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Scanner Basics

Common Options

- Scanner software varies from vendor to vendor.
- However, there are some options that are common across different scanners, though the interface to access these options many vary.

Color Spaces	Indicates what color depth you wish to scan the image at.
Original Type	On most scanners, this isn't an option, but on scanners with transparency adapters, you can select to scan a negative or a 35mm slide positive.
Resolution	Specifies the initial DPI for your image. Scanners have a maximum hardware DPI limit – any resolution above this maximum is <i>interpolated</i> .
Scaling	Allows you to enlarge or reduce an image. 100% is generally best.
Auto Adjust	Lets the computer adjust for color and contrast in your image. Usually the best way to go.

Recommended Image Formats

TIFF	Use for printing most photos and other pixel-based images. This is the preferred output format for use in programs like Illustrator or QuarkXpress.
JPEG	Use for photos for web-based publishing.
PSD	Photoshop's native file format. Good for images you will be editing later in Photoshop.