



Tricks & Treats for Photoshop

Link to Delete Multiple Layers

Photoshop 7 & CS

1. Highlight one of the layers to be deleted.
2. Click in the link column (to the right of the eye icon) for the other layers you wish to delete. A link icon will appear in these blank columns when you click; the highlighted layer will not show a link in its column as the highlight is enough of a clue that it's part of the bunch.
3. Hold down the Control + Alt keys on a PC (Command + Option on a Mac) as you click on the Trash icon at the bottom of the Layers palette. The highlighted layer and all the visible linked layers will be all gone in one fell swoop!

Photoshop CS2

The link column has been canned in the latest version and replaced with a direct link on the right of the layer name but here's what you do, without having to officially "add the link" to the layers:

1. Highlight one of the layers to be deleted.
2. Control + Click for PC (Command + Click for Mac) on discontinuous layers you wish to link. Shift + Click on contiguous layers. This marks Photoshop history as the first time you've seen more than one layer highlighted at a time.
3. Alt + Click for PC (Option + Click for Mac) on the Trash icon at the bottom of the Layers palette.

Hide to delete multiple layers

In versions PS7 through CS2 you can also use the "Delete Hidden Layers." The command is found under the Layers palette flyout menu options, after clicking the visibility (eye) icons off for the layers you wish to delete in one fell swoop!

Link Type Layers for Global Change

Link Type layers if you want to globally change any of the Type attributes; Font Face, Size, Color, Tracking, Leading, etc.

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1. Highlight one of the Type layers.
2. Click in the link column (to the right of the eye icon) for the other Type layers you wish to change. A link icon will appear in these blank columns when you click; the highlighted layer will not show a link in its column as the highlight is enough of a clue that it's part of the bunch.
3. Hold down the Shift key as you select and change any attribute in the Text Options menu or the Character/Paragraph palettes. When you release the shift key after making the change, all Type layers will update with the change.
4. Control T (PC); Command T (Mac) will allow you to Free Transform any linked Type layers or regular layers, if one fell swoop!

Link Layers to Apply a Layer Style to Multiple Layers

1. Highlight a layer that has pixels with transparency around it, a Type layer, or any Shape layer.
2. Click the "f" icon at the bottom of the Layers palette and apply a style or multiple styles to it.
3. An "f" icon marker will appear on the Layer. Right click (PC); Control click (Mac) on this icon and a context menu will appear.
4. Choose "Copy Layer Style."
5. Use one of the above methods for linking (appropriate for your version) to link all layers that you want this same style applied.
6. Again, Right click (PC); Control click (Mac) on the "f" icon marker on the Layer and choose, "Paste Layer Style to Linked."
7. All linked layers will now have the Style applied, in one fell swoop!