

Image resizing with PIXresizer for use in the e-c Editor

PIXresizer is a **FREE** tool for quickly generating screen-friendly versions of your images with dramatically reduced file sizes. It is a photo resizing program that enables you to quickly resize one file or a selection of image files for use on the web and in e-mail. The reduced files are saved in a different directory, so your original pictures are not changed.

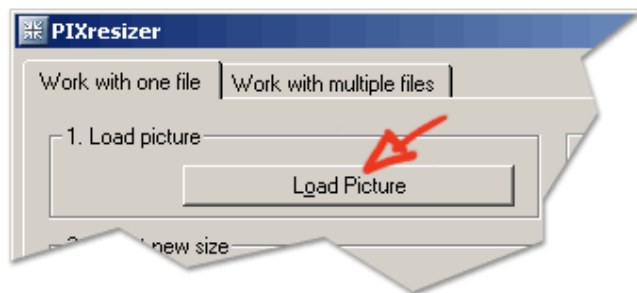
The program offers several different resizing methods to choose from and can automatically recognize image sizes to calculate the best fit. PIXresizer includes a built-in image viewer and you can also convert between graphics formats: it opens and saves in .bmp, .gif, .jpg, .png, and .tif formats.

The first thing to do is download and install PIXresizer!
You'll find it at <http://bluefive.pair.com/pixresizer.htm>

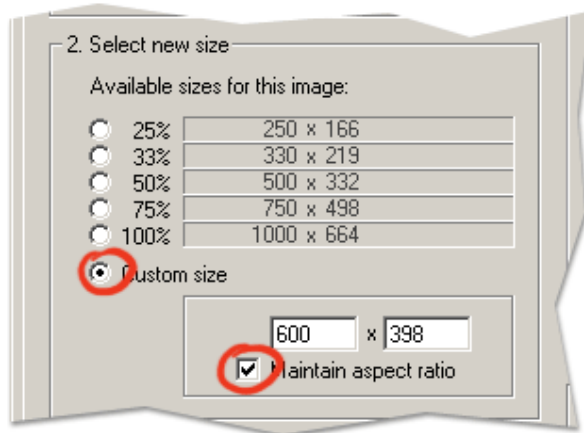
Now, create a folder on your computer where you will save images for your website/s... lets call it **webimages**.

Resizing an image in PIXresizer is very easy...

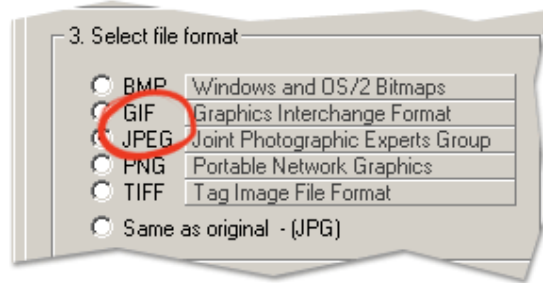
1. Click the **Load Picture** button to browse for the image you wish to resize.



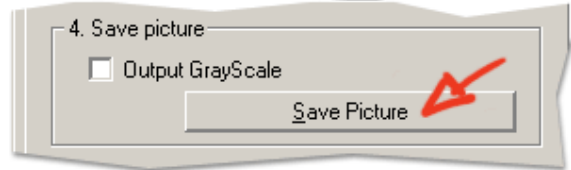
2. Select the **new size**.
You can either go with one of the pre-set sizes (each displayed as a % size and in width x height) if suitable, or go for a custom size.
Make sure you have the "Maintain Aspect Ratio" checkbox selected when resizing as this will stop the image from becoming stretched and distorted.
If you require the image to be a perfect square – eg. For use in the e-c Shopping system, then you can use **Picassa** to "crop" the image to a square and then resize afterwards.



3. Select the **file format** you would like the image to be saved in.
Use **.jpg** for images with many colours / colour graduations... ie. A photo.
Use **.gif** for images that use few colours / large blocks of colour... ie. A logo.
The other file-types are not used within the e-c system.
When saving as a .jpg you have the ability of adjusting the quality/compression/filesize of the image – the lower the quality the greater the compression and therefore the smaller the filesize. The default setting works well for most images – if you wish to alter this setting click on the **“Joint Photographic Experts Group” button** to the right of the JPEG radio button.



4. Save the image ... within your webimages folder.



PIXresizer can work with a single file or multiple files at once... press the **F1** key when using PIXresizer for **full instructions** and further **help** with using this product.

