



YOUR ISP NEWS



Volume 3 -- Issue 3

ISOC

March 2003

Photo Editing to Emphasize the Eyes

Photo Retouching & Restoration For Dummies
by Julie Adair King

In any portrait, the eyes are the most important element. They draw the viewer in, revealing much about the subject's mood and personality. Try using the following tricks to boost eye color, brightness, and sparkle.

Always do this kind of retouching work on a duplicate layer. In Photoshop Elements, you can copy the eyes to a new layer by selecting the eye area and then pressing Ctrl+J (Cmd+J on a Mac).

- Boost the saturation of the iris: In Elements, use the Sponge tool for this step. Choose a very small, soft brush, set the Mode control on the Options bar to Saturate, and click all the way around the iris. Don't overdo -- you don't want the eye color to look unnatural.

- Brighten the whites of the eyes: Dab at the whites of the eyes with the Dodge tool. Which Range setting you use depends on the original eye, so you need to do some experimenting here. Again, don't go too far. You just want to make the whites slightly lighter, not glow-in-the-dark bright.

- Sharpen the eyeball: To make the eyes sparkle, pick up the Sharpen tool. Choose a soft brush that's slightly larger than the size of the eyeball. Then click once or twice to sharpen just that area.

If your photo editor doesn't offer a Saturation, Dodge, or Sharpen tool, you can select the portion of the eye that you want to alter and then use the program's standard saturation, exposure, and sharpening filters to make these changes.

Do You have . . .

. . . An interesting article, or something you would like to share in a future newsletter? If so, please submit it to editor@isoc.net. ISOC reserves the right to use or not to use your submission in part or in its entirety without further consideration for such usage.



Hoops, Horses and Hope

Watch all 16 NCAA First Round Tournament Games

Thursday March 20th at TurfWay Park
5th floor clubhouse from Noon to Midnight!

Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

*For tickets & event information,
call (513) 533-9300*

Starting Excel without an empty workbook

Microsoft Excel 2000 Bible
by John Walkenbach

If you find that you almost always end up closing the default Book 1 workbook that appears when you start Excel, you can set things up so that Excel starts without an empty workbook. To do so, you need to edit the command line that you use to start Excel. If you start Excel by using a shortcut on your Windows desktop, right-click the shortcut icon and choose Properties from the menu. Click the Shortcut tab and add "/e" after the command line listed in the Target field. The following is an example of a command line modified in this manner (the actual drive and path may vary on your system):

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office\excel.exe /e

Take advantage of "Viral Marketing" by adding a signature to your e-mail

Most e-mail programs such as Eudora, Netscape, or Outlook allow you to designate a "signature" to appear at the end of each message you send. Limit it to 6 to 8 lines, including: Your Company name, address, phone number, URL, email address, and a one-phrase description of your unique business offerings. Look for examples on e-mail messages sent to you.

Outlook Express and Outlook—like all good e-mail programs today—offer fairly sophisticated signature systems that let you create multiple signatures and choose from them when you write your messages.

In both programs, you create signatures through the Tools|Options dialog. OE has a Signatures tab, but you'll find Outlook signatures under the Mail Format tab. If you create more than one signature, you choose the one that will be the default via the Set as Default button in OE and the Signature Picker button in Outlook. In both programs, you can have the default signature inserted into each e-mail message automatically, or you can have no signatures appended automatically and select the one you wish through the Insert|Signature menu command. You can opt to omit signatures from replies and forwards.

The Language of the Web

According to Web researchers, Web users overwhelmingly speak English as either a first or second language. Consequently, the great majority of Web content, Web creation tools, and Web browsers use the English language. Even ten years after the birth of the Web -- in Europe -- North America is still the "center of gravity" for Web access. This may gradually change as other countries catch up to Web penetration in the United States.

Microsoft will end its FREE support for Windows 98 in June.

Kim Komando

Microsoft (www.microsoft.com) will end its free support for Windows 98 on June 30th, 2003. Some of the paid support will still be available through January 16th, 2004. If new security issues arise, Microsoft will review them on a case-by-case analysis. Microsoft will maintain a vast quantity of information about Windows 98 in its knowledge base that will continue to be available.

Wisdom to Live by . . .

Because you are in control of your life. Don't ever forget that. You are what you are because of the conscious and subconscious choices you have made.

Barbara Hall

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them.

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

Sitting at the table doesn't make you a diner, unless you eat some of what's on that plate. Being here in America doesn't make you an American. Being born here in America doesn't make you an American.

Malcolm X (1925 - 1965)

Read all about it!

The current Newsletter is now available at <http://bus.isoc.net/News.asp> for you to review and pass on to your friends and family.

If you have an interesting article, or something you would like to share in future newsletters, please submit it to editor@isoc.net. ISOC reserves the right to use or not to use your submission in part or in its entirety without further consideration for such usage.

To subscribe or unsubscribe to ISOC News on-line, just visit us at:

<http://bus.isoc.net/News.asp>

Tech Corner

By: Gene Stotler - ISOC

My Outlook Express continues to disconnect after checking for new mail, or sending a new message. How can I stop this from happening?

This is a common annoyance for outlook express users. Outlook Express by default is set to disconnect after sending and receiving email. However you can deactivate this option by following the steps below:



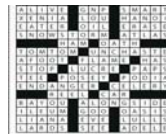
- Open Outlook Express.
- Click the Tools menu.
- Click the "Options" option.
- Click the connections tab.
- Uncheck the option labeled "Disconnect after sending or receiving mail".
- Click the apply button.
- Click the OK button.
- You are done. Outlook Express should now no longer disconnect after checking for new messages or sending new outgoing messages.

Your Word for Today.

Capitulate (Ca*pit"u*late)

Verb:

1. To surrender under specified conditions; come to terms.
2. To give up all resistance; acquiesce.



The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition

How to Reach us:

ISOC
73 Cavalier Boulevard
Florence, KY 41042-5182
KY: (859) 525-8730
Fax: (859) 525-8737
OH: (513) 528-8730
Toll Free: (888) 292-1719
<http://www.isoc.net>
editor@isoc.net

Create a Better Web Site

The following basic Web design principles will help you create your own site or work effectively with someone who creates one for you:

- Make the site consistent. Determine a design that best portrays the image you want to project and repeat the basic elements of the design on each page of the site.
- Keep the design uncluttered for easy access and understanding. Put links to all major sections, including the home page, on each page of the site for easy user navigation. Give full contact information: phone, fax, address and e-mail. People like to have a choice of response mechanisms.
- Use graphics judiciously and sparingly. Most of your visitors will have a standard dial-up connection to the Internet at a speed that will almost grind to a halt when downloading numerous or large, complex graphics. Include graphics only to prove a point, illustrate a concept or create a feel that's best done graphically. Pictures of construction sites for a construction company, for example, would be appropriate because, in this case, graphical presentation shows what you do better than descriptive text.

The Truth Is in the Modification Dates

Teach Yourself Windows Me

by Brian Underdahl.

Oh, those pesky co-workers! Sometimes you just can't trust anyone. Or maybe you've watched too much of *The X-Files* and you have conspiracies on the brain. In any case, if you suspect that someone has accessed important files on your computer, just check the modification dates of the files in question to see if they were modified during the time you were gone. You can either right-click on an individual file and choose Properties, or look at all the modification dates for several files in Windows Explorer. If all is in order, then rest easy. If not, call Mulder and Scully immediately.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Be as interested in the appetizers as you are the entrees. (Customers won't give large orders if you can't handle the small ones.)



Byrd Baggett