

Changing Your Resolution & Image Size in Photoshop

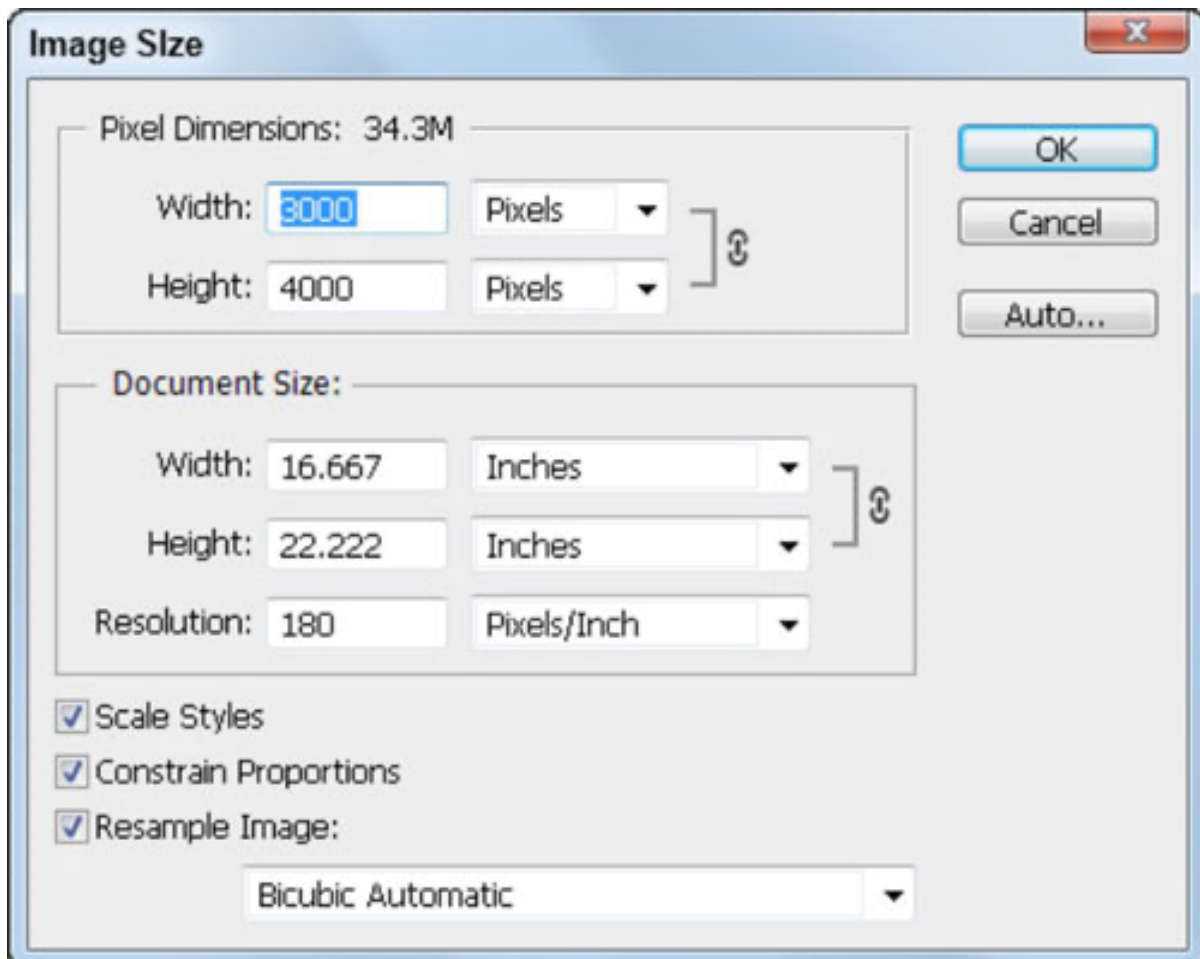
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Pro Tip: Using the Image Size dialog box is only one way that you can control the resolution in Adobe Photoshop. Even though you can increase the resolution, do so sparingly and avoid it, if you can. The exception to this rule is when you have an image that's large in dimension size but low in resolution, like those you typically get from a digital camera. You may have a top-of-the-line digital camera that produces 72 dpi images, but at that resolution, the pictures are 28 x 21 inches (or larger)! All images must be altered to 8x10 or 10x8 at 300 dpi in this course because that's the size that all of our images are printed at and produce an easy to work with size in megabytes.

To increase the resolution of an image without sacrificing quality, follow these steps:

1. Choose Image → Image Size.

The Image Size dialog box appears.



2. Enter 300 resolution in the Resolution text field.

Photoshop keeps the *pixel size* (the size of the image onscreen) the same, but the *document size* (the size of the image when printed) decreases when you enter a higher resolution.

3. Type the size in the Width and Height text fields in the Document Size section.

Remember to submit ALL images as 8x10 or 10x8. Cropping to proportions is NOT enough, you will always need to check final image size here. Be sure that the width and height are linked as in the photo above and that the dimensions are set at INCHES.

4. Click OK when you're finished; double-click the Zoom tool in the Tools panel to see the image at its onscreen size.