

Lab 6: Photoshop practice

Description

For this lab, you will create a simple photomontage (i.e., a collage) using a movie screenshot and several additional images of your choosing. The goal of this assignment is to give you a chance to practice basic Photoshop skills.

Step 1

Choose any movie you like. Find a high quality screenshot from that movie. The higher quality the images you find, the easier it will be to select a portion from that image. One way to do that is to use Google image search. To limit your search to high quality screenshots, once you see the search results, you may click “search tools” on the top menu bar and select “size” > “larger than” > “2MP (1600 x 1200)”. Once you have selected an image, save it to your computer. This image will serve as the background of your photomontage.

Now select several other images of your choosing (use at least three, but you can do more if time permits). It may be characters or objects from other movies, or it could be a picture of yourself. Make sure you save these files.

Then open your saved images Photoshop.

Step 2

Your task is to *carefully* select each image (besides the one you will use as your background) using Photoshop selection tools of your choice, and add it to the movie screenshot, creating a photomontage. You may combine your images any way you like - use your creativity!

I suggest you try using the lasso, magnetic lasso, the magic wand, and the quick selection tool.

Make sure to use layers. Make sure that each image APPEARS ON ITS OWN LAYER. Layers are stacked so that LAYER 1 appears behind LAYER 2, which appears behind LAYER 3, etc. You can rearrange layers by dragging them up and down in the Layers Panel. Name your layers appropriately: “Layer 0”, “Layer 1” are not helpful names; use names that are more descriptive.

Step 3

Apply several adjustments to your photomontage (images > adjustments > choose any you like and experiment). Keep in mind that your adjustment will be applied to the currently selected layer. To select a different layer, click on the appropriate layer in the layer panel. You may also right-click the image and select the layer from the pop-up list.

Step 4

Save your photomontage as a jpeg file (File > Export/Save for Web (Legacy); or just File > Save as...). Choose JPEG as the image type, Set quality to around 60%. You may leave the other options unchanged. Save your image as lab6.jpg.

Final step: Submit your lab

Submit your **lab6.jpg** file to eLearning (course content > labs > lab 6).