# Making Animated GIFs in Photoshop 2023

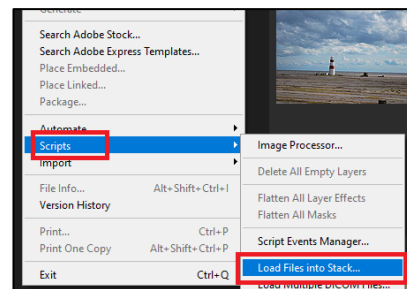**IMPORTANT:** You need to have downloaded and unzipped the **horse image files**

1. Open **Photoshop 2023**
2. Login using your **school e-mail address** and your **login password**
3. If a pop up box appears, press **Close**

## *Load the images*

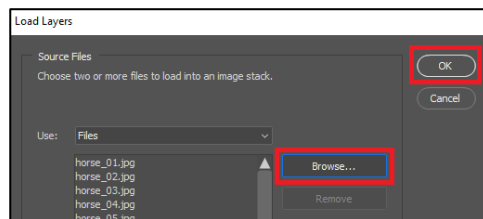4. At the **top**, click **File** > **Scripts** (toward the bottom) > **Load files into stack**
5. Press the **Browse** button
6. At the **bottom left**, click **On your computer**
7. Get to your **OneDrive**
8. Find the **Horse** folder (not the zipped one). **Open** the folder
9. **Click** on the **first image**
10. Hold **SHIFT** down on the keyboard and scroll to the bottom and **click** on the **last image**
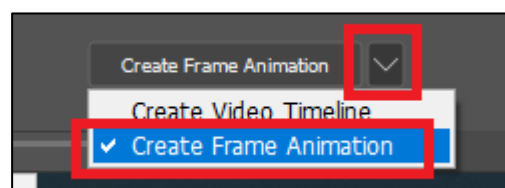    This selects **all** the images in the folder – **Control + A** is a keyboard shortcut
11. Press **OK** > then **OK again**

**WAIT:** It will take a little bit of time to load all the images. You'll see they appear in the Layer Stack at the **bottom right** of the screen they're all loaded in. But you'll only see one of the them on the main part of the screen
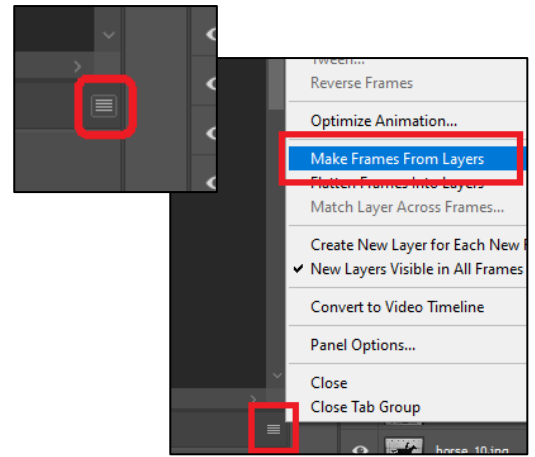
## *Create the Animation*

12. At the **top**, click **Window** > **Timeline** (way down the list of options)
    This pops the Timeline window onto the **bottom** of the screen
13. In the **Timeline** window, **press** the <u>arrow next to</u> where it say says **Create Video Timeline**
14. <u>Change</u> it to **Create Frame Animation**
15. Then **click** on the **Create Frame Animation** button
    A single horse image appears in the Timeline

16. **TRICKY**: at the **top right** of the **Timeline Window** find the **three lines** (the hamburger menu). **Click** this and choose **Make Frames From Layers**
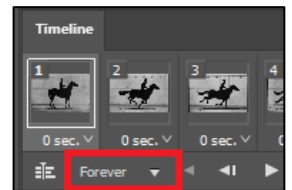
    Now the Timeline should fill with all the horses

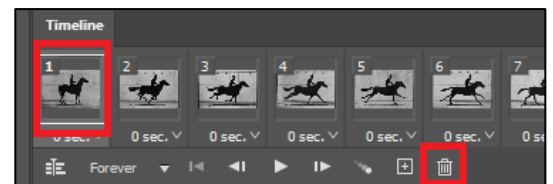17. Press the **play button** at the **bottom** to play the animation. It should work.

## Looping

18. At the **bottom** of the Timeline window, check that the word **Forever** appears on the left. If it doesn't, click whatever it says instead and change it to Forever

## A problem:

There's one horse that doesn't match. It makes the animation a bit jumpy – although you can hardly notice it

19. Find the **standing horse** in the **Timeline**. **Click** that frame to select it.

20. At the **bottom**, click the **bin button** to delete the frame

## Saving your GIF

21. At the **top** click **File** > **Save as** > go to your **OneDrive** and save the file

    This saves a Photoshop file which can still be edited easily. It's not an animated GIF yet – you wouldn't be able to use it on the web or PowerPoint

## Export your GIF so you can use it

22. Click **File** > **Export** > **Save for web (legacy)**

23. Check it says **GIF** at the **top** of the window that appears

24. Click **Save** at the **bottom** (**NOT** Done) > go to your **OneDrive** using the **dropdown at the top**

25. **Save** your GIF with a sensible name