

Adobe® Customer Support

Image Changes Size After Being Pasted into Photoshop Document

Issue

After pasting an image into a new or existing document in Adobe Photoshop 3.0 and later, the image displays and prints larger or smaller than expected.

Solution

Ensure the resolution of the image to be copied and the destination document are the same:

1. With both images at the same magnification view (e.g., 1:1 [3.0.x], 100% [4.0]), note the Current Size resolution value of both images by choosing Image > Image Size.
2. For either image, increase or decrease the Resolution value in the Image Size dialog box so the resolution of both images are the same value.

NOTE: Increase or decrease the image's dimensions (i.e., height and width) to change the image's resolution without changing the image's dimensions. Because increasing or decreasing an image's dimensions may change the image's quality (e.g., more pixelation, darker, lighter), rescanning instead of resizing the image ensures control of the image's quality.

Additional Information

When displaying an image, Photoshop determines the size of the image by its resolution, and not by the image's dimensions (i.e., width and height). After pasting an image into another document, Photoshop forces the pixels (resolution) of the pasted image to occupy the same number of pixels (resolution) in the destination document.

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