

# CDES 206 LAB EXERCISE #1: MAKING A SELFIE, RESIZING, NAMING & SUBMITTING A .psd FILE

Due at the end of today's class

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WolfeBEXI.psd

To consistently capture and present effective images, you need to possess a solid understanding of basic camera controls and a digital workflow. Today's exercise begins with a hands-on field trip of sorts. Find a place nearby on campus and take at least 20 pictures with your camera. Experiment with focus, as well as various aperture settings and shutter settings. Review your pictures as you take them to see what is and is not working. Get in the habit of exploring several viewpoint options whenever you come across something photographically interesting.

Once you feel comfortable with using your camera, turn it around and take a "selfie" self-portrait. The guesswork that goes into taking selfies often results in serendipitous photographic surprises. Play around and shoot away. If a selfie makes you smile, it's a keeper.

When you've finished shooting, return to the lab to complete the exercise using the following steps.

1. Take the memory card out of your camera and put it in the card reader at your computer. It will appear as an icon on your desktop.
2. Connect your portable storage device and transfer your files from the camera's card to your portable storage. Once this is done, eject your camera card (drag it to the trash icon, then remove it from the card reader), and **place it back in your camera so you don't forget it.**
3. Locate your selfie and open your file in Photoshop in one of two ways:  
Open Photoshop and go to **File>Browse**. Navigate to your pictures on your portable storage and select your favorite selfie. Double-click on it to open the image in Photoshop.  
  
Alternatively, open up the folder that contains your image. Use "icon view" and adjust the thumbnail size slider to your liking. Drag and drop your selfie file onto the Photoshop icon on the dock to open it.
4. **Resize** your image by opening the Image Size window (**Image>Image Size**). Set **Constrain Proportions to ON**, and turn **Resample Image to OFF**. Select the smallest dimension of your image in the Document Size window (either the width or height, whichever's smaller) and enter "6" inches. Your image size will either become 6 x 8 inches or 6 x 9 inches depending upon the aspect ratio of your camera's sensor.
5. Save this image as a Photoshop format file (.psd) to your Desktop with the correct **file name** (your last name and the letters "ex1" For example: **SmithEXI.psd**.)
6. Connect to the server (go to the big green dot with the white arrow on the dock and select your section) and drag your completed image file into the "HAND-IN" folder in your section folder.
6. Disconnect from the server (throw its icon into the trash), quit Photoshop, **eject your portable storage device and take it with you.**

**Credit for this exercise will be given only if the work is properly completed, labeled, and submitted.**