

Chapter 4:

Convert Window

The *Convert window* allows you to convert files from one format to another. Multiple mixed file (source) selection is supported. This window also allows you to preview images.

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The Convert window is divided into two sections, the *source side* and the *destination side*. The source side contains an *image file browser* for selecting one or more images. Directly above the source browser is an *icon well*. This well will display the file type icon corresponding to the current source file selection. If multiple files are selected, a colored ^amultifile^o icon will appear. Directly below the source browser is an *input field* for entering an explicit path or filename. The destination side also contains a *destination browser* for selecting a destination path or single filename. Above the destination browser is the *image type browser*. This browser is used to select the destination image type. The image type browser is identical to the one that appears in the Save panel browser.

There are several buttons and switches at the bottom of the Convert window.

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Click this button (or press Return) when you have selected files for conversion or you have typed in a directory path into one of the input fields.

Note: When doing mass conversion or viewing, this button will change to an Abort button. See below for details on Abort.

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This button is available for certain image types, and presents a panel of related output options, *e.g.*, compression, orientation, etc.

See Chapter 6, ^aSupported File Formats/Output Options.^o

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This switch controls whether the image related preferences will be used for viewing.

This is necessary since you might want to use the preferences for a conversion and then view the image. If this switch were checked, the preferences would be applied a second time.

For example:

If the preferences were set to rotate 45.0°, then this would result in the image being rotated 45.0° twice—once when converting and once when viewing.

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Determines whether a warning panel will appear when an attempt is made to overwrite an existing file. If this switch is checked then all files will be re-

placed without a warning panel. This is especially useful for mass conversions.

Viewing Images

To view images from the source side:

- Simply double-click on the filename in the source browser. You can also double-click the icon in the source icon well. If multiple images are selected, double-click on the ^amultifile^o icon in the source icon well.

Note: To abort multiple file conversion, press the Abort button. The button may not respond immediately, but the viewing process will be aborted as soon as the current file is opened.

To view images from the destination side:

- Simply double-click on the filename in the destination browser.

Note: You cannot select more than one name from the destination browser.

Converting Images

To convert:

- Select a file(s) from the source browser. (The source file type icon will appear in the source well. If you have selected multiple files the multifile

icon will appear).

- Select a file type from the file type browser in the upper right corner. (The destination file type icon will appear in the destination well).
- Select or input the destination filename/directory.
- Set options if appropriate.
- To convert, you may click the Convert button *or* you may drag/drop the icon from the source well into the destination well. When converting, the current source and destination filenames will appear to the left of the icon wells.

Note 1: When you select multiple source images, the destination file browser will *only allow directory selection*—filenames will be dimmed.

Note 2: To abort multiple file conversion, press the Abort button. The button may not respond immediately, but the conversion process will be aborted as soon as the current file is converted.

Note 3: Pathnames/filenames must not contain special characters. Pixel Magician can only deal with pathnames/filenames that contain alphanumeric characters (*i.e.*, A±Z, a±z, 0±9).