

Tweaking A Group of Photos: How to “Batch-Process” with Adobe Photoshop Elements 2


Sometimes you need to convert more than one or two pictures at a time. For example, you may wish to bring the file size down on a number of pictures in order to use them on the web or send them to someone as attachments in an email. This is called “**batch-processing**,” that is, you “**process**” a whole “**batch**” at once.

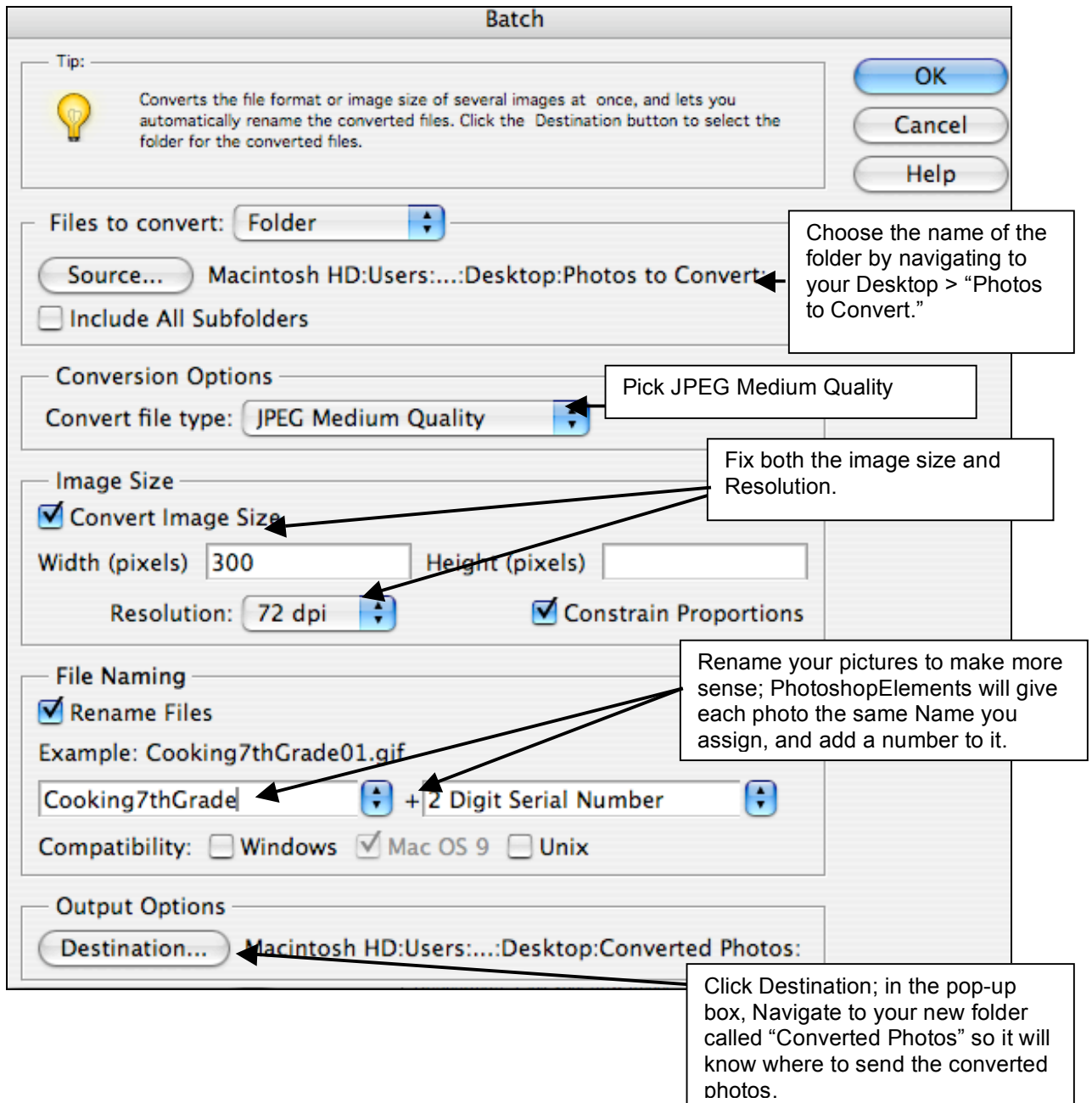
On a Mac, this is a 2-step process: you first need to get them OUT of your iPhoto library; and then you will “batch-process” them.

Step One: Get the Photos Out of iPhoto:

1. Create 2 folders on your desktop:
 1. “Photos to Convert” and
 2. “Converted Photos”.
2. Open iPhoto.
3. Decide which photos in your iPhoto Library you want to process, and, if you haven’t already, make an Album for them.
4. Click on the Album, and File > Export (in OS X.4 it is Share > Export)
5. In the pop-up box, be sure “File Export” is in blue, and leave the settings as they are. Click “Export.”
6. In the box, choose the folder “Photos to Convert” and click OK.
7. Your pictures will export to your “Photos to Convert folder.”
8. You can quit iPhoto if you have no other photos to convert.

Step Two: Batch-Process the Photos with Photoshop Elements:

1. Open  Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.
2. File > Batch Processing...
3. In the pop-up box, Change the settings to look similar to the box on the next page:



4. Click "OK."
5. Finally, open up the folder "Converted Photos" to look at your new pictures. Check the file size; we are aiming for 50-100 MB per picture for the web or as an attachment to an email.
6. File > Quit Adobe Photoshop Elements.