

HotShots ReadMe Contents

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Undocumented option in the Find in Collections dialog

If you choose the "Date modified" option in the first drop down list of the Find in Collection dialog, you can then additionally choose the "is after" option in the second drop down list. Use the "is after" option as a search parameter to find any image that was last modified after a date specified by you.

Managing System Resources

All applications require a certain amount of memory and hard disk space to run properly. HotShots is no exception. Depending on the size and number of images that are open, HotShots can require quite a bit of hard disk space for temp files. If you find yourself running low on disk space, try the following solutions:

- n Empty your Recycle Bin (Windows 95) or Trash (Macintosh).
- n Delete unnecessary temp files.

Connecting to a New Device

If you are having problems connecting to a new imaging device, contact the device manufacturer. It is possible that the manufacturer may have new drivers, TWAINS or Plug-ins that we do not yet know about. If so, they will be able to resolve the connection problem.

Printing PhotoPages

Printing High Resolution PhotoPages

HotShots lets you create and print PhotoPages without the CD. However, to print PhotoPages at their highest quality, you will need to either insert the CD at print time, or use the custom install (Windows 95) to copy the high resolution PhotoPages to your hard drive. For Macintosh, copy the HiRes images to the HotShots folder.

Printing PhotoPages

- n When printing PhotoPages from a Macintosh, be advised that PhotoPages are templates. For this reason, we recommend you save PhotoPages before printing.
- n PhotoPages with large images will require several minutes to print.

Epson Color Stylus II Printer

The Epson Color Stylus II printer uses a program called SuperPrint which does not have the ability to print in color in 720 dpi mode. If you select 720 dpi, the color box is disabled. According to the Epson ReadMe file, the highest available color resolution for this printer is 360 dpi.

Modifying Images in PhotoPages

Replacing Images in PhotoPages

You can effectively replace the current image in a PhotoPage "well" by dragging and dropping another image into the same well. This technique will work as long as the PhotoPage is not saved.

Undoing Changes to Images in PhotoPages

PhotoPages accommodate a single level of undo. For example, if you change the position of an image (panning) in a PhotoPage, and then choose Edit > Undo, the image will return to its original position. If you pan the image multiple times, only the last change can be undone.

Reverting Changes to Images in PhotoPages

The Revert option in the File menu is not available for images in PhotoPages.

Printing PhotoPages

To ensure the best results when printing PhotoPages in MS Windows 95, save the PhotoPage as a *.SSD file. For Macintosh, save the PhotoPage as the file format option "PhotoPage".

Sending AVI/MOV files using NetCard in HotShots

As a standalone application, NetCard allows you to send movie files (AVI files for Windows; MOV files for Mac) across the internet. However, when using NetCard from inside of HotShots, only still images may be sent. Contact PictureWorks for details if you want to send AVI/MOV images using NetCard.

Changing HotShots Startup and Ending Sounds in MS Windows 95

The START.WAV and END.WAV files produce the "drum beat" sounds that play whenever you start or close HotShots. In Windows, you can replace the those .WAV files if you want to hear a different sound at startup and/or close:

To change the START.WAV:

1. In the HotShots Sounds directory, rename the START.WAV file to ORGSTART.WAV.
2. Select another desired sound or WAV file for your startup sound.
3. Rename the desired WAV file to START.WAV and place it into the Sounds directory.
4. Start HotShots to verify that the sound plays.

To change the END.WAV:

1. In the HotShots Sounds directory, rename the END.WAV file to ORGEND.WAV.
2. Select another desired sound or WAV file for your closing sound.
3. Rename the desired WAV file to END.WAV and place it into the Sounds directory.
4. Start HotShots and then close it to verify that the end sound plays.

Removing HotShots from a Macintosh

To remove the HotShots application from a Macintosh, simply drag the application folder to the Trash.

Support for PhotoShop Plug-ins

- HotShots currently supports PhotoShop Plug-ins through version 3.0 only. Later releases of HotShots will support PhotoShop Plug-ins version 4.0 or later.
- HotShots currently supports the PhotoShop Plug-ins Import feature, but does not support the Export feature at this time.

TWAIN Specification Support

HotShots currently supports TWAIN specification 1.6.

Working with Large Images on a Macintosh

When working with large images in Macintosh, it is recommended that you increase the application memory to more than twice (preferably three times) the size of the largest image file you will be working with. For example, if you will be working with a 12MB image, you should allocate at least 24MB to the application memory (preferably 36MB).

Improving Slide Show Performance

Performance and appearance of a Slide Show on Macintosh will be improved if the image size is set to 640×480.

Helpful Hints

Making Additive and Subtractive Selections in a Single Image

The default functionality of HotShots selection tools permits only one selection to be made in a single image. (For example, if you define a circle selection in an image, and then define another circle selection without saving, the first circle selection will disappear in favor of the second circle selection.) However, you can override this default functionality and make additive selections in a single image – or, delete multiple selections (one selection at a time) – from an image by using **key combinations**.

The key combinations that allow additive and subtractive selections are listed below:

For MS Windows 95

Task	Key Combination
Add another selection to an image	Shift + selection tool.
Delete a selection from an image with multiple selections	Shift + Control + selection tool

For Macintosh

Task	Key Combination
Add another selection to an image	Shift + selection tool.
Delete a selection from an image with multiple selections	Shift + Option + selection tool

