

Quick Reference for AESTUDIO (v.1.2.3)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Being registered in www.albumepoca.com
- Active Internet connection.
- Photoshop CS5 (v.12), CS6 (v.13) o CC (v.14).

INSTALLATION (follow step by step)

1. Close all Adobe applications that are open.
2. Run Adobe Extension Manager (found in the Applications folder of Adobe). Attention because on **Windows Vista, 7 and 8** it is necessary to run the application with administrator privileges (right-click on the icon, and select **Run as administrator**).
3. Install AESTUDIO.zxp through the voice of the *Install* menu. If there are multiple versions of Photoshop, select the one with which you intend to use AESTUDIO.
4. Close Adobe Extension Manager.

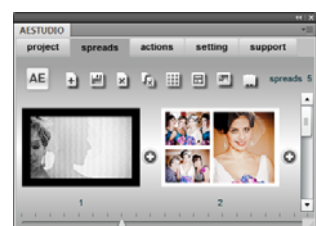
OVERVIEW

- Run Photoshop and start AESTUDIO and AELAYOUT using the menu *Window > Extensions*.
- **AESTUDIO** allows you to organize your projects, while there **AELAYOUT** simplifies the process of layout, proposing predefined layouts and allowing you to save new custom.
- If you wish, you can also serve the **Mini Bridge**, using the menu *Window > Extensions > Mini Bridge*. This extension allows you to easily navigate through the folders on your computer for the images to be included in the project.
- We recommend to use the **Layers** window (by pressing the **F7** key or from the menu *Window > Layers*). Will be very useful to manage the overlapping of graphics placed on the sheet.
- In the window AESTUDIO there are five tabs (**project, spreads, actions, settings, and support**):

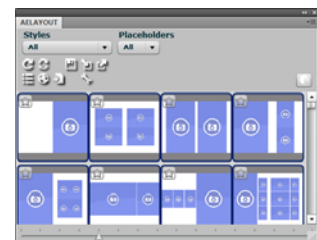
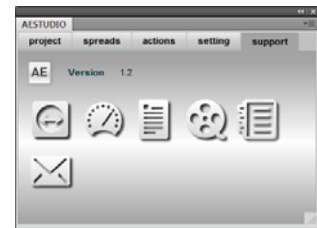
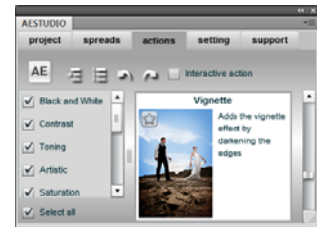
1. The first tab (**project**) is the starting point and allows you to manage the projects with AESTUDIO. There are six icons: **create a new project, open an existing project, duplicate a project, export the project for use on another computer, import a project** previously exported from another computer, **send the project to the laboratory**.



2. The second tab (**spreads**) you need to create the layout, displaying thumbnails of spreads progressively realized. There are eight icons: **creates a new spread, save the current spread, close the current spread, close all the images do not belong to the project, open AELAYOUT, import an external PSD into the current spread, export spreads in JPG or PDF, album preview**.

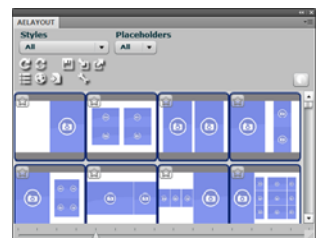


3. The third tab (**actions**) allows you to retouch images through the use of special effects created exclusively for AESTUDIO. There are five icons: **import an actions pack**, **creates a sequence of actions**, **undo**, **redo**, **interactive action**.
 4. The fourth tab (**settings**) of AESTUDIO indicates which version is currently installed. To use the plug-in you must log in by entering your username and password to Album Epoca. You can also set one of the five languages.
 5. The fifth tab (**support**) is very useful for assistance. There are six icons: remote assistance in **Team Viewer** (only if indicated by customer care), **controls the speed of transmission** over Internet (upload), **read the PDF guide** (the document you are reading), **watch the tutorial**, **save the log** on your desktop (only if indicated by customer care), **contacts**.
- In the AELAYOUT you can view and use the layouts available, filtered by **Styles** and **Placeholder** (the number of images included in the spread). There are also icons: **swap images**, **replace one or more images** from Bridge, **copy** and **paste layer properties**, **save custom layouts**, **import and export layouts** between different computers, **download and import new styles**, **settings**.




OPERATION

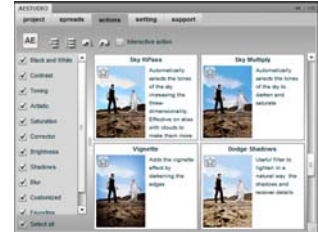
- To start creating a new project, click on the proper icon. You will be asked to select the product and its format, giving a name to the project and eventually change the saving path.
- After confirming all, by clicking on **Create Project** button (located at the right bottom), you can begin to layout the first spread. The application will open a new template with the printing measures, guidelines to highlight the bleeding area and central fold line.
- Now is the time to insert the images you want to paginate. To do it, you can drag them onto the spread directly from Mini Bridge, selecting them in groups as well.
- The window AELAYOUT is smart and it will automatically refresh displaying the available layouts for the quantity of photos and sorting them by relevance to the current position of the images in the template to work. In this way, each movement of the images in the template automatically update the order of the layout, before proposing the most suitable ones. This feature simplifies and speeds up the layout of the album.



- Always remember to fill in the area beyond the guidelines (crop tolerance), or leave it completely empty to avoid problems during trimming. Also do not ever aligned the photos to the guidelines

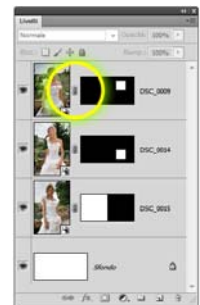
that define crop tolerance. For further details please consult the file from the following link: [correct positioning of images](#).

- We always recommend to save the spreadsheet before moving on to the next. To create a new one you just click on the  icon in the window that you find AESTUDIO, to the right of the spread you just saved.
- AESTUDIO provides you a collection of filters and editing actions that can be applied quickly to your images. To use them, select the image you want to edit in the Layers dialog, then click on the **Actions** tab and choose the effect you want to apply by double clicking. You can also adjust the transparency of the effect before you confirm its application. If you want to apply manually the effect, you can activate the **Interactive Action** box. This enables you to retouch the image using the **Brush** and **Eraser** tools of Photoshop and obtain a fully customized effect on the image.

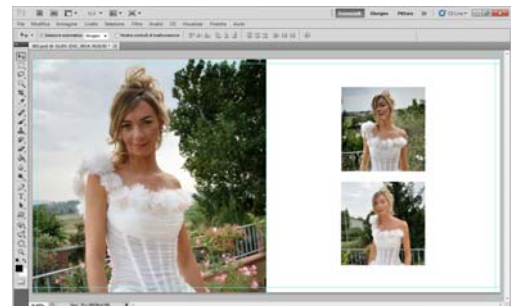
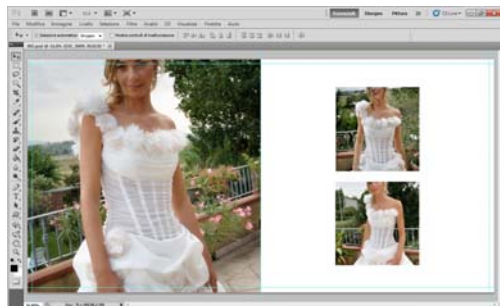


TIPS

- It might happen that the images placed automatically by the layout, are not framed correctly. In this case, to move photos inside the mask, respecting the cage imposed by the layout, you can **disable the icon** (the one with the chain showed between the image and the mask in the Layers dialog), then manipulate your image as you need and chain again to its mask.



The example below shows how to change a spread with three vertical images, initially framed incorrectly.



EXPORT

- When exporting **Photoshop is not usable**, because it pledged to create the file to be transmitted online.
- Once all the files will be transmitted, it will automatically open the web page of your new order being created. To complete it you have to indicate which cover match the selected product and add any accessories.
- If you have already received a PDF preview of your layout, but you want to send the changes, you must click with the right button on the individual spreadsheets to export. From the context menu that appears, select the entry for **Export for ticket**. JPG files must be saved as attachments to a ticket that you have to open within the order in your private area.

If you have questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

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