The service module supports image manipulations similar to product images.

For simplicity, these functionalities are built upon Mage\_Catalog\_Helper\_Image and Mage\_Catalog\_Model\_Product\_Image

To use:

$file = BP.DS.'media'.DS.'catalog'.DS.'category'.DS.$imageName;

$helper->loadImageFile($file)->resize(120);

[NOTE]: it’s very important to use the system defined constants ‘BP’ (base path, on the file system, path to the web root) and ‘DS’ (directory separator)

The cached image is under ‘media/cache’ folder. Note, ‘clearing image cache’ in the admin panel will NOT clear these images.