

Batch Conversion Tutorial

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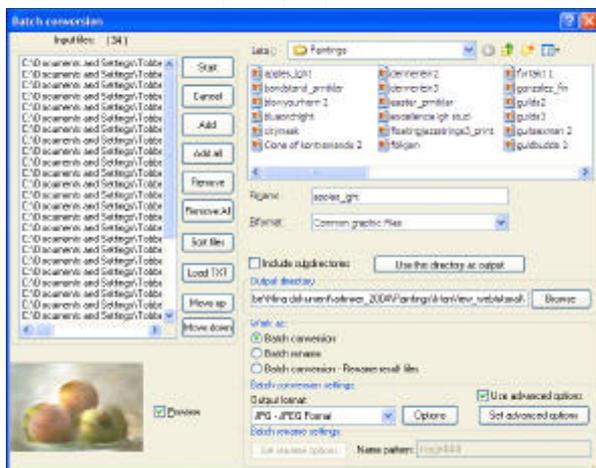
Batch Conversion – edit a whole folder of files

Batch conversion is useful when you need to edit identical parameters on many files at the same time. Perhaps you would like to convert a number of Gif-files to Jpeg-files in a folder, or you need to resize for a particular purpose. That is when you appreciate an automated process.

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I will continue using the excellent image viewer/editor – **IrfanView**.

1. Start by clicking keyboard shortcut **B** (**File, Batch Conversion/Rename**). The Batch conversion dialog box opens.



2. Add files from a folder. The files will show up in the list to the left.



3. Select Batch conversion (the other two options are for renaming files). Also choose Output directory/folder (the folder where you would like the edited files to go). Click the Browse button to find your folder. It is best to create this folder prior to starting the Batch conversion.

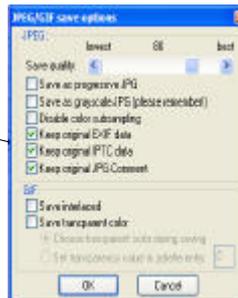
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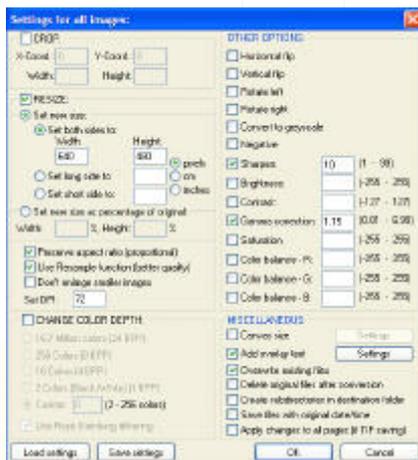
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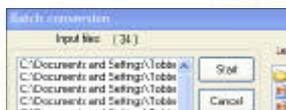
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4. Choose **Output format**. Using the **Options** button you'll be able to set the image quality. The **Set advanced options** lets you do all sorts of editing, i. e. resizing, sharpening, brightening etc. Click this button.



5. The dialogbox **Set for all images** appears. Click **RESIZE: Set new size**. Set width and height and make sure that the pixels radio button is checked. The standard size **640x480** pixels is ok for screen. Also check that **72 dpi** is set in **Set DPI** box.

6. Use other editing possibilities if you so wish, for instance some sharpening in the **Sharpen** check box. Set the value to around **10**. Be sure to check **Miscellaneous** – you wouldn't want to accidentally **Overwrite** existing files – uncheck this box.



7. Click **Ok**, and you're back in the dialog box **Batch conversion**. Click the **Start** button, top left.

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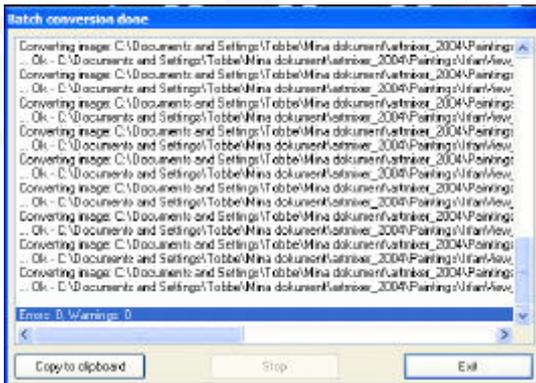
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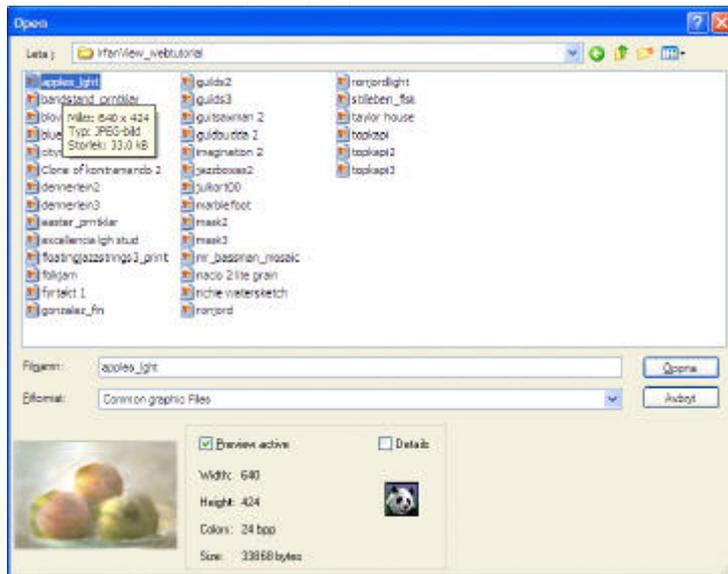
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8. Relax and wait until the conversion is finished, hopefully with the message: 0 "Errors" and 0 "Warnings". Now, click **Exit** to end the conversion session.



9. Check the result in the folder you created for this purpose or click **O** in IrfanView, find the folder and open your images. They should now show a size of 640x480 pixels. I also had the images sharpened and the Gamma brightness (middle tones) increased.



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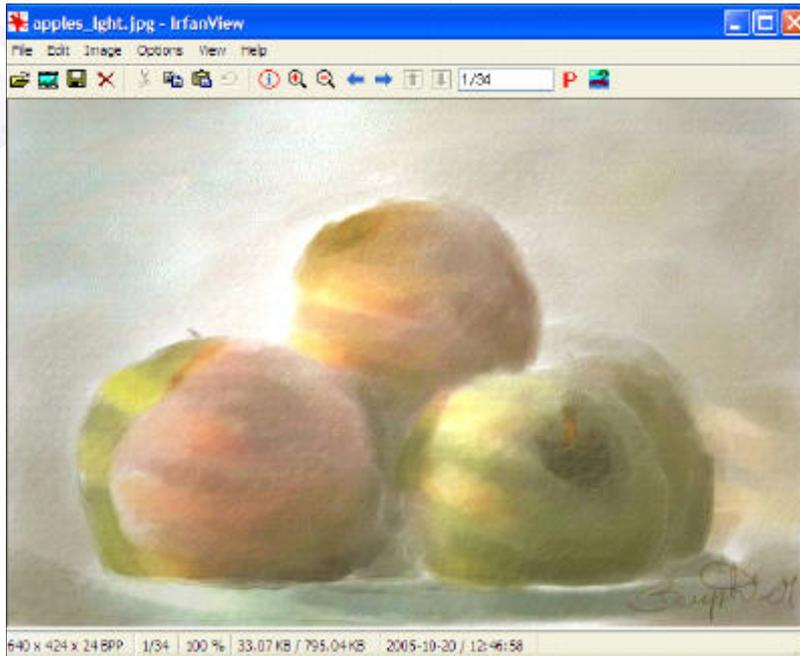
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10. The new image size and file size is visible in IrfanView, in the status bar at the bottom of the program window. The image is 640 pixels wide and file size is a mere 33 Kb. Browse the entire folder by using the arrow keys on your keyboard.

Best of Luck with your image editing,

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