

How to create and use a custom icon for a PTE show

What this is about...

When you create a slideshow using Pictures to Exe, a default icon is assigned to the show. The latest version uses this icon



Earlier versions of the program use this icon

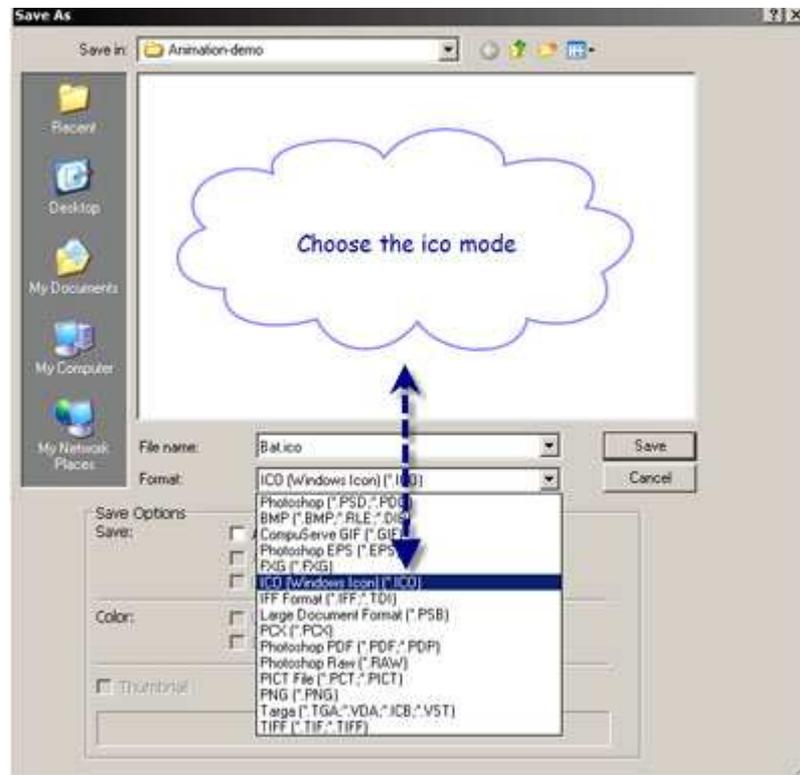


Following these instructions, you will be able to make your own customised icon; a different one for each and every show.



You'll need a plug-in

When you choose "Save as" in Photoshop, the ICO (icon) format is not normally available. However, it is easily added as you'll see.



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Download the
plug-in

This is available at the following website address:

<http://www.telegraphics.com.au/sw/>

Just select the version you need, and then save the Zip File to your computer (the desktop would be a good destination).

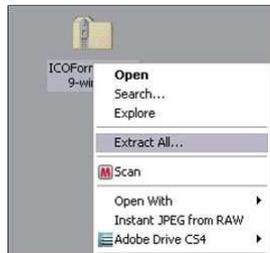
Install the
plug-in

The information supplied with the download details this.

For Photoshop CS4 it's as follows –

having unzipped the file, you need to copy the .8bi file into C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe Photoshop CS4\Plug-ins\File Formats

If you're not familiar with zipped files, all you need to do (if you have a fairly modern computer) is to use the right-hand button on the mouse to click on the file, and then choose "Extract All"...

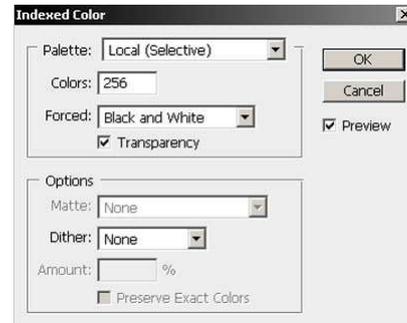
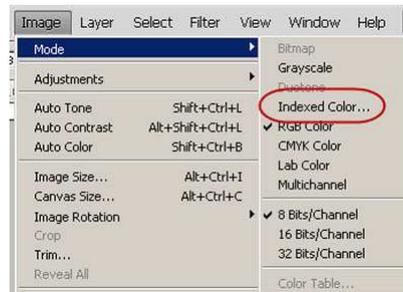


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Creating your icon in Photoshop

This is very straightforward:

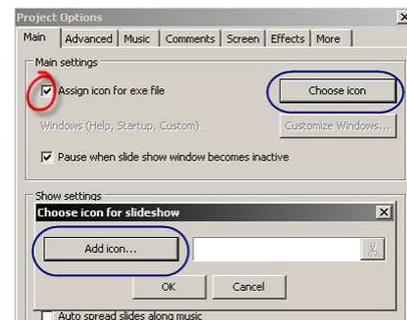
1. choose an image to use and open it in Photoshop
2. from the menu bar choose Image > Mode > Indexed Colour
3. click OK to accept the default settings.



4. choose the Crop Tool. Set it to 32 px by 32 px, then crop your image. This will be your icon.
5. choose File > Save As and find the ICO format (see screen shot on previous page.)
6. save you icon ready for use with Pictures to Exe.

Adding the icon to your show

1. Open your project in Pictures to Exe
2. In the Main tab of Project Options, tick the box Assign icon for exe file
3. Click the "Add icon" button and browse for the icon you prepared. The click OK.



That's it

When you Create your show you should now find it represented by a nice icon instead of the plain default version.

