

Saving your Own Filter Defaults

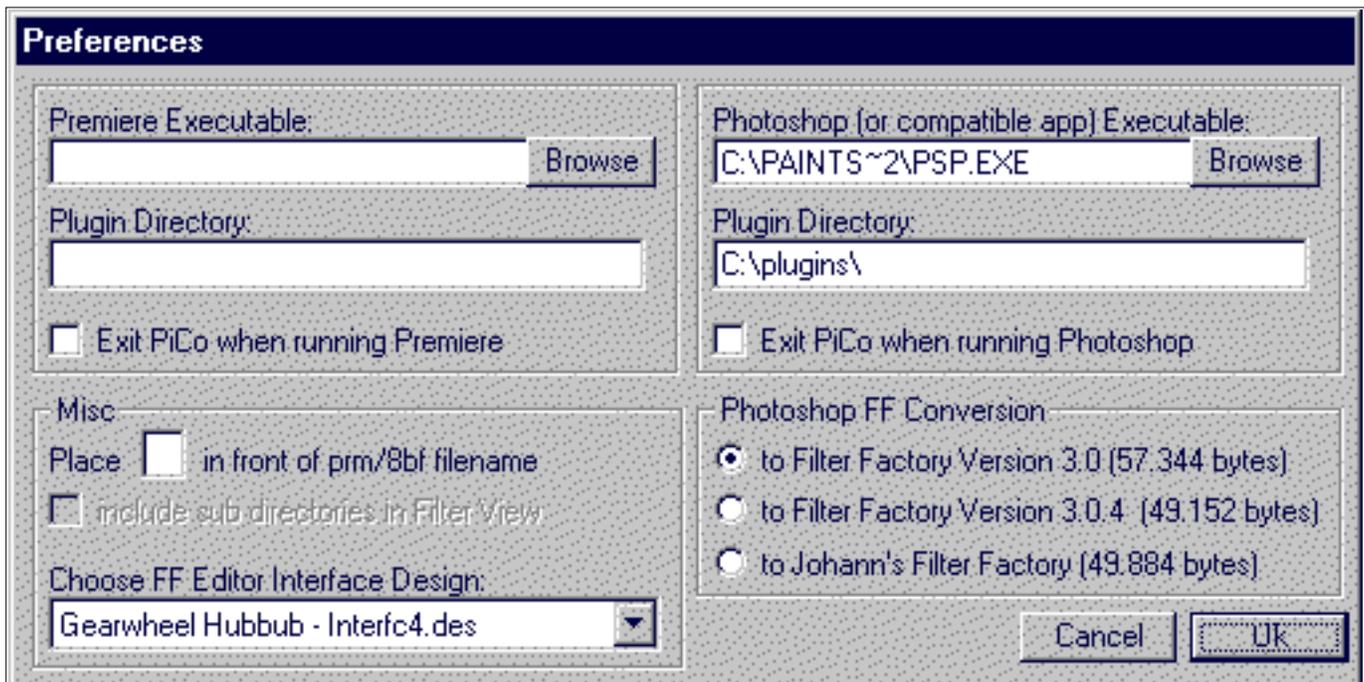
Using Harald Heim's [Plug in Commander](#)

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How many times have you used a filter to great effect, wanted to get that effect again, and can't remember the exact settings? One of the only problems I have with filters is their default settings. I know the filter creators have to set a default somewhere and perhaps sometime in the future they may devise a way of the filter "remembering" the slider positions. So how can we set a filter to our own personal default? You will need Harald Heim's excellent Plug-in Commander (Pico) and then follow these few easy steps.

Please take the precaution of making a copy of your plug-in directory before altering any filters.

Step One



Click on PiCo - Preferences

Change "Choose FF Editor Interface Design" to Gearwheel Hubbub-Interfc4.des if not set by default
Close Preferences.

Step Two



With the File View Tab selected - browse to the Plug-In directory containing the filter you wish to change.
 Select The Filter View Tab and a list of filter names will appear (as shown above)
 Double click on the filters name in the second panel (I have chosen [Mario Klingemann's "Pearl's Girl"](#))

Step Three



The editor interface will appear. In the top, centre is a thumbnail (You can change this by clicking on OPEN in middle right menu. A dialogue box will open allowing you to browse to your preferred image. It must be in .bmp format. PiCo will auto rescale to match your preview image). Top left shows the filter author and details (these can be clicked on and the information copied and pasted so you have no excuse for not being able to give credit to the filter's creator). The middle panel shows the effect sliders. The 10 red buttons at the right top can be used save up to 10 slider settings. At the moment these settings are only saved (and restorable) when you use "Save As - FFW Text files". You could create 10 settings and save them as described above, then if you want to make another one of these 10 settings the default, simply double click on <filter>.txt in the FileView, click one of the red buttons and do "Save As - Photoshop Plug".

Step Four



Play around with the sliders and effects (the thumbnail will give you a preview) until you get the effect you want. Once you have that simply click on Save As (with Photoshop Plug selected) The next time you go to use that filter the default setting will be the one you have just setup and will continue to be unless you decide to change it.

Thanks To Harald for the extra advise which I have included in the tutorial

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