



Creation Chip Actions

☆☆★ Stack Image Files From Folders to Stacks ☆☆☆

Introduction

Our action set called 'Stack Image Files From Folders to Stacks' is the counterpart type action to 'Unload A Stack Onto Files In A Folder' action set. This action is simple to accomplish. This action, 'Stack Image Files From Folders to Stacks' will stack all folders holding image files, and it will only stack the entire folder. Its purpose is to stack correctly and properly an entire folder of images no matter how many images that there are in the folder. This stack produced from the folder images is then ready to be processed further by other of our actions after you have named it and saved it first, and this is meaning if all of the single images to be batch processed by the action have already been 'Beast Cleared' to our processing standards.

Understand that you can have any amount or count of images in the folder to be processed and all the files in the folder will be stacked upon one 'untitled file' that you should title and save immediately before using any other actions on it or before tampering with the visuals on it. This action set has two sections in it. Section [11111-1] is the first step and it will make you an 'Untitled' [blank] document ready in the Workspace Area. The action that is batch processing your folder of images will stack all the folder images upon the opened 'Untitled' file.

The second step, section [22222-2] is the action that you will run through the Batch Panel to process and stack the folder image files onto the 'untitled file'. If you 'fall' the different action pod landings in section [22222-2] then you will see that all the actions are the same action. This means that you may choose any of them to get the same function or effect. The objective of the action is to 'empty the entire folder of images' no matter how many images are in the folder. Any of the actions in section [22222-2] will process any number or count of images in a folder.

You should take caution emptying very large image folders holding very much memory into the Build Area if your system cannot handle it. For me it is always safe to layer a 1000 stack. You may want a 500 stack or 360 stack or smaller and they will be safe if you have a pretty much up to date system.

Instructions

Before beginning this action, as like most actions, begin by building a 'new folder' first. Fill this folder with copies of image originals that you want stacked and know the exact amount of images that you have in the 'new folder', and you may rename the 'new folder' to whatever name, and leave this new folder where it is easily seen and accessible on your Applications Desktop, do not bury these folders deep down inside other folders.

File/Automate/Batch Panel

Next you need a 'Beast Cleared' image to stack the folders' cleared images upon. To do this open the action set 'Stack Image Files From Folders to Stacks' in to the Actions Panel and 'fall' the action sets' title landing to access the actions inside. Go to section

[11111-1] and click and select the action, '[Make] One 'Untitled File', 1 Layer - 1x1 In-720 Resolution- 8 Bit - Transparent Background With Guides'. Then click the 'Play selection' arrow icon at the bottom right corner of the Actions Panel. Doing this created you a Beast Cleared 'Untitled' image document in the Workspace Area, do not tamper with this document but do make sure your Layers Panel is open.

Next go to section [22222-2] of the action set and click and select any of the 'Layer A Folder of _ Files Onto 1 Stack' actions. I do mean 'select any' of these actions to play your folder of images no matter how many images are in your folder to be processed because all the actions in section [22222-2] are the same, so click and select any one, your selection here will register in the 'Play' sector of the Batch Panel.

Now go to File/Automate/Batch, and the Batch Panel will open. Double check the 'Play' sector of the panel and confirm that you have the correct 'Set:' and 'Action:' selected. Then go to the 'Source' sector of the panel and always select 'Folder' in the input field following it.

Go below Source to the 'Choose' button and click and select it, the 'Browse for Folder' Panel will open asking you to 'Choose a batch folder'. The batch folder that you are choosing here is the 'new file' image folder that you created having the images in it that you want to be stacked. So click and select that folder and 'OK' it in the 'Browse for Folder' Panel. The panel will close and the Batch Panel remains open. Now confirm the address following the 'Choose' button, if it is correct then continue and go to the 'Destination' sector of the Batch Panel.

In the input field following 'Destination:' select 'None' in the fall/fold menu. 'None' for Destination is selected here because there is no folder to process the 'Save As' images to, the images in the folder are being processed onto the [blank] 'Untitled' file that is open in the Workspace Area.

Now this action is ready to 'OK' in the Batch Panel and be played. 'OK' your selections in the Batch Panel to automatically stack the images in the folder.

Now that these images are stacked correctly you will want to title and save them Same/Same somewhere now, then re-open the stack with it now having 'Revert' commands over it.

Don't forget that you have now a folder left sitting on your Applications Desktop with files in it. You have already made a stack out of these images that are in the folder and the folder images are probably copies from your original images, so what do you do with compiling image folders on your Applications Desktop that are no longer needed? I/Pilot pull mine into the Recycle Bin. The 'action set' that you just used is the same, when no longer needed just pull it into the Delete Bin of the Actions Panel, you always have saved the original copy of it.

