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How to Create a Transparent Gradient in Photoshop

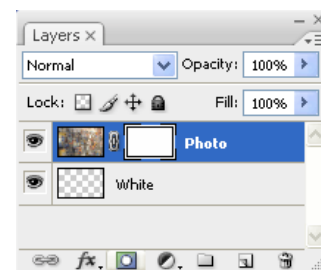
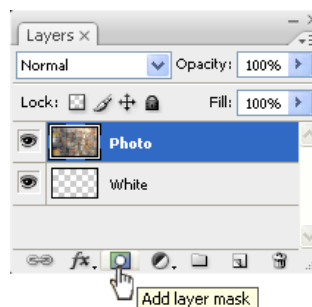


This page demonstrates one way to create a gradient which fades an image to transparency using Adobe Photoshop. This technique can be used to fade an image into the background colour or another image, text, etc.

Create a photoshop file with two [layers](#) - one blank and the other containing the image to be made transparent. Select the image's layer.

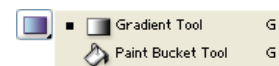
Click the *Add layer mask* icon at the bottom of the layers palette.

A layer mask is created in the image layer.



Select the gradient tool and apply a black/white gradient to the image layer.

In the example below, a gradient is applied to the photo from right to left.



(1) The original image.



(2) With the gradient applied, you can see the checkered pattern which indicates the blank layer.



(3) To fade the photo to white, fill the blank layer with solid white.



(4) To fade the photo into another image, place the second image in a layer below the photo.

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