

## **MultiMedia Production**

### **Making a Digital Grid from the Alternate You Assignment**

After you have completed your three alternate you pictures, you will take them and also the original, normal shot of yourself and assemble the four pictures as a digital grid.

Besides the four photos used in the alternate you assignment, you will make two new photoshop files. One will be the actual digital grid and the other will be a photo sizer file that you will use to make perfectly square copies of your alternate you photos.

The digital grid file should be 504 pixels wide by 600 pixels high. Resolution should be set to 72 dpi. The digital sizer file should be 250 px wide by 250 px high, also with 72 dpi resolution.

Start by preparing your four alternate you photos for insertion into the grid by resizing them and placing them into the grid sizer file. Since most likely your photos are not perfectly square, they will require some cropping. This is easily accomplished in the grid sizer file. This will take some experimentation until you find the correct size. Start by making one of the dimensions of your alternate you files 350 px. Use the move tool to perfectly place the portion of the alternate you file you want to have showing in the grid square. When you are completely satisfied with the placement of the photo, then save the grid sizer file, and it will automatically trim off the excess you don't want showing. If you are not satisfied with the result, redo the sizing until you get the correct look.

After saving, place the alternate you file in the digital grid by selecting all (make sure the layer you have worked on is the active layer), copying, and then pasting into the grid file. Use the move tool to place the photo in the upper left hand corner. Continue with this process with the other photos until all four have been resized and copied from the digital sizer file into the digital grid file. Maintain the distance of 4 pixels between each of the four photos.

At the bottom of the digital grid file, you will place text in a white filled object that describes what alternate you personality that each photo represents. Choose a basic object shape from the PhotoShop toolbar, and then a white or light colored background. After you insert the shape, click on the add a layer style button in the layers palette to add stroke to the light colored object. Choose a color for the stroke that matches your images.

Insert text into the object. Use different fonts and sizes for the title and for the descriptions of each photo. Use the text formatting or character windows to adjust the text properties so that the title and descriptions fit perfectly into the shape.

When everything is completed to your satisfaction, and all required elements of the assignment have been met, you will submit your digital grids to the DropBox on the Big Mac server. Be sure to keep the original copy of your grid in your digital locker.