

Minicons

How to use it 100%

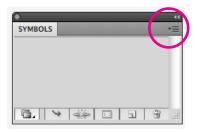
Symbol panels for Illustrator

Installing symbol panels

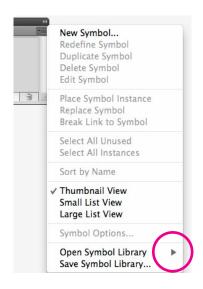
To show the symbol panel go to the Illustrator top menu: *Window>Symbols*



After the Symbol panel appeared, click on the Panel option menu at the right top corner.



In the Panel option menu, go to *Open symbol library*.



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Open Symbol Library Save Symbol Library...

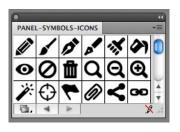
- Then select Other library
- Browse you hard drive to find the symbol panel files located in your pack in the *Illustrator Panels* folder
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The vector icons are now loaded in the symbol panel. You can drop them in your Illustrator artboard.



Inserting vector symbols

Drop the symbols from the panel symbol into your document

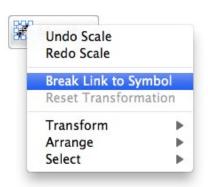


Resize the icon symbol by using the handles



Editing icons

Right-click on the icon, and select *Break Link to Symbol* to turns the symbol into an independant vector.



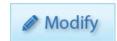
Now you can change this icon on the artboard without changing the original symbol in the panel

Change icon color





Add effects like shadow



Learn more about symbols

Read the excellent article on Smashing Magazine :

An In-Depth Study Of Symbols
In Illustrator CS5



http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2011/09/16/an-in-depth-study-of-symbols-in-illustrator-cs5/

Does your icons looks blurred in illustrator?

All icons are based on a 16 pixels grid and shouldn't be blurred on the files provided.

But, when you copy/paste them on your own designs they can become blurred if they are not well aligned with the pixel grid.



Blurred icons on the left Sharp icons on the right





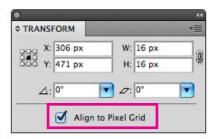
How to avoid blurriness?

There is different ways to avoid blurriness by aligning icons on the pixel grid:

Align to the pixel grid with Illustrator CS5



Right click on the icon and select *Break Link to Symbol*



Then on the Transform panel check *Align to Pixel Grid* option and your icon won't be blurred anymore.

TIP: be sure to group all the icons elements before align to grid

Position icons with whole values

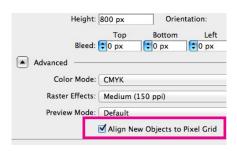


For all other versions of Illustrator CS:

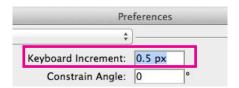
Use the properties inspector, in the Illustrator top menu bar, to define whole values forv position and dimensions, like position X= 20 px.

Avoid fractions, so use 20px instead of 20.56 px.

Tips to align faster



When you create a new document, check the *Align* to *Pixel Grid* in *Advanced Options* (with CS5).

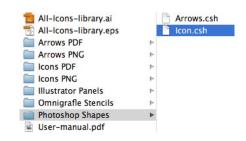


To quickly position lines, set a 0.5-pixel keyboard increment in the Preferences (*Preferences > General*). This way, when icons are blurry, you can simply use the keyboard arrow keys to move them by 0.5-pixel increments until the blur disappears.

Custom shapes for Photoshop

Installing custom shapes

Find the custom shapes located in your package in the *Photoshop Shapes* folder



Copy these .CSH files in your Photoshop *Custom shapes* folder. Then restart Photoshop.

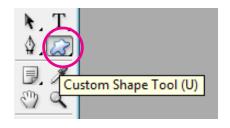
Path on Windows:

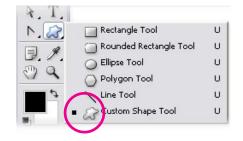
C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe Photoshop\Presets\Custom Shapes

Path on Mac OSX:

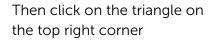
Applications>Adobe Photoshop>Presets>Custom shapes

3 Select the Custom Shapes tool in the toolbar

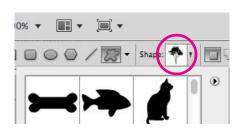


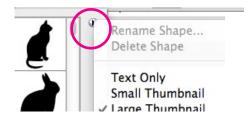


4 Select the *Shape selector* box in the top menu bar.



At the bottom at the list, select the custom shapes



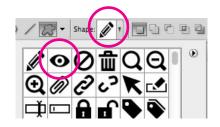




Select an icon in the *Custom shapes tool* in the tool bar.

Then click and drag in the Photoshop document to insert it and define size.

TIP: Hold down SHIFT keyboard when creating shapes to constraint the proportions and get the correct appearance.



Stencils for Omnigraffle

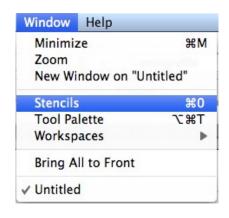
Installing the Stencils

To Install, move it to your ~/Library/Application Support/OmniGraffle/Stencils directory. The ~ represents your user Home folder.



Using the Stencils

Show the Stencils panel by going to the top menu: Window>Stencils



Drop the icons from the *Sten-cils panel* into your document



Change color or add shadow by using the *Style panel*



Slides for Keynote

Using the icons in Keynote

Just open the *webalys-icons*. *key* located in the *Keynote slides* folder.

Then pick and copy/paste the icons from these slides in your Keynote wireframe design.

Note that icons are only available in black for Keynote. Unfortunately, there is no way to change colors in Keynote.

