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The API for using COM (Component Object Model) objects interfaces of Photoshop.

**CHAPTER
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INSTALLATION

1.1 From sources

The sources for photoshop python api can be downloaded from the Github repo.

You can either clone the public repository:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/loonghao/photoshop_python_api.git
```

Or download the [tarball](#):

```
$ python setup.py install
```

Or you can install via pip.

```
$ pip install photoshop_python_api
```


EXAMPLES

2.1 Color

```
from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    doc = ps.active_document
    # Add a solid color.
    textColor = ps.SolidColor()
    textColor.rgb.red = 255.0
    textColor.rgb.green = 197
    textColor.rgb.blue = 255

    # Create empty layer.
    new_text_layer = doc.artLayers.add()
    # Set empty layer type to text layer
    new_text_layer.kind = ps.LayerKind.TextLayer
    # Set current text layer contents to "Hello, World!".
    new_text_layer.textItem.contents = "Hello, World!"
    # Change current text layer position.
    new_text_layer.textItem.position = [160, 167]
    # Change current text layer text size.
    new_text_layer.textItem.size = 36
    # Change current text layer color.
    new_text_layer.textItem.color = textColor
    assert new_text_layer.textItem.color.rgb.red == textColor.rgb.red
```

2.2 Create Thumbnail

```
"""Create a thumbnail image for currently active document.

You can use the thumbnail image to upload to Shotgun or Ftrack.

"""

# Import built-in modules
import os
from tempfile import mkdtemp

# Import local modules
from photoshop import Session
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```

def create_thumbnail(output_path=None, max_resolution=512):
    """Create a thumbnail image for currently active document.

    Args:
        output_path (str): The absolute output path of the thumbnail image.
            The default is to output to a temporary folder.
        max_resolution (int): The max resolution of the thumbnail. The
            default is `512`.

    Returns:
        str: The absolute output path of the thumbnail image.

    """
    output_path = output_path or os.path.join(mkdtemp(), "thumb.jpg")

    with Session(auto_close=True) as ps:
        orig_name = ps.active_document.name
        width_str = ps.active_document.width
        height_str = ps.active_document.height
        thumb_name = f"{orig_name}_thumb"

        max_resolution = width_str / max_resolution
        thumb_width = int(width_str / max_resolution)
        thumb_height = int(height_str / max_resolution)

        thumb_doc = ps.active_document.duplicate(thumb_name)
        thumb_doc.resizeImage(thumb_width, thumb_height - 100)
        thumb_doc.saveAs(output_path, ps.JPEGSaveOptions(), asCopy=True)
        thumb_doc.close()
    return output_path

if __name__ == "__main__":
    thumb_file = create_thumbnail()
    print(f"Save thumbnail file to {thumb_file}.")

```

2.3 Selection Stroke

```

    """Create a stroke around the current selection, Set the stroke color and
    width of the new stroke.

    References:
        https://github.com/lohrilalo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
        ↪SelectionStroke.py

    """

import photoshop.api as ps

app = ps.Application()

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```

if len(list((i, x) for i, x in enumerate(app.documents, 1))) > 0:
    if not app.activeDocument.activeLayer.isBackgroundLayer:
        psPixels = 1
        start_ruler_units = app.Preferences.RulerUnits
        app.preferences.rulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels

        selRef = app.activeDocument.selection
        offset = 10
        selBounds = (
            (offset, offset),
            (app.activeDocument.width - offset, offset),
            (app.activeDocument.width - offset,
             app.activeDocument.height - offset),
            (offset, app.activeDocument.height - offset),
        )

        selRef.select(selBounds)
        selRef.selectBorder(5)

        # Create text color properties
        strokeColor = ps.SolidColor()

        strokeColor.cmyk.cyan = 58
        strokeColor.cmyk.magenta = 0
        strokeColor.cmyk.yellow = 70
        strokeColor.cmyk.black = 0
        app.displayDialogs = ps.DialogModes.DisplayNoDialogs
        selRef.stroke(
            strokeColor,
            2,
            ps.StrokeLocation.OutsideStroke,
            ps.ColorBlendMode.ColorBlendMode,
            75,
            True,
        )

        # Set ruler units back the way we found it.
        app.preferences.rulerUnits = start_ruler_units
    else:
        print("Operation cannot be performed on background layer")
else:
    print("Create a document with an active selection before running this "
          "script!")

```

2.4 Save To Psd

```

"""Save your current active document as a .psd file."""
from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    psd_file = "your/psd/save/file/path.psd"
    doc = ps.active_document
    options = ps.PhotoshopSaveOptions()
    layers = doc.artLayers

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```
doc.saveAs(psd_file, options, True)
ps.alert("Task done!")
ps.echo(doc.activeLayer)
```

2.5 Session Hello World

```
"""Add slate information dynamically."""

import os
from tempfile import mkdtemp

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as adobe:
    doc = adobe.app.documents.add(2000, 2000)
    text_color = adobe.SolidColor()
    text_color.rgb.red = 255
    new_text_layer = doc.artLayers.add()
    new_text_layer.kind = adobe.LayerKind.TextLayer
    new_text_layer.textItem.contents = "Hello, World!"
    new_text_layer.textItem.position = [160, 167]
    new_text_layer.textItem.size = 40
    new_text_layer.textItem.color = text_color
    options = adobe.JPEGSaveOptions(quality=1)
    jpg_file = os.path.join(mkdtemp("photoshop-python-api"), "hello_world.jpg")
    ↵")
    doc.saveAs(jpg_file, options, asCopy=True)
    adobe.app.doJavaScript(f'alert("save to jpg: {jpg_file}")')
```

2.6 Session Smart Sharpen

```
"""This script demonstrates how you can use the action manager to execute the Emboss filter.
```

References:

[https://github.com/lohrrialo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
SmartSharpen.py](https://github.com/lohrrialo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/SmartSharpen.py)

```
"""
```

```
from photoshop import Session

import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.

PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()
file_path = PSD_FILE["layer_comps.psd"]

with Session(file_path, action="open") as ps:
    def SmartSharpen(inAmount, inRadius, inNoise):
        idsmart_sharpen_id = ps.app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.SmartSharpen)
        desc37 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
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idpresetKind = ps.app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.PresetKind)
idpresetKindType = ps.app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.PresetKindType)
idpresetKindCustom = ps.app.stringIDToTypeID(
    ps.EventID.PresetKindCustom)
desc37.putEnumerated(idpresetKind, idpresetKindType,
    idpresetKindCustom)
idAmnt = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("Amnt")
idPrc = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("Rds ")
desc37.putUnitDouble(idAmnt, idPrc, inAmount)

idRds = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("Rds ")
idPxl = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("#Pxl")
desc37.putUnitDouble(idRds, idPxl, inRadius)

idnoiseReduction = ps.app.stringIDToTypeID("noiseReduction")
idPrc = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("#Prc")
desc37.putUnitDouble(idnoiseReduction, idPrc, inNoise)

idblur = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("blur")
idblurType = ps.app.stringIDToTypeID("blurType")
idGsnB = ps.app.charIDToTypeID("GsnB")
desc37.putEnumerated(idblur, idblurType, idGsnB)

ps.app.ExecuteAction(idsmart_sharpen_id, desc37)

docRef = ps.active_document
nlayerSets = docRef.layerSets
nArtLayers = docRef.layerSets.item(nlayerSets.length)
docRef.activeLayer = nArtLayers.artLayers.item(nArtLayers.artLayers.
    ↪length)

SmartSharpen(300, 2.0, 20)

```

2.7 Toggle Proof Colors

```

""""
    Toggle the proof color.

    Like operating in the menu:
    **View** > **Proof Colors** (Ctrl + Y)

"""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    ps.app.runMenuItem(ps.app.stringIDToTypeID("toggleProofColors"))

```

2.8 Creating A Layer

```
"""
Let's get the current document and create a new layer "Background" and fill it
with red color. In order to use the Fill tool we will first select the entire
layer and then fill it with a color.

"""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    document = ps.active_document
    # Create color object of color red.
    fillColor = ps.SolidColor()
    fillColor.rgb.red = 222
    fillColor.rgb.green = 0
    fillColor.rgb.blue = 0
    # Add a new layer called Background.
    layer = document.artLayers.add()
    layer.name = "Background"
    # Select the entire layer.
    document.selection.selectAll()
    # Fill the selection with color.
    document.selection.fill(fillColor)
    # Deselect.
    document.selection.deselect()
```

2.9 Save As Tga

```
import os
from tempfile import mkdtemp

from photoshop import Session

with Session(action="new_document") as ps:
    doc = ps.active_document
    text_color = ps.SolidColor()
    text_color.rgb.green = 255
    text_color.rgb.red = 0
    text_color.rgb.blue = 0
    new_text_layer = doc.artLayers.add()
    new_text_layer.kind = ps.LayerKind.TextLayer
    new_text_layer.textItem.contents = "Hello, World!"
    new_text_layer.textItem.position = [160, 167]
    new_text_layer.textItem.size = 40
    new_text_layer.textItem.color = text_color
    tga_file = os.path.join(mkdtemp("photoshop-python-api"), "test.tga")
    doc.saveAs(tga_file, ps.TargaSaveOptions(), asCopy=True)
    os.startfile(tga_file)
```

2.10 Load Selection

```
# This script will demonstrate how to load a selection from a saved alpha
# channel.

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    doc_ref = ps.app.documents.add(320, 240)
    start_ruler_units = ps.app.preferences.rulerUnits
    if start_ruler_units is not ps.Units.Pixels:
        ps.app.Preferences.RulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels
    # Save a rectangular selection area offset by 50 pixels from the image
    # border into an alpha channel.
    offset = 50
    selBounds1 = (
        (offset, offset),
        (doc_ref.Width - offset, offset),
        (doc_ref.Width - offset, doc_ref.Height - offset),
        (offset, doc_ref.Height - offset),
    )
    doc_ref.selection.select(selBounds1)
    selAlpha = doc_ref.channels.Add()
    doc_ref.selection.store(selAlpha)

    # Now create a second wider but less tall selection.
    selBounds2 = ((0, 75), (doc_ref.Width, 75), (doc_ref.Width, 150), (0, ↵
    ↵150))
    doc_ref.selection.select(selBounds2)

    # Load the selection from the just saved alpha channel, combining it with
    # the active selection.
    doc_ref.selection.load(selAlpha, ps.SelectionType.ExtendSelection, False)

    # Set ruler back to where it was.
    ps.app.Preferences.RulerUnits = start_ruler_units
```

2.11 Compare Colors

```
"""Check whether the foreground is equal to the background color.

References:
    https://github.com/lohrilalo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
    ↵CompareColors.py

"""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    if ps.app.foregroundColor isEqual(ps.app.backgroundColor):
        ps.echo("They're Equal.")
    else:
        ps.echo("NOT Equal.")
```

2.12 Add Metadata

```
"""Add metadata to current active document."""

# Import built-in modules
import os

# Import local modules
from photoshop import Session

with Session(action="new_document") as ps:
    doc = ps.active_document
    doc.info.author = os.getenv("USERNAME")
    doc.info.provinceState = "Beijing"
    doc.info.title = "My Demo"
    print("Print all metadata of current active document.")
    ps.echo(doc.info)
```

2.13 Open Psd

```
import photoshop.api as ps
from photoshop import Session

# style 1
app = ps.Application()
app.load("your/psd/or/psb/file_path.psd")

# style 2
with Session("your/psd/or/psb/file_path.psd", action="open") as ps:
    ps.echo(ps.active_document.name)
```

2.14 Eval Javascript

```
import photoshop.api as ps

app = ps.Application()
jsx = r"""
var doc = app.activeDocument;
var orig_name = doc.name;
alert(orig_name);
"""

app.doJavaScript.jsx

# Print name of current active document.
print(app.doJavaScript("app.activeDocument.name"))
```

2.15 Create New Document

```
"""Create a new document."""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    ps.app.preferences.rulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels
    ps.app.documents.add(1920, 1080, name="my_new_document")
```

2.16 Rotate Layer

```
"""This script demonstrates how to rotate a layer 45 degrees clockwise.

References:
    https://github.com/lohrilalo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
    ↵RotateLayer.py

"""

import photoshop.api as ps

app = ps.Application()

if len(app.documents) > 0:
    print(app.activeDocument.activeLayer.typename)
    if not app.activeDocument.activeLayer.isBackgroundLayer:
        docRef = app.activeDocument
        layerRef = docRef.layers[0]
        layerRef.rotate(45.0)
    else:
        print("Operation cannot be performed on background layer")
else:
    print("You must have at least one open document to run this script!")
```

2.17 Change Color Of Background And Foreground

```
"""Change the color of the background and foreground."""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    foregroundColor = ps.SolidColor()
    foregroundColor.rgb.red = 255
    foregroundColor.rgb.green = 0
    foregroundColor.rgb.blue = 0
    ps.app.foregroundColor = foregroundColor

    backgroundColor = ps.SolidColor()
    backgroundColor.rgb.red = 0
    backgroundColor.rgb.green = 0
    backgroundColor.rgb.blue = 0
    ps.app.backgroundColor = backgroundColor
```

2.18 Move To End

```
import photoshop.api as ps

# Get photoshop instance.
app = ps.Application()

# Add new document and set name to "Example for move to End."
active_document = app.documents.add(name="Example for move to End.")

# Add a new layer set.
group_layer = active_document.layerSets.add()
# Add a layer in the group.
layer = group_layer.artLayers.add()
layer.name = "This is a child layer."
# Add a new layer in this active document top.
top_layer = active_document.artLayers.add()
top_layer.name = "This is a top layer."
top_layer.moveToEnd(group_layer)
```

2.19 Copy And Paste

```
"""
References:
    https://github.com/lohrrialo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
    ↪CopyAndPaste.py

"""

import photoshop.api as ps

app = ps.Application()

startRulerUnits = app.preferences.rulerUnits

app.preferences.rulerUnits = ps.Units.Inches

doc = app.documents.add(
    7, 5, 72, None, ps.NewDocumentMode.NewRGB, ps.DocumentFill.White
)

# Make sure the active layer is not a text layer, which cannot be copied to
# the
# clipboard.
if doc.activeLayer.kind != ps.LayerKind.TextLayer:
    # Select the left half of the document. Selections are always expressed
    # in pixels regardless of the current ruler unit type, so we're computing
    # the selection corner points based on the inch unit width and height
    # of the document
    x2 = (doc.width * doc.resolution) / 2
    y2 = doc.height * doc.resolution

    sel_area = ((0, 0), (x2, 0), (x2, y2), (0, y2))
    doc.selection.select(sel_area, ps.SelectionType.ReplaceSelection, 0,
    ↪False)
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doc.selection.copy()

# The new doc is created
# need to change ruler units to pixels because x2 and y2 are pixel units.
app.preferences.rulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels
pasteDoc = app.documents.add(x2, y2, doc.resolution, "Paste Target")
pasteDoc.paste()

else:
    print("You cannot copy from a text layer")

if startRulerUnits != app.preferences.rulerUnits:
    app.preferences.rulerUnits = startRulerUnits

```

2.20 Add Start Application Event

```

"""Add event for Photoshop start application.

In the current example, every time we start photoshop it will
alert "Start Application Event".

Just like you manually in Script> Script Events Manager to enable the event.

"""

from photoshop import Session
from tempfile import mkdtemp
import os

with Session() as ps:
    root = mkdtemp()
    jsx_file = os.path.join(root, "event.jsx")
    with open(jsx_file, "w") as f:
        f.write('alert("Start Application event.")')
    ps.app.notifiers.add(ps.EventID.Notify, jsx_file)
    print("Add event done.")

```

2.21 Current Tool

```

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    # Print the current tool.
    ps.echo(ps.app.currentTool)

    # Set current tool to `typeCreateOrEditTool`.
    ps.app.currentTool = "typeCreateOrEditTool"

```

2.22 Fit On Screen

```
"""Let the current document Fit on screen."""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    ps.app.runMenuItem(ps.app.charIDToTypeID("FtOn"))
```

2.23 Emboss Action

```
from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    app = ps.app
    for index, x in enumerate(range(50)):
        # Execute an existing action from action palette.
        idPly = app.charIDToTypeID("Ply ")
        desc8 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
        idnull = app.charIDToTypeID("null")
        ref3 = ps.ActionReference()
        idActn = app.charIDToTypeID("Actn")
        ref3.putName(idActn, "Sepia Toning (layer)")
        idASet = app.charIDToTypeID("ASet")
        ref3.PutName(idASet, "Default Actions")
        desc8.putReference(idnull, ref3)
        app.executeAction(idPly, desc8, ps.DialogModes.DisplayNoDialogs)

        # Create solid color fill layer.
        idMk = app.charIDToTypeID("Mk ")
        desc21 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
        idNull = app.charIDToTypeID("null")
        ref12 = ps.ActionReference()
        idContentLayer1 = app.stringIDToTypeID("contentLayer")
        ref12.putClass(idContentLayer1)
        desc21.putReference(idNull, ref12)
        idUsng = app.charIDToTypeID("Usng")
        desc22 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
        idType = app.charIDToTypeID("Type")
        desc23 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
        idClr = app.charIDToTypeID("Clr ")
        desc24 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
        idRd = app.charIDToTypeID("Rd ")
        desc24.putDouble(idRd, index)
        idGrn = app.charIDToTypeID("Grn ")
        desc24.putDouble(idGrn, index)
        idBl = app.charIDToTypeID("Bl ")
        desc24.putDouble(idBl, index)
        idRGBC = app.charIDToTypeID("RGBC")
        desc23.putObject(idClr, idRGBC, desc24)
        idSolidColorLayer = app.StringIDToTypeID("solidColorLayer")
        desc22.putObject(idType, idSolidColorLayer, desc23)
        idContentLayer2 = app.StringIDToTypeID("contentLayer")
        desc21.putObject(idUsng, idContentLayer2, desc22)
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app.executeAction(idMk, desc21, ps.DialogModes.DisplayNoDialogs)

# Select mask.
idSlct = app.charIDToTypeID("slct")
desc38 = ps.ActionDescriptor()
idNull1 = app.charIDToTypeID("null")
ref20 = ps.ActionReference()
idChn11 = app.charIDToTypeID("Chn1")
idChn12 = app.charIDToTypeID("Chn1")
idMsk = app.charIDToTypeID("Msk ")
ref20.putEnumerated(idChn11, idChn12, idMsk)
desc38.putReference(idNull1, ref20)
idMkVs = app.charIDToTypeID("MkVs")
desc38.putBoolean(idMkVs, False)
app.executeAction(idSlct, desc38, ps.DialogModes.DisplayNoDialogs)

app.activeDocument.activeLayer.invert()

```

2.24 New Document

```

# Create a new Photoshop document with dimensions 4 inches by 4 inches.
import photoshop.api as ps

# Start up Photoshop application
app = ps.Application()

start_ruler_units = app.preferences.rulerUnits

app.preferences.rulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels

# Create the document
docRef = app.documents.add(1920, 1080, 72.0, "My New Document")

# Make sure to set the ruler units prior to creating the document.
app.preferences.rulerUnits = start_ruler_units

```

2.25 Operation Channels

```

"""A examples to show you how to operation active document channels."""

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    doc = ps.active_document
    print(len(doc.channels))
    doc.channels.add()
    doc.channels.removeAll()
    channel = doc.channels.getByName("Red")
    print(channel.name)
    channel.remove()

```

2.26 Active Layer

```
# Set the active layer to the last art layer of the active document, or the
# first if the last is already active.

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    if len(ps.app.documents) < 1:
        docRef = ps.app.documents.add()
    else:
        docRef = ps.app.activeDocument

    if len(docRef.layers) < 2:
        docRef.artLayers.add()

    ps.echo(docRef.activeLayer.name)
    new_layer = docRef.artLayers.add()
    ps.echo(new_layer.name)
    new_layer.name = "test"
```

2.27 Link Layer

```
import photoshop.api as ps

app = ps.Application()

start_ruler_units = app.preferences.rulerUnits

if len(app.documents) < 1:
    if start_ruler_units is not ps.Units.Pixels:
        app.preferences.rulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels
    docRef = app.documents.add(
        320, 240, 72, None,
        ps.NewDocumentMode.NewRGB,
        ps.DocumentFill.BackgroundColor,
    )
else:
    docRef = app.activeDocument

layerRef = docRef.artLayers.add()
layerRef2 = docRef.artLayers.add()
layerRef.link(layerRef2)

# Set the ruler back to where it was
app.preferences.rulerUnits = start_ruler_units
```

2.28 Fill Selection

```
# Fill the current selection with an RGB color.

from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    start_ruler_units = ps.app.Preferences.RulerUnits

    if len(ps.app.documents) < 1:
        if start_ruler_units is not ps.Units.Pixels:
            ps.app.Preferences.RulerUnits = ps.Units.Pixels
        docRef = ps.app.documents.add(
            320, 240, 72, None, ps.NewDocumentMode.NewRGB,
            ps.DocumentFill.White
        )
        docRef.artLayers.add()
        ps.app.preferences.rulerUnits = start_ruler_units

    if not ps.active_document.activeLayer.isBackgroundLayer:
        selRef = ps.active_document.selection
        fillcolor = ps.SolidColor()
        fillcolor.rgb.red = 225
        fillcolor.rgb.green = 0
        fillcolor.rgb.blue = 0
        selRef.fill(fillcolor, ps.ColorBlendMode.NormalBlendColor, 25, False)
    else:
        ps.echo("Can't perform operation on background layer.")
```

2.29 Session Document Duplicate

```
"""Action for duplicate current active document."""
from photoshop import Session

with Session(action="document_duplicate") as ps:
    ps.echo(ps.active_document.name)
```

2.30 Operation Layer Set

```
"""A examples to show you how to operation layerSet."""

from photoshop import Session

with Session(action="new_document") as ps:
    docRef = ps.active_document
    # Add a new layerSet.
    new_layer_set = docRef.layerSets.add()
    # Print the layerSet count.
    ps.echo(docRef.layerSets.length)
    ps.echo(len(docRef.layerSets))
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```
# Rename the layerSet.
docRef.layerSets[0].name = "New Name"
ps.echo(new_layer_set.name)

# Change the layerSet opacity
new_layer_set.opacity = 90
ps.echo(new_layer_set.opacity)

# Duplicate the layerSet.
duplicate_layer_set = new_layer_set.duplicate()
# Add a new artLayer in current active document.
layer = docRef.artLayers.add()
# Move the artLayer under the duplicate layerSet.
layer.move(duplicate_layer_set, ps.ElementPlacement.PlaceInside)
# Merge the layerSet.
merged_layer = duplicate_layer_set.merge()
ps.echo(merged_layer.name)

# Set visible.
new_layer_set.visible = False

merged_layer.remove()
```

2.31 Hello World

```
import os
from tempfile import mkdtemp

import photoshop.api as ps

def hello_world():
    app = ps.Application()
    doc = app.documents.add()
    text_color = ps.SolidColor()
    text_color.rgb.green = 255
    new_text_layer = doc.artLayers.add()
    new_text_layer.kind = ps.LayerKind.TextLayer
    new_text_layer.textItem.contents = "Hello, World!"
    new_text_layer.textItem.position = [160, 167]
    new_text_layer.textItem.size = 40
    new_text_layer.textItem.color = text_color
    options = ps.JPEGSaveOptions(quality=5)
    jpg_file = os.path.join(mkdtemp("photoshop-python-api"), "hello_world.jpg")
    ↵)
    doc.saveAs(jpg_file, options, asCopy=True)
    os.startfile(jpg_file)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    hello_world()
```

2.32 Add Slate

```
"""Add slate information dynamically.

- Open template.
- Update info.
- Save as jpg.
- Close current document.

"""

import os
from datetime import datetime
from tempfile import mkdtemp

from photoshop import Session

import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.

PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()
slate_template = PSD_FILE["slate_template.psd"]
with Session(slate_template, action="open", auto_close=True) as ps:
    layer_set = ps.active_document.layerSets.getByName("template")

    data = {
        "project name": "test_project",
        "datetime": datetime.today().strftime("%Y-%m-%d"),
    }
    for layer in layer_set.layers:
        if layer.kind == ps.LayerKind.TextLayer:
            layer.textItem.contents = data[layer.textItem.contents.strip()]

    jpg_file = os.path.join(mkdtemp("photoshop-python-api"), "slate.jpg")
    ps.active_document.saveAs(jpg_file, ps.JPEGSaveOptions())
    print(f"Save jpg to {jpg_file}")
    os.startfile(jpg_file)
```

2.33 Photoshop Session

```
"""Add slate information dynamically."""

import os
from datetime import datetime
from tempfile import mkdtemp

import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.
from photoshop import Session

PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()
file_path = PSD_FILE["slate_template.psd"]

with Session(file_path, action="open", auto_close=True) as ps:
    layer_set = ps.active_document.layerSets.getByName("template")
    data = {
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```
        "project name": "test_project",
        "datetime": datetime.today().strftime("%Y-%m-%d"),
    }
    for layer in layer_set.layers:
        if layer.kind == ps.LayerKind.TextLayer:
            layer.textItem.contents = data[layer.textItem.contents.strip()]

    jpg_file = os.path.join(mkdtemp("photoshop-python-api"), "slate.jpg")
    ps.active_document.saveAs(jpg_file, ps.JPEGSaveOptions())
    os.startfile(jpg_file)
```

2.34 Apply Crystallize Filter Action

```
""" This script demonstrates how you can use the action manager
to execute the Crystallize filter.
In order to find all the IDs, see https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/kb/
    ↵downloadable-plugins-and-content.html#ScriptingListenerplugin
This blog here explains what a script listener is http://blogs.adobe.com/
    ↵crawlspace/2006/05/installing_and_1.html

References:
    https://github.com/lohrrialo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
        ↵ApplyCrystallizeFilterAction.py

"""

from photoshop import Session

import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.

PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()

with Session(PSD_FILE["layer_comps.psd"], "open") as ps:
    active_document = ps.active_document
    nLayerSets = active_document.layerSets
    print(f"The total amount of current layerSet (Group) is "
          f"{len(nLayerSets)}")
    nArtLayers = active_document.layerSets.item(len(nLayerSets)).artLayers

    # get the last layer in LayerSets
    active_document.activeLayer = active_document.layerSets.item(
        len(nLayerSets)).artLayers.item(len(nArtLayers))

    def applyCrystallize(cellSize):
        cellSizeID = ps.app.CharIDToTypeID("ClSz")
        eventCrystallizeID = ps.app.CharIDToTypeID("Crst")

        filterDescriptor = ps.ActionDescriptor
        filterDescriptor.putInteger(cellSizeID, cellSize)

        ps.app.executeAction(eventCrystallizeID, filterDescriptor)

    applyCrystallize(25)
```

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```
print("Apply crystallize done.")
```

2.35 Export Layers As Png

```
"""Export every layer as a .png file."""
import os

from photoshop import Session

import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.

PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()

def hide_all_layers(layers):
    for layer in layers:
        layer.visible = False

def main():
    psd_file = PSD_FILE["export_layers_as_png.psd"]
    with Session(psd_file, action="open") as ps:
        doc = ps.active_document
        options = ps.PNGSaveOptions()
        layers = doc.artLayers
        for layer in layers:
            hide_all_layers(layers)
            layer.visible = True
            layer_path = os.path.join(doc.path, layer.name)
            print(layer_path)
            if not os.path.exists(layer_path):
                os.makedirs(layer_path)
            image_path = os.path.join(layer_path, f"{layer.name}.png")
            doc.saveAs(image_path, options, True)
    ps.alert("Task done!")
    ps.echo(doc.activeLayer)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

2.36 Session Callback

```
from photoshop import Session

def do_something(photoshop_api):
    print(photoshop_api.active_document)
    print("Do something.")
```

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```
with Session(callback=do_something) as ps:  
    ps.echo(ps.active_document.name)  
    ps.alert(ps.active_document.name)
```

2.37 Session New Document

```
"""Action for create new document and print new document name."""  
from photoshop import Session  
  
with Session(action="new_document") as ps:  
    ps.echo(ps.active_document.name)
```

2.38 Apply Filters

```
"""  
References:  
    https://github.com/lohrilalo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/  
    ↪ApplyFilters.py  
  
"""  
import os  
  
# selections in the open document.  
import photoshop.api as ps  
  
import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.  
  
PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()  
  
# Start up Photoshop application  
app = ps.Application()  
  
# We don't want any Photoshop dialogs displayed during automated execution  
app.displayDialogs = ps.DialogModes.DisplayNoDialogs  
  
psPixels = 1  
start_ruler_units = app.preferences.rulerUnits  
if start_ruler_units is not psPixels:  
    app.preferences.rulerUnits = psPixels  
  
fileName = PSD_FILE["layer_comps.psd"]  
docRef = app.open(fileName)  
nLayerSets = len(list((i, x) for i, x in enumerate(docRef.layerSets))) - 1  
nArtLayers = len(  
    list((i, x) for i, x in enumerate(docRef.layerSets[nLayerSets].  
    ↪artLayers)),  
)  
  
active_layer = docRef.activeLayer = docRef.layerSets[nLayerSets].artLayers[  
    nArtLayers]  
sel_area = ((0, 212), (300, 212), (300, 300), (0, 300))
```

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docRef.selection.select(sel_area, ps.SelectionType.ReplaceSelection, 20, ↵
    ↵True)
print(f"Current active layer: {active_layer.name}")
active_layer.applyAddNoise(15, ps.NoiseDistribution.GaussianNoise, False)

backColor = ps.SolidColor()
backColor.hsb.hue = 0
backColor.hsb.saturation = 0
backColor.hsb.brightness = 100
app.backgroundColor = backColor

sel_area2 = ((120, 20), (210, 20), (210, 110), (120, 110))
docRef.selection.select(sel_area2, ps.SelectionType.ReplaceSelection, 25,
    False)
active_layer.applyDiffuseGlow(9, 12, 15)
active_layer.applyGlassEffect(
    7, 3, 7, False, ps.TextureType.TinyLensTexture, None,
)
docRef.selection.deselect()

# Set ruler units back the way we found it.
if start_ruler_units is not psPixels:
    app.Preferences.RulerUnits = start_ruler_units

```

2.39 Set Active Layer

```

"""
References:
    https://github.com/lohrilalo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
    ↵ActiveLayer.py

"""
import photoshop.api as ps

app = ps.Application()

if app.documents.length < 1:
    docRef = app.documents.add()
else:
    docRef = app.activeDocument

if docRef.layers.length < 2:
    docRef.artLayers.add()

activeLayerName = docRef.activeLayer.name
if docRef.activeLayer.name != docRef.layers.item(docRef.layers.length).name:
    docRef.activeLayer = docRef.layers.item(docRef.layers.length)
else:
    docRef.activeLayer = docRef.layers.item(1)

```

2.40 Enable Generator

```
"""Enable Generator features."""
from photoshop import Session

with Session() as ps:
    plugin_name = "generator-assets-dummy-menu"
    generatorDesc = ps.ActionDescriptor
    generatorDesc.putString(ps.app.stringIDToTypeID("name"), plugin_name)
    ps.app.executeAction(ps.app.stringIDToTypeID("generateAssets"),
                        generatorDesc)
```

2.41 Smart Sharpen

```
"""This script demonstrates how you can use the action manager to execute the
Emboss filter.

References:
    https://github.com/lohrilalo/photoshop-scripting-python/blob/master/
    ↵SmartSharpen.py

"""

import photoshop.api as ps

import examples._psd_files as psd # Import from examples.

app = ps.Application()

PSD_FILE = psd.get_psd_files()
file_path = PSD_FILE["layer_comps.psd"]
docRef = app.open(file_path)

nlayerSets = docRef.layerSets
nArtLayers = docRef.layerSets.item(nlayerSets.length)
docRef.activeLayer = nArtLayers.artLayers.item(nArtLayers.artLayers.length)

def SmartSharpen(inAmount, inRadius, inNoise):
    idsmart_sharpen_id = app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.SmartSharpen)
    desc37 = ps.ActionDescriptor()

    idpresetKind = app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.PresetKind)
    idpresetKindType = app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.PresetKindType)
    idpresetKindCustom = app.stringIDToTypeID(ps.EventID.PresetKindCustom)
    desc37.putEnumerated(idpresetKind, idpresetKindType, idpresetKindCustom)

    idAmnt = app.charIDToTypeID("Amnt")
    idPrc = app.charIDToTypeID("Rds ")
    desc37.putUnitDouble(idAmnt, idPrc, inAmount)

    idRds = app.charIDToTypeID("Rds ")
    idPxl = app.charIDToTypeID("#Pxl")
    desc37.putUnitDouble(idRds, idPxl, inRadius)
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```
idnoiseReduction = app.stringIDToTypeID("noiseReduction")
idPrc = app.charIDToTypeID("#Prc")
desc37.putUnitDouble(idnoiseReduction, idPrc, inNoise)

idblur = app.charIDToTypeID("blur")
idblurType = app.stringIDToTypeID("blurType")
idGsnB = app.charIDToTypeID("GsnB")
desc37.putEnumerated(idblur, idblurType, idGsnB)

app.ExecuteAction(idsmart_sharpen_id, desc37)

SmartSharpen(300, 2.0, 20)
```