

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS

ENHANCING THE IMAGE

The Brightness/Contrast command lets you make simple adjustments to the tonal range of an image.

Adjusting the tonal range changes the values of the extreme highlight and shadow pixels in the image, setting an overall tonal range that allows for the sharpest detail possible throughout the image.

Brightness/Contrast command

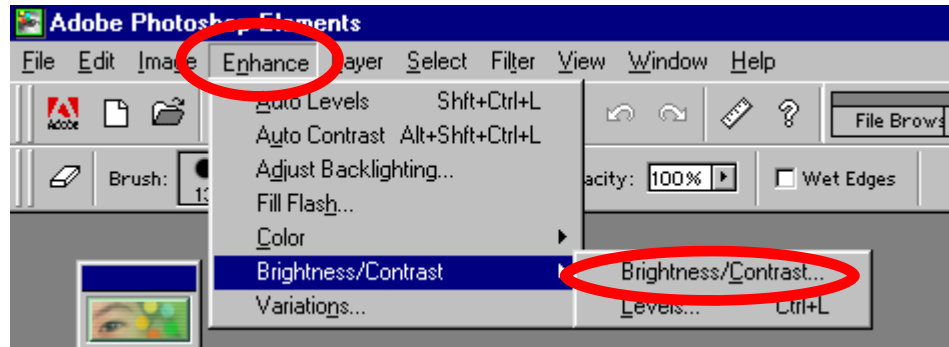
Auto Contrast command

Auto Levels command



BRIGHTNESS/CONTRAST COMMAND

To use the Brightness/Contrast command:
Choose Enhance > Brightness/Contrast and
Brightness/Contrast.

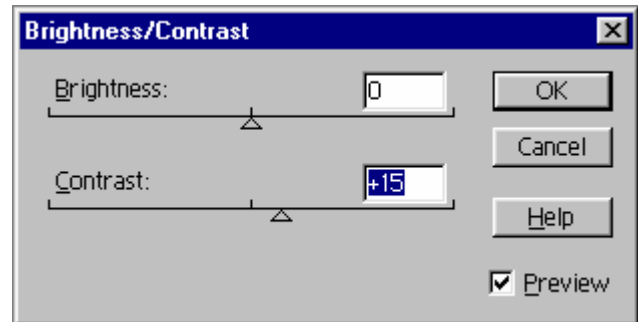


ADJUST THE LEVELS

Drag the sliders to adjust the brightness and contrast.
Dragging to the left decreases the level; dragging to the right increases it.

The number at the right of each slider value displays the
brightness or contrast value.

Values can range from -100 to +100.



CREATE A BRIGHTNESS/ CONTRAST ADJUSTMENT LAYER

As with most changes you make to an image it is best to
create a new layer.

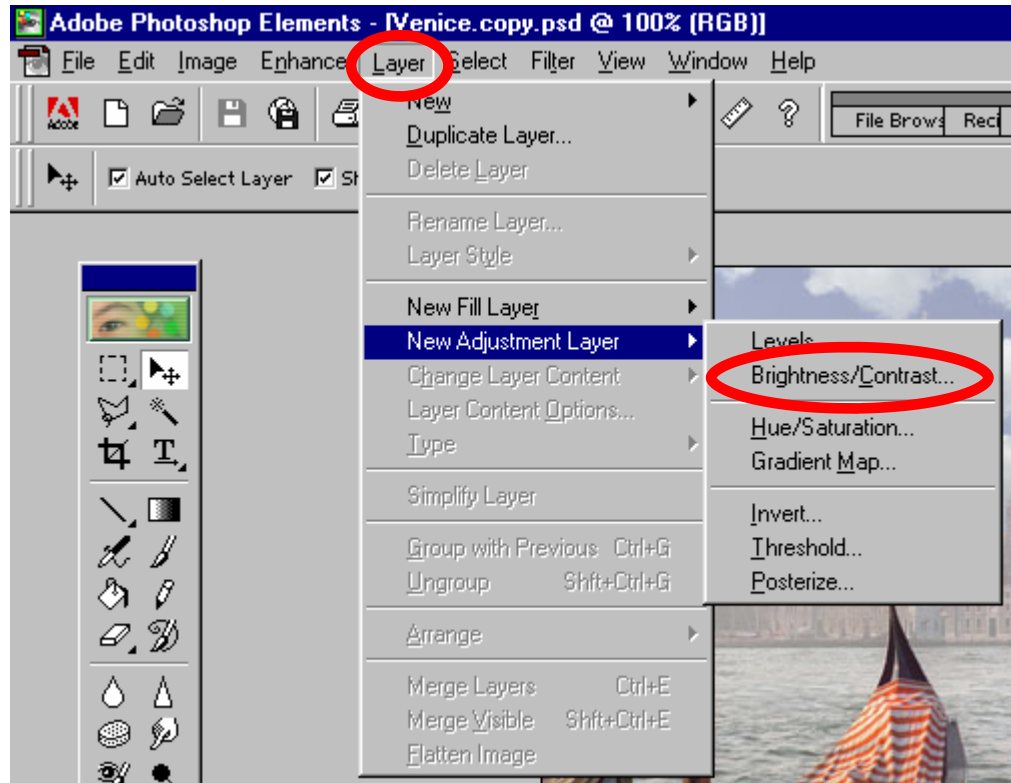
You can use this layer to adjust the Brightness/Contrast
levels and review your changes.

You can also use this layer to readjust the Brightness/
Contrast levels if you need to. See page 5 - 3.

(Also see Using adjustment layers and fill layers.)

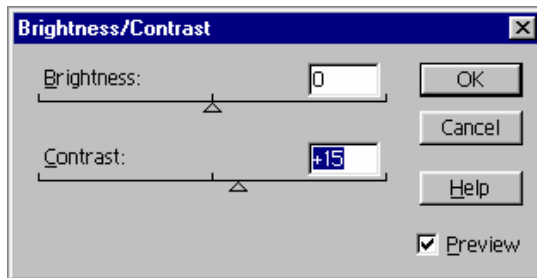
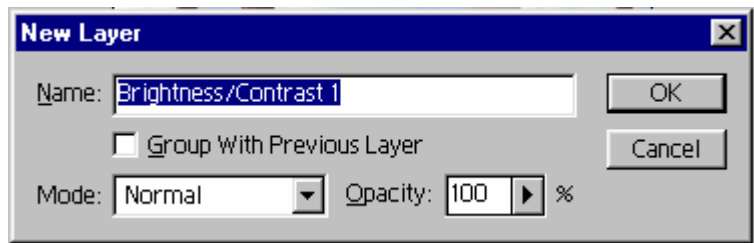
***TO CREATE A NEW BRIGHTNESS/
CONTRAST ADJUSTMENT LAYER.***

Choose Layer > New Adjustment Layer >
Brightness/Contrast.



Name the new layer in the dialogue box.

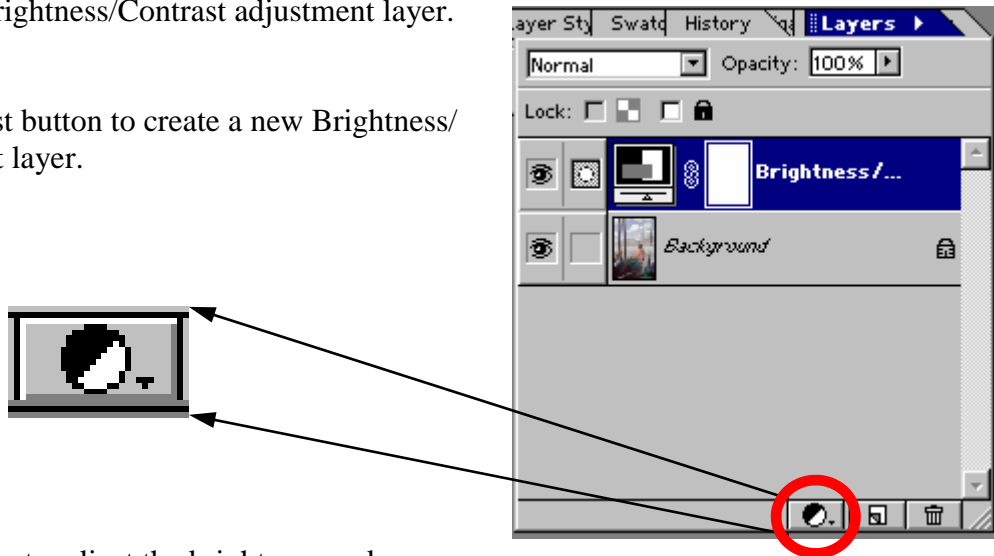
Then drag the sliders to adjust the
brightness and contrast levels as before.



***TO CHANGE THE BRIGHTNESS/
CONTRAST ADJUSTMENT IN A. NEW
LAYER LAYER.***

Open an existing Brightness/Contrast adjustment layer.

Click on the contrast button to create a new Brightness/
Contrast adjustment layer.



Then drag the sliders to adjust the brightness and
contrast levels as before.

