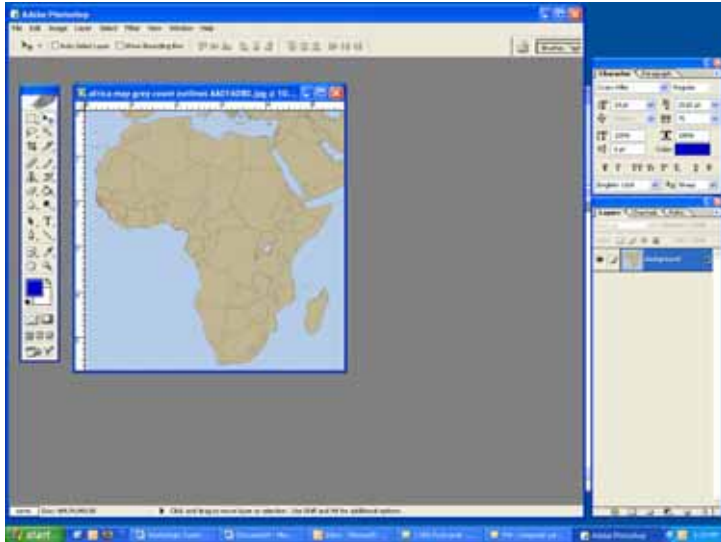


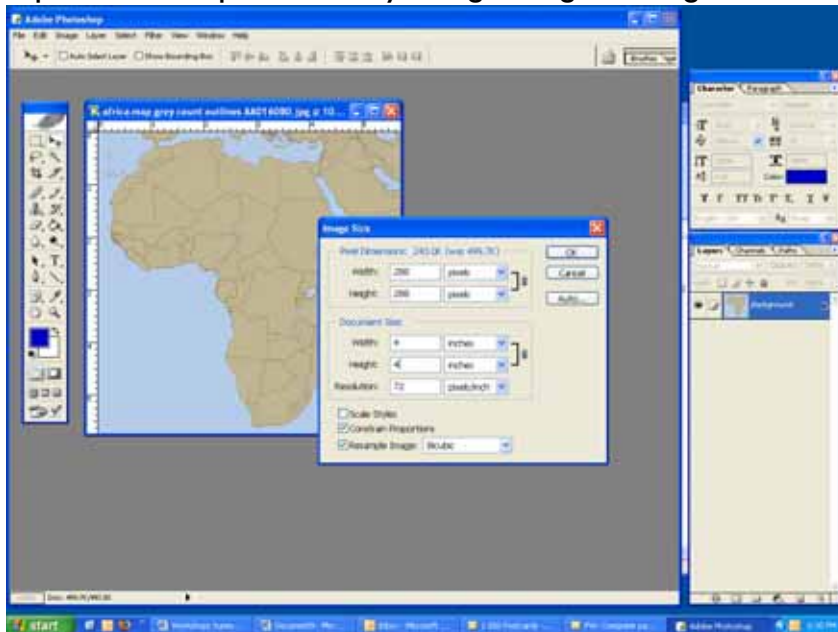
# Basic Image Editing in Photoshop

Adobe's Photoshop is a very powerful program that can do just about anything you can imagine. However, it can be very confusing to have thousands of features and options. What are the most important? What will help us the most to learn first? Here are the basic ones that you will use for 75 percent of your needs!

1. Open up Photoshop. Go File → Open and scroll to an image you want to edit. Either from a digital camera, or something you scan, or even online on Google.

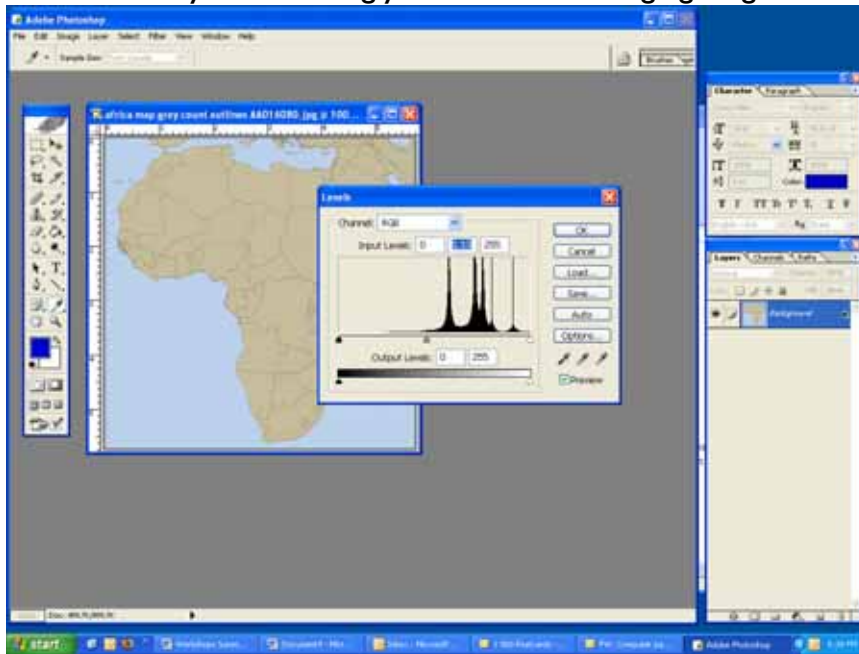


2. Often the first thing people need to do is resize an image. Do this by going to the menu bar on the top of Photoshop where it says Image and go to Image Size.

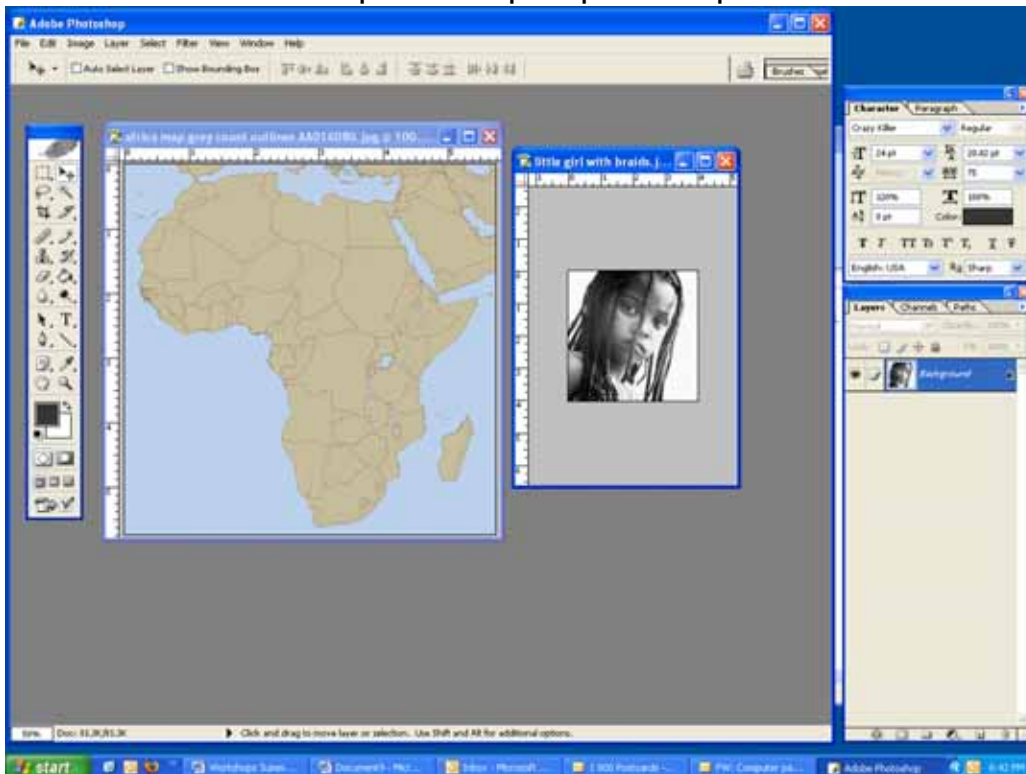


3. The top measurements are in pixels. Web designers like to use this unit of measurement; ignore this. The bottom measurements are in inches. Change it to what you want. If you make it much bigger it will look pixilated, try not to resize too much bigger.

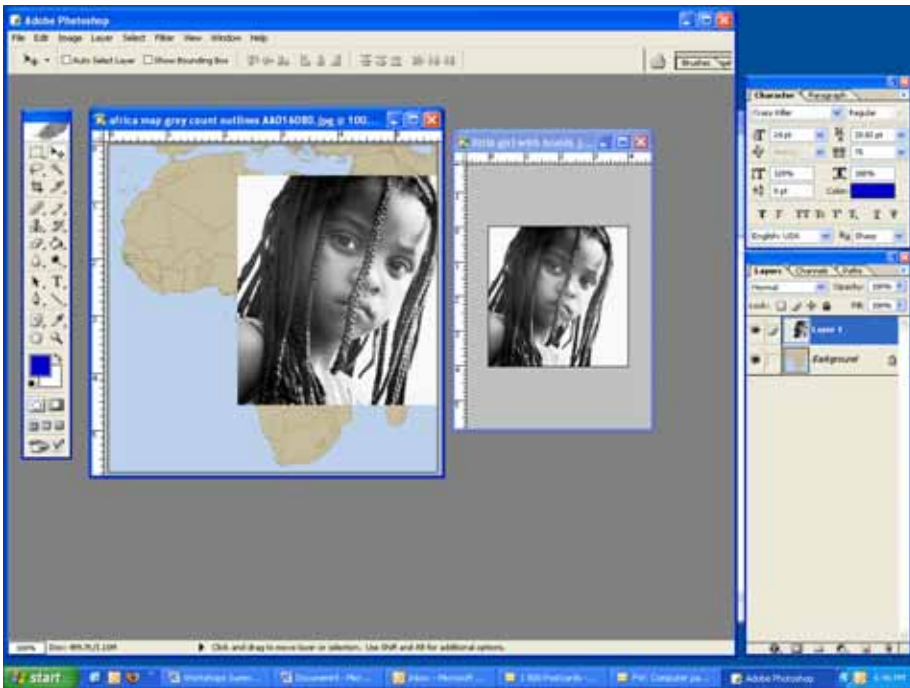
4. Image too dark? Go to Image → Adjustments → Levels. There are three different levers. The left one controls Darkest Tones. The middle one controls Mid Tones. This is usually the only one you want to change. To lighten, slide SLOWLY to the left. The right one controls lightest/whites codes. Notice: while you are sliding you can see the image get lighter or darker BEFORE you hit okay.



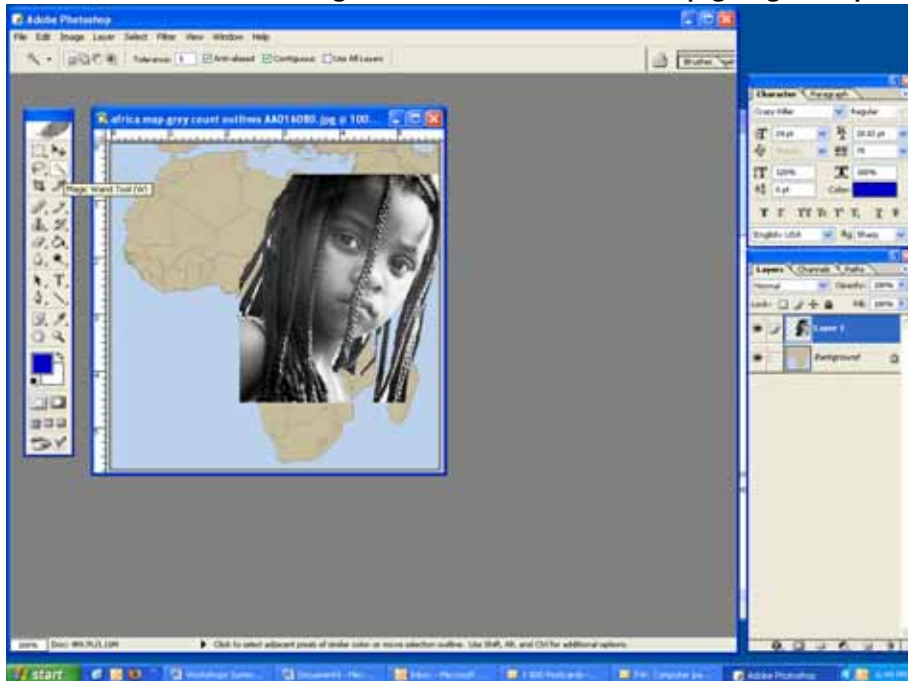
5. What if I want to combine pictures? Open up another photo.



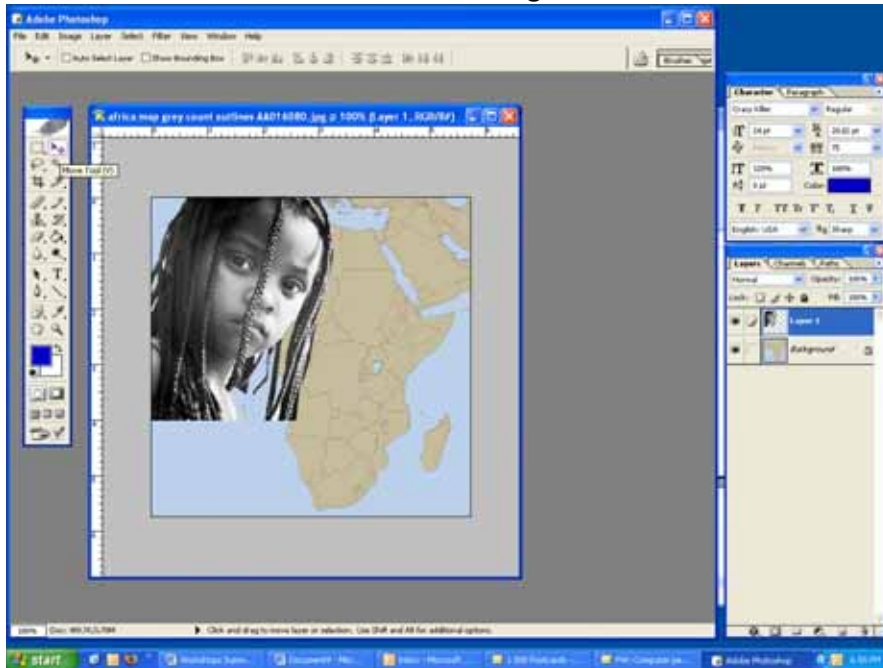
- With the Move Tool selected, drag one picture on top of another. See how a new layer is created and each picture has its own layer.



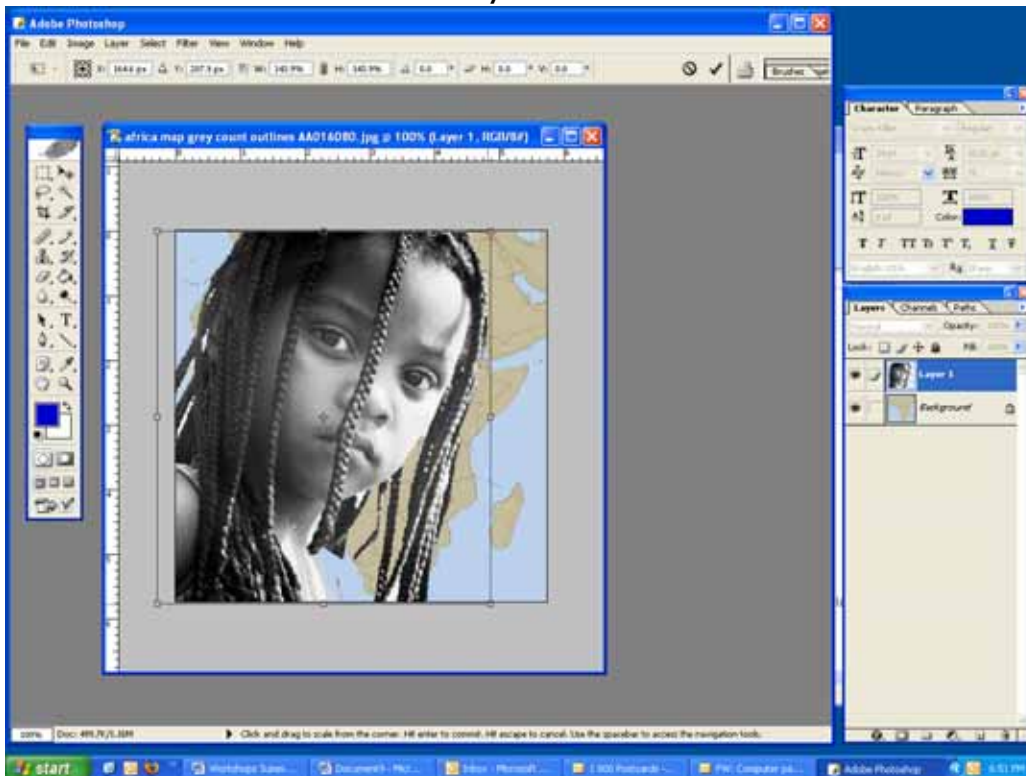
- Now close the picture you dragged onto the other so it doesn't confuse you. We're working now on each different layer. You can see the layers in the Layer Palette on the right. You can only affect the layer that you have selected (highlighted).
- What if we want to take the white background off of the little girl? Click the Magic Wand selection tool, click the white background and hit delete. Keep going until you get rid of all the white.



9. Now click the move tool and move the girl around to where she should be.

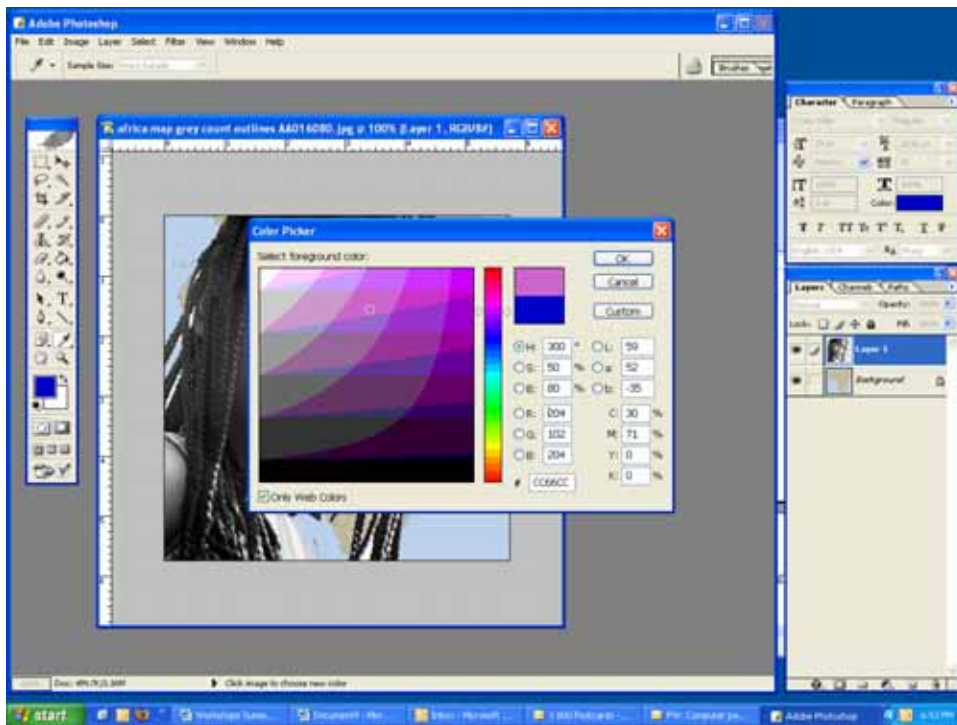


10. Want to resize her now? Make sure you are on the girl layer and go Edit → Transform → Scale. Click on a resize handle and make the size you want.



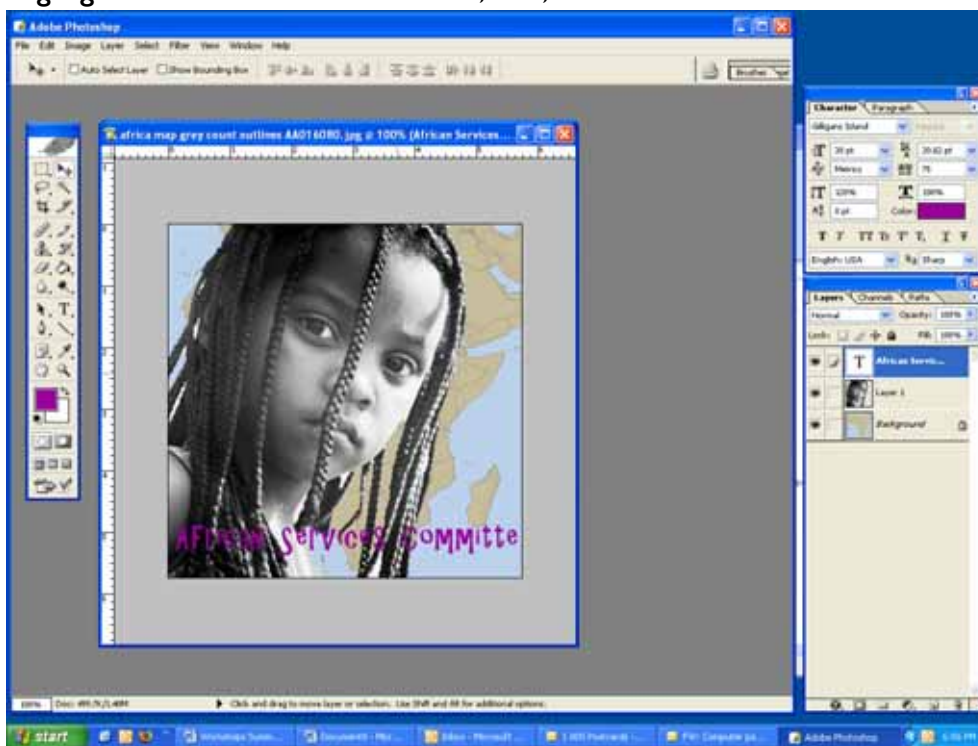
Hit enter on the keyboard when you are done.

11. Want to add some text? First, pick a color by clicking on the top little square of color and choosing a color.



click ok when you have the color you like.

12. Click on the “T”, the text tool and click on the place on the picture you want to type. Type your text. Highlight it and choose a better font, size, etc.



There are a lot more things we can do. What are some that you want to learn next?