

PHOTOSHOP FILE TYPES



PSD

When first importing an image into Photoshop it should be re-saved as a Photoshop PSD file. This is the most compatible file type to use and it will support all types of layers.

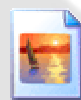
- Advantages Most compatible with Photoshop. Supports all types of layers
- Disadvantages File sizes will be large. Not all programmes can open it



TIF

After working on an image as a PSD file, a copy can be saved as a TIF. TIF files are high quality lossless files which will support some layer types. These are generally used when high quality files are required e.g. for publication. They can be opened in most programmes.

- Advantages A high quality file type. Most programmes can open them
- Disadvantages Will not support some layer types



JPEG

A file type that will compress the data in the file to reduce the file size. The amount of compression can be selected depending on the intended use. The JPEG file type should only be used to compress files for use on the web or to make them quicker to e-mail. If a JPEG is re-saved a further loss of data and therefore quality will be lost.

- Advantages Compresses the file and reduces its size
- Disadvantages Some quality will be lost especially if the file is re-saved

