

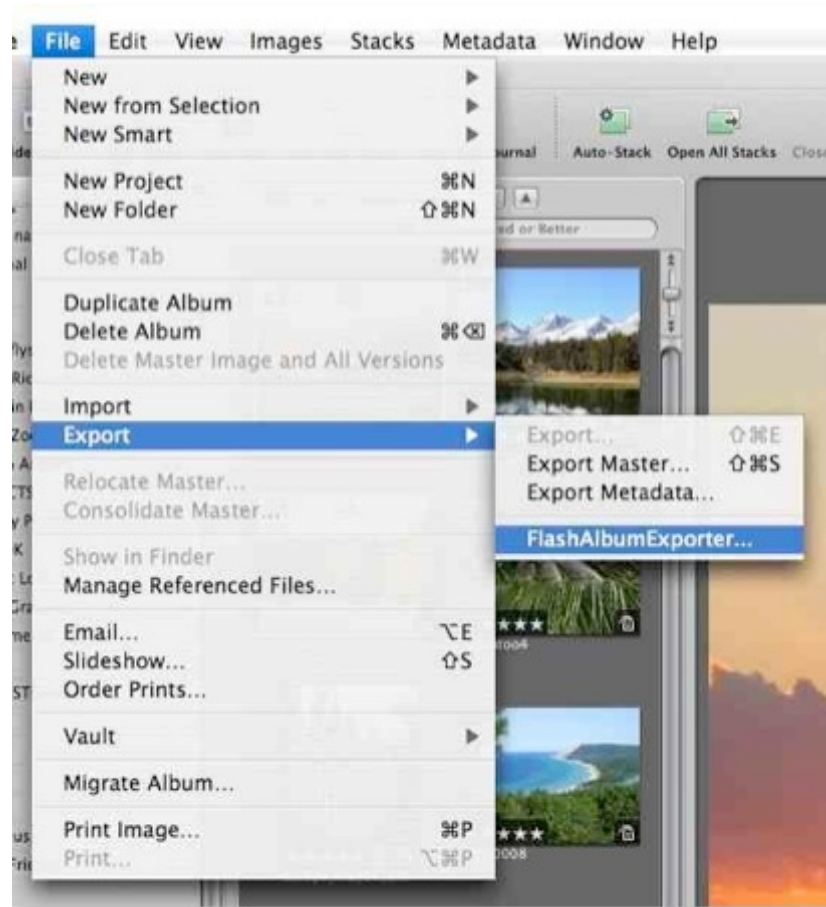
Making a gallery using Aperture and Flash Album Exporter

It is very straightforward to make a Simpleviewer or Bananalbum gallery in Aperture, but it does require a plug-in, called Flash Album Exporter. This may already be installed on the computer you are using but if it is not, you need to follow these steps to install it:

1. Go to: <http://home.comcast.net/~flashalbumexporter/aperture/apertureDownload/apertureDownload.html> and download the plug-in.
2. Place the plugin bundle, FlashAlbumexporter.ApertureExport, in your Aperture Export plugin directory (Users -> "your user name" -> Library -> Application Support -> Aperture -> Plug-Ins -> Export).

NOTE: If this is your first Aperture plug-in, the folders Plug-Ins and Export may not exist. In this case just create them first. Be careful to name them exactly as stated (case and hyphenation matter)

3. Open Aperture. You should see a new menu item FlashAlbumExporter... in the File -> Export menu. If Aperture was open when you installed the plug-in, you may need to restart Aperture



4. Edit, tone, crop and correct the images you want to use in your gallery. Use Smart Albums so that you can easily edit your portfolio going forward.

5. Choose the number of images that will work well in a gallery, bearing in mind you will be dealing with rows and columns if you use Simpleviewer. So select 9 or 12 images for each gallery page.

6. Next order your pictures in a logical, interesting way. Make sure they are all captioned correctly and consistently as the captions will show in the gallery.

7. When you are happy with the images, select them in aperture and select file-export-flash album exporter. If you are using Aperture 3, Aperture will show a dialog box stating it needs to re-open in 32 bit mode to use this plug-in. Hit 'reopen'.

8. A dialog box will pop up, this is where you set your gallery settings:

- Name your gallery. Make it logical. For our website, call it 'gallery'.
- You can select the style of gallery you want. Simpleviewer embeds easily and you can have extended captions. Banalbum allows you to show large images but embeds using i-frames and you have limited caption space.
- Select the number of rows and columns and the size you want your images to be. I would recommend about 700 - 800 pixels.
- You can select your thumbnail position, color etc. to work best on your site.
- Check the box to include captions.
- Give your gallery a title. Make it logical. For our website, we are calling it 'gallery'
- Choose a destination for your gallery where it says output folder. You can save the gallery to your desktop and then when you have tested it, you can move it to your web folder. Be aware - if you save it directly to your web folder, you already have a folder called 'gallery' containing your index2 page. If you write over this folder with your new gallery, then you will erase your index2 page. Either save it to the desktop or remove your index2 page and put it back in once you have created your gallery.
- In Version preset you need to create your own preset. Select edit. In the dialog box hit + to create a new preset and name it 'web gallery'. Choose jpg as the image

format, choose 8 or 9 for image quality, size you gallery to fit in your webpage - 800 is a good choice (make sure it is not bigger than your max image size in the previous box). DPI should be set for 72. Color profile should be sRGB. You can add a watermark if you choose. Hit okay when you are done and ensure you select your new preset in the FAE window.

- Keep your current version name. When you are happy, hit export and FAE will create your gallery, thumbs, etc.