Click OPEN and the script will begin.

or you can

3) You can place the Pencil Pixels scripts into the SCRIPTS folder of the Photoshop application

In order to use this method, you first need to put the Pencil Pixels script files into a specific location. You only need to do this once and it will always be available directly from the Photoshop scripts menu.
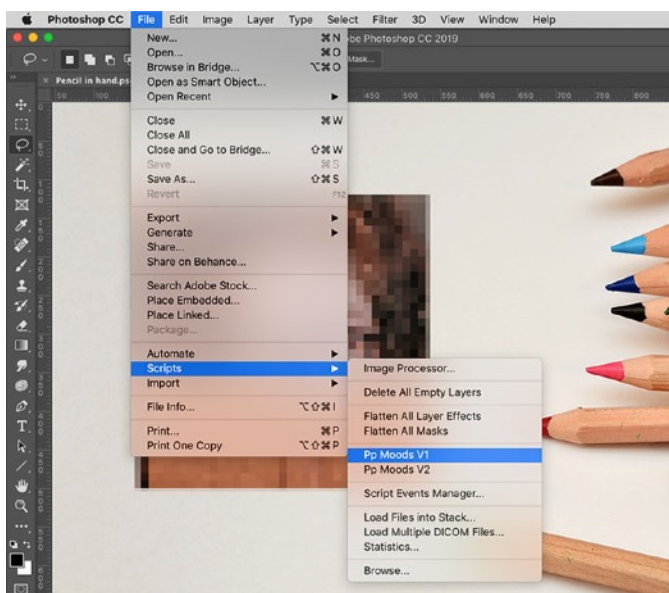
For Photoshop on the Mac OS X operating system, it goes in the folder with the path:

/Applications/Adobe Photoshop [VERSION #]/Presets/Scripts/

On the Windows operating system it goes in the folder with the path:

C:/Program Files/Adobe/Adobe Photoshop [VERSION #]/Presets/Scripts/

Then Restart Photoshop.

With this method, you can select the scripts directly from the Photoshop Scripts Menu.

File >> Scripts >> where the name of the script can be selected. The name of Pencil Pixels Scripts will begin with "Pp" to distinguish it from others. See the image at left.

When In use: When the Pencil Pixels script is processing the image, please let the process complete before clicking on the image or the tool bar.

Like all our other scripts, you can create variations of the effects by turning on or off some of the layers that effect the images density, color, effect layers and more.

Each of the image effects usually include layers to adjust contrast, density, texture, color, as well as several layers that make up the effect. The effects are made to work on good quality images with average lightness and contrast.

By first adjusting the images' tone to have more or less brightness and contrast, you can alter the effect result as well.

You can adjust the opacity of the layers to increase or decrease the effect of the resulting image. Layers are usually developed to allow you to alter the Color, Texture, Density, Line Tone, shadow textures, etc. Adjusting any of the layers, for opacity, visibility or blend mode, changes the appearance of the effect and allow you to customize the result.

Support

If you encounter a problem, and the script is causing an error, Please contact Pencil Pixels and let us know:

- which of our software products you are using
- what operating system you are running and what version of Photoshop you are using.
- If an error occurs, do a full screenshot of the alert message and also include a screenshot of the Photoshop History and Layers panel at the time of the error.
This will help us research the cause and solve the issue quickly. We are always here to help and will get you up and running.

Feedback is always welcome let us know if you encounter any problems in running the scripts.
If you have any questions about using our software, their compatibility, or terms of use, please contact us through our website.

Have Questions? Want more information? email us www.PencilPixels.com/contact

Why scripts?

Pencil Pixels creates scripts that produce effects for Photoshop and Adobe Elements. Scripts allows Pencil Pixels to do more complex effects and access more of the program's features than an action usually can.

Pencil Pixels Scripts are safe to use. Scripts simply playback a set of menu items which are mostly filters, layer opacities and layer blend commands. They do not access the Cloud or anything that Photoshop doesn't have access to. In fact, although creatively sequenced to produce outstanding effects, they are the simplest commands and are usually compatible and functioning in very old versions of Photoshop from the CS5.5 to current Creative Cloud and up. And with some unique application specific code changes, these scripts can usually be developed for Adobe Elements as well. Scripts also only use core properties and are language independent. (Layer names and alerts are in English though.)

On the website, we offer Matchprints, Evaluation Scripts, Samples, test image submissions and Trial Scripts so you can try the effects on images you typically use, before making a purchase. There isn't a way to completely take back the software product once it is purchased and downloaded. Due to this we adhere to a no refund policy on purchases. However, after a purchase, we will provide full technical support and guidance for our software and replace any non-working or defective product for the systems and versions of Photoshop/Elements software which we support.

Use

The effects produced work best on a wide variety of images from portraits to landscapes in which the subject is prominent and the background is not very distracting. Perfect for Stock Images, presentation assets, Social Media and AI Generated Images.

As with images that you have the rights to use, you may freely use your resulting image effects in professional, personal or commercial projects, either in print, presentations or on the internet. We highly recommend looking at the quality and variety of the source images on:
Pexels.com, Pxhere.com, UpSplash.com and Pixabay.com
Absolutely Free to use images and of excellent quality.

Like our actions, you can vary the resulting effect by modifying the opacity of the different effect layers, or changing the visibility or blend mode of these layers. Freely experiment with the layers to intensify or subdue the effect. Depending on how the effect was developed, various layers will allow you to alter the Color, Texture, Density, Outline, Tone, etc. Adjusting any of the layers, for opacity, visibility or blend mode, changes the appearance and allows you to customize the result.

Offered on our site; Pencil Pixels Free Evaluation Scripts
An evaluation version of a script is free, but produces a watermark over the effect. The resulting layers are usually not flattened and there is no size restriction. It is used to evaluate if the effect works to your expectation on the images you typically use. Other than the watermark, it produces the layers and effects that the purchasable unrestricted script produces. Please try the effect on a number of similar files that you would be working with. You are encouraged to do this in order to make your purchase decision.

Pencil Pixels Free Trial Scripts
Trial Scripts have no watermark and no timeout period, but are cropped to a certain size, like 600x600 pixels as an example. If your image is smaller than 600 pixels, a gray border will be added to fill the area to 600x600. If the image is larger, it will crop the image to 600x600 pixels.

Some Photoshop layers are typically flattened in the trial version, however, the purchasable scripts will have, if developed with layers, all the layers which can be altered for Color, Texture, Density, Line Tone, etc.

Layered or Flattened Files
For a few of our script effects, we offer both Layered or Flattened Files. If offered, the Flattened file produces the effect and then flattens most layers. This type of file is sold at a reduced cost. The Layered file version retains all the layers that make the effect, as well as adjustment layers that may be included for that script. Adjusting the effects' layers, with opacity, visibility or mode changes can alter the appearance of the effect and allow you to customize the result.

Matchprint Standardization
On the example page of each Script or Action Set on the Pencil Pixels site, we provide an original matchprint and a matchprint made with the specific effect for you to check against with your own system results. When a script produces multiple effects, a single representative matchprint may only be available online. If needed, please contact us for other corresponding match print images.

Using Photoshop Scripts
With an image open in the app, you select a script in Photoshop through the menu
File >> Scripts >> Browse... and select the script from the folder you've saved them in. On newer versions of Photoshop and Elements, you can simply drag the script onto the Photoshop or Elements Application icon while your image is open. Or if specified and placed in the scripts folder of the Photoshop or Elements application, you will be able to access some of our scripts through the Apps internal script menu.

Version Compatibility
- Compatible with Photoshop **Mac OS X and Windows**

For Scripts, styles and actions developed prior to 2019
- Compatible with the standard installed filters and layer commands of Photoshop CS5.5, through current versions of Creative Cloud (unless indicated otherwise).

For Scripts, styles and actions developed after Adobe versioning 2019
- Compatible with the standard installed filters and layer commands of Photoshop CC 2019, through current versions of Creative Cloud (unless indicated otherwise).
- No additional plugins are required.
- Versions of this product may be available for Photoshop, Photoshop Elements or both - Please order the specific product, if available for your software.
- For Photoshop Elements, scripts have been tested to work with version 14 to version 2019 (as last tested).

Version Compatibility (continued)

- Instructions and information files on loading and using scripts come with our Effect scripts.
- Works exceptionally well with portraits, figure studies, and composite artwork.
- Best for online sized use when the image is less than 3000x3000 pixels. Viewing and using the result at 100% provides optimum results. Developed for best use for smaller sized online Ads & Banners, Social media posts and Web page art.
- Usually for our scripts, there are no additional files to load and will produce the complete effect with just one click. To see if these scripts work in previous versions, please download and run evaluation scripts from the PencilPixels.com site. There are a large number of free scripts to test with as well.

Getting better results.
Like any plug-in or action from any other company, images that are blurred, or contain a lot of image noise, or are overly compressed, or are very dark and extremely low in contrast, will yield poorer results. Keep that in mind.

Changing the visibility or opacity of the resulting Layers will alter the effect. Freely experiment with opacity of layers to intensify or subdue any effect layers. Depending on the effect, various layers allow you to alter the Color, Texture, Density, Outline, Tone, etc. Adjusting any of the layers, for opacity, visibility or blend mode, changes the appearance of the effect and allow you to customize the result.

The quality behind the product - *Why is Pencil Pixels different?*
- The original image is left untouched.
- On sites where our software is sold, we have **five star ratings** from customer feedback for our knowledgeable and responsive support services.
- Some effect products ask you to run a multi-instructional action, then use brushes or add backgrounds or use skills to mask or add layers. **We don't.**
- Some effects require you to install software, and provide your password to allow it into your applications folder.   **We don't, but you can if you like.**
- Some software is just for Max OS or just for Windows, and there is limited development, if at all, for Adobe Elements. **We can and We do.**
- Some effects that are sold can only be used on the most recent creative cloud versions, or English language versions, or require updates to newer versions of the application.
We once did, but never since. * Since Photoshop's 2019 versioning, there have been changes that have removed some long standing items so we have had to set the compatibility of our scripts to the 2019 baseline.
- Some effects only allow you to use on personal work or have limits on distribution or require extended licenses.   **We don't require that**

Feedback is always welcome let us know if you encounter any problems in running the scripts. If you have any questions about using our software, their compatibility, or terms of use, please contact us through our website; www.PencilPixels.com/contact.

If you encounter a problem, or the Quick Start instructions are causing you to have an error please do the following;
Contact Pencil Pixels and let us know which script software product, what operating system you are running, and what version of Photoshop or Elements you are using. Also, if the error occurs, do a full screenshot of the alert message and with the Layers panel (and if Photoshop, the History panel also) open at the time of the error. This will help us research the cause. We are always here to help and will get you up and running.

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