

# Highlight image area with Photoshop Action

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Every designer in any area is familiar with the need to highlight an area on design or screen shots. Whether you're trying to highlight something for a customer or colleague, that's what most people need to do every day.

It is a simple process and the following is a detailed guide on how to do it with Photoshop Action.



## 1. Download Action

First, download Action (Link download: <http://mos.creativebloq.com/freebie/action.zip>). If you want, put it in the **Photoshop Actions** folder and just remember where you saved it.

## 2. Open an image in Photoshop

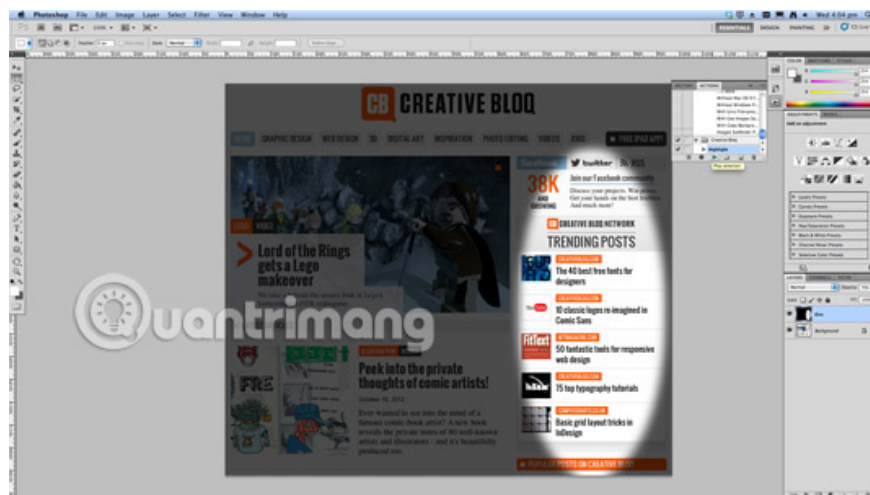


Now, select the image that has the area you want to highlight in Photoshop. Use the Marquee tool (Rectangular, Elliptical, or any other option) to select the area you want to focus on. And remember, you can select multiple areas, by holding down the **Shift** key .

### 3. Open Actions

Go to **Window > Actions** to make sure your Actions panel is open. Now, select the drop-down menu in the **Actions** panel and select '**Load Actions**'. Navigate to the Action you just downloaded, select it and click '**Open**'. Now scroll down to the **Creative Blog** folder , open that folder, select '**Highlight**' and press '**Play Selection**' at the bottom of the control panel.

### 4. Experiment with Opacity



This step only saves a few seconds, but many seconds will create one minute, and many minutes make up an hour. Surely you will be surprised at the results!

Now, your image will apply some effects. But it may be too dark or too bright for what you want. To change **Opacity** , simply select the new layer in the **Layers** panel and drag the **Opacity** slider to make the image look as

you want it to.

Good luck!

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