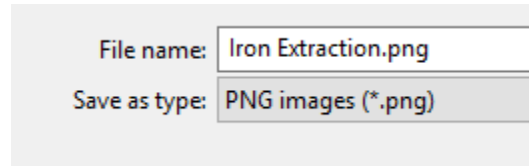


Resizing Images for MakePlayingCards.com with Paint Shop Pro (PSP)

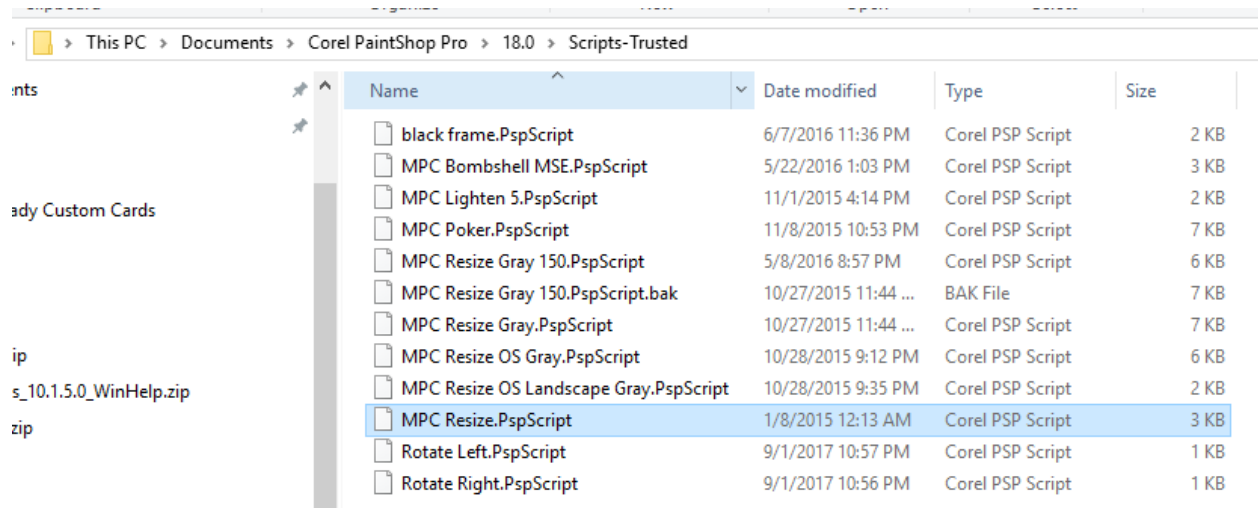
Quick preliminary note. For best results when printing, save your images to disk as lossless PNG files rather than the default JPG. To do this in MSE, select File | Export | Card image (or click on the Export icon), and then when it prompts you to save the file, select “PNG images” under Save as type. If you have already saved everything as JPG, throw it all away and start over. The difference in image quality is considerable.



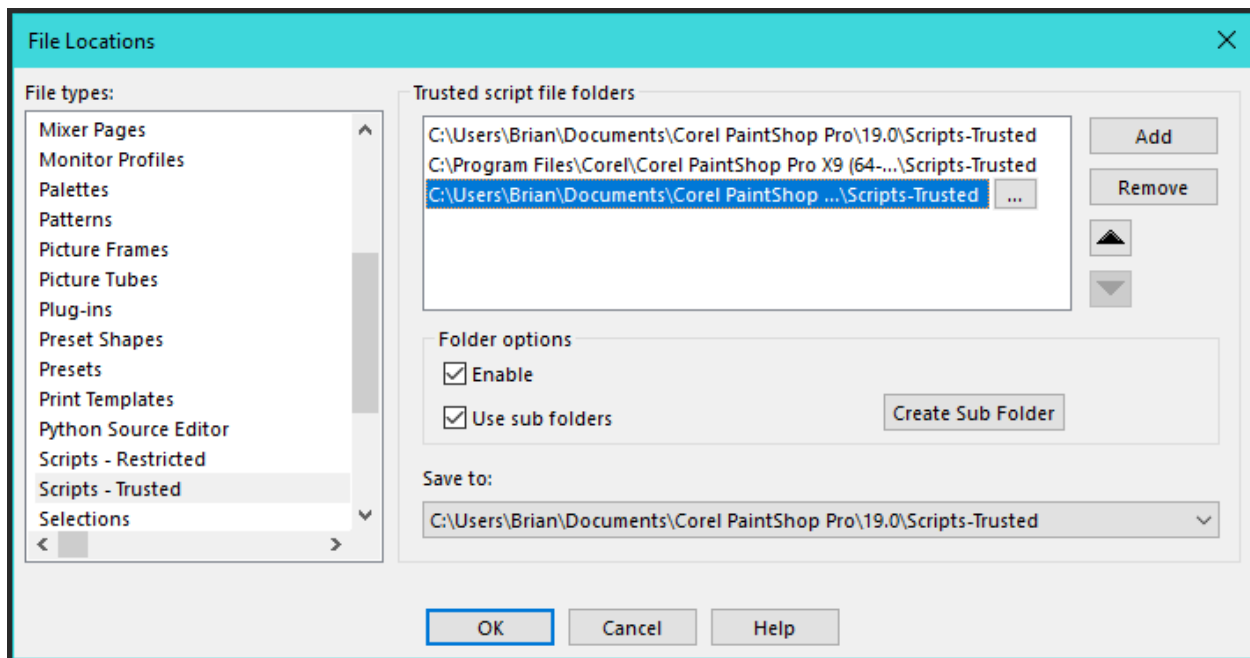
Now, back to resizing images in preparation for printing by MPC... The easiest way to do this is to grab my automation script:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/kkl0j17xnje7hus/MPC%20Resize.PspScript?dl=0>

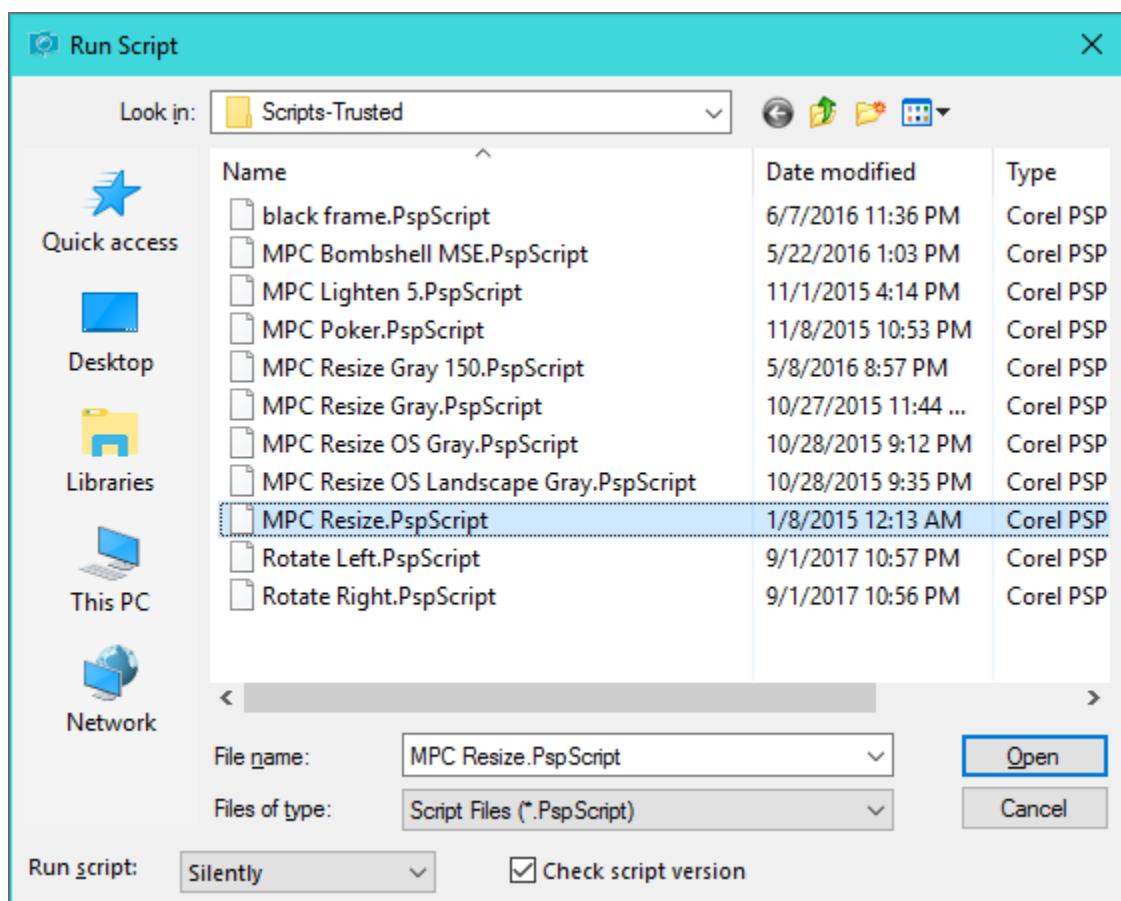
Download this file and copy it to your trusted scripts folder.



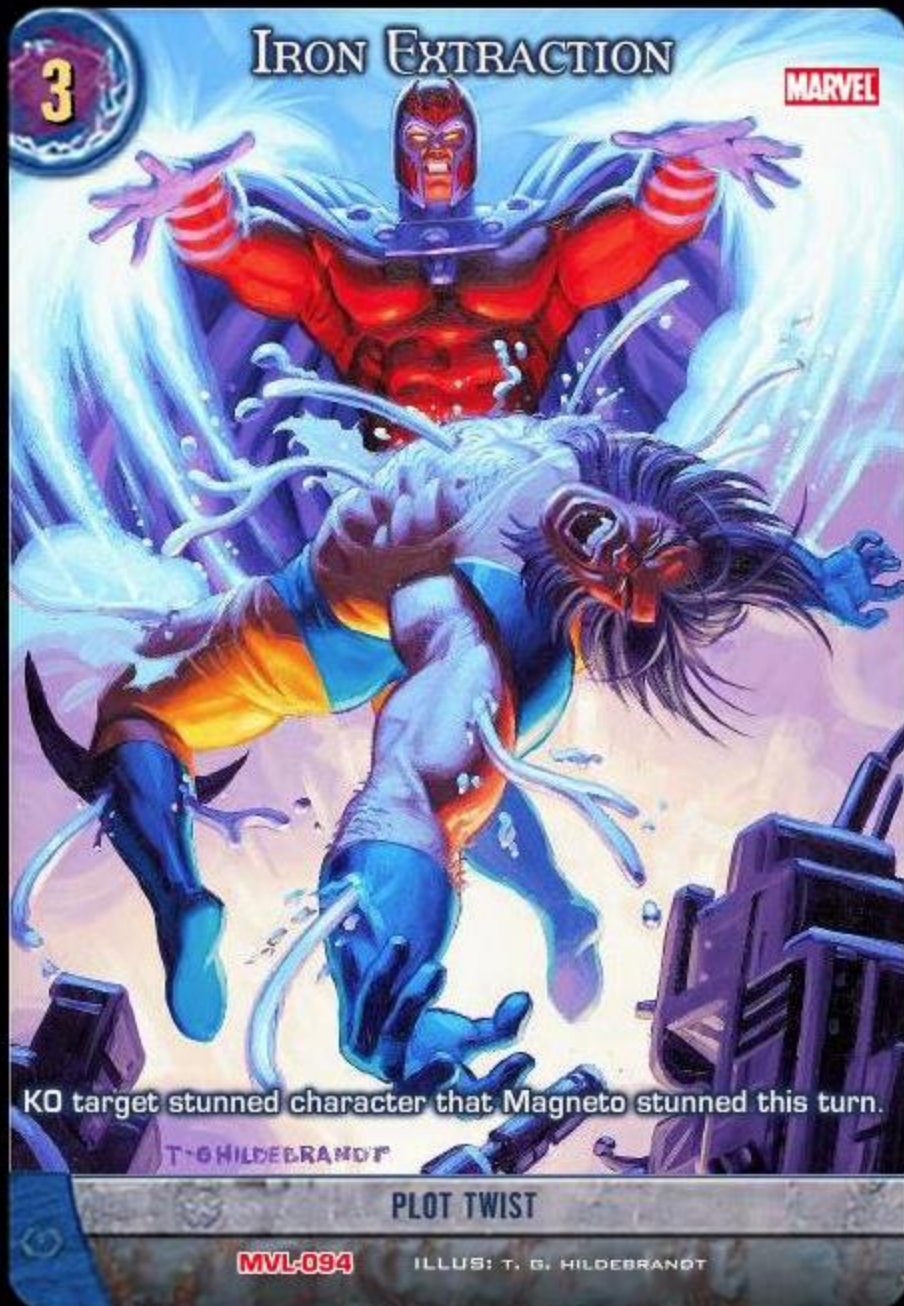
To find out which directory that is, from the main menu, select Files | Preferences | File Locations. Pick any directory in the list, or create a new one if there isn't one.



To use this script on a single image, first open the image in PSP. From the main menu, select File | Script | Run... Select the trusted scripts folder, and the MPC Resize script (I have several; you only need the one for regular VS cards). Click Open.



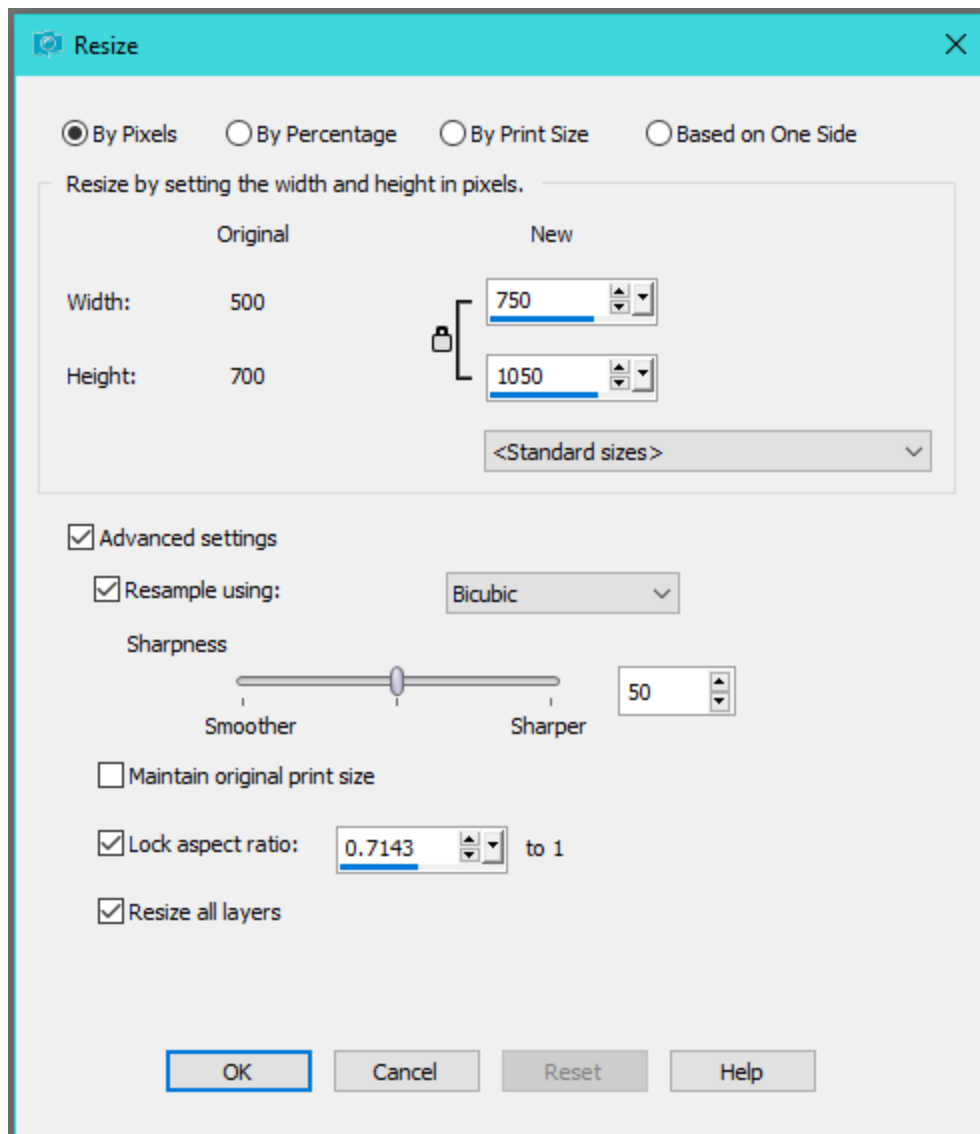
The script will resize the image and add a bigger border around the edge. Turning this:



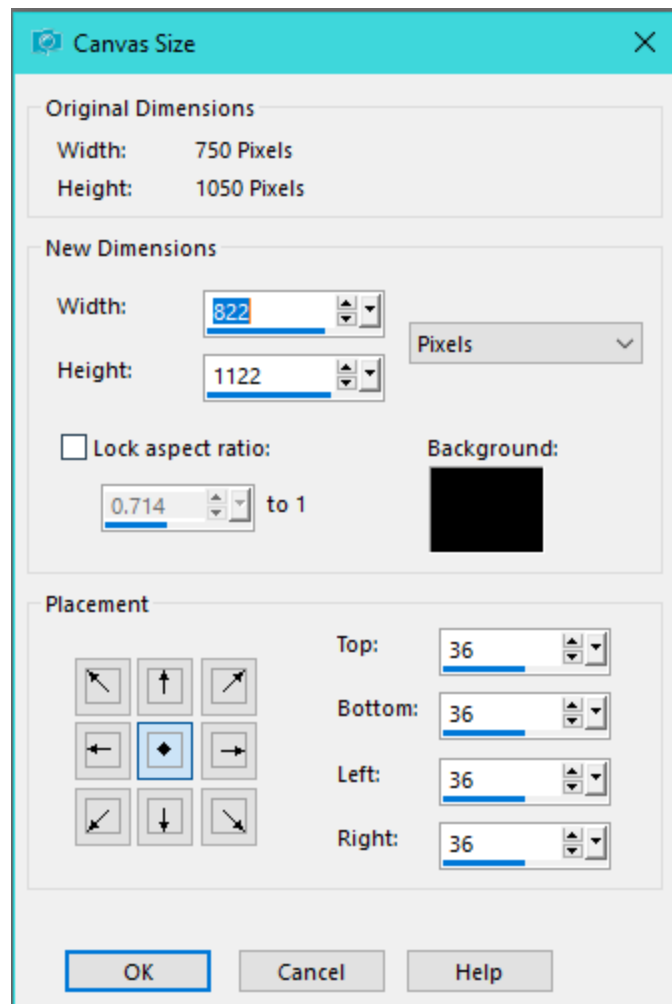
Into this:



You can also do the same thing manually in two steps. First, select Image | Resize and resize the image from 500x700 to 750x1050 (or use percentage of 150).

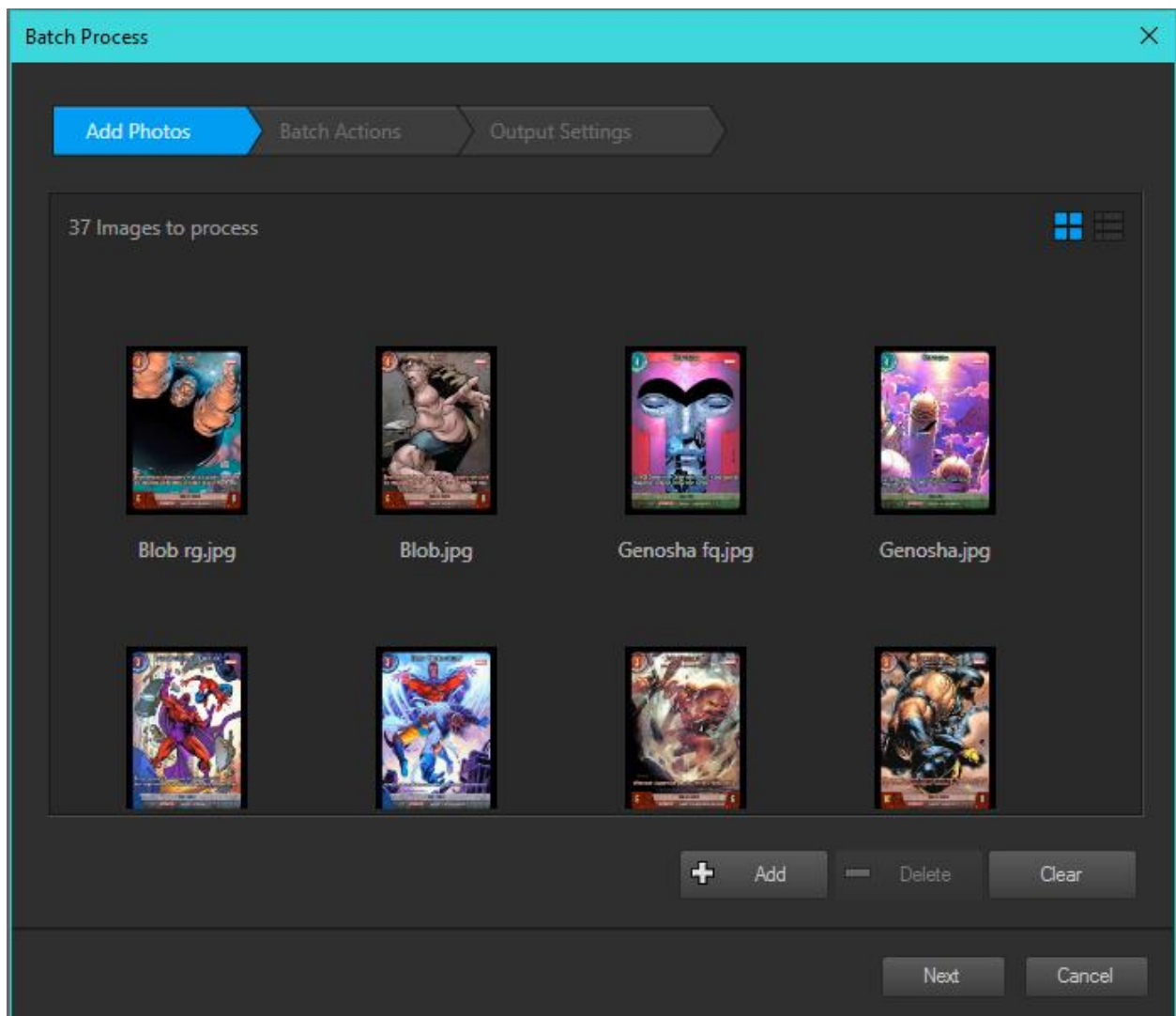


Next, select Image | Canvas Size and change the canvas size to 822x1122, with a black background and a centered placement, to add a 36 pixel border all around.

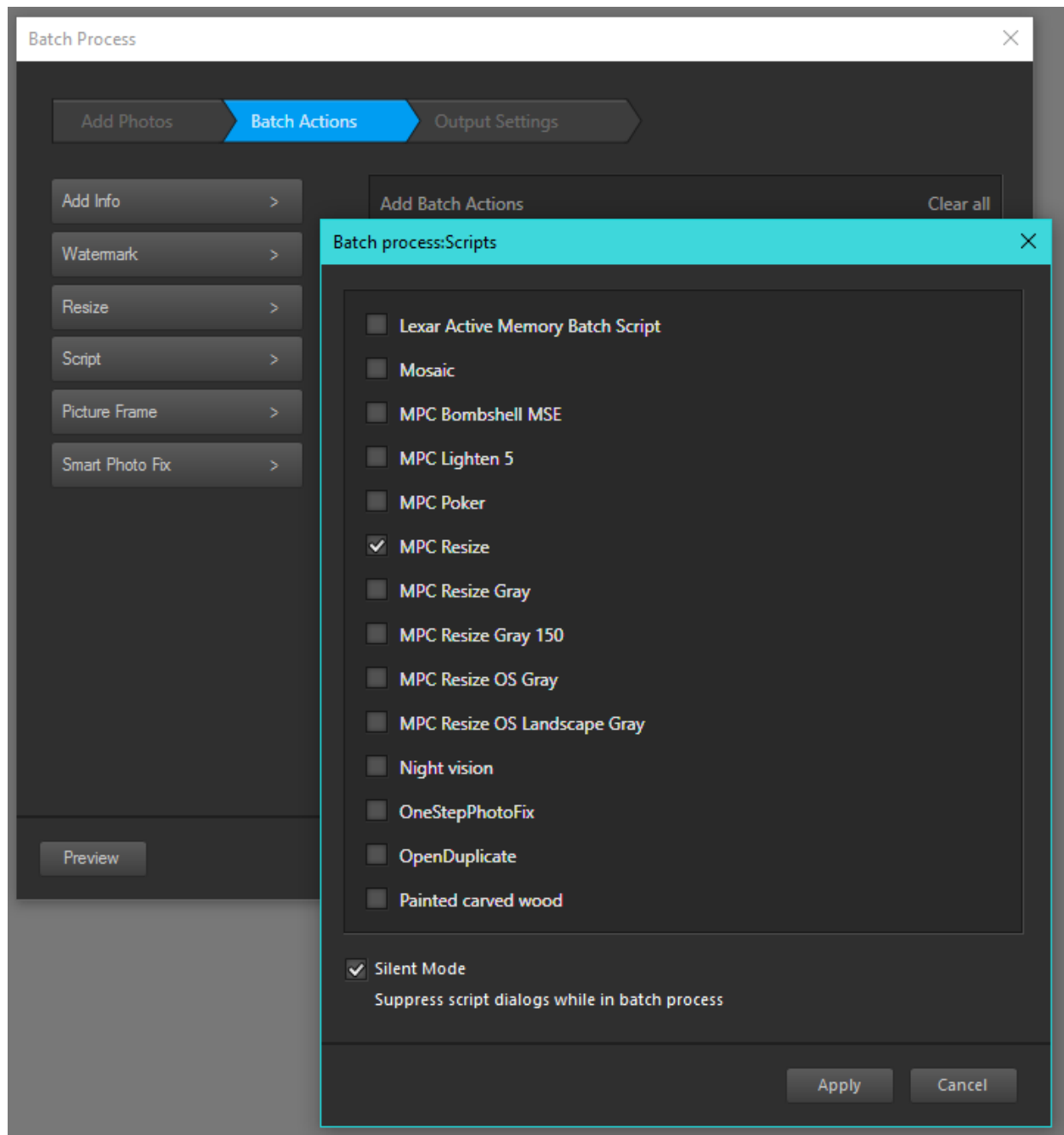


Regardless of which way you do it, you can now save the image (preferably to a different directory than the original), and it is now ready to be uploaded to MPC.

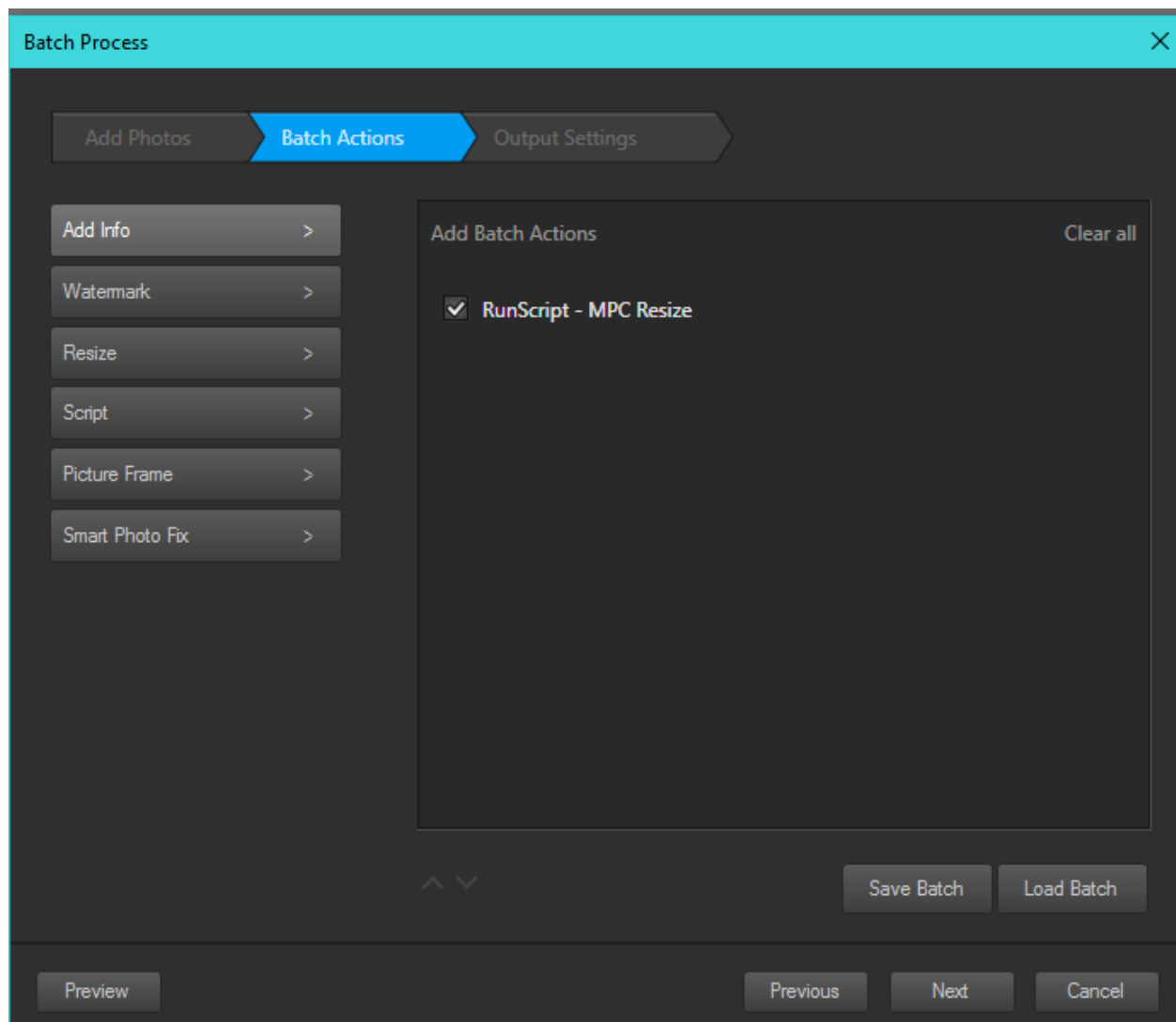
Now, while you can do things one at a time if you want, the better way is to do it in a batch. First place all the images you want to resize in a single directory, and create a separate output directory to hold the resized versions. When your directories are set up, go into PSP and select File | Batch Process. Navigate to the directory with your cards, and either select the ones you want to resize, or click Select All.



Click Next. Under Batch Actions, click on Script and scroll down and check the MPC Resize script.



Click Apply and then Next.



Change the Destination Folder setting to New and select your output folder. Set Filename to Original. Naming conflicts to Overwrite. File format to PNG (assuming that you followed my advice and saved everything as PNG, otherwise use JPG). Then click Start. The batch job will then begin.

Batch Process

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Add Photos

Batch Actions

Output Settings

Destination folder:

☐ New

☐ Original

D:\Dropbox\MPC Ready Custom Cards

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Filename:

☐ Rename

☐ Original

Modify

Example: Filename-Sequence-Date-Time

Naming conflicts:

☐ Prompt, if file name exists

☐ Skip, if file name exists

☒ Overwrite, without warning

☐ Append "-Copy" to new filename

File format:

PNG Portable Network Graphics (*.png)

Options

Security features:

☒ Delete EXIF information

☒ Delete location information

☐ Embed Watermark

Preview

Previous

Start

Cancel