

## FACE FILTER STUDIO

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Face Filter is a Photo Editing program by Reallusion. There are two different programs. Face Filter Standard and Face Filter Studio. The Standard edition allows simple fixes of you portraits, such as wrinkle remover, red eye, and color correction. The Studio version allows more control in all aspects of the morphing. This program will help you fix up those digital photos of your friends and family that just don't make them look their best. Now those photos that are a little too dark, or have an unflattering shadow, or maybe the flash made the wrinkles show up a little more than you would like or put a shine on someone's forehead can be saved. Now instead of deleting those pictures you can edit them in Face Filter with little or no experience in Photo Editing. This program is great for the beginner as well as the advanced photo buff.

With the easy to use interface, with a couple clicks of the mouse you can take years off a face by using the softening filter that will remove wrinkles and blemishes. I found it very easy to use and for some one that is new to photo editing and doesn't want to spend the big dollars or the time to learn other photo editing programs with their huge learning curve this product maybe for you. This is a good program to have. It will do what you need to make sure the people in your pictures look their best. And it is very fun to use.

With the 3D muscle-based photo morphing technology you can in 4 steps enhance expressions, and completely change facial structure. Face Filter allows you to repair and adjust Red Eye, correct skin tones, remove shadows, shine, or skin blemishes and change frowns to smiles. This is the only photo editor that allows you to change facial expressions.

You could do a virtual face lift with this program to see how some one would look with cosmetic surgery, like lift the eyes, or get rid of the double chins etc. These adjustments can be made with just a few clicks of the mouse. Lots cheaper and easier than having the surgery.

The Face Filter Standard will support up to 3 Mega Pixels. Anything larger will be changed to 3 Mega Pixel. The Studio version will support up to 12 Mega Pixel. There is a preview screen for easy comparison when you are working with the photos. The interface is easy to follow and very user friendly. I really en-

joyed working with this program, and if you have question about it be sure to come to the classroom or Digital SIG and I would be happy to show it to you.

You can download a trial version from the Reallusion web site, and you can purchase it from there also.

The web address is [www.reallusion.com/facefilter](http://www.reallusion.com/facefilter)  
The price of the Standard version is \$29.95 and the Studio is \$59.95. Check it out and let me know what you think. It will work on any PC with Windows 98 thru XP.

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available, is checked for both devices. Do the same thing with the "Secondary IDE Channel."

### **Visit windowsupdate.com Regularly**

This is a big one. Also very fast and simple. The "patches" that are made available on a weekly basis not only provide protection for your PC, they are also designed to improve performance. We recommend at least twice per month.

### **Use Quick Launch**

Common problem. Simple fix. Instead of cluttering your Desktop with shortcuts, just right-click the Taskbar, go to Toolbars, and make sure Quick Launch is checked. Then drag your favorite shortcuts to the Quick Launch bar for easy access, anytime.

### **Speed Up Your User Interface**

Today's PCs often come to you with many graphical bells and whistles, and while they're cute, they rob your system of fundamental power. Faster is better. Here's our recommendation: Go to the Display control panel, click the Appearance tab and hit the Effects button. Uncheck the first two options, as well as "Show shadows under menus." Use minimal graphics and go faster.

### **Defrag. Defrag. Defrag.**

A "must" for busy PC users, made simple. Here's how: Regular defragmentation can improve your machine's hard drive performance by massive amounts. To begin defragging, right-click your hard drive in My Computer, select Properties, go to the Tools tab, then click defrag. Do this religiously every month or so and you'll enjoy smooth sailing.