

# Topaz Vivacity™ (V1.3) - Getting Started

## Overview

Thank you for using **Topaz Vivacity™**, a powerful set of image enhancement plug-ins for Photoshop and compatible programs. It can, among other things:

- Increase an image's resolution with advanced algorithms
- suppress noise and JPEG artifacts while maintaining clarity
- sharpen and synthesize image edges
- produce interesting effects

## Using Topaz Vivacity

Depending upon your host, Topaz Vivacity™ filters can be found in different ways. Refer to the host program's documents. Here are a few examples:

- **Photoshop**: under menu: **Filter->Topaz Vivacity**
- **Paint Shop Pro**: under menu: **Effects->Plug-in->Topaz Vivacity**
- **PhotoImpact**: under menu: **Effect->Topaz Vivacity**
- **IrfanView** (freeware): under menu: **Image->Effects->Adobe 8BF filters...** In "Adobe 8BF Filters" dialog, use "Add 8BF filters" button to browse to a Topaz Vivacity™ installation folder and add the folder.

After installation, if the host program cannot find Topaz Vivacity™, you may not have installed it to the right directory. Please refer to "ReleaseNote.rtf" carefully for detailed installation instructions and re-install the software.

Then, you need to close the host program and re-start it after installation so that the host program can find Topaz Vivacity™ and load it into their plug-ins menu.

For Photoshop, you can use a set of pre-recorded "**actions**" to facilitate some tasks, especially image enlargement. You can load the actions by:

1. In **Photoshop "Actions" panel**, click the upper-left **menu button** and select "**Load Actions...**"
2. Browse to the **Topaz Vivacity installation directory**, e.g., "C:\Program Files\Adobe\Photoshop CS 2\Plug-ins\TopazVivacity" and select "**TopazVivacity.atn**".

All Topaz Vivacity filters have full **action and scripting** capabilities. Therefore, you can use Topaz Vivacity filters in any of your customized actions as well as **image batch processing**.

During the 30-day evaluation period, a reminder dialog may appear multiple times when the host program starts up. It should disappear after 2 seconds.

## Compatibility

Topaz Vivacity™ should work with most programs that support Photoshop plug-in API 6.0 and above. If you cannot make it work with yours, please double-check the installation. If you cannot solve your problem, please email us at [support@topazlabs.com](mailto:support@topazlabs.com).

If you do not have Photoshop or any commercial program that is compatible with Topaz Vivacity™, many freeware programs also support the plug-in. For example, you can use IrfanView, a popular freeware used for viewing and processing images. You need to download and install both the IrfanView program and IrfanView plug-in packages. In this case, you can install Topaz Vivacity™ to any folder.

## More Information

We strongly encourage you to scan through “**Topaz Vivacity User’s Guide**” which explains some basics through examples.

All Topaz Vivacity filters have **context-sensitive help**. Simply check the “Enable popup help on each item” check box in any filter and place the cursor at an item for one second. A help balloon will appear.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need support: [support@topazlabs.com](mailto:support@topazlabs.com)

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