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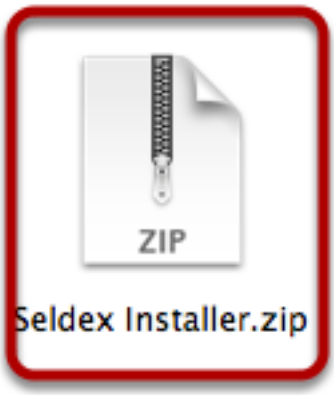

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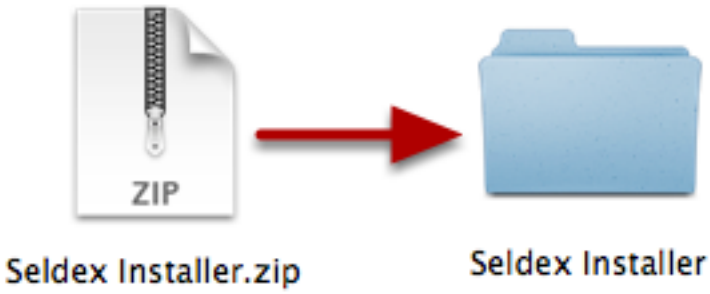
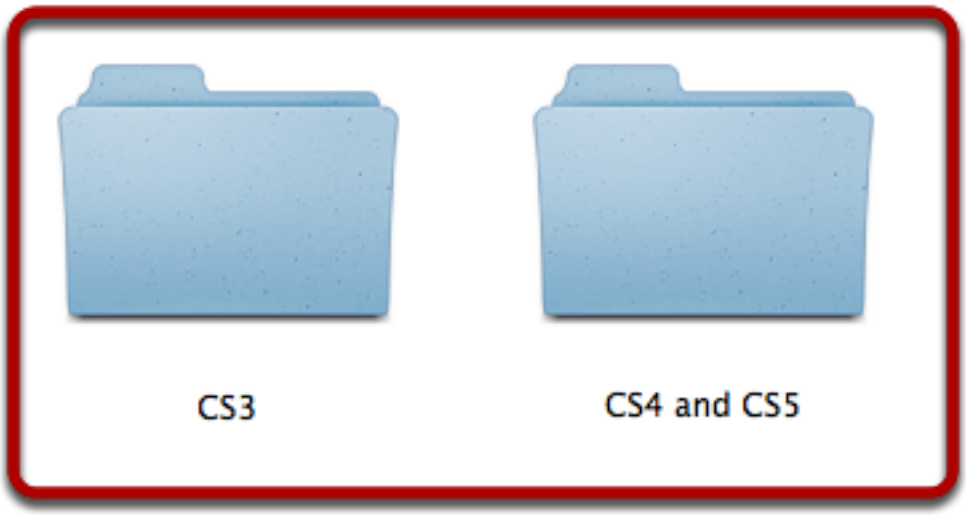


Unzip the Folder onto your Desktop (or another folder that you would like).

Open and Install

Open and install

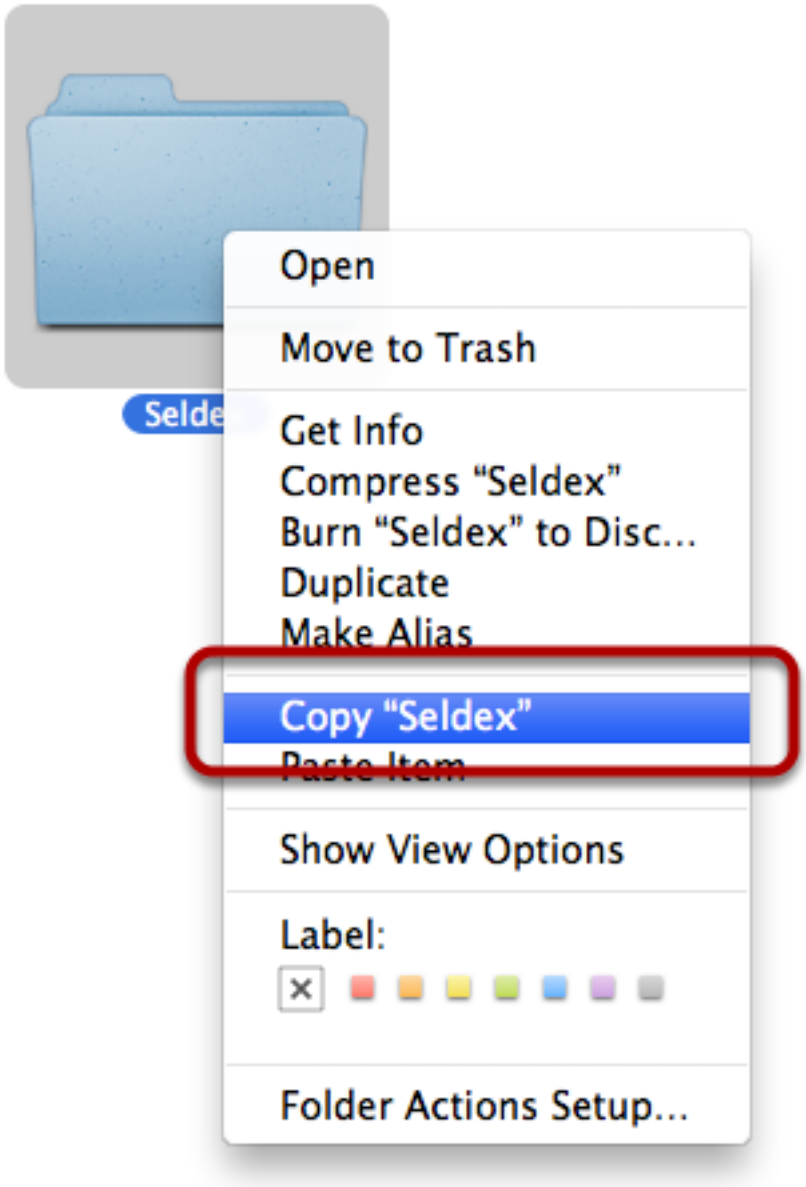
Open the Folder



You will find two folders. Choose the folder that matches your version of Photoshop.

Installing

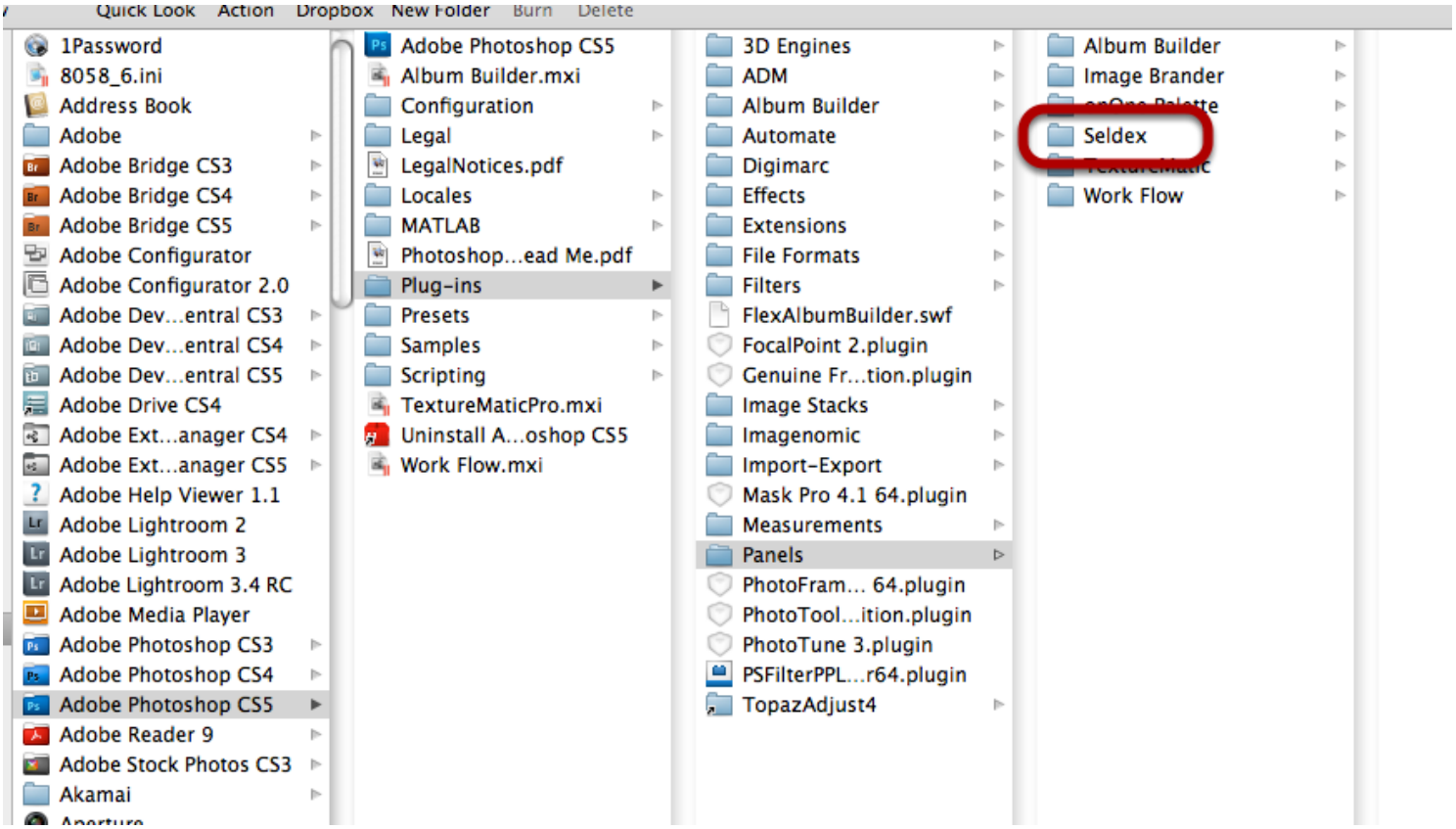
Copy the folder



Copy the Seldex Folder

Mac = control+copy
PC = right click + copy

Paste Into Photoshop



For MAC users:

1. Open your Applications Folder on a Mac or your Programs folder on a PC
2. Navigate to: Plug-Ins > Panels
3. Paste the Seldex Folder into this folder.

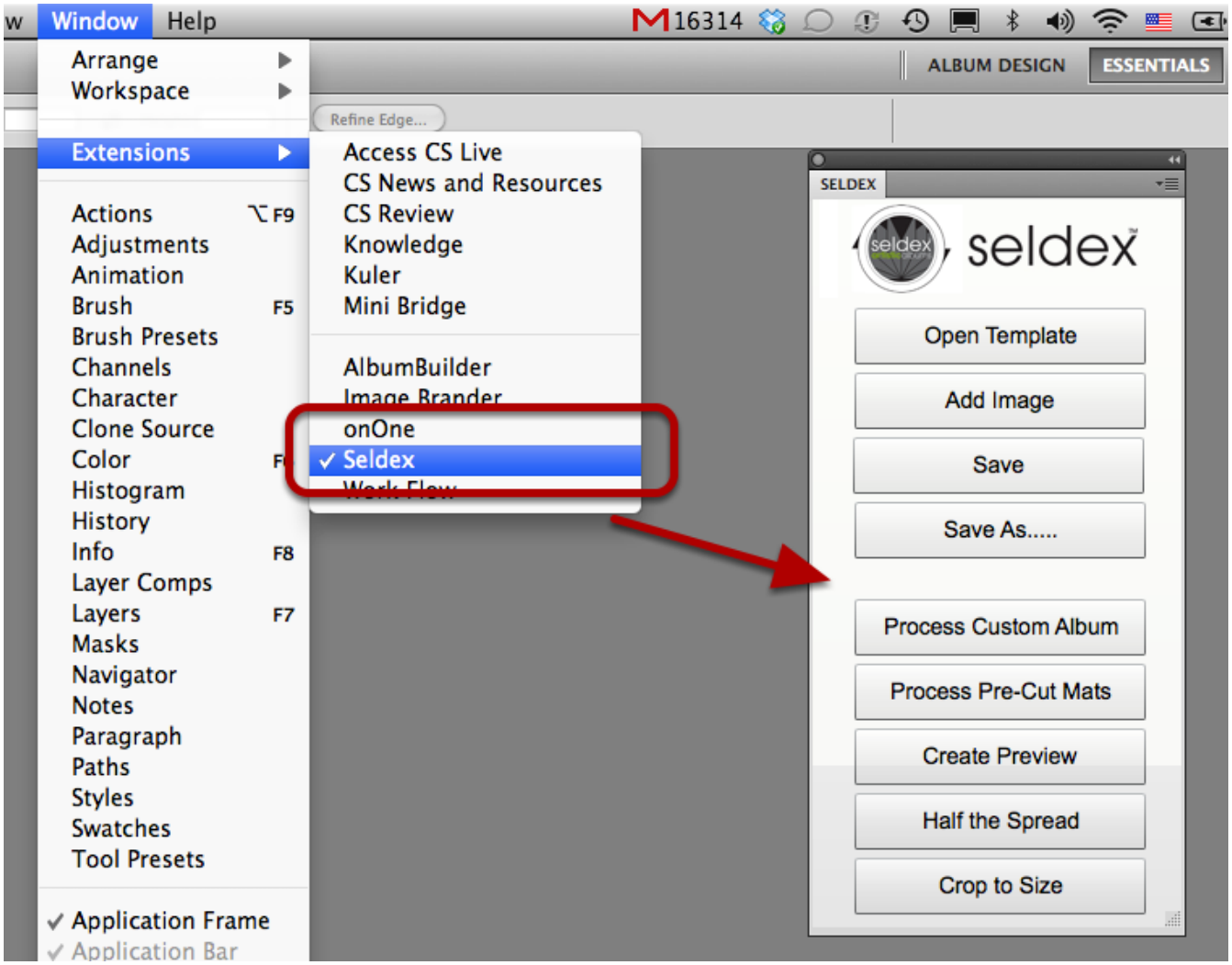
For PC users:

1. Open your Program Files on your PC
2. Navigate to: Adobe > Photoshop
3. Navigate to: Plug-Ins > Panels
4. Paste the Seldex Folder into this folder

Restart Photoshop

Restart Photoshop

Open the Seldex Panel



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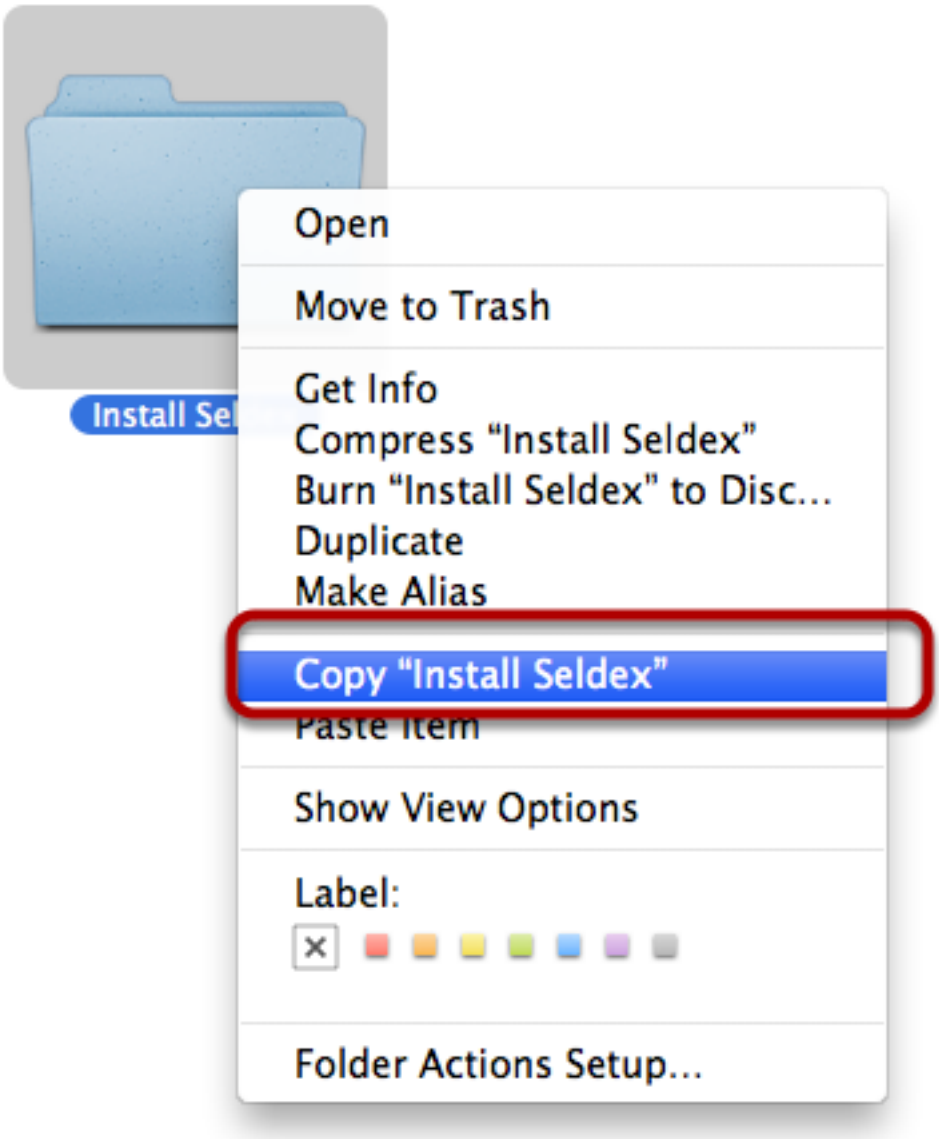

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MAM: Control + click copy

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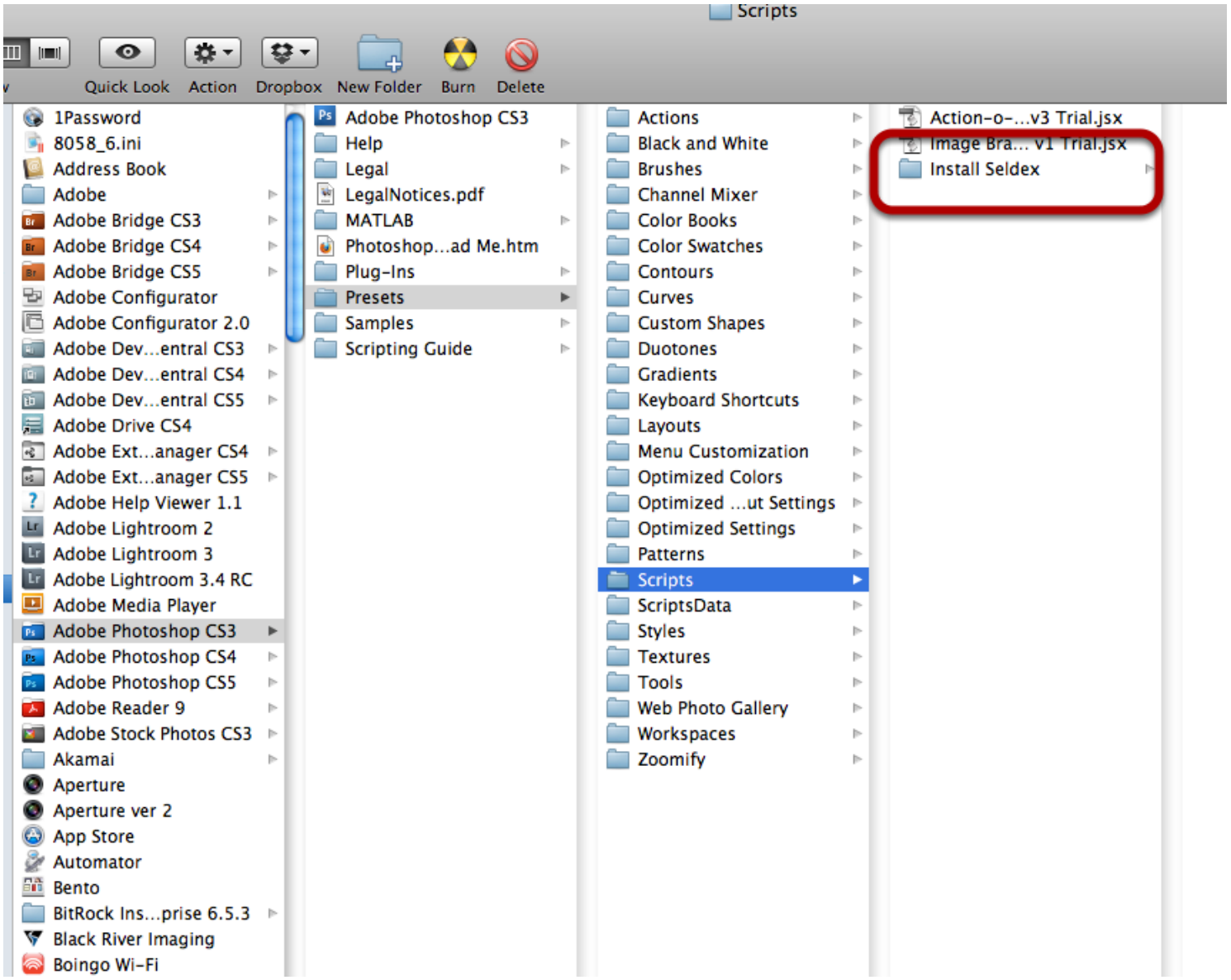
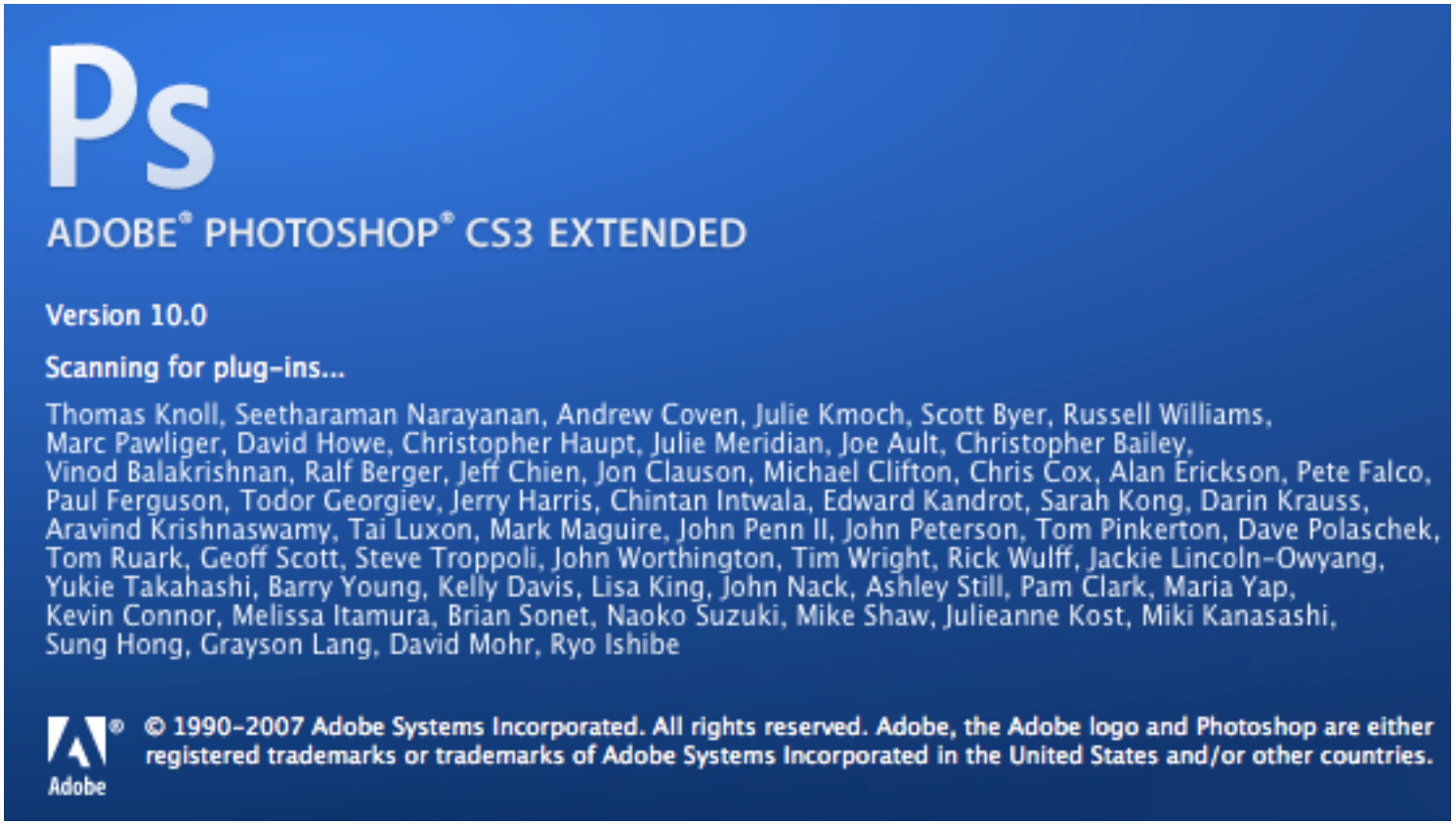


Navigate to your Applications folder on a Mac or your Programs folder on a PC.

Navigate to Presets>Scripts

Paste the folder into your Scripts folder.

Restart Photoshop



Restart your photoshop

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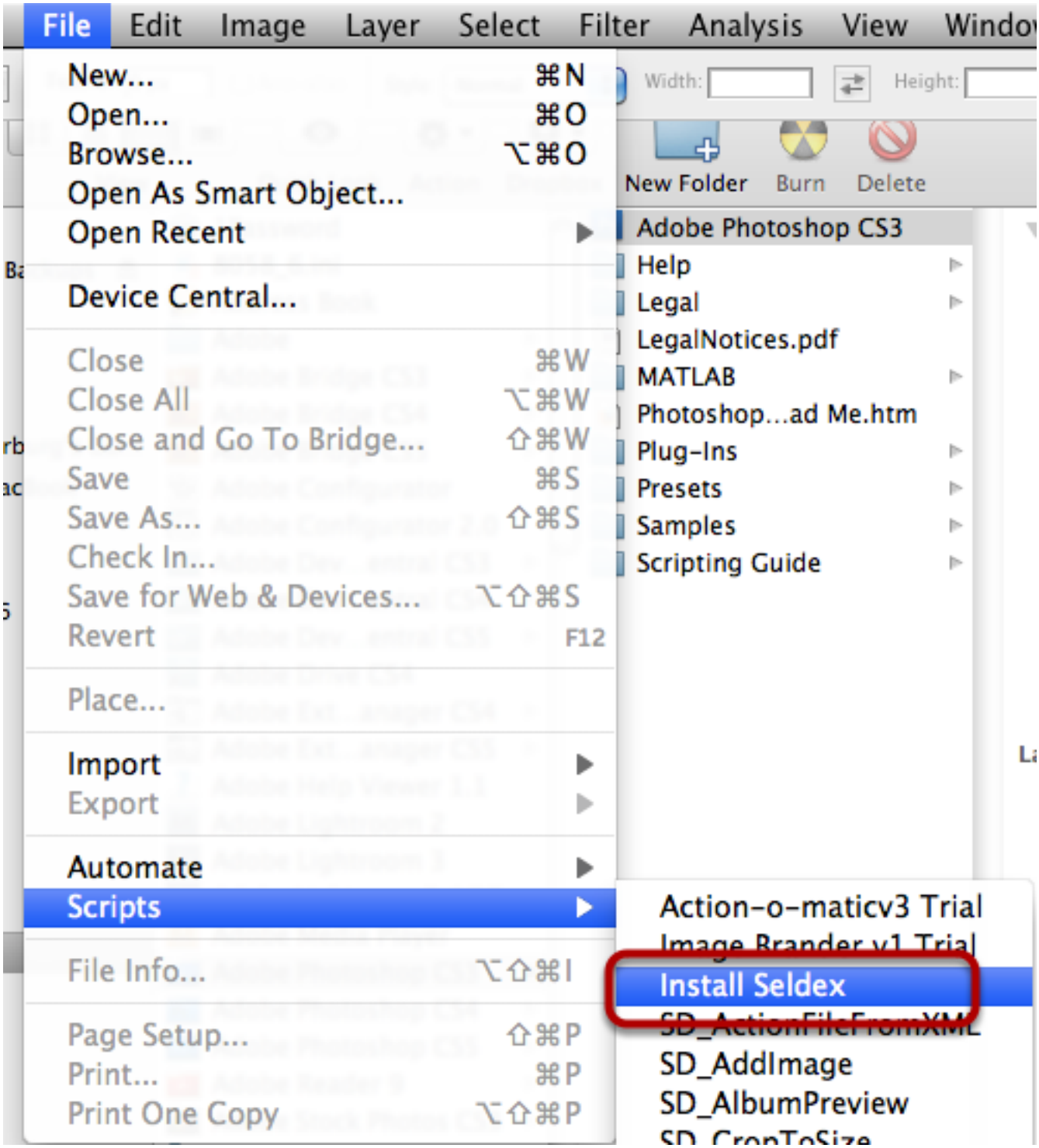

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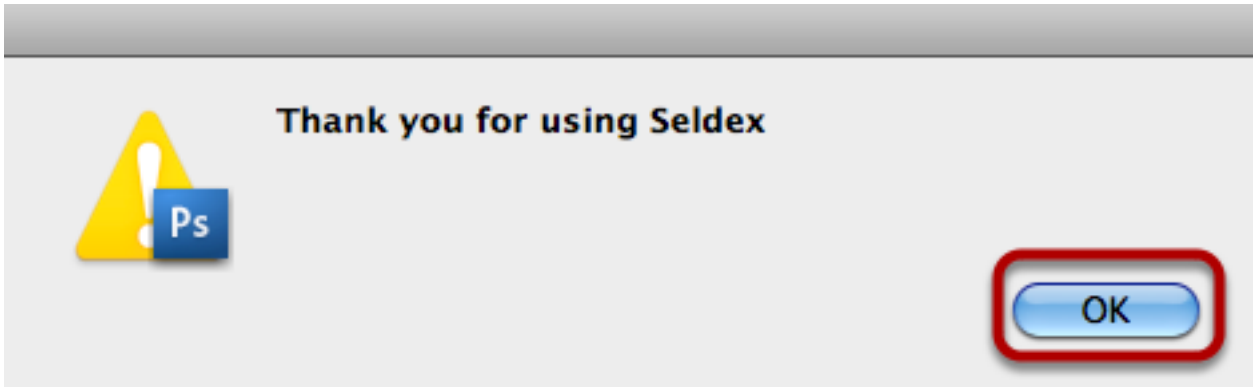
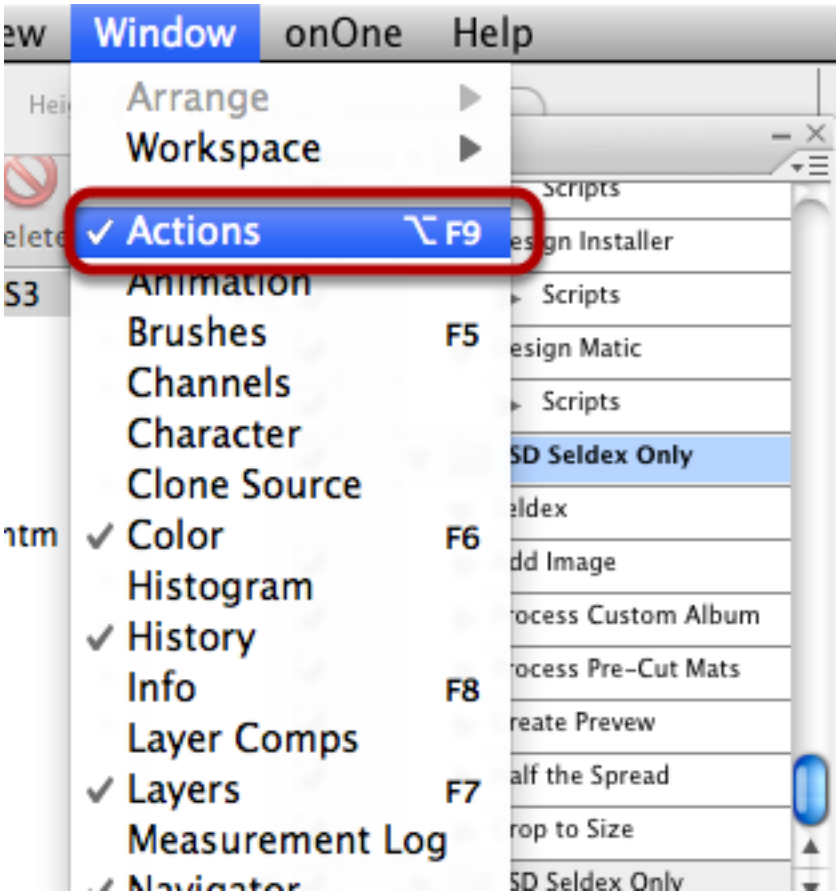


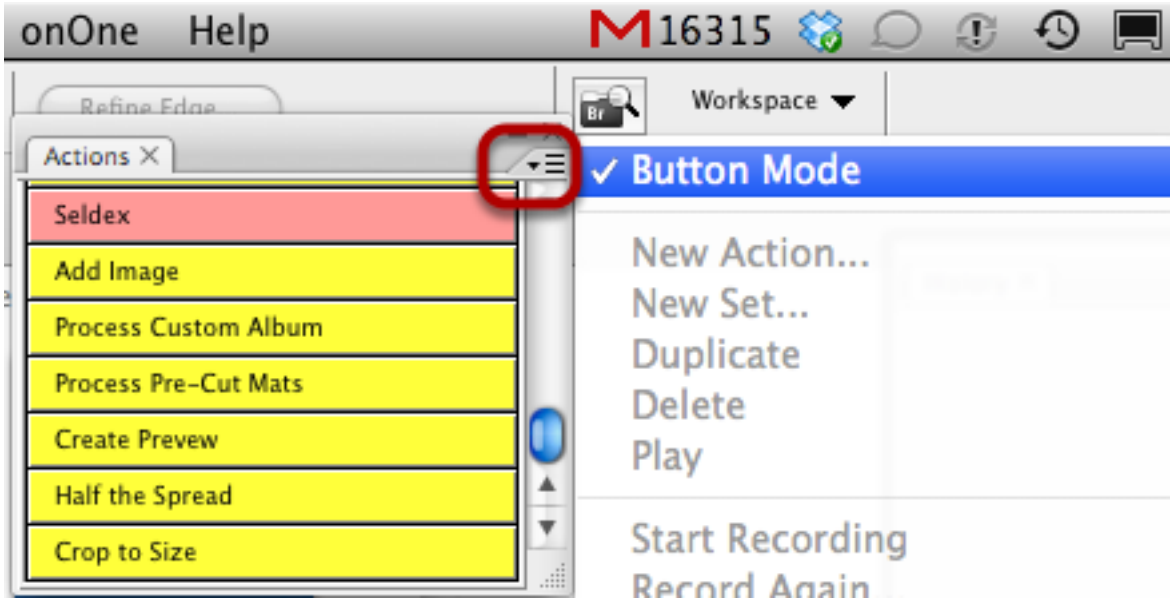
You will receive an alert. Click OK.

Open your actions palette



Open your Window>Actions palette

Put Actions In Button Mode



Designing in different album design programs

Designing in other programs

Can I design in other programs?

YES! You can design your matted albums in a number of different album design programs, on one condition, they do have to be able to fill the requirements listed below! Some alternate design programs you can use are ProSelect, YSI, Photoshop and InDesign, although there are many more available.

Here are the requirements.

1) The program must be able to create custom size layouts.
2) The program can ensure images are at least 6mm from each other
3) You can't place images any closer than 20mm to the edge of the page
3) The program can output as layered PSDs (if you are using InDesign you can export .eps files and convert these to .psd's in Photoshop).

Here are the matted album dimensions you will need to use when creating your album

Bookbound Art Albums

Seldex Vertical Single - 310mm wide x 415mm high
Seldex Vertical Spread - 620mm wide x 415mm high

Seldex Bookbound Panorama Single, 440mm wide x 310mm high
Seldex Bookbound Panorama Spread, 880mm wide x 310mm high

Seldex Bookbound Landscape PJ Single, 350mm wide x 275mm high
Seldex Bookbound Landscape PJ Spread, 700mm wide x 275mm high

Seldex Bookbound Photojournal Single, 275mm wide x 350mm high
Seldex Bookbound Photojournal Spread, 550mm wide x 350mm high

Seldex Bookbound Landscape Slimline Single, 305mm wide x 230mm high
Seldex Bookbound Landscape Slimline Spread, 610mm wide x 230mm high

Seldex Bookbound Portrait Slimline Single, 230mm wide x 305mm high
Seldex Bookbound Portrait Slimline Spread, 460mm wide x 305mm high

Seldex Bookbound 16" Single, 400mm wide x 400mm high
Seldex Bookbound 16" Spread, 800mm wide x 400mm high

Seldex Bookbound 13" Single, 320mm wide x 320mm high
Seldex Bookbound 13" Spread, 640mm wide x 320mm high

Seldex Bookbound 9" Single, 225mm wide x 225mm high
Seldex Bookbound 9" Spread, 450mm wide x 225mm high

Gallery Albums

Seldex 12" Gallery Single, 305mm wide x 305mm high
Seldex 12" Gallery Spread, 610mm wide x 305mm high

Seldex 9" Gallery Single, 225m wide x 225mm high
Seldex 9" Gallery Spread, 450mm wide x 225mm high

How much space do I leave between the apertures?
Approx 3 mm around each edge of the photograph will be covered by the mat. Therefore when designing your album you will need to use the following distances between the images as a guide.

Single or bevel mats
If you want your matted images to be 12mm apart when the mat is placed over them then you need to design them at 6mm apart - minimum allowed.
If you want your matted images to be 15mm apart when the mat is placed over them then you need to design them at 9mm apart.

Twin mats - available on Bookbound Art albums only
If you want your matted images to be 20 mm apart when the mat is placed over them then you need to design that at 14mm apart - minimum allowed.
If you want your matted images to be 25mm apart when the mat is placed over them then you need to design them at 19mm apart.

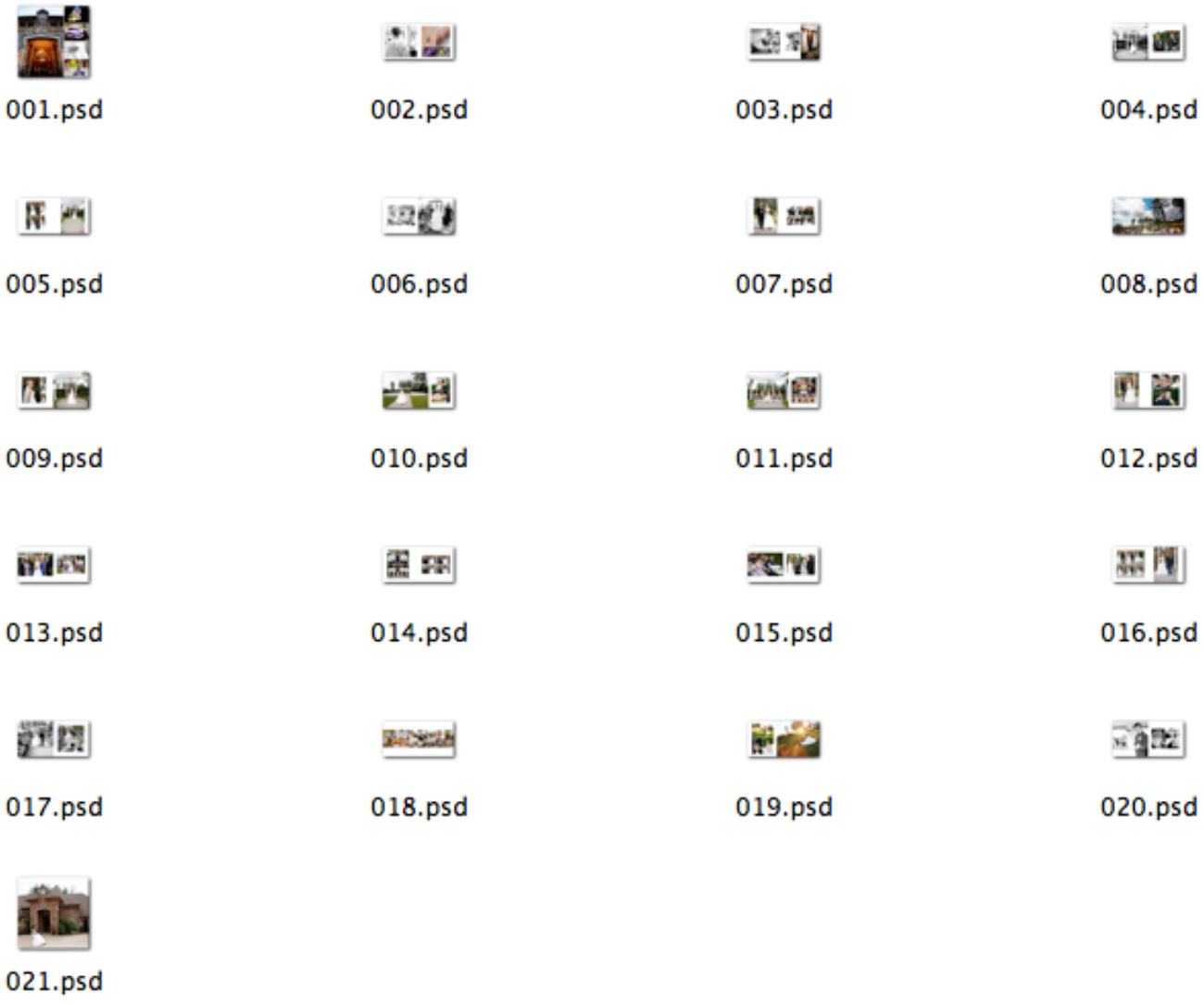
How close can I go to the edge of the page?
The closest your image can come to the edge of the page when designing is 20mm.

Exporting Custom Mat Albums

Check and Prep **Important**

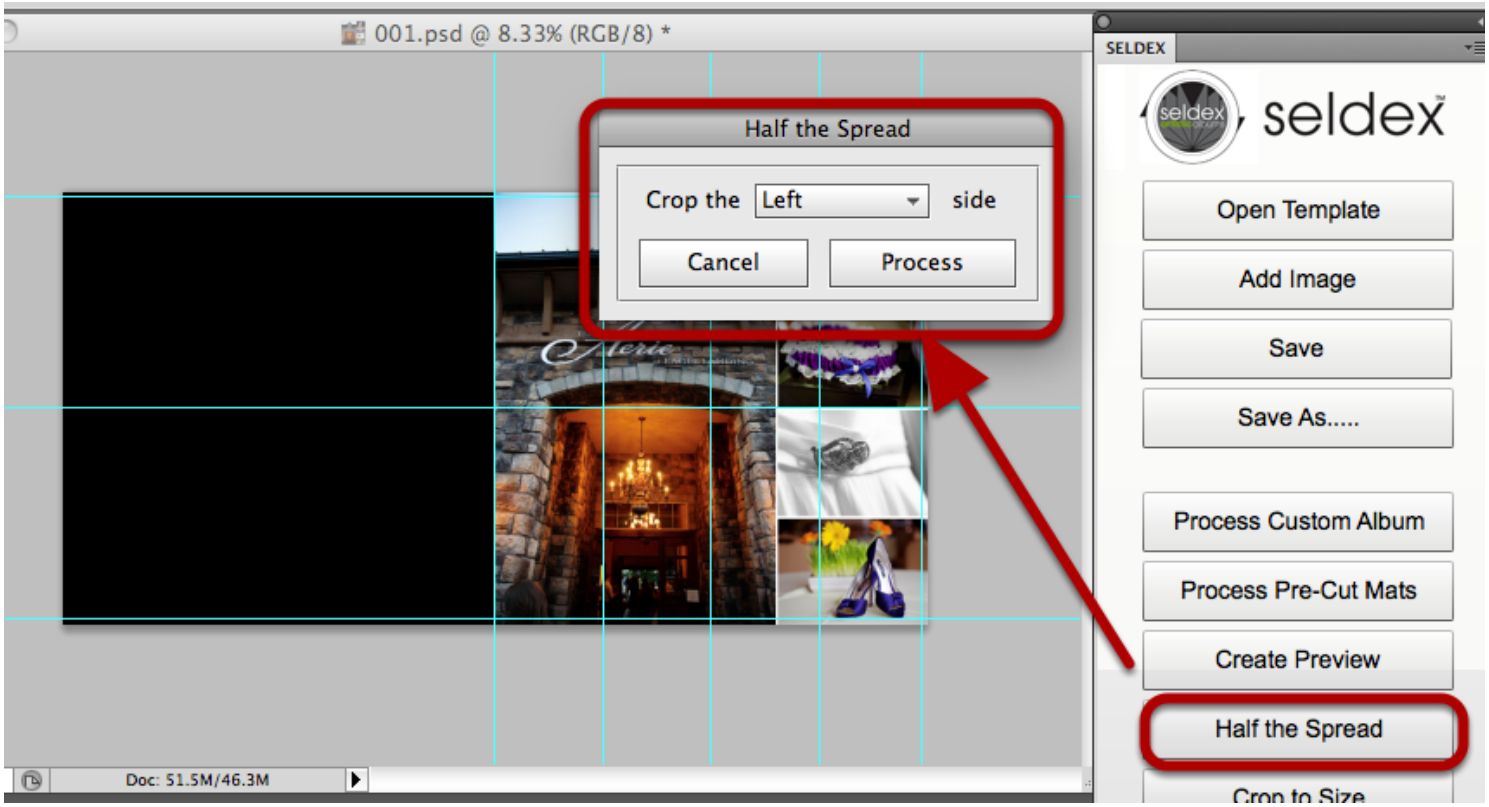
You must use the next steps to create the .dat file that Seldex needs to cut your mats to suit your files for printing.

Remove any Cover files or extra PSDs



Remove any extranious PSD files. Only have your double spreads left in this folder.

Crop off blank areas of First/Last Pages (Important for Photojunction export)



1) Click Half the Spread in your Seldex Panel

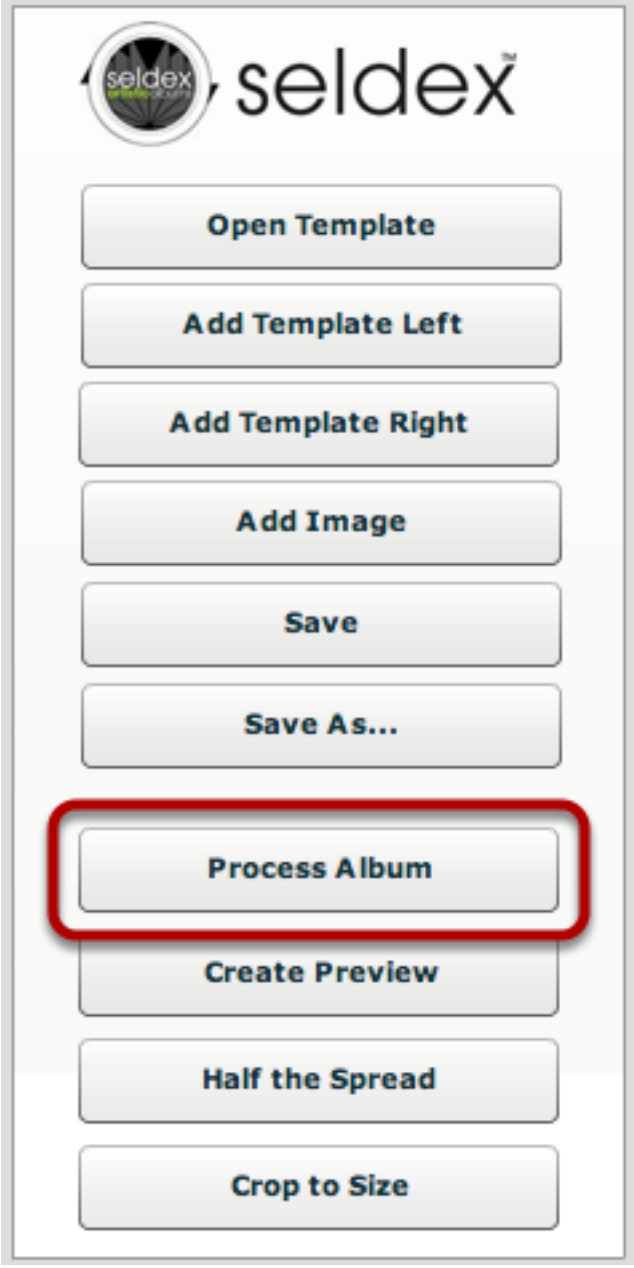
2) Choose to crop out the left or right side and click process. This needs to be done for the first and last page.

3) Then click Save

Processing Your Album

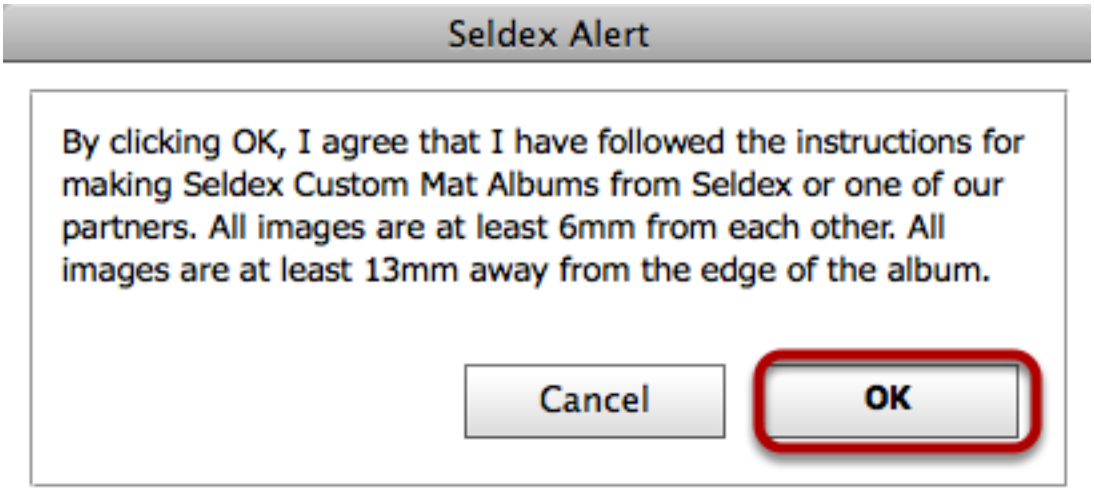
You will need to process your album order as below to create the .dat file that Seldex needs so we can cut your mats to suit your photos.

Click Process Custom Album



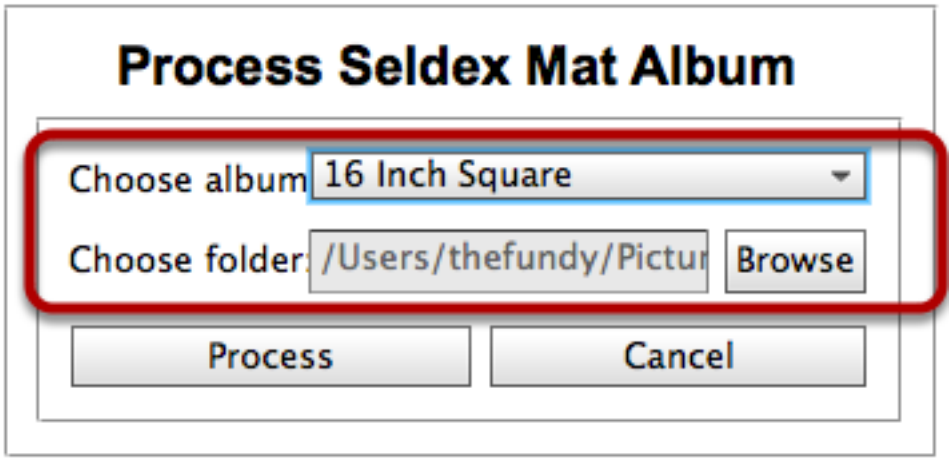
Click "Process Album" to start creating the .dat file

Agree To the Alert



Agree to the alert

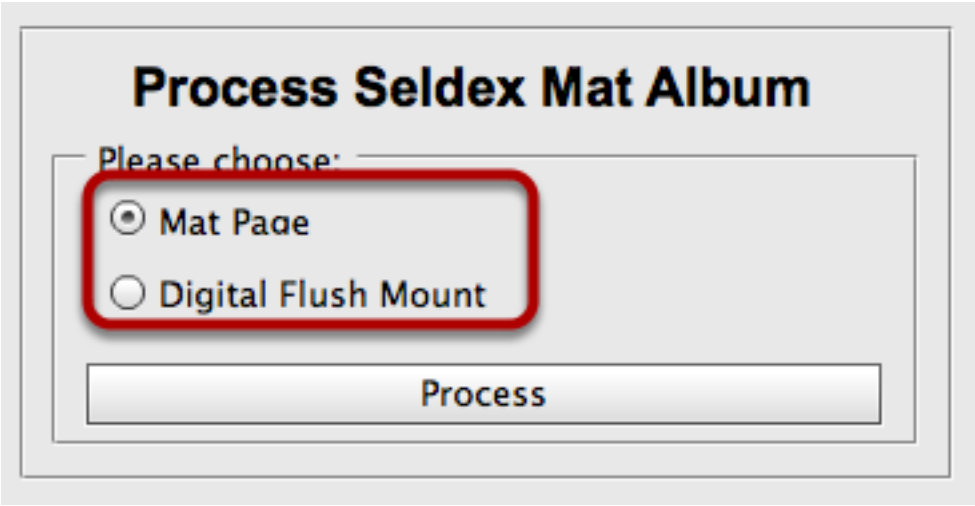
Start Processing



1) Choose your album size
2) Choose your album folder

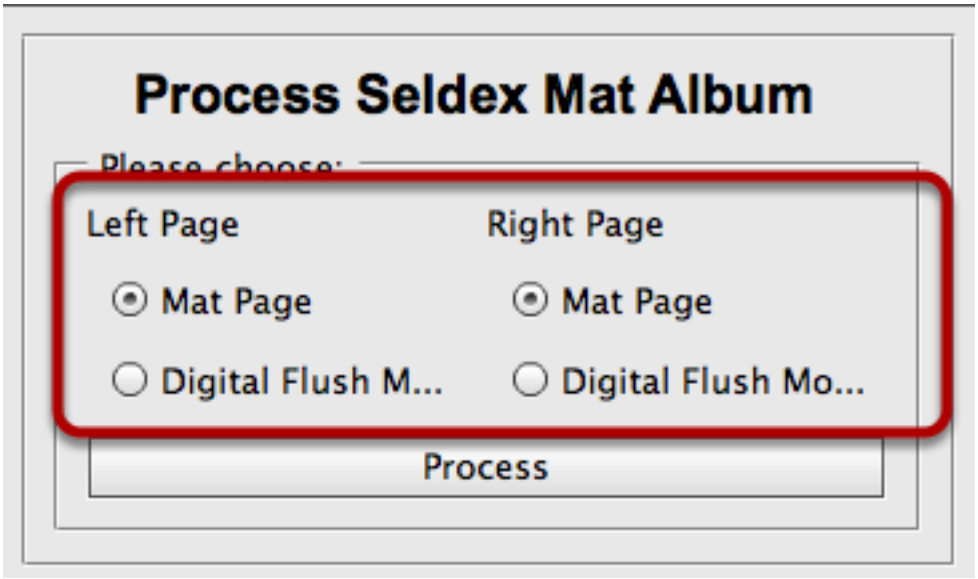
Click Process

Choose how to process your first page



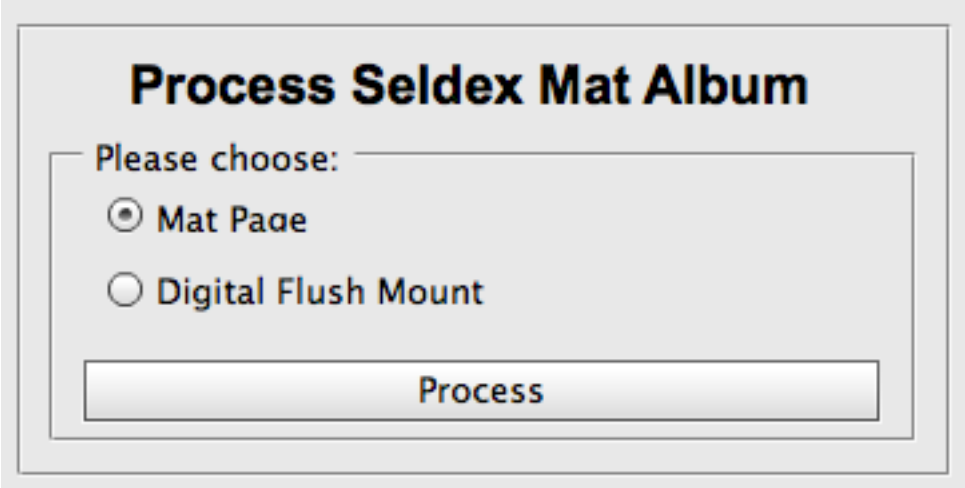
You can process as a mat page or a digital flush mount

Choose how to process each spread



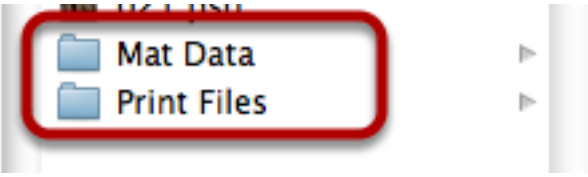
Choose how to process each page, and click Process

Choose how to process your last page



Choose how to process your last page and click process.

Result

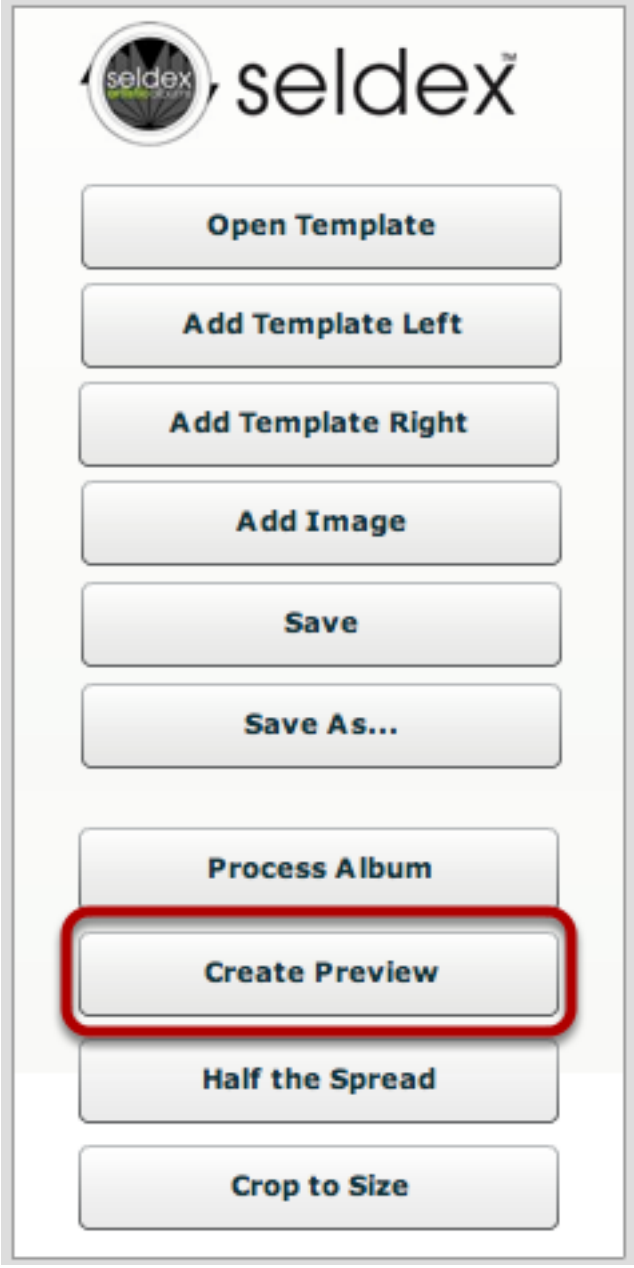


Seldex Connect will create two folders, one with your Mat Data to send to Seldex with a pdf of your album order and one with your print files to send to your lab.

Creating an album preview

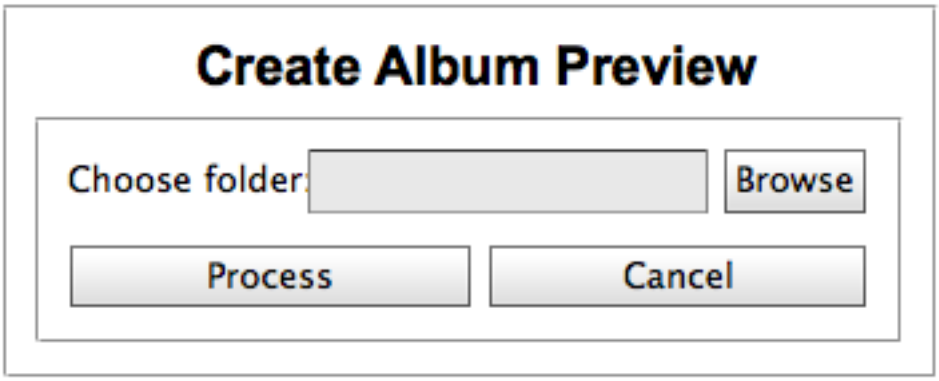
We require a preview PDF or JPEG of the order of your spreads. If you program exports a PDF preview, please use this. If not, please use the Album Preview button

Click the Create Preview Button



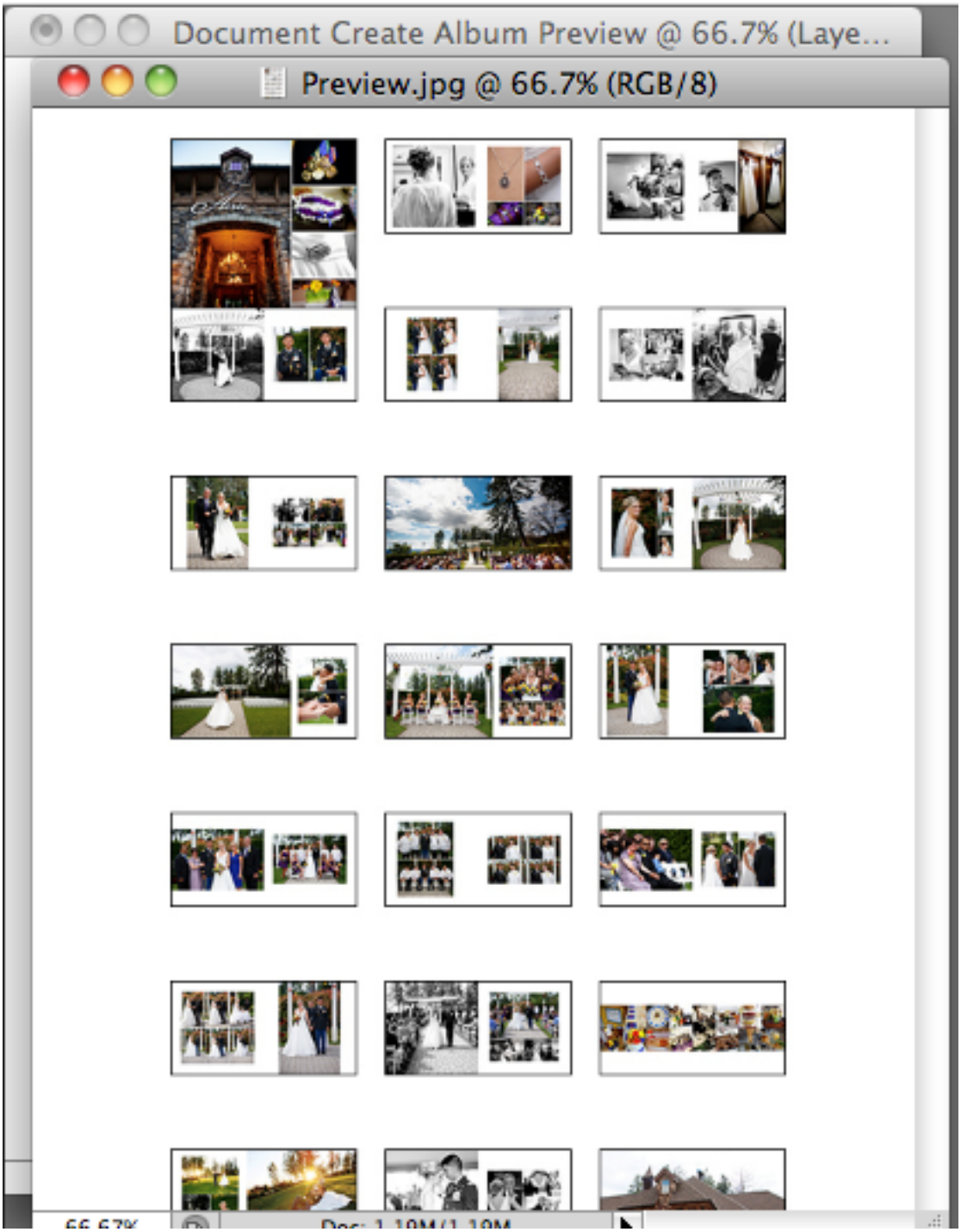
Click the Create Preview button

Choose your Album Folder



Choose your album folder (with the PSD files) and click "Process"

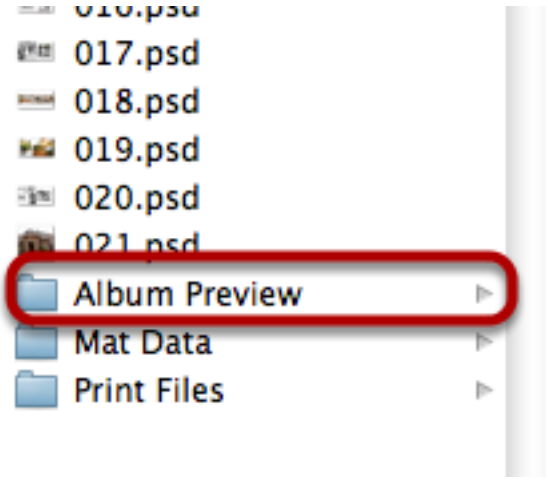
Double Check



If the preview document looks correct, close out these files (no need to save)

If the order is not correct. Rename your album designs 001, 002, 003, etc, so they are in the correct order.

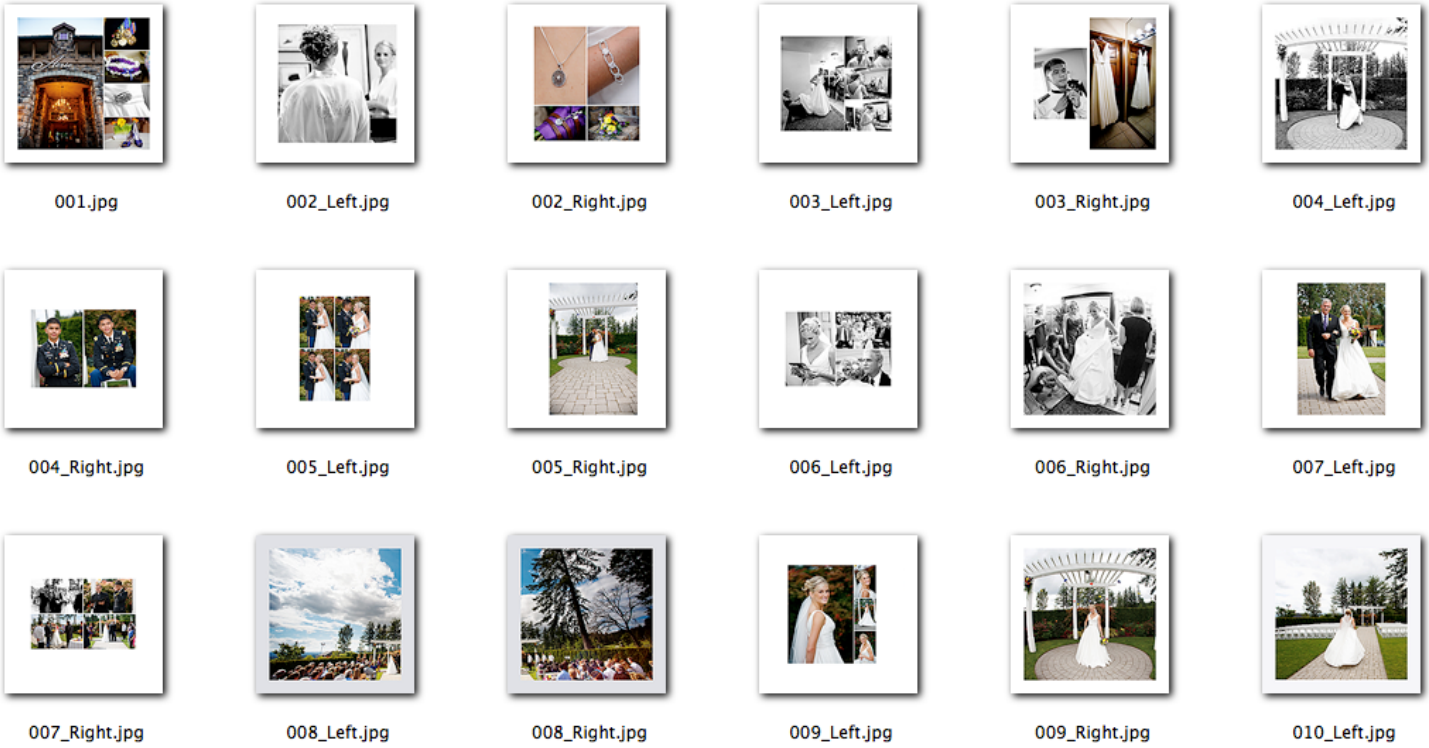
Result



You'll find another folder with your Album Preview file(s).

Printing your files

Print Files

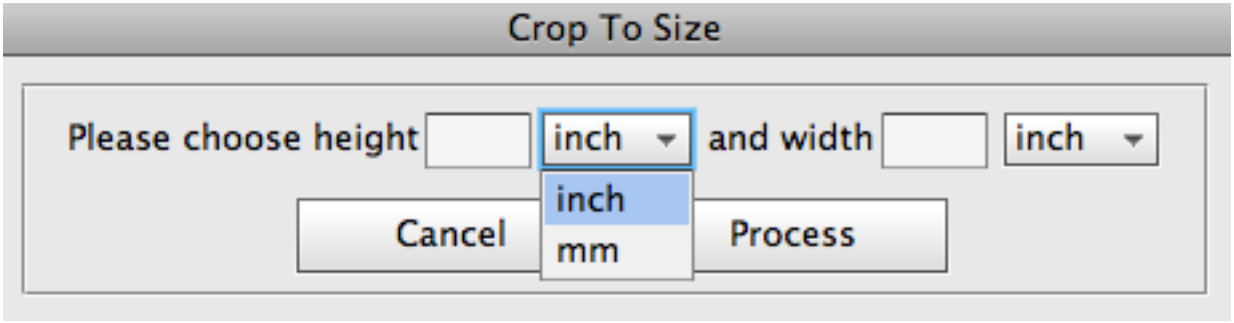


Seldex Connect will create a set of print ready files. You do not have to use these files to print from if you don't want to.

The resulting files will be full size for Seldex albums.

You can have these printed at any lab that supports custom print sizes

Resizing Images for Standard Print sizes



If your lab does not support custom sizes, we've created a handy way to resize your albums.

If you are doing this, make sure your images are far enough away from the edge of the design to support this. For example, on a 16x16 album, you'll want to make sure images are 1 inch in, if you print

to 15x15.

Choose your height and width and click process.

Suggested Sizes

9x9 Gallery = 8x8inch or 9x9 inch
9x9 Square = 9x9inch
12x12 Ablums = 12x12inch
13x13 Albums = 13x13inch
16x16 Albums = 15x15inch or 16x16inch
Panoramic = 12x17 inch
Vertical = 16x12 or 17x12 inch
Landscape PJ = 11x14
Photojournal = 14x11
Landscape Slimline = 9x12
Slimline vertical = 12x9