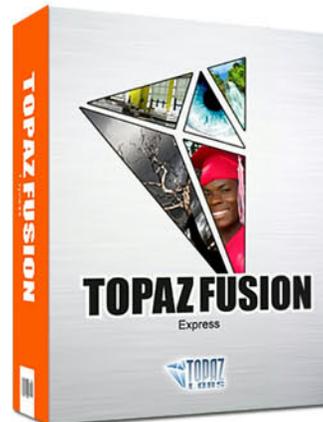# Topaz Fusion Express V2

User Manual

TOPAZ FUSION
Express

Use your favorite Topaz plug-ins directly in your preferred image editing and organization program without interrupting your post-processing workflow.

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Introduction

About Fusion Express 2

Topaz Fusion Express 2 is an application that can be invoked from Adobe Lightroom 2.0+, Apple Aperture, and Apple iPhoto as an external editor.

Upon its invocation, it imports the Topaz Photoshop plug-ins, providing Aperture, iPhoto and Lightroom users the same image editing capabilities and user experiences that Photoshop users have without the need to have or use Photoshop.

Topaz Fusion Express 2 scans through a user's Photoshop plug-in directories and, it imports all the Topaz Photoshop plug-ins found and displays them in its User Interface.

Users can select any Topaz plug-in from the list of imported plug-ins to run. The selected Topaz plug-in runs as if it were running under Photoshop, it has the exact same look and feel of the Topaz Photoshop plug-in.

The image processed by the Topaz plug-in is saved back to Lightroom, Aperture or iPhoto along with all the metadata and properties of the source image.

> You can find videos for all of the products in the Topaz line on our YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/topazlabs.

What's New in V2

Topaz Fusion Express 2 Features

1. Image color profile management.
2. Rewritten engine with faster response time.
3. Fixed partial image loading after Topaz plug-ins write-back issue.
4. Now works with Apeture 3.0 64 bit as an external editor.

Before Topaz

After Topaz

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Installation

Overview

Topaz Fusion Express 2 is a plug-in, which means it won't run by itself and requires one of the following host programs:

Apple Aperture, Apple iPhoto or Adobe Lighroom. Mac users need an OS of 10.5 or higher for Fusion Express 2.

To Install Topaz Fusion Express 2

1. Close Aperture, Lightroom or iPhoto.
2. Double-click on the Topaz Fusion Express dmg (Mac) or zip (Windows) file to access the installer.
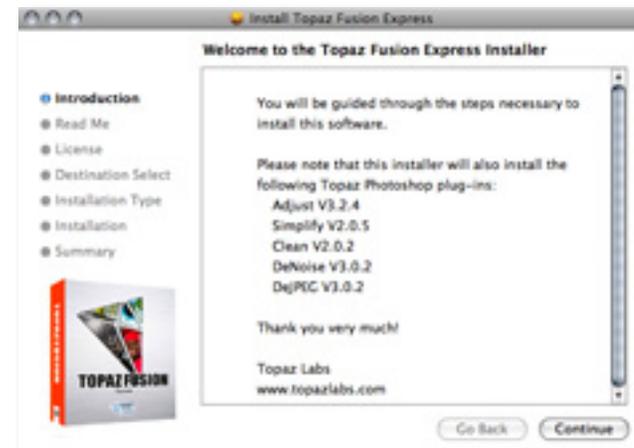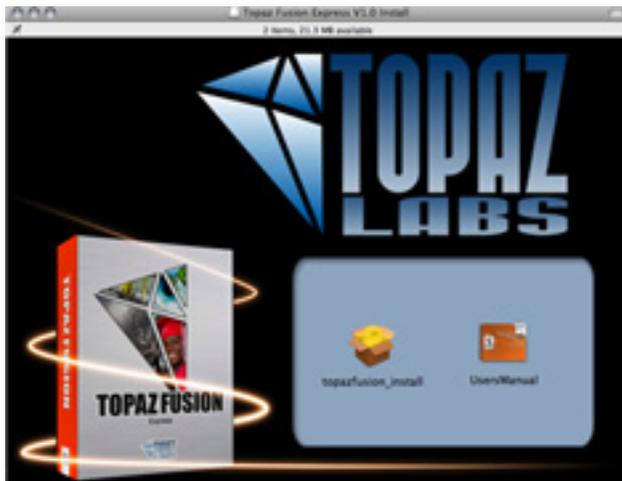

Mac Dmg   Windows Zip

3. Double-click on the topazfusion_install package to launch the Topaz Fusion installer, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Installation

4. All of the Topaz Photoshop bundle programs will be installed when you run the Fusion Express 2 installer, however you will need to take a few additional steps to load them into your editing program before use.

When you run the Topaz Fusion Express 2 installer it will automatically install the latest version of the programs in the Topaz plug-in suite. This includes: Adjust, Simplify, Clean, DeJPEG and Detail. ReMask is **NOT** compatible with Fusion Express 2. DeNoise will be supported shortly.

Entering Your Key
Although Topaz Fusion Express 2 does not require a key, you will still need to enter your license key or trial key for your individual Topaz programs. Entering your trial key allows you to save your projects and print them during your evaluation period. Entering your license key allows you to do the same, except without any time limitations.

1. Start by opening up an image in Aperture, Lightroom or iPhoto.

2. Go to Image-> Edit With -> Topaz Fusion Express 2 -> "Program Name" -> Run -> Menu -> Enter key.

3. You can then copy and paste or type your key in.
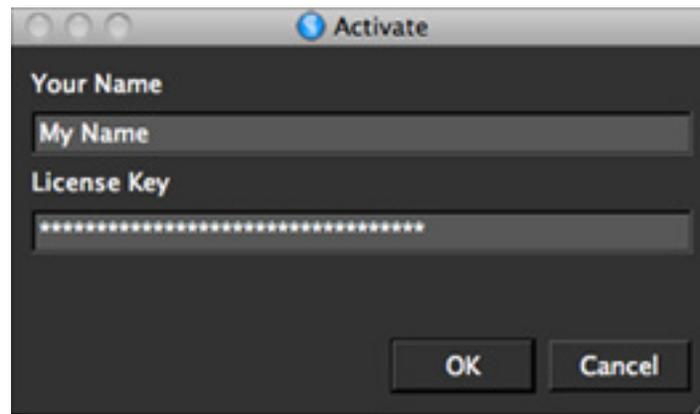
You will need to repeat this step for each of your Topaz programs. After you have done this you are ready to use your software!

How to access your Topaz plug-ins in Aperture
You will first need to configure Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the external editor for Aperture before you can use it. (Photoshop is con-figured in Lightroom as the default external editor)

To configure Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the Additional External Editor follow these simple steps:

Go to: Aperture -> Preferences

Aperture

Topaz Fusion Express

External Editing Configuration
Navigate to the Export section. You will need to make several selections here in order to configure Aperture's external editing options, and to set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.
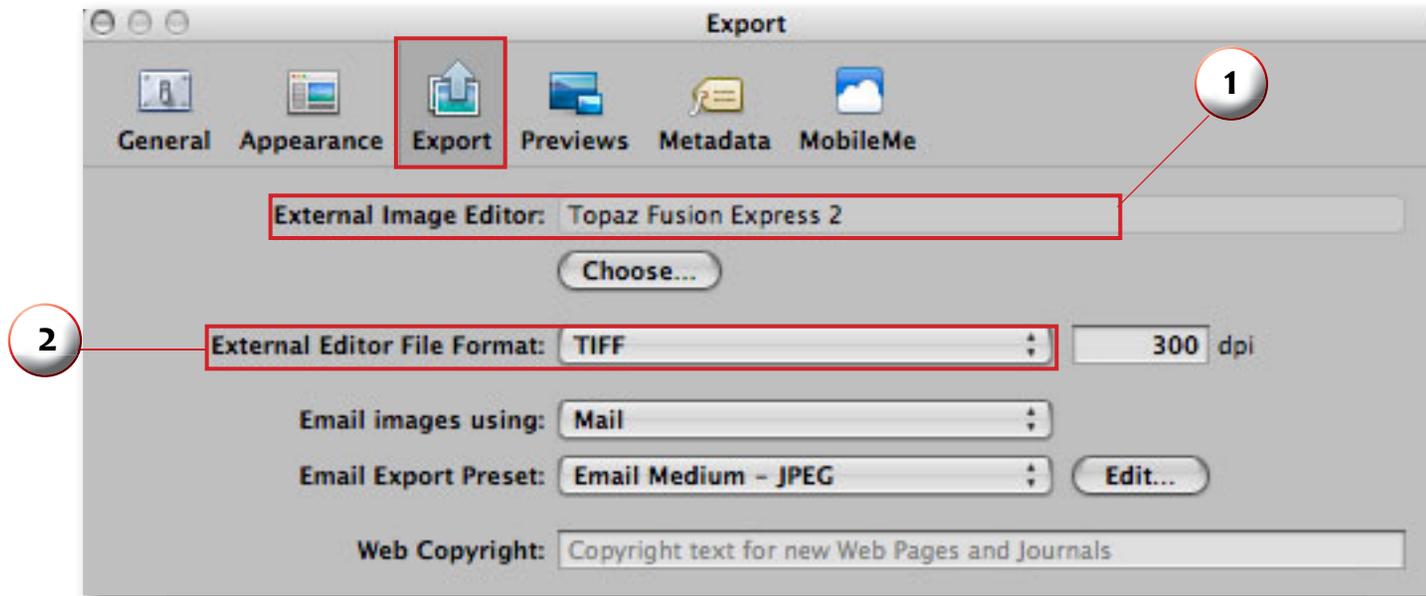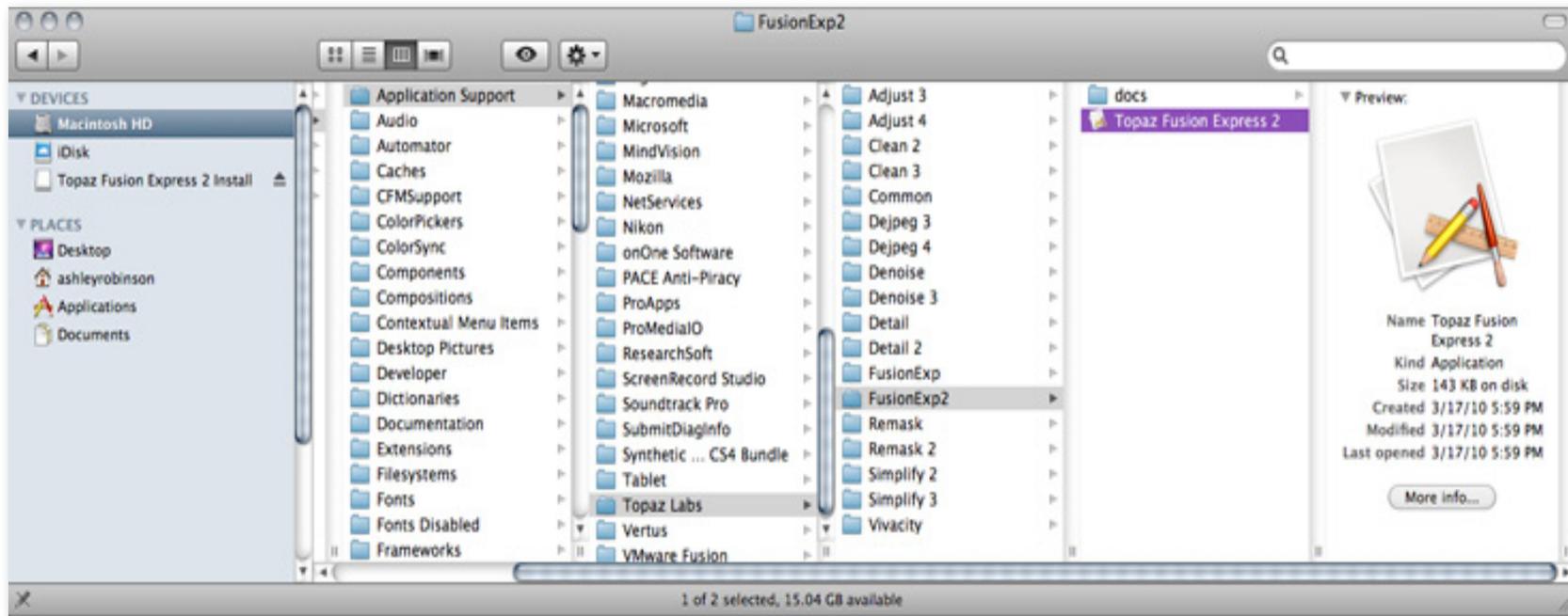
1. Set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the default editing application.

2. Select the tiff file format for images.

Aperture

1. Application

Under this section that you will need to set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.

For Mac find it here: Macintosh HD -> Library -> Application Support -> Topaz Labs -> Fusion Exp2 -> Topaz Fusion Express 2


Select the Topaz Fusion Express program and select "Open" or "Choose"

Important Mac Note: You MUST first go to your Macintosh HD, then navigate to Library -> Application Support -> Topaz Labs -> Fusion Exp 2-> Topaz Fusion Express 2. Failure to do so, will make the necessary file inaccessible.

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After configuring Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the additional External Editor in Aperture, a menu item called, "Edit in TopazFusionEx-press 2 ..", is added under Apertures "Photo -> Edit In" pull-up menu.

Aperture

Once the Topaz Fusion Express 2 menu loads, choose the Topaz filter that you wish to use and click "Run".
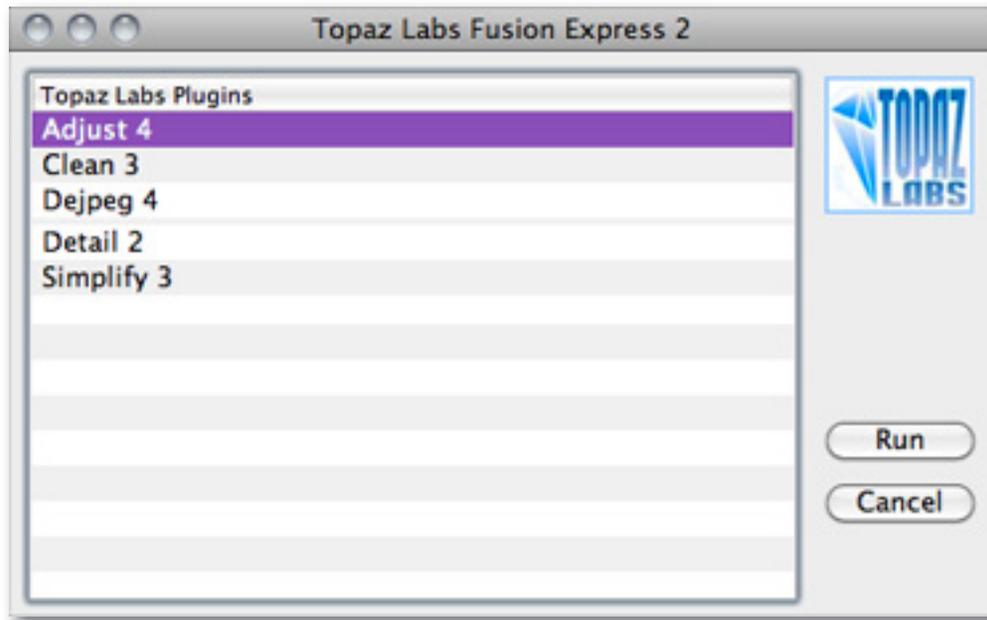
Your Topaz interface will then load allowing you to make your image adjustments.

Lightroom

How to access your Topaz plug-ins in Lightroom

Before you start using Topaz Fusion Express 2 in Lightroom, you need to configure Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the external editor for Lightroom. (Photoshop is configured in Lightroom as the default external editor)
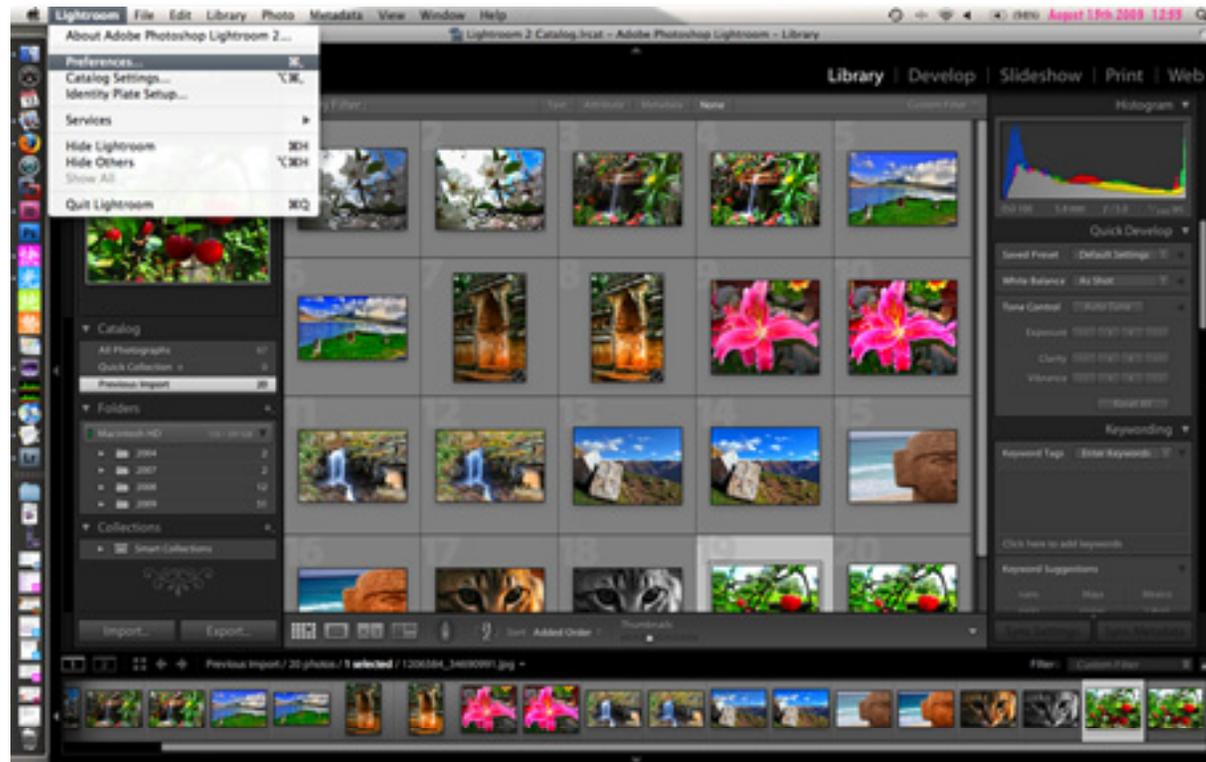
To configure Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the Additional External Editor follow these simple steps:

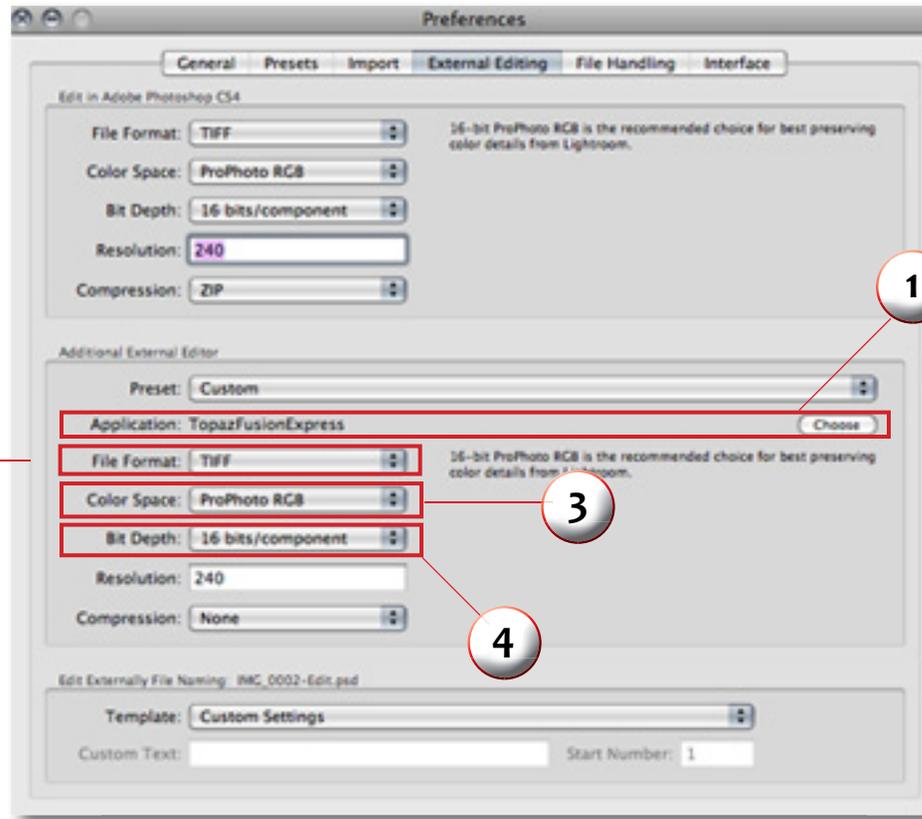Go to: Lightroom -> Preferences

External Editing Configuration

Navigate to the External Editing section. You will need to make several selections here in order to configure Lightroom's external editing options, and to set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.

Lightroom
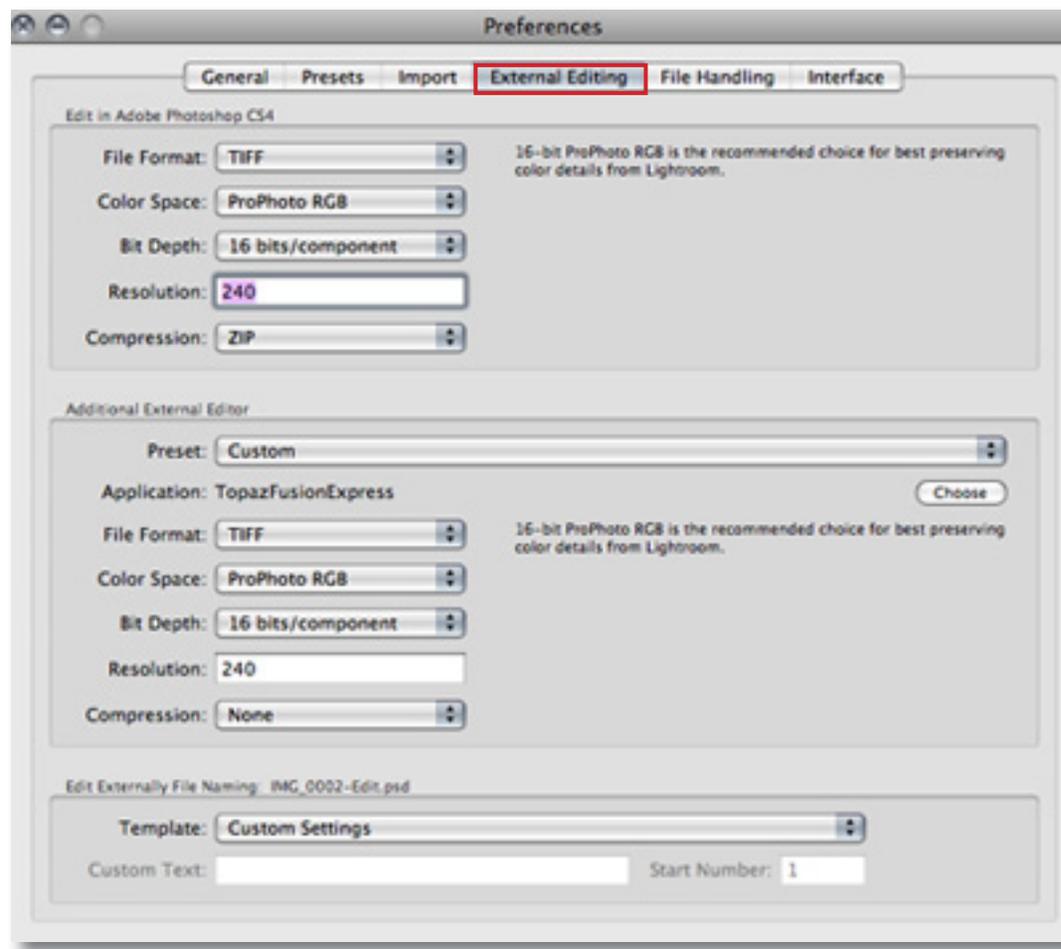
Under the External Editing section you will need to make the following selections:

1. Application
Set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the default editing application.

2. File Format
Select the tiff file format for images.

3. Color Space
Select the Color Space settings for Lightroom.

4 Bit Depth
Select the Bit Depth settings for Lightroom.

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Lightroom

Topaz Fusion Express

1. Application

Under this section that you will need to set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.

For Mac find it here: Macintosh HD -> Library -> Application Support -> Topaz Labs -> Fusion Exp2 -> Topaz Fusion Express 2

For Windows find it here: C: -> Program Files -> Common Files -> Topaz Labs -> tlfusionexpress2.exe

For 64-bit Windows find it here: C: -> Program Files (x86) -> Common Files -> Topaz Labs -> tlfusionexpress2.exe
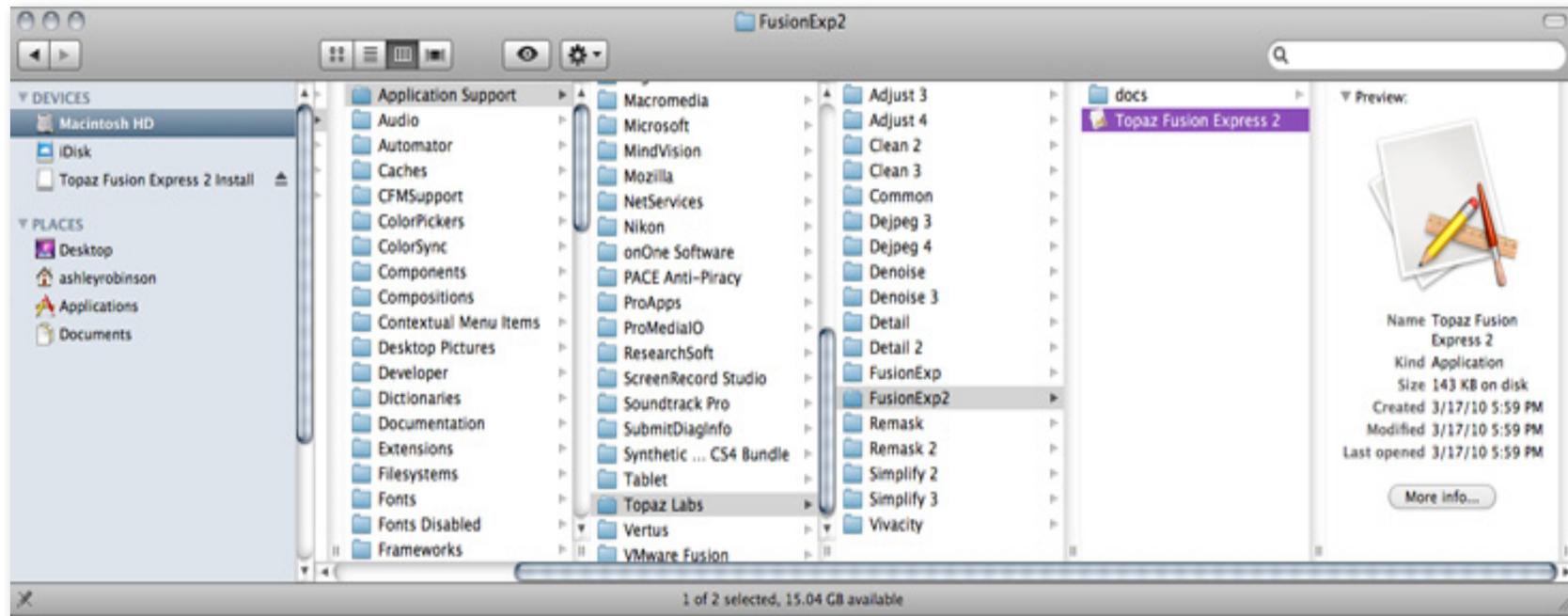
Select the Topaz Fusion Express program and select "Open" or "Choose"

Important Mac Note: You MUST first go to your Macintosh HD, then navigate to Library -> Application Support -> Topaz Labs -> Fusion Exp 2-> Topaz Fusion Express 2. Failure to do so, will make the necessary file inaccessible.

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2. File Format

Select TIFF in the File Format pull-down menu.
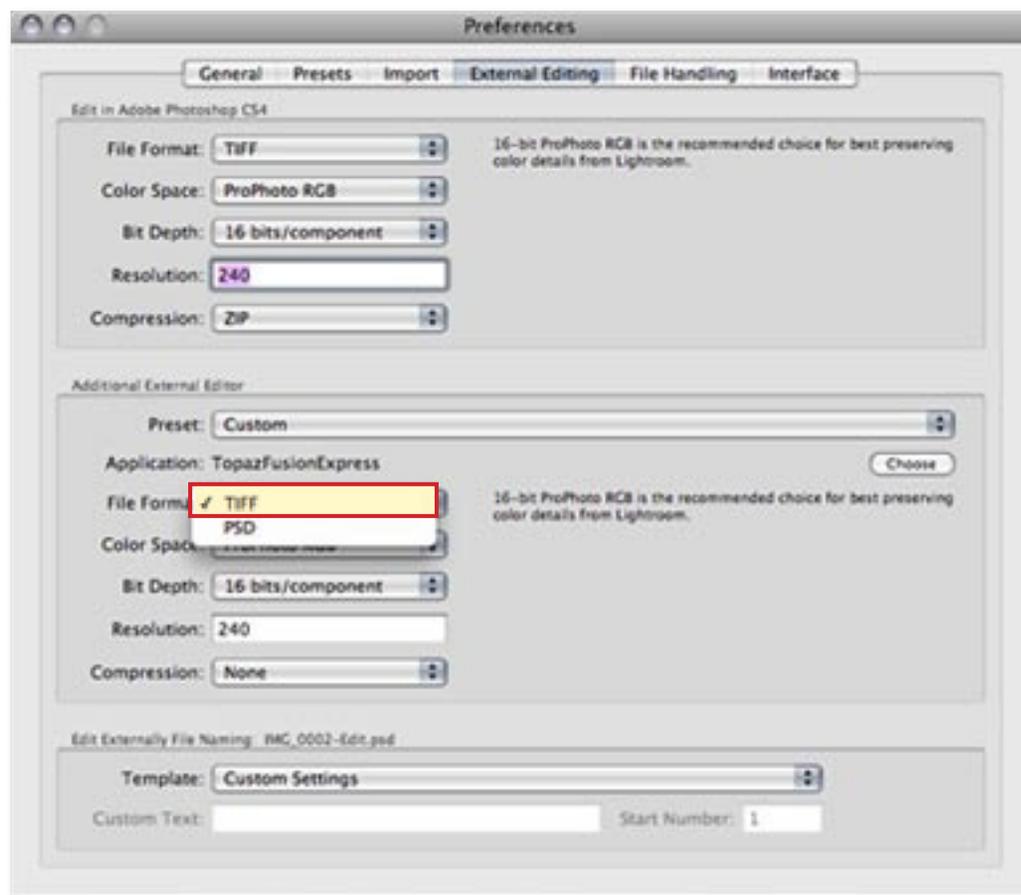
Lightroom

3. Color Space

Select ProPhoto RGB for Color Space to best preserve color details from Lighroom.
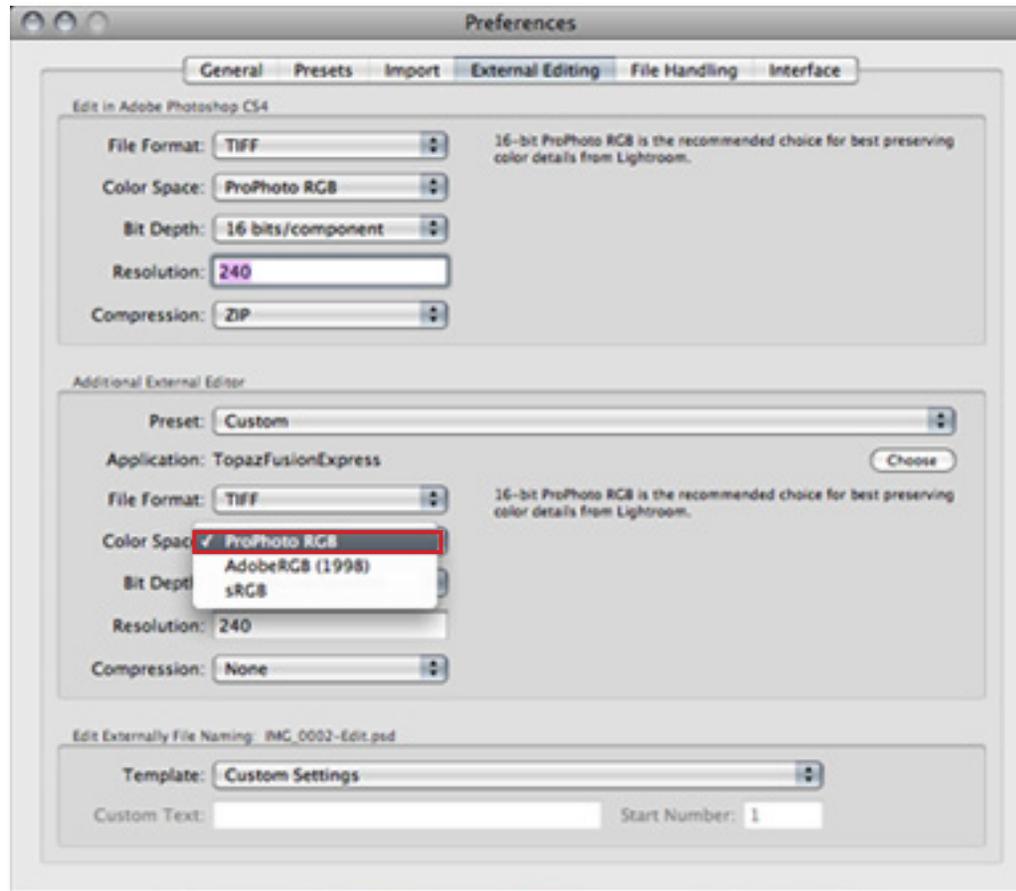
Lightroom

3. Bit Depth

Select 16 bits / component. It is recommended to use this setting to best preserve color details.
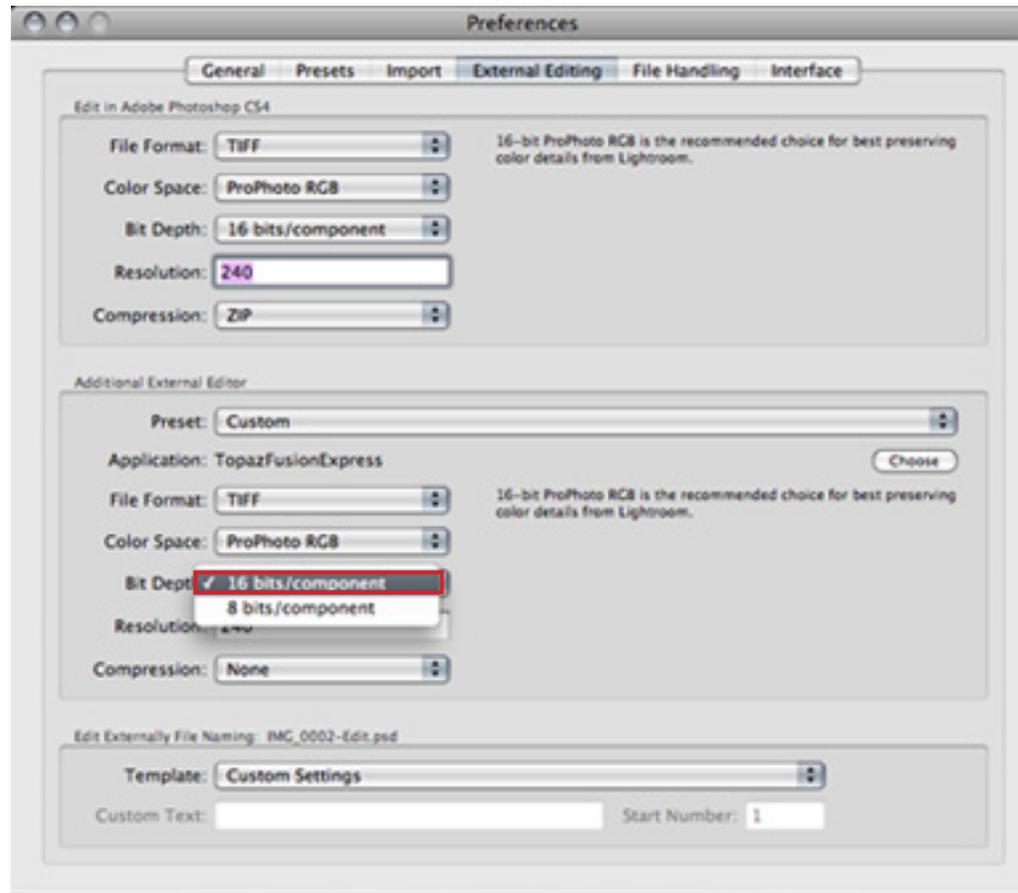
Lightroom

After configuring Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the additional External Editor in Lightroom, a menu item called, "Edit in TopazFusion-Express 2 ..", is added under Lightroom's "Photo -> Edit In" pull-up menu.
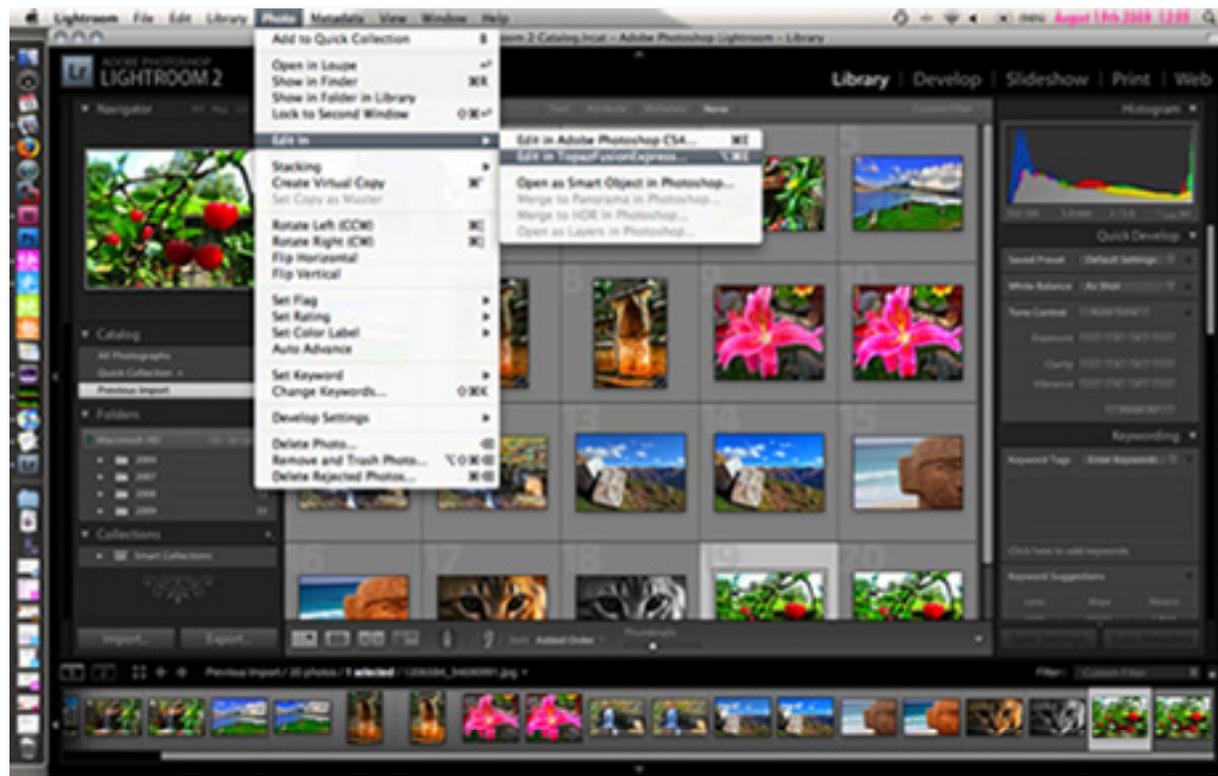
Lightroom

Once the Topaz Fusion Express 2 menu loads, choose the Topaz filter that you wish to use and click "Run".
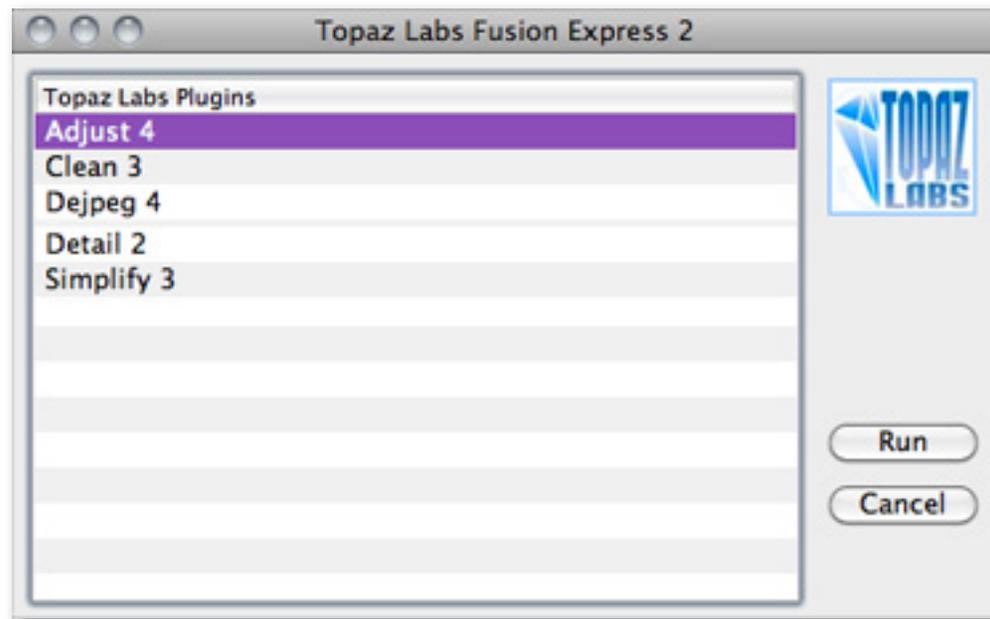
Your Topaz interface will then load allowing you to make your image adjustments.

iPhoto

How to access your Topaz plug-ins in iPhoto
Before you start using Topaz Fusion Express 2 in iPhoto, you need to configure Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the external editor for iPhoto.
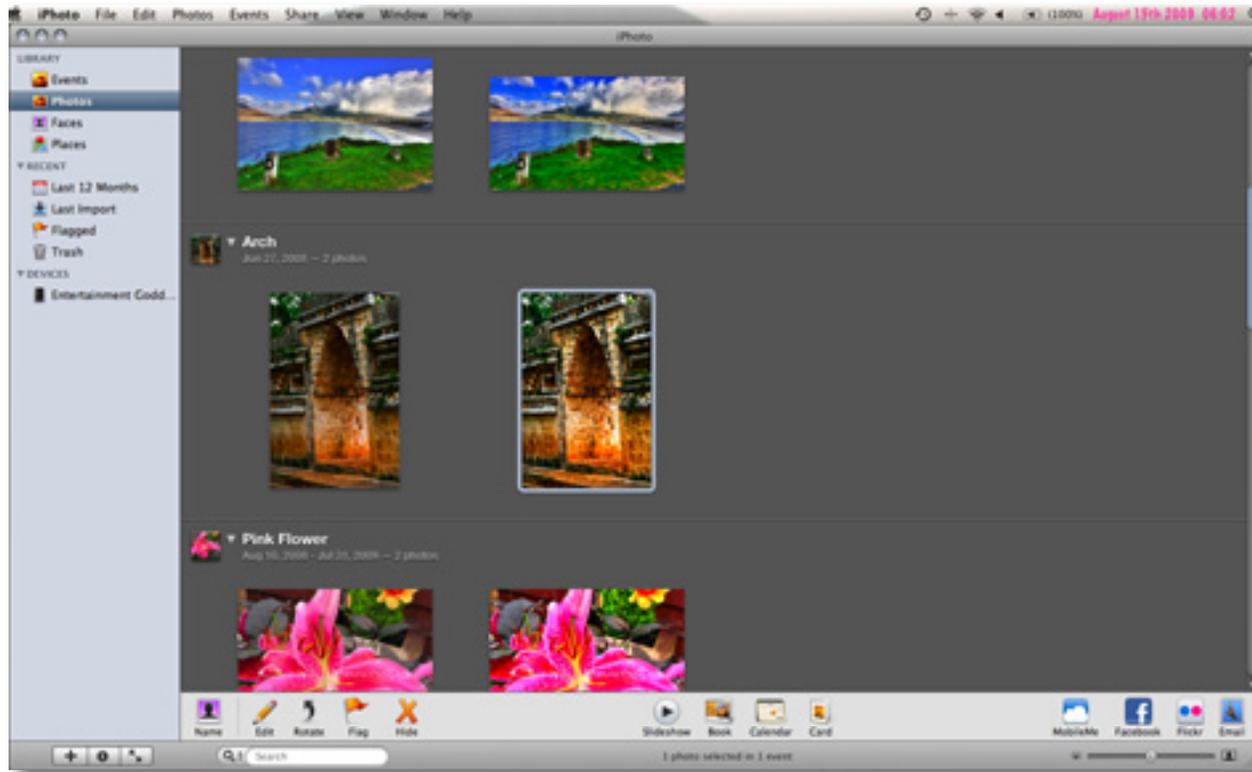
To configure Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the Additional External Editor follow these simple steps:

Topaz Fusion Express

External Editing Configuration
Navigate to the General section. You will need to make several selections here in order to configure iPhoto's external editing options, and to set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.

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Under the General section you will need to set Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.

Find it here: Macintosh HD -> Library -> Application Support -> Topaz Labs -> Fusion Exp2 -> Topaz Fusion Express 2
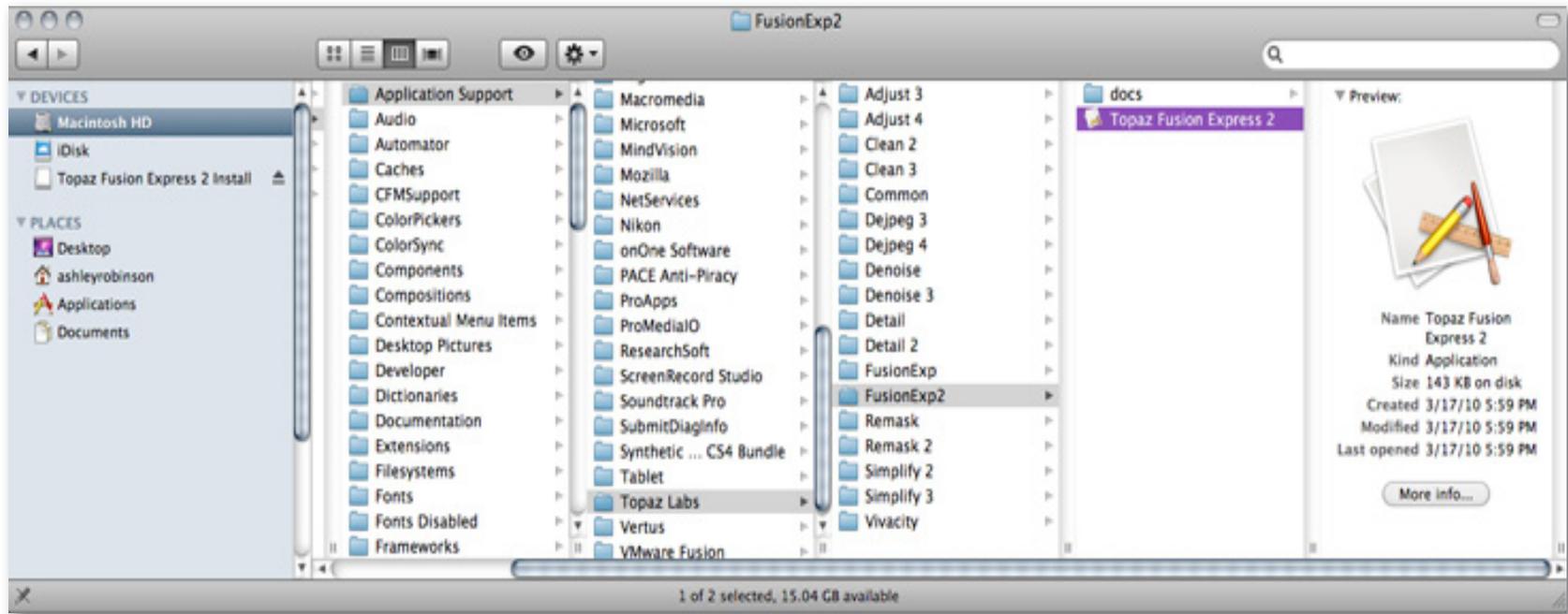
Select the Topaz Fusion Express program and select "Open".

Important: You MUST first go to your Macintosh HD, then navigate to Library -> Application Support -> Topaz Labs -> Fusion Exp -> Topaz Fusion Express 2. Failure to do so, will make the necessary file inaccessible.

iPhoto's edit photo option should now show Topaz Fusion Express 2 as your default external editor.

Next, go to the Advanced section and select the box next to "Save edits as 16-bit TIFF Files".

Important: Please make sure that if you are using RAW images that the RAW Photos: Use Raw when using external editor option is NOT checked. Enabling this feature will disable your use of Topaz Fusion Express 2.

iPhoto

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After configuring Topaz Fusion Express 2 as the additional External Editor in iPhoto, you can access your Topaz programs by clicking on the Edit button at the bottom of the iPhoto interface. This will load the Topaz Fusion Express program menu so that you can select the Topaz program that you wish to edit with.

Topaz Fusion Express

Once the Topaz Fusion Express 2 menu loads, choose the Topaz filter that you wish to use and click "Run".

Your Topaz interface will then load allowing you to make your image adjustments.

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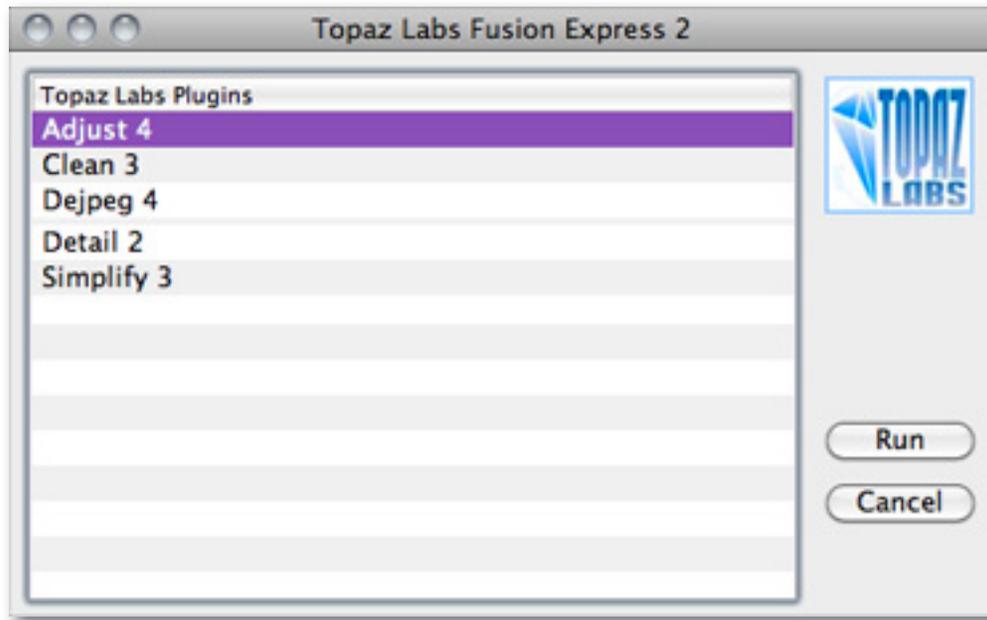
Frequently Asked Questions

"I need a Topaz trial key."
Visit http://www.topazlabs.com/downloads for a trial key. Please check your Spam folder because your Spam filter sometimes filters out the automated email.

If you need more time to evaluate, please contact us at: www.topazlabs.com/support

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"Why is my Topaz plug-in grayed out in Topaz Fusion Express?"
A Topaz plug-in is disabled (grayed out) in Topaz Fusion if it is not compatible. Fusion Express 2 requires the latest version of each Topaz plug-in in order to successfully run them.

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"What are the limitations of the trial version of your software?"
The only limit on the trial versions of the Topaz plug-ins is time. The free trial versions are designed to enable you to experience the full functionality of our plug-ins for a 30-day trial period. After the trial period is up, you will only be able to use the Topaz software by purchasing it. You will then receive a license key to activate the plug-in, and the trial version will automatically become the full version with no time limitations.

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"If I use the 30-day trial version will I need to uninstall the trial version before I upgrade to a full version?"
No, the Topaz trial software is designed to be unlocked to become the full version simply by entering a license key. The full license key will be e-mailed to you immedi-

ately after you purchase the software.

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"Where do I enter my key?"
Select an image and go to Edit With -> Topaz Fusion Express 2. When the Fusion Express menu loads select a Topaz program then click Run. Once the program interface loads, click on Menu -> Enter Key. You can then copy & paste or type in your license key and then select OK

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"My Topaz key doesn't work!"
There are a couple of reasons why Topaz might think your license key is invalid.

First, make sure that your key is in the proper format. It'll be in the format "xxxxxx-xxxxxx-xxxxxx-xxxxxx-xxxxxx" and will be all numbers in 30 digits in five groups of six (no letters).

Second, make sure that as you're entering the key there is nothing in the space beforehand. This means clicking, pressing Ctrl-A, and hitting delete to make sure that absolutely nothing is in that field before you paste in the key.

If it doesn't work when you copy and paste, try typing it out, and vice versa.

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My Topaz filters are grayed out in the filter menu.
Please make sure that you are using a 8-bit or 16-bit image that is in RGB color mode. This will allow you to

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Frequently Asked Questions

access your Topaz programs.

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How do I access the user guides for my Topaz programs?
Your program user guides are automatically installed when you install the software. To access your user guide, go to your Fusion Express 2 menu and select the Topaz program you want the user guide for and click Run. Once the interface loads, click on Menu and select User Guide.

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Are there any program tutorials?
Yes, you can access tutorials for your Topaz programs online at: www.topazlabs.com/tutorials. You can also find sample workflow tutorials in the workflow section of your program user guide.

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My old Topaz plug-ins are grayed out in the Fusion Express 2 menu.
Fusion Express 2 only works with the latest versions of Topaz. When you install Fusion Express 2 it will automatically install the latest versions of the Topaz bundle programs which you will be able to use. Older versions of Topaz programs will be inaccessible and are not compatible with the new Fusion Express 2.

Are PSD files supported?
Topaz Fusion Express 2 does not support the use of .psd files. Please use the .tiff file format.

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Why can't I access ReMask?
Topaz Fusion Express 2 does not allow the use of ReMask because ReMask is not compatible with Aperture, Lightroom or iPhoto. You will need to use Photoshop, Photoshop Elements or Paint Shop Pro in order to use the Topaz ReMask program.

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I have a question not listed here.
Please visit our knowledge base online at: http://www.topazlabs.com/support/kb/

If you are not able to find the answer there then please visit our new Topaz Forum online at: www.topazlabs.com/forum or contact us at: www.topazlabs.com/support

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Check out our new **Forum** and our **blog** for tutorials, tips and updates from Topaz Labs!

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Participate in the entirely user-led Topaz Flickr group for a helpful and highly active community for Topaz Photoshop plug-ins!

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Topaz Labs LLC, a privately owned company in Dallas, Texas, focuses on developing advanced video and image enhancement technology. With today's widespread use of digital still cameras, digital video cameras, and HDTV, the need for high-quality digital images and videos has greatly increased. Topaz Labs' mission is to bring practical state-of-the-art image and video enhancement technology to both professionals and consumers.

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Be sure to check out the complete line up of Topaz products.
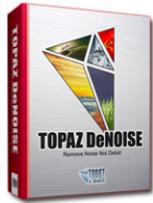
Image Plug-ins

Ultimate control over image exposure, detail, and color gives you the power to make your photos pop.

Advanced JPEG artifact reduction filters eliminate JPEG compression artifacts while preserving image detail like never before.

3 levels of intricate and specific detail enhancement for naturally enhanced images with no halos.

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Specializes in overall image improvement. Features sharpening, reconstructing, enlarging, high-quality noise removal and JPEG artifact damage tools.

Remove unwanted backgrounds from your digital images quickly and easily with the new Topaz ReMask.

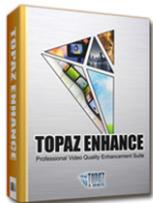Takes any of your regular photos and effortlessly turn them into beautiful works of art.

Specializes in creating crisp and stylized images. Also features extensive smoothing capabilities.

Bring the power of Topaz to your Aperture, iPhoto and Lightoom workflow with the new Fusion Express plug-in.

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Increase video quality with this suite of video enhancement filters utilizing super-resolution technology.

Easily and efficiently capture video frames and significantly increase their quality and resolution with this stand-alone Windows application.

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