



hp scanjet 7400c series scanner
user's manual



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1 Getting started

This section contains the basics to help you get started with your new HP ScanJet scanner. From here, you can learn about viewing the product tour, preparing items before you scan them, and choosing which scanning method to use.

Printing this information

You can print this .pdf manual using the **Print** command on the **File** menu. Print the whole document, or print only the chapters or topics you want according to their page numbers. See the table of contents for page numbers of topics.

Viewing the product tour

The product tour is a fast and easy way to explore the capabilities of the scanner and see some interesting ways you can use the scanner to meet your needs. The product tour, which only takes three minutes, begins automatically when you start the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, unless you disable it.

To view the tour at other times: On the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, and click **HP PrecisionScan Pro**. Then, on the **Help** menu, click **Product Tour**.

Where do I start?

You can start scanning from one of these places:

- the scanner buttons
- the HP PrecisionScan Pro software
- another program
- the HP ScanJet Copy Utility

Where you start depends on what you want to do with the scan and on your own preferences.

Using the scanner buttons

Use the scanner buttons, which are shortcuts, when:

- You want to start at the scanner.
- You want to scan quickly without making changes.
- You want to scan an item using the default settings optimized for the destination you choose.

See ["Scanning from scanner buttons" on page 15](#).

Using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software

Use the HP PrecisionScan Pro software when:

- You want to view or change a scanned image before you send it. Changes might include resolution, cropping, or resizing.
- You want to send to a destination, such as a desktop publishing program, but there is no button on the scanner for that destination.

See ["Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro" on page 31](#).

Using another program

Start scanning from within another program when:

- You want to bring a scanned item into an open program, such as your word-processing program.
- The program in which you are working is compliant with TWAIN. A program is compliant if a command like **Acquire Image** or **From Scanner** appears on a menu such as the **File** menu. If you are unsure whether your program complies with TWAIN standards or you do not know the command for inserting a scanned item, see the documentation for the program.

See ["Scanning from other programs \(TWAIN\)" on page 63](#).

Using the HP ScanJet Copy Utility

Start scanning from the HP ScanJet Copy Utility when you want to make copies and need to make standard copy adjustments, such as reducing or enlarging or lightening or darkening. You can also choose a printer other than the default.

To start the utility: on the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, point to **HP ScanJet Utilities**, and click **HP Copy Utility**. For help using the utility, click **Help** in the utility.

Selecting and preparing items

Before placing items in the scanner, follow these guidelines for selecting and preparing them to prevent damage to the items and the scanner.

Items for the scanner glass

The scanner glass can scan the widest range of items, including:

- Paper items
- News clippings, receipts, and business cards
- Items on all weights of media, including media lighter than 60 g/m² (16 lb) or heavier than 105 g/m² (28 lb)
- Gum-backed paper
- Multipart forms with carbon pages
- Old or worn photographs or documents
- Items containing tears, perforations, punch holes, wrinkles, or curls
- Flatter, three-dimensional items such as pages in books, fabric, and paper with texture

CAUTION Avoid placing items with sharp edges in the scanner. Doing so can damage the scanner.

Before placing an item on the scanner glass, make sure the item is free of wet glue, correction fluid, or other contaminating substances.

Items for the ADF

The HP ScanJet automatic document feeder (ADF), which is a fast, convenient way to scan multiple-page items, is included with some scanner models, or it can be ordered. The ADF accepts items that meet the following specifications:

- Items on standard Letter-, A4-, and Legal-size paper
- Items consisting of up to 50 unbound pages
- Items ranging in size from 148.5 by 210 mm (5.8 by 8.3 inches) to 215.9 by 355.6 mm (8.5 by 14 inches)
- Items ranging in weight from 60 to 105 g/m² (16 to 28 lb)
- Items that are square or rectangular and in good condition (not fragile or worn)
- Items that are free of tears, perforations, or punch holes
- Items that are free of wet glue, correction fluid, and ink

Avoid multipart forms with carbon pages, transparencies, magazine pages, gum-backed pages, and light “onionskin” pages.

Before placing an item in the ADF, prepare the item by doing the following:

- Remove curls or wrinkles.
- Remove staples, paper clips, paper sticky notes, and any other materials from items.

If your item does not meet these guidelines or you cannot prepare it as stated, use the scanner glass.

Items for the XPA

The HP ScanJet transparency adapter (XPA) is included with some scanner models or can be ordered. Use the XPA and its templates to scan:

- photographic negatives
- 35 mm slides
- other transparent media up to 127 to 127 mm (5 by 5 inches) in size. For transparent items larger than these measurements, scan without using the XPA. Just cover the item with a piece of white paper and scan as you normally would.

Because these items are easily damaged, handle them only by their edges.

Completing your first scan

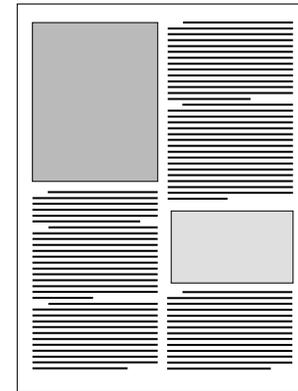
Doing your first scan is easy. This section shows you how to take the same item and scan to print using the two primary scanning methods:

- the scanner buttons
- HP PrecisionScan Pro software

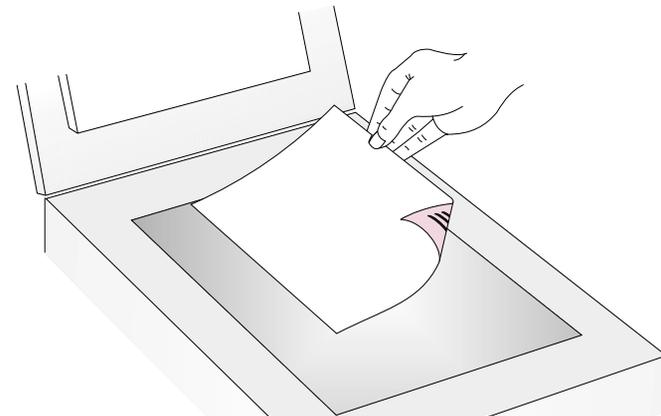
Before scanning, you will load the item in the scanner.

To load the item in the scanner

- 1 Choose an item to scan, such as a page from a magazine.



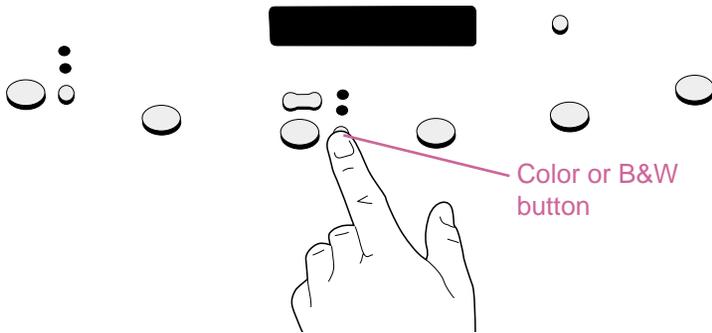
- 2 Place the item face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



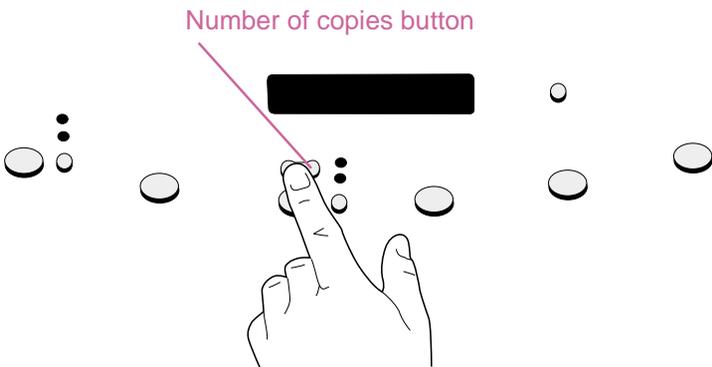
- 3 See ["To complete your first scan using the scanner buttons" on page 10.](#)

To complete your first scan using the scanner buttons

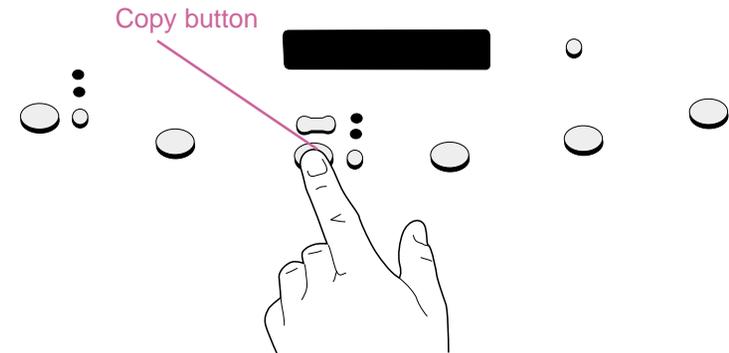
- 1 Load the item in the scanner. See ["To load the item in the scanner" on page 9](#).
- 2 Select **COLOR COPY** or **B&W COPY** by pressing the button until the light next to your choice is lit. Only select **COLOR COPY** if you are printing to a color printer.



- 3 To make more than one copy, press **NUMBER OF COPIES** until the number you want appears on the display.



- 4 On the scanner, press **COPY**. The scanner scans the item using settings optimized for printing this type of item and then prints the item to the default printer.



If you have not already scanned using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, see ["To complete your first scan using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software" on page 11](#).

To complete your first scan using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software

- 1 Load the item in the scanner. See ["To load the item in the scanner" on page 9](#).
- 2 With the item loaded, press **HP SCANNING SOFTWARE** on the scanner. The scanner scans the item to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, choosing the best settings for this type of item.
- 3 When the scanned image appears in the preview window of the software, draw a selection border around the image or portion of the image you want. To do so, click on one corner of the area you want, and while holding down the mouse button, drag the cursor to the opposite corner. Release the mouse button to complete the border.



- 4 Experiment with the image. Change the output type or make other adjustments.
- 5 When you finish: On the **Scan** menu, click **Print**.
- 6 Select any printer options you want and click **OK**. The scanner performs a final scan including your changes, and the scanned image prints.

If you have not already scanned using the scanner buttons, see ["To complete your first scan using the scanner buttons" on page 10](#).

Frequently asked questions

This section contains answers to some questions users frequently ask about scanning.

What settings does the HP PrecisionScan Pro software set automatically for an item I scan?

Based on the scanned item, the software automatically chooses optimal values for these settings:

- output type
- resolution
- sharpening
- exposure (midtones, highlights, and shadows)
- color (hue and saturation or black-and-white threshold)

Usually, the values the software selects provides optimal results. However, you can change these values in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

How can I reduce the time it takes to scan?

You can reduce the time it takes to scan an item by scanning in black and white when the original:

- Is a black-and-white photograph or drawing.
- Is a color photo or drawing, but you want a black-and-white image to appear on the computer screen.
- Contains only text.

Scan color originals as black and white by changing the color option for the scanner button (such as **E-MAIL**) you will be using. See "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24. Or, in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, clear the **Automatic Set Type** option and choose **Grayscale** or a black-and-white output type before you scan. See "[Selecting output type](#)" on page 36.

How can I reduce the file size?

To reduce file size:

- Save files using a compressed format, such as compressed TIFF or JPEG.
- Avoid using the True Color output type unless necessary. This output type offers exceptional quality for color photos or drawings, but it also creates large file sizes.
- Set the resolution no higher than necessary. Generally, the resolution the software automatically sets provides the best balance between image quality and small file size.
- For photos, significantly reduce file size by cropping the photo to select just one area as the final scanned image. Or, resize the entire photo to smaller dimensions.

Should I change the resolution?

The HP PrecisionScan Pro software sets the resolution for you. In almost all cases, you get the best results and the smallest file size if you use the resolution the software has determined to be best for the type of original you have.

What is the difference between screen and print quality?

A computer screen usually displays images at 72 to 75 pixels per inch (PPI). Print resolution is usually higher. Screens also use fewer colors to display an image. Even if an image looks incorrect on the screen, it might print the way you want.

What is the difference between zooming and resizing?

Use **Zoom In** to view an area of the scanned image close up. Use **Zoom Out** to return to the original view of the image.

The zoom commands do not change the final size of your scan; they just give you a different view on a monitor. To reduce or enlarge the size of the final scan, use the **Resize** command on the **Tools** menu.

What do I need to know about scanning text?

When you scan an item containing text, you can use the text either as a scanned image, such as a fax or photo archive, or as text you can edit. Do one of the following to have the optical character recognition (OCR) software make the text editable automatically and send the text to a supported word-processing program:

- Use the **EDIT TEXT** scanner button. Editable text appears in the word-processing program associated with the button.
- In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, use the output type of **Editable Text (OCR)** or **Text and Image**. Then on the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To**, choose your word-processing program, and click **Scan**.

2 Scanning from scanner buttons

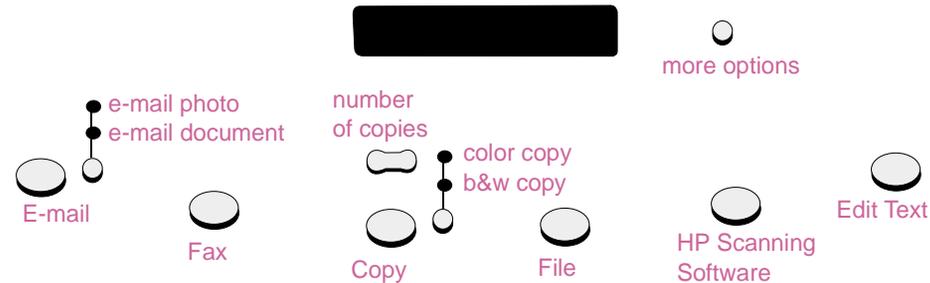
The scanner buttons provide an easy way to scan items directly to destinations or files using settings optimized for the destination you choose.

When you use a scanner button except [HP SCANNING SOFTWARE](#), you do not view or change scanned images before they go to the destination or file. To view or change images, use the [HP SCANNING SOFTWARE](#) button, which sends the scanned image to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See the next chapter, "[Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro.](#)"

Tip

You can change the default settings for buttons on the scanner. See "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24.

Overview of scanner buttons



E-mail

Scan using settings optimized for e-mail. The scanned image becomes a file inserted into a new e-mail message.

e-mail photo/e-mail document

Choose the original type before pressing **E-MAIL** to ensure the best settings are used. Choose **E-MAIL DOCUMENT** if the original contains text only or both text and graphics. The light next to the currently selected choice is lit.

Fax

Scan using settings optimized for faxing. The scanned image is inserted into a new fax message.

Copy

Print copies using settings optimized for printing. At the computer, you can click **Cancel** to choose additional copy settings in the HP ScanJet Copy Utility before the pages print.

number of copies

Choose the number of copies before pressing **COPY**.

color copy/b&w copy

Choose one before pressing **COPY** to ensure the best settings are used. Only use color copy if you are printing to a color printer and want a color copy. The light next to the currently selected choice is lit.

File

Scan using settings optimized for archiving scanned images as files. Scanned images are saved in .pdf format.

HP Scanning Software

Scan to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software to view the image or to make adjustments, such as changing resolution or resizing.

Edit Text

Scan and then convert text into an editable form and place it in a word-processing program.

more options

Open the dialog box for changing settings, such as output quality, for buttons on the scanner.

Scanning quickly without making changes

Use the scanner buttons to scan quickly to a destination using settings optimized for that destination. A destination is a printer, file, or another program, such as your e-mail, fax, and word-processing program.

If you are scanning slides or transparent items using the XPA, you must scan from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See "[Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro](#)" on page 31.

E-mailing a scan

When you e-mail using the scanner button, the scanner scans the item using default settings optimized for mailing. If you have a supported e-mail program, the scanned image automatically appears as a file attachment in a new e-mail message, which you then address and send.

Tip

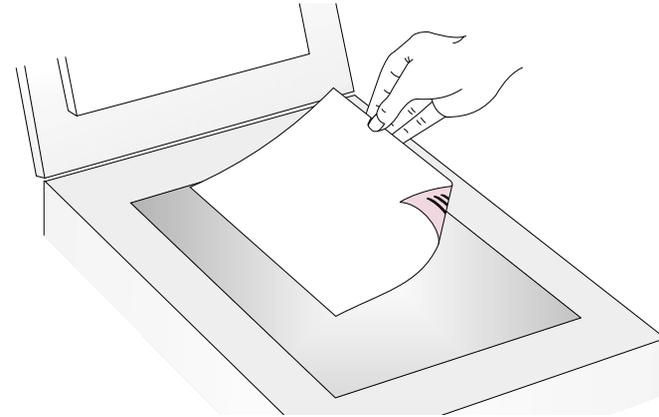
If your e-mail program is not supported, choose E-mail anyway. The scanner scans the item using the optimal settings, and the computer prompts you to save the item as a file. Open your e-mail program and attach the file to a message as you normally do.

Tip

To view the scanned item before you send it, open the file attachment from the new e-mail message.

To e-mail a scan from the scanner

- 1 Place the original face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



Note: To load items in the ADF, see [page 66](#).

- 2 Select **E-MAIL PHOTO** or **E-MAIL DOCUMENT** by pressing the small button beneath the lights until the light next to your choice is lit. If the item contains both text and graphics, select **E-MAIL DOCUMENT**.
- 3 Press **E-MAIL** on the scanner.
- 4 If the scanner or the computer prompts you for another page, do one of the following:
 - If you do not have more pages to scan, click **Done**.
 - If there are additional pages of this item, load the next page and click **Scan**. Repeat until all pages are scanned. Then, click **Done**.
- 5 If you have a supported e-mail program, the scanned image automatically appears as a file attachment in a new message. Address the message and send it as you normally do. If the scanned image does not attach to a new message, see "[Supported e-mail programs](#)" on page 18.

Supported e-mail programs

Supported e-mail programs allow the scanner to scan an item as a file and attaches it to a new e-mail message. If a scanned image automatically appears as a file attachment in a new e-mail message, your e-mail program is supported.

If you are using an unsupported e-mail program, such as a Web-based program like Microsoft Hotmail[®], the scanner cannot scan items directly into an e-mail message. The scanner scans the item but then prompts you to save it as a file. After saving the image as a file, open an e-mail message and attach the file as you normally do.

To be prompted to save the file, make sure that **E-mail file** is selected in the button options. Otherwise, you receive an error message when you press **E-MAIL** at the scanner.

See "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24 to check or change which e-mail program is set as the default, or to set **E-mail file** as the default.

Faxing a scan

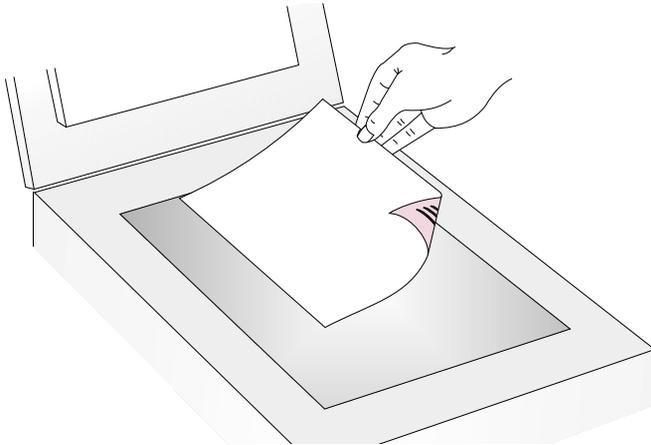
When you fax using the scanner buttons, the scanner scans the item using default settings optimized for faxing. If you have a supported PC fax program, the scanned image then automatically appears in a new fax message, which you then address and send. You do not make changes to the scanned image.

Tip

If your fax program is not supported, select Fax anyway. The computer scans the item using the optimal settings, and the computer prompts you to save the scanned image as a file. Open your PC fax program and attach the file to a message as you normally do.

To fax a scan from the scanner

- 1 Place the original face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



Note: To load items in the ADF, see [page 66](#).

- 2 Press **FAX** on the scanner.
- 3 If the scanner or the computer prompts you for another page, do one of the following:
 - If you do not have more pages to scan, click **Done**.
 - If there are additional pages of this item, load the next page and click **Scan**. Repeat until all pages are scanned. Then, click **Done**.
- 4 If you have a supported fax program, the scanned image automatically appears in a new fax message. Address the message and send it as you normally do. If the scanned image does not attach to a new message, see ["Supported PC fax programs"](#) on this page.

Supported PC fax programs

Supported PC fax programs allow the scanner to scan items directly into new fax messages. If a scanned image automatically appears in a new fax message, your PC fax program is supported.

If you are using an unsupported PC fax program, the scanner cannot scan items directly into a fax message. The scanner scans the item but then prompts you to save the scanned image as a file. After saving the image as a file, open a fax message and attach the file as you normally do.

To be prompted to save the file, make sure that **Fax file** is selected in the button options. Otherwise, you receive an error message when you press **FAX** at the scanner.

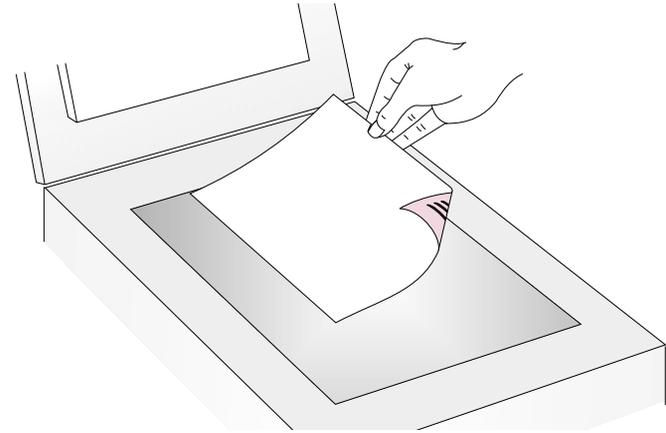
See ["Changing settings for buttons"](#) on [page 24](#) to check or change which PC fax program is set as the default, or to set **Fax file** as the default.

Printing copies

You can scan an item and send it to a printer to make copies using the scanner button. At the computer, you will be able to select print quality and the destination printer before the copies print. Note that when you make copies, each page is treated as a separate print job, so the printer does not collate copies.

To print copies from the scanner

- 1 Place the original face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



Note: To load items in the ADF, see [page 66](#).

- 2 Select **COLOR COPY** or **B&W COPY** by pressing the button until the light next to your choice is lit. Only select **COLOR COPY** if you are printing to a color printer and want a color copy.
- 3 Select the **NUMBER OF COPIES** by pressing the button until the number you want appears.
- 4 Press **COPY** on the scanner.
- 5 To reduce or enlarge the copies, lighten or darken them, or change which printer prints them, click **Cancel** on the computer to set options in the HP ScanJet Copy Utility. Change options and click **Copy**. If you do not click **Cancel**, the number of copies specified on the scanner print directly to the default printer.

Saving a scan to a file

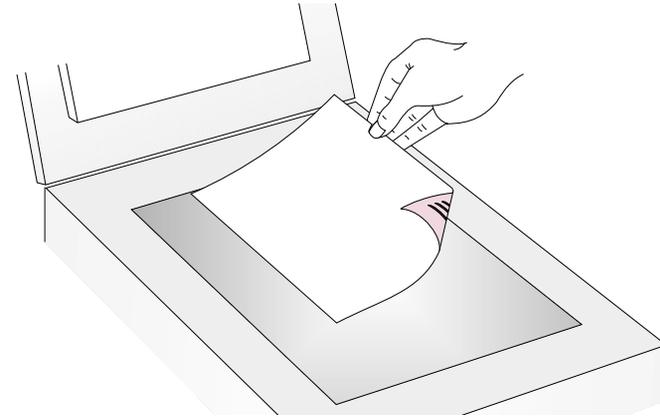
You can scan and save items directly to files for archiving purposes without making changes to them. The files are saved in .pdf format, which keeps the original page formatting.

Tip

To save a scanned image in a different file format, scan to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, and on the **Scan** menu, click **Save As**.

To save a scan to a file from the scanner

- 1 Place the original face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



Note: To load items in the ADF, see [page 66](#).

- 2 Press **FILE** on the scanner.
- 3 In the **Save As** dialog box, name the file, choose a location in which to save it, and click **Save**.
- 4 If the scanner or the computer prompts you for another page, do one of the following:
 - If you do not have more pages to scan, click **Done**.
 - If there are additional pages of this item, load the next page and click **Scan**. Repeat until all pages are scanned. Then, click **Done**.

Making scanned text editable

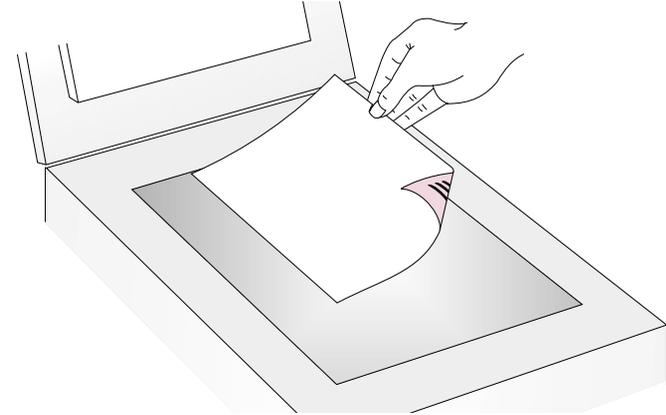
You can make text on a scanned image editable. The integrated optical character recognition (OCR) program converts the text to be editable and then places it in a supported word-processing program. Graphics on a scanned image are discarded, or the OCR program might try to convert them and they will appear as random characters.

Tip

If a block of text appears in Microsoft Word or another word-processing program inside a frame you do not want, double-click the frame border and click **Remove Frame** or a similar command. To prevent this from happening in the future, see "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24.

To make text editable from the scanner

- 1 Place the original face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



Note: To load items in the ADF, see [page 66](#).

- 2 Press **EDIT TEXT** on the scanner.
- 3 If the scanner or the computer prompts you for another page, do one of the following:
 - If you do not have more pages to scan, click **Done**.
 - If there are additional pages of this item, load the next page and click **Scan**. Repeat until all pages are scanned. Then, click **Done**.
- 4 When the text opens in the word-processing program, check it carefully for accuracy.

What to expect from OCR programs

Optical character recognition programs convert some text more accurately than other text. Because OCR technology is never perfect, proofread all converted text carefully to ensure the characters have been correctly interpreted.

These types of text convert most accurately:

- text in standard fonts
- text in 9-point font or larger
- crisp, clear text
- black text on a white background

These types of text might convert less accurately:

- text close to non-text elements, such as bullets, lines, or graphics
- text in spreadsheets, tables, or forms
- letters that have gaps, that “bleed” along their edges, or that touch other letters
- underlined text
- text on colored paper

Handwriting cannot be converted.

Supported word-processing programs

By default, text converted using the OCR program appears in Microsoft Word or WordPad. By changing the settings for the **EDIT TEXT** button, you can have text appear in a different, supported program instead. See ["Changing settings for buttons" on page 24](#). The **Edit Text** tab in the **HP ScanJet Button Options** dialog box will display the supported programs installed on the computer.

Changing settings for buttons

When you use the scanner buttons, the scanner scans the item using settings optimized for the destination, such as e-mail, that is associated with that button. Settings are applied to all items being scanned until you change the settings again.

Tip

To change the settings only for the current item, you may want to scan using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software instead. See [Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro](#) (starting on page 31).

To change settings for buttons

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - On the scanner, press **MORE OPTIONS** (if present).
 - On the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, point to **HP ScanJet Utilities**, and click **HP ScanJet Button Options**.
- 2 Click the tab for the button you want. The box in the middle of the tab contains the settings that can be changed.
- 3 Select a setting and click **Modify**.
- 4 Change the setting and click **OK**. See "[List of options for scanner buttons](#)" on page 25 for more information.
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 to change any other settings for this button.
- 6 Repeat steps 2 through 5 to change settings for another button.
- 7 When finished, click **Close**.

List of options for scanner buttons

E-mail Document tab options

This tab contains the scanning options that are applied to items you scan using the **E-MAIL** and **E-MAIL DOCUMENT** scanner buttons together.

Prompt for Another Page

When **Yes** is selected, a prompt appears on the computer after you scan the first page of a job. The prompt asks if you have more pages to scan to this job.

When **No** is selected, you will not be prompted for more pages. Each job will be treated as a single-page job.

Dimensions of Original Document

Choose the size that most closely matches the item you are scanning. If a size is unavailable (grayed out), that size is not supported. For example, this can occur if the item is larger than the scanner glass. Some scanners support an optional automatic document feeder that allows you to scan pages larger than the scanner glass.

Quality

Choose one:

- *Small file size with lower quality* creates scans at 100 dpi.
- *Normal* creates scans at 200 dpi.
- *Large file size with high quality* creates scans at 300 dpi.

Output type will be Grayscale or Black & White Bitmap. The file type will be .pdf.

Destination

Select the e-mail program into which scanned images will be placed as files when scanning is completed. If no compatible e-mail programs are installed on the computer, you cannot scan directly to e-mail. Instead, select **E-mail File** here in the **Destination** field. Then when you press **E-MAIL** on the scanner, you will be prompted to save the scanned image as a file, which you can manually attach to an e-mail message as you normally do.

If the e-mail program you want does not appear in the list, you can try to reinstall the e-mail program on the computer, which often allows the scanning software to detect the e-mail program correctly. If this is a newly released e-mail program, check the page for this scanner on the HP website for new drivers to support the e-mail program. Otherwise, visit the page for this scanner on the HP website to check for known conflicts with the program you want.

E-mail Photo tab options

This tab contains the scanning options that are applied to items you scan using the **E-MAIL** and **E-MAIL PHOTO** scanner buttons together.

Automatic Cropping

When **Yes** is selected, the scanner includes only the item or items on the scanner glass in the resulting scanned image.

When **No** is selected, the scanner includes the entire area of the scanner glass, including blank areas, in the resulting scanned image.

Color

When **Yes** is selected, scanned images retain their color. When **No** is selected, scanned images will be black and white. **No** (black and white) allows items to scan more quickly and creates smaller file sizes.

Quality

Choose one:

- *Small file size with lower quality* creates scans at 75 dpi.
- *Normal* creates scans at 100 dpi.
- *Large file size with high quality* creates scans at 150 dpi.

For color photos, output type will be True Color. For black-and-white photos, output type will be Grayscale.

Destination

Select the e-mail program into which scanned images will be placed as files when scanning is completed. If no compatible e-mail programs are installed on the computer, you cannot scan directly to e-mail. Instead, select **E-mail File** here in the **Destination** field. Then when you press **E-MAIL** on the scanner, you will be prompted to save the scanned image as a file, which you can manually attach to an e-mail message as you normally do.

If the e-mail program you want does not appear in the list, you can try to reinstall the e-mail program on the computer, which often allows the scanning software to detect the e-mail program correctly. If this is a newly released e-mail program, check the page for this scanner on the HP website for new drivers to support the e-mail program. Otherwise, visit the page for this scanner on the HP website to check for known conflicts with the program you want.

Fax tab options

This tab contains the options that apply to items scanned for use with your PC fax program.

Prompt for Another Page

When **Yes** is selected, a prompt appears on the computer after you scan the first page of a job. The prompt asks if you have more pages to scan to this job.

When **No** is selected, you will not be prompted for more pages. Each scanning job will be treated as a single-page job.

Dimensions of Original Document

Choose the size that most closely matches the item you are scanning. If a size is unavailable (grayed out), that size is not supported. For example, this can occur if the item is larger than the scanner glass. Some scanners support an optional automatic document feeder that allows you to scan pages larger than the scanner glass.

Destination

Select the PC fax program to which scanned images will go when scanning is completed. If no compatible PC fax programs are installed on the computer, you cannot scan directly to a PC fax program. Instead, select **Fax File** here in the **Destination** field. Then when you press **FAX** on the scanner, you will be prompted to save the scanned image as a file, which you can manually attach to a fax message as you normally do.

If the PC fax program you want does not appear in the list, you can try to reinstall the PC fax program on the computer, which often allows the scanning software to detect the PC fax program correctly. If this is a newly released PC fax program, check the page for this scanner on the HP website for new drivers to support the PC fax program. Otherwise, visit the page for this scanner on the HP website to check for known conflicts with the program you want.

File tab options

This tab contains the options that apply to items you scan using the **FILE** button on the scanner. The File destination is intended to allow you to archive files, so the file type used is .pdf, which keeps the formatting of the original item and provides a relatively small file size.

To create a file with a different file type, scan the item using the **HP SCANNING SOFTWARE** button. Once the scanned image opens in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, save it using the **Save As** command on the **Scan** menu.

Prompt for Another Page

When **Yes** is selected, a prompt appears on the computer after you scan the first page of a job. The prompt asks if you have more pages to scan to this job.

When **No** is selected, you will not be prompted for more pages. Each scanning job will be treated as a single-page job.

Dimensions of Original Document

Choose the size that most closely matches the item you are scanning. If a size is unavailable (grayed out), that size is not supported. For example, this can occur if the item is larger than the scanner glass. Some scanners support an optional automatic document feeder that allows you to scan pages larger than the scanner glass.

Color

When **Yes** is selected, scanned images retain their color. When **No** is selected, scanned images will be black and white. **No** (black and white) allows items to scan more quickly and creates smaller file sizes.

Quality

Use one of the quality options below:

- *Small file size with low quality* creates scans at 100 dpi.
- *Normal* creates scans at 200 dpi.
- *Large file size with high quality* creates scans at 300 dpi.

If the **Color** option on this tab is selected, output type will be True Color. If the black-and-white option is selected, output type will be Grayscale or Black & White Bitmap. The file type will be .pdf.

Edit Text options

This tab contains the options that are applied to items you scan using the **EDIT TEXT** scanner button. Text on these items is processed using the OCR program so that the text will be editable in your word-processing program.

Prompt for Another Page

When **Yes** is selected, a prompt appears on the computer after you scan the first page of a job. The prompt asks if you have more pages to scan to this job.

When **No** is selected, you will not be prompted for more pages. Each scanning job will be treated as a single-page job.

Dimensions of Original Document

Choose the size that most closely matches the item you are scanning. If a size is unavailable (grayed out), that size is not supported. For example, this can occur if the item is larger than the scanner glass. Some scanners support an optional automatic document feeder that allows you to scan pages larger than the scanner glass.

Flowed Text (Format)

When **Yes** (flowed text) is selected, output is converted to one column in what the software perceives to be the most logical order. Use this option to make more extensive changes to text.

When **No, use framed text when possible** is selected, text appears in a frame, positioned as closely as possible to the way they appear in the original, for example in columns. Text can be more difficult to edit extensively since the frames might not expand to hold additional text.

Destination

Select the word-processing program into which the scanned image will be placed when scanning is completed. WordPad will always be available.

If you want a different word-processing program but it does not appear in the list, you can try to reinstall the program on the computer, which often allows the scanning software to detect it correctly. If this is a newly released program, check the page for this scanner on the HP website for new drivers to support the program. Otherwise, visit the page for this scanner on the HP website to check for known conflicts with the program you want.

3 Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro

Using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, you can preview scanned images and make changes to the images before you send them to a destination or file them. You start the HP PrecisionScan Pro software from a scanner button or the **Programs** group in the **Start** menu.

You can also start the HP PrecisionScan Pro software from another program, such as a word-processing or image-editing program, if the program is compliant with TWAIN. See "[Scanning from other programs \(TWAIN\)](#)" on page 63 for more information.

Overview of the HP PrecisionScan Pro software

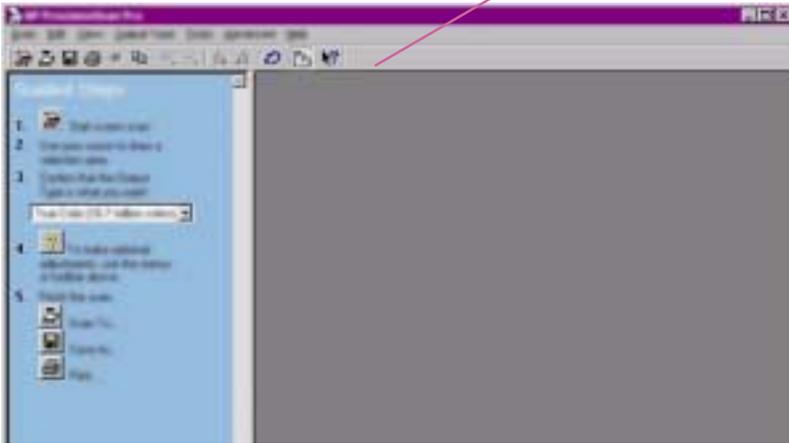
The HP PrecisionScan Pro software provides preview capabilities and tools for changing an image. Some of the changes you can make include:

- select only part of, or crop, the preview image to become the final scanned image
- change the resolution
- resize the scanned image
- change the contrast

To start the software without initiating a scan

On the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, and click **HP PrecisionScan Pro**. The software starts.

Hover over a command in this toolbar to see an explanation



To view the function of a command, place the cursor over the command until an explanation appears.

For more information about the types of assistance the software itself offers, see "[Finding help for using the software](#)" on this page. For more information about keyboard shortcuts, menu items, toolbars, and cursor appearance, see "[Using software commands and controls](#)" on [page 105](#).

Finding help for using the software

The HP PrecisionScan Pro software provides several means of assisting you.

Tip

The Online Help is not available on computer running a version of Internet Explorer that is earlier than 4.0. For Help, see "[Resolving issues that did not generate messages](#)" on [page 81](#).

Guided Steps

Use the Guided Steps for step-by-step help as you move through the scanning process. By default, the Guided Steps appear along the left side of the preview window. As you become more comfortable with the software, you can hide them. To show or hide them, on the **View** menu, click **Guided Steps**. Or, on the toolbar click .

Smart Friends

Smart Friends are tips that appear automatically to notify you of potential problems. For example, if you are setting a very high resolution but want to e-mail the scanned image, a Smart Friend would alert you that the file will probably be too large to e-mail. To turn individual messages off, select the Don't remind me again check box in the message's dialog box. To turn all messages off, click **Disable All Smart Friends** on the **Help** menu. To turn all messages back on, click **Enable All Smart Friends**.

Online Help

The online Help is an easy-to-use source of information about using the scanner and software, troubleshooting, support, and specifications. To gain access to the Help: on the **Help** menu, click **Contents**. Or, click the **Help** button in any dialog box in which it appears.

What's This? Help

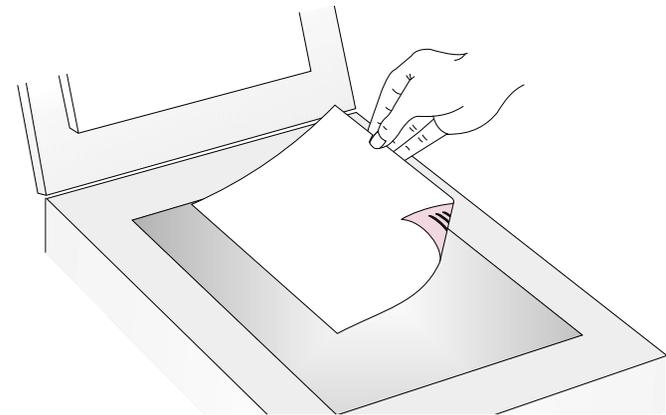
Click  and click a button, menu, or command to find more information about that feature.

Performing a new scan

Once you start a new scan, the scanner does a preliminary scan of the item and displays the scanned image in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. Then, you can see the scanned image and edit it, if necessary, before sending it to a destination or saving it as a file.

To start (preview) a new scan

- 1 Place the original face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.



Note: To load items in the ADF, see [page 66](#).

2 Start the scan in one of these ways:

- On the scanner, press **HP SCANNING SOFTWARE**.
- In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, click  on the toolbar.
- In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, click **New Scan** on the **Scan** menu.
- If the Guided Steps are showing, click .

The scanned image appears in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. This scanned image is the preview image. You can make changes, such as selecting only part of the image or adjusting the contrast.

When you send the image to another program such as e-mail, place the image on a website, or save it as a file, the scanner performs a final scan of the item that includes any changes you made. Directions for making optional adjustments and completing the scan appear in this section.

Cropping or selecting an area for final scan

Once a scanned image appears in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, you must select which area becomes the final scanned image by creating a selection area. When you create a selection area, a dotted selection border appears around the area:



For information about the appearance of the cursor when it is over an area of the selection border, see "[Context-sensitive cursors](#)" on [page 111](#).

Tip

If you only want to look more closely at an area without changing what will be included in the final scan, see "[Getting a closer look \(zooming\)](#)" on [page 35](#).

To crop or select an area for final scan

Do one of the following:

- Move the cursor over the area you want and click.
- When the cursor looks like this: , click on one corner of the area you want and drag the cursor to the opposite corner to draw a rectangular selection area.
- On the **Edit** menu, click **Select All**. The entire scanner bed, including blank areas, is selected.

To resize the selection area

Click on a handle of the selection border and drag to resize.

To move the selection border

Move the cursor over the selection area. When the cursor looks like this: , click and drag the selection border to the new location.

To remove the selection border

Do one of the following:

- Press **Esc**.
- On the **Edit** menu, click **Unselect All**.
- Draw a selection border around a different area of the image.

Getting a closer look (zooming)

Zoom in on the selection area to look at it more closely or make changes to it. Zoom out to view the entire preview image, or so you can select a different area of the image to view. Zooming in on the selection area before making changes or performing a final scan provides the best final results. The zoom commands are not available if you have not created a selection area.

Zooming in and out *does not* change which part of the image becomes the final scan, nor does it change the final output size (physical output dimensions). To change which part of the image becomes the final scanned image, see "[Cropping or selecting an area for final scan](#)" on [page 34](#). To resize the image, see "[Resizing \(output dimensions\)](#)" on [page 38](#).

To zoom in

After creating a selection area, do one of the following:

- On the **View** menu, click **Zoom in**.
- Click .

To zoom out

Do one of the following:

- On the **View** menu, click **Zoom out** to return to the original view of the image.
- Click .

Selecting output type

When **Automatically Set Type** is selected, the scanning software automatically chooses an output type based on the type of item you are scanning. However, you can change the output type yourself when you want. Choose the output type based on how you will use the final scanned image as well as the type of item you are scanning.

To select an output type

1 Do one of the following:

- If it is not already selected, click **Automatically Set Type** on the **Output Type** menu, to allow the software to choose the best output type for this type of original item.
- To change the output type only for this scan, keep **Automatically Set Type** selected and select an output type you want from the **Output Type** menu. See [List of output types](#)"List of output types" on page 36.
- To change the output type for this scan and all other scans in this session, clear **Automatically Set Type** and select an output type you want from the **Output Type** menu. See [List of output types](#)"List of output types" on page 36.
- If you are scanning from a TWAIN compatible application, the Spot Color, Black & White Scalable, Editable Text, and Text & Image output types are not supported and appear greyed out in the **Output Type** menu.

Tip

For help choosing an output type, view the Guided Steps. If they are not already displayed, click .

List of output types

For these uses	Use this output type
Color photos or drawings with lots of shading to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • printed on a color printer • displayed on a color monitor set to millions of colors • displayed on Web and saved in the .jpg or .png file format 	True Color (16.7 million colors)
Color photos or drawings with shading to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • printed to a color printer • sent via e-mail • used in any way that requires a small file size • viewed on a computer screen 	256-Color (optimized palette)
Color photos or drawings with shading to be printed to a B&W printer.	Grayscale
B&W photos and drawings with shading to be used for any purpose.	Grayscale
B&W drawings without shading to be placed in another program without resizing in the other program.	Black & White Bitmap
B&W drawings without shading to be resized in another program.	Black & White Scalable
Any image to be saved in .gif file format and displayed on the Web.	256-Color (web palette)
Text that needs to be editable in a word-processing program.	Editable Text (OCR)
Text that needs to be editable and graphics to be used.	Text and Image
Color drawings or logos without much shading and with a concentrated area of a single color. The image is to be used for any purpose.	Spot Color (16-color)

To reset output type

On the **Output Type** menu, click **Automatically Set Type**. The software chooses the best output type based on the image inside the selection area.

Making optional adjustments, basic

These tools are needed most often, but using any of them is still optional. Depending on the output type chosen, some tools will not be available.

Resizing (output dimensions)

You can resize the image before you do the final scan by changing the output dimensions. Resizing the scanned image to the actual dimensions you need before performing the final scan helps ensure the best image quality.

Tip

If you need to resize images to fit in a file, such as word-processing document, resize them here in the scanning software. Resizing images in the other program may cause them to be fuzzy or have jagged edges.

To resize an image

- 1 On the **Tools** menu, click **Resize**. The Resize dialog box opens.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - If necessary, select a unit of measure in the **Units** field. In the Output Dimensions area, type a new value in the **Width** or **Height** field and press **ENTER**.
 - In the **Scale** field, select a scale percentage.New values appear in the **Scale**, **Width**, and **Height** fields, but the selection area and the scanned image on screen remain the same. Resizing occurs when you complete the scan.
- 3 If you want, click . This locks the output dimensions you defined so you can change the selection area without changing the output dimensions. When you change the selection border, the software resizes the border proportionally. The output dimensions remain the same.

Changing resolution

Resolution determines the amount of data in a scanned image. The scanning software chooses the optimal resolution based on the output type. This resolution generally does not need to change.

If you do change the resolution, choose one no higher than the capabilities of the monitor or printer and one appropriate for the type of scanned image. For example, to print on a 600 dpi printer, choose 600 for black-and-white bitmap images, but choose only 200 for color or grayscale images. These resolutions produce optimal quality while keeping file sizes small.

Selecting higher resolutions for color images increases file size while not increasing quality. If you double the resolution, the file size quadruples. Large file sizes can prevent you from doing certain tasks, such as e-mailing, or can take up too much space on your computer.

For help choosing a resolution based on the type of original item and destination, see "[Tips for best image quality](#)" on page 59.

To change resolution

- 1 On the **Tools** menu, click **Change Resolution**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Select a value from the list.
 - Type a value between 12 and 999,999 in the field and press **ENTER**.

The resolution changes as soon as you select a value.

To reset resolution

On the **Tools** menu, click **Change Resolution**. Then, click .

Tip

You can add the Reset Resolution tool to the toolbar. See ["To add tools to the toolbar" on page 109](#).

Changing contrast

The contrast is controlled by the midtone, highlight, and shadow settings. See ["Changing midtones" on page 43](#), ["Changing highlights" on page 44](#), and ["Changing shadows" on page 45](#).

Rotating an image

You can rotate the image in 90-degree increments clockwise or counterclockwise. You might need to rotate the image if you placed the bottom of the item at the top of the scanner glass, or if the item was sideways. Items such as negatives in their template often scan sideways.

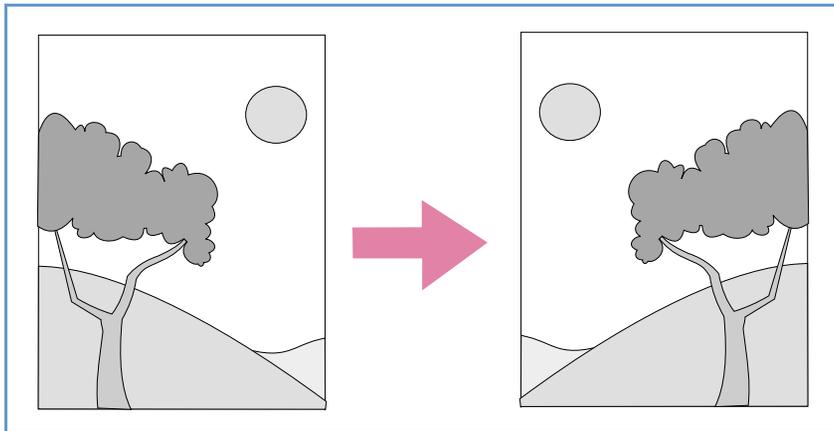
To rotate an image

Do one of the following:

- *To rotate an image clockwise:* On the **Tools** menu, click **Rotate right 90°**. Or, click  on the toolbar. Repeat to continue turning.
- *To rotate an image counterclockwise:* On the **Tools** menu, click **Rotate left 90°**. Or, click  on the toolbar. Repeat to continue turning.

Mirroring (reversing) an image

You can mirror, or reverse, an image from side to side on the vertical axis. Mirroring an image allows you to see the elements of the image on the opposite side of their actual position. Mirroring can be particularly useful for items such as negatives that might be placed in their template backward and scanned in reverse.



To mirror (reverse) an image

On the **Tools** menu, click **Mirror**. Repeat to return to the original layout.

Sharpening an image

Increasing sharpening enhances detail in the image. The HP PrecisionScan Pro software automatically selects the optimal sharpen level, but you can change it.

You might want to increase sharpening if the image looks fuzzy. Conversely, you might want to decrease sharpening if the original item has flaws or marks on it. Increasing sharpening, or increasing it too much, can accent the flaws and create undesirable patterns.

To sharpen an image

- 1 On the **Tools** menu, click **Sharpen**.
- 2 Select a sharpen level from the list. The viewer shows the effect of the changes on the image.

To reset sharpen levels

- 1 On the **Tools** menu, click **Sharpen**.
- 2 Click .

Tip

You can add the Reset Sharpen tool to the toolbar. See ["To add tools to the toolbar" on page 109](#).

Resetting all adjustments

You can reset images to the optimal (default) values the scanning software chose for the image. Optimal values are based on the output type selected. Resetting removes all adjustments you have made except the output type, zoom level, or the selection area.

To reset all adjustments

Do one of the following:

- On the **Edit** menu, click **Undo Editing Changes**.
- On the toolbar, click .

Making optional adjustments, advanced

These optional adjustments are ones that most people generally do not use or need, but some advanced users might want them for special effects or other needs. Depending on the output type chosen, some tools are not available.

Inverting the image

Use the Invert command to convert white areas of an image to black and black to white. For color images, a color is converted to its complementary color. Generally, this command is useful for drawings and spot color images.

To invert the image

On the **Advanced** menu, click **Invert Colors**. Repeat to reverse the colors again.

Changing midtones

The midtone setting lets you lighten or darken the middle values in an image. The range for the number in the **Midtone** field is 1.0 to 4.0. Moving toward 1.0 darkens the image. Moving toward 4.0 lightens the image.

To adjust midtones for slides, negatives, or other transparent items, use "[Adjusting midtones for transparent items](#)" on page 73.

Midtone set at 2.2
(the default)



Midtone set at 3.0



Tip

If you are sharing the image with others who will be viewing it on a computer screen, the Midtone value 2.2 is recommended because it is an average value that works with many different monitors.

To lighten the image overall

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Midtone slider to the right.
 - Type a higher number in the **Midtone** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Up** arrow next to the **Midtone** field.

To darken the image overall

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Midtone slider to the left.
 - Type a lower number in the **Midtone** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Down** arrow next to the **Midtone** field.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, and shadow to the default settings for this scanned image. Clicking **Auto** also returns output levels to the defaults. See "[Setting pixel output levels](#)" on page 47.

Changing highlights

The highlight is the value in the image that is represented on the screen as white. All values lighter than the highlight also appear as white.

The image has a default highlight setting. Selecting a higher number makes more of the lighter values distinct, which increases detail in light areas. Selecting a lower number makes fewer of the lighter values distinct, which reduces detail in the light areas.

To adjust highlights for slides, negatives, or other transparent items, use "[Adjusting highlights for transparent items](#)" on page 73.

Highlights set at 218



Highlights set at 122



To increase detail in lighter areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Highlight slider toward the right.
 - Type a higher number in the **Highlights** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Down** arrow next to the **Highlight** field.

To reduce detail in lighter areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Highlight slider toward the left.
 - Type a lower number in the **Highlights** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Up** arrow next to the **Highlight** field.

To choose a value as the highlight value

Click  (white eyedropper). When the cursor changes to the eyedropper, move it over the area you want to be the highlight and click.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, and shadow to the default settings for this scanned image. Clicking **Auto** also returns output levels to the defaults. See "[Setting pixel output levels](#)" on page 47.

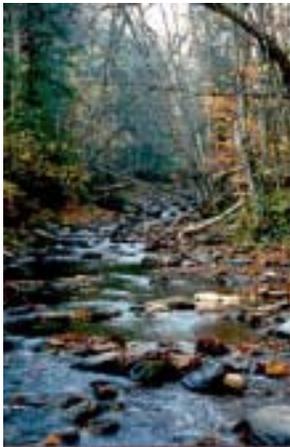
Changing shadows

The shadow is the value in the image that is represented on the screen as black. All values darker than the shadow also appear as black.

The image has a default shadows value. Selecting a higher number makes more of the darker values distinct, which increases detail in dark areas. Selecting a lower number makes fewer of the darker values distinct, which reduces detail in the dark areas.

To adjust shadows for slides, negatives, or other transparent items, use "[Adjusting shadows for transparent items](#)" on page 74.

Shadow set at 10



Shadow set at 3



To increase detail in darker areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Shadows slider toward the right.
 - Type a higher number in the **Shadows** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Down** arrow next to the **Shadows** field.

To decrease detail in darker areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Shadows slider toward the left.
 - Type a lower number in the **Shadows** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **up** arrow next to the **Shadows** field.

To select a value as the shadow value

Click  (black eyedropper). When the cursor changes to the eyedropper, move it over the area you want to be the shadow and click.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, and shadow to the default settings for this scanned image. Clicking **Auto** also returns output levels to the defaults. See "[Setting pixel output levels](#)" on page 47.

Checking for clipped areas

The lightest or darkest areas of an image that will print without any detail in them are known as clipped areas. The lightest areas, or highlights, will print as the color of the paper (without ink or toner) and therefore will have no detail. The darkest areas, or shadows, will print as saturated in the blackest color of ink or toner, and therefore will also have no detail.

You can view and change clipped areas if you want those areas to contain detail when they print.



Normal view



View when
Highlight
Alarm
selected



View when
Shadow
Alarm
selected

To view and change clipped light (highlight) areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click  (Highlight Alarm). The light areas in the image that will print as white (no detail) appear black.
- 3 In the **Highlights** setting, click the **Up** arrow repeatedly until the clipped pixels disappear from the image. The result of the change can be seen in the preview image.
- 4 Click  again to turn the Highlight Alarm off.

To view and change clipped dark (Shadow) areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click  (Shadow Alarm). The darker areas in the image that will print as black (without detail) appear white.
- 3 In the **Shadow** setting, click the **Down** arrow repeatedly until the clipped pixels disappear from the image. The result of the change can be seen.
- 4 Click  again to turn the Shadow Alarm off.

Setting pixel output levels

The output levels setting lets you create interesting effects for scanned pictures. When you select this command, the Black and White output levels appear. By default, white is set to 255, and black is set to 0.

Decreasing the White output level makes the overall image darker.

Increasing the Black output level makes the image more faded.

Changing the White output level value to 0 and the Black output level value to 255 inverts the colors in the image.

To change the ranges for the numbers in the **White** and **Black** fields, see the **Controls** tab of "[Setting preferences](#)" on page 60.

Tip

To use an image as a light background for dark text, such as for an overhead transparency, increase the Black output level until the image is as faint as you want.

To use an image as a dark background for light text, such as for color slides, decrease the White output level value until the image is as dark as you want.

To change output levels

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click the **Output Levels** check box. The dialog box expands to display the current White and Black output levels.
- 3 To change the levels, do one of the following:
 - Click on the line at one side of a slider.
 - Type a different number in the **White** or **Black** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Up** or **Down** arrow next to the **White** field or **Black** field.

The result of the changes to output levels can be seen in the preview area.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, shadow, and output levels to the default settings for this scanned image.

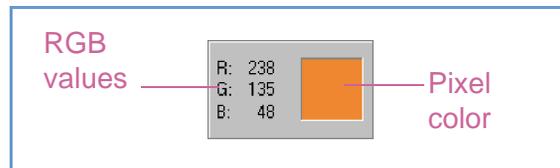
Viewing RGB values and pixels

You can view the RGB values and pixel color for any spot in a color or grayscale image using the RGB meter.

To view the RGB values and pixel color for slides, negatives, or other transparent items, use "[Viewing RGB values and pixel color](#)" on page 74.

To view the RGB values and pixels

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click  or .
- 3 Move the pointer over the image. The RGB values and pixel color appear in the RGB meter.

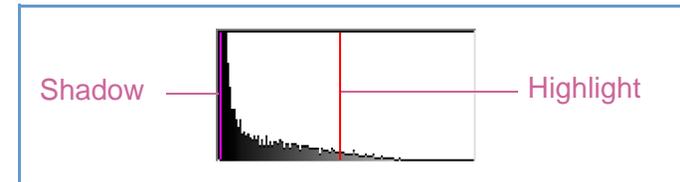


Note: Do not click while the eyedropper pointer is over the image unless you want to change the setting for highlight or shadow.

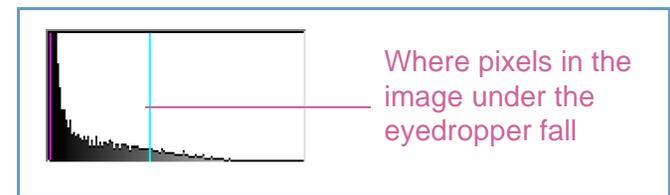
- 4 Click the same eyedropper button again. The RGB meter dims and the cursor returns to normal.

About the histogram

The histogram is a graph of the distribution of pixels in the selection area. The magenta line represents the current setting for shadow. The red line represents the current setting for highlight. The midtone setting is not represented.



The turquoise line appears in the histogram when either eyedropper cursor is positioned over the image. This line shows you where in the histogram the pixels in that area of the image occur.



The histogram represents pixel distribution in the preview image, not in the final scanned image. Changing the selection area changes the histogram. Changing the setting for highlight or shadow does not change the histogram.

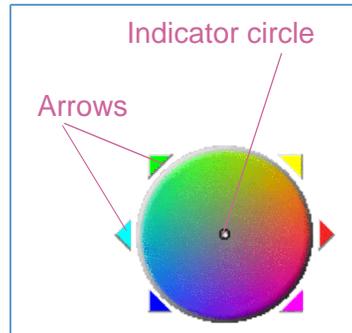
Changing the hue

Color in an image consists of its hue and the saturation. Hue refers to the overall color cast of the image.

The software sets the hue for an image, but you can change it. You might want to change it if the image has too much of one color, or if you want to create a special effect.

To change the hue

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Color**.
- 2 Change the overall color of the image by doing one of the following on the color wheel:
 - Drag the indicator circle to a new area.
 - Click the arrow for a color on the outer edge of the wheel.



The result of the change can be seen in the image.

Tip

If the image has too much of one color, move toward the color's opposite.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Color**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return to the default hue and saturation settings for this scanned image.

Changing the saturation

Color in an image consists of its hue and the saturation. Saturation refers to the intensity of the colors.

The software sets the saturation for an image, but you can change it. You might want to change it to make colors in the image more or less vivid, or to create a special effect. The range in the **Saturation** field is 0 to 150.

To increase saturation

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Color**.
- 2 Make colors more vivid by doing one of the following:
 - Click to the right of the slider.
 - Type a higher number in the **Saturation** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Up** arrow next to the **Saturation** field.

To decrease saturation

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Color**.
- 2 Make colors less vivid by doing one of the following:
 - Click to the left of the slider.
 - Type a lower number in the **Saturation** field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Down** arrow next to the **Saturation** field.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Color**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return to the default hue and saturation settings for this scanned image.

Changing the black-and-white threshold

Changing black-and-white threshold only applies to images using the Black & White Bitmap output type. The threshold is a value in the image that represents the border between black and white. All values in the image that are lighter than the threshold appear as white, and all values darker appear as black.

The image has a default threshold value. Choosing a number closer to zero makes more values appear as white. Choosing a higher number makes more values appear as black.

Threshold at 127
(the default for this image)



Threshold at 45



To change black-and-white threshold

- 1 Make sure that **Black & White Bitmap** is selected on the **Output Type** menu. The selection should have a dot beside it.
- 2 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Black & White Threshold**.
- 3 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the slider.
 - Type a new value in the field and press **ENTER**.
 - Click the **Up** or **Down** arrow next to the field.
- 4 If necessary, sharpen the image. This can be especially useful if the original was a color or black-and-white photograph. See ["Sharpening an image" on page 40](#).

To reset black-and-white threshold

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Black & White Threshold**.
- 2 Click **Auto**.

Setting which colors become black or white in black & white bitmaps

This procedure only applies to color images that will be using the Black & White Bitmap output type. It allows you to create special effects, or to correct for originals on colored paper.

Images consist of pixels. In color images, each pixel has a varying amount of Red, Green, or Blue to create its specific color. You can determine whether the Red, Green, or Blue in each pixel turns to black or white in the final scanned image.

To set which colors become black or white in black & white bitmaps

- 1 Make sure that **Black & White Bitmap** is selected on the **Output Type** menu. The selection should have a dot beside it.
- 2 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Black & White Threshold**.
- 3 Select a color channel from the **Scan using channel** list.
 - Choose **Red** to change the red in the image to white. Green and blue become black. Useful for originals printed on pink or red paper.
 - Choose **Green** to change the green in the image to white. Red and blue become black. Useful for originals printed on green paper.
 - Choose **Blue** to change the blue in the image to white. Red and green become black. Useful for originals printed on blue paper.
 - Choose **NTSC Gray** to convert light shades of all colors to white and dark shades of all colors to black. (No one color becomes all white or all black.) Colors are converted to gray at a ratio of 30% red, 59% green, and 11% blue.

To reset to the default colors

- 1 Make sure that **Black & White Bitmap** is selected on the **Output Type** menu. The selection should have a checkmark beside it.
- 2 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Black & White Threshold**.
- 3 Choose **NTSC Gray** from the **Scan using channel** list.

Descreening images

Use the **Descreen** command to reduce undesirable patterns in printed items that you are scanning. An example of an undesirable pattern is a moiré pattern, or the circles that often appear on pictures printed in newspapers.

Note that scanning takes longer when this command is selected. If you are not scanning a printed original, turn Descreen off to reduce scanning time.

To descreen images

On the **Advanced** menu, click **Descreen**. Select the option again to turn it off.

Resetting all adjustments

You can reset images to the optimal (default) values the scanning software chose for the image. Optimal values are based on the output type selected. Resetting removes all adjustments you have made except the output type, zoom level, or the selection area.

To reset all adjustments

Do one of the following:

- On the **Edit** menu, click **Undo Editing Changes**.
- On the toolbar, click .

Completing the final scan

When you finish making changes, you need to complete the final scan by doing one of these tasks:

- [Sending to a program](#). See this page.
- [Returning the image to a TWAIN program](#). See [page 54](#).
- [Saving to a file](#). See [page 54](#).
- [Printing](#). See [page 56](#).
- [Placing a scan on a website](#). See [page 56](#).
- [Setting the scanned image as wallpaper](#). See [page 57](#).
- [Copying and pasting into another program](#). See [page 57](#).
- [Dragging-and-dropping into another program](#). See [page 57](#).
- [Dragging-and-dropping to the Windows Desktop or a folder](#). See [page 58](#).

When you do any of these procedures, the scanner performs a final scan including your changes before sending it to the program or printer you choose, copying the image, etc.

Images are not automatically saved as files if you print them, send them to a another program, or copy and paste them into a file in another program. To use the scanned image again, be sure to save it. See "[Saving to a file](#)" on [page 54](#).

Sending to a program

Once you finish viewing and changing the scanned image, you can perform a final scan and send it directly to a program such as e-mail. If the program you want is not available, save the image as a file and insert it into the destination program as you normally would.

Tip

If you send text to Word or another word-processing program and the text appears inside a frame you do not want, double-click the frame border and click **Remove Frame** or a similar command. To prevent this from happening in the future, see "[Setting preferences](#)" on [page 60](#).

To send to a program

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - On the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To**.
 - On the toolbar or the Guided Steps (if visible), click .
- 2 Choose a program from the list and click **Scan**.
- 3 If the program you select accepts multipage files, you might be asked if you have more pages to scan to this file. Do one of the following:
 - If this is a one-page item, click **Done**.
 - If there are more pages of this item, load the next page in the scanner and click **Scan** on the computer. Repeat until all pages are scanned. Then, click **Done**.

The destination program opens and displays the scanned image.

Returning the image to a TWAIN program

If you started the scan from a TWAIN-compliant program, you can perform a final scan and return the image to that program using this procedure. For more information about scanning using TWAIN, see "[Scanning from other programs \(TWAIN\)](#)" on page 63.

To return the image to a TWAIN program

Do one of the following:

- On the **Scan** menu, click **Return image to**
- On the toolbar, click .

Saving to a file

Save scanned images as files when you want to use the images again later. For help deciding on which file type to use, see "[List of file types](#)" on page 55, or see "[Tips for best image quality](#)" on page 59. For definitions of File types, see the "[Glossary](#)" on page 113.

To save to a file

1 Do one of the following:

- On the **Scan** menu, click **Save As**.
- On the toolbar, click .
- Click  in the Guided Steps, if they are visible.

2 Select a file type. See "[List of file types](#)" on page 55.

3 Select a name and location for the file and click **OK**.

4 If the **Options** button is available, more options are available for this file type. Click **Options**, change any options you want, and click **OK**.

The file type you need depends on how you will use the file. And, some file types are not available when certain output types are selected.

List of file types

Image file formats

- **Bitmap (.bmp)**. Often a good choice because Windows itself and most Windows programs accept the .bmp file type.
- **FlashPix (.fpx)**. A FlashPix file contains a complete image plus several lower resolution copies of that image. The advantage of the FlashPix file format over other file formats is that a program can automatically select the best resolution for a particular job to make editing and using images faster and easier. Cannot be used with 256-color output types.
- **GIF (.gif)**. GIF is a compressed file format suitable for an image that will be used on the Web or on multiple platforms. Cannot be used with True Color output type.
- **JPEG (.jpg)**. JPEG is a compressed file format for images. Its strengths are small file sizes and speed. The trade-off for these advantages, though, is reduced image quality. Because each time an image is compressed with JPEG it loses a little of the image data, avoid compressing a file with JPEG more than once. JPEG is an appropriate file format for an image that will be used on the Web or on multiple platforms.
You can save your JPEG file as a progressive JPEG. When used on a Web page, a progressive JPEG is initially sent as just every other line, with the remaining lines sent immediately after. This allows a (somewhat blurry) image to display sooner. Most people prefer this. Cannot be used with 256-color output types.
- **PNG (.png)**. A compressed image file format that might replace GIF. Like GIF, PNG uses non-lossy compression, which means all the visual data is saved and restored when the file is decompressed. Unlike GIF, PNG can be used with the true color output type, as well as grayscale ones.

- **TIFF (.tif)**. Usually created by scanners, TIFF files are widely accepted by programs that work with photographs and other images. A TIFF file is a bitmapped graphic (also called a raster graphic) and can be any resolution. TIFF image files can be used on multiple platforms.
- **TIFF compressed (.tif)**. Compressed TIFF files for images are smaller than standard TIFF files.
- **PCX image (.pcx)**. The PCX file format is for images used in Windows programs such as PC Paintbrush and Paint.
- **Windows Metafile (.wmf)**. The Microsoft Windows Metafile file format is used for scalable (vector) images in Windows programs. It is only available for images using the Black & White Scalable (vector) output type.

Text or text-and-image file formats

- **HTML (.htm)**. HTML is useful for text and graphics that will be viewed on the World Wide Web. When this format is selected for a scanned image containing both text and images, the text is converted to editable text and is saved as HTML, and the graphics are saved as GIF or JPEG files.
- **PDF (.pdf)**. PDF is a format useful for text, photos, and drawings. Use Adobe Acrobat Reader to view .pdf files. If no changes need to be made to the file, this file type is useful for sharing (as through e-mail) and filing because of its generally small file size.
- **Rich Text (.rtf)**. The .rtf format can be used with a page that contains text or text and pictures. The formatting of text in an .rtf file can usually be retained and then interpreted by other programs.
- **Text (.txt)**. Use .txt file format for saving only the text in the selection area and when you are using the **Editable Text (OCR)** output type. Text will be editable, unformatted, ASCII text.

Printing

The selection area is the part of the image that prints. If there is no selection border, the contents of the entire scanner bed, including blank areas, print.

The **Print** command is disabled if one of these output types is selected: **Editable Text (OCR)**, **Text and Image**, or **Black and White Bitmap Scalable**. To print, you must select a different output type.

Printing does not save the image to the computer. Save the scanned image to a file to use the image later.

To print

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - On the **Scan** menu, click **Print**.
 - On the toolbar, click .
 - Click  in the Guided Steps, if they are visible.
- 2 In the **Print** dialog box, select the options you want and click **OK**.

Placing a scan on a website

Share photos with other people by scanning directly to the Web. People you know can view the photos and other items by visiting your website, which will have an address you can give them. Links to the website are in English.

When you choose this destination for the first time, you will be prompted to sign up for the free website. Then, you can scan directly to the site whenever you want.

Tip

If you want to place a scan on a site other than an HP Share-to-Web site, save the scanned image as a file and then place the file on the site as you normally do.

To place a scan on a website

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - On the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To**.
 - On the toolbar, click .
 - Click  in the Guided Steps, if they are visible.
- 2 Select **HP Share-to-Web** from the list and click **Scan**.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen to finish posting the scanned image to the website.

Setting the scanned image as wallpaper

When you choose this command, the software performs the final scan and uses the results as the wallpaper on your Windows Desktop. Right-click on the scanned image and click **Set as Wallpaper**.

To change to a different wallpaper, right-click on the Windows Desktop and click **Properties**.

Copying and pasting into another program

You can copy the scanned image to the Clipboard and then paste it into a file in the destination program. After the image is pasted, it becomes a part of the file.

To copy and paste into another program

- 1 In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, do one of the following:
 - On the **Edit** menu, click **Copy**.
 - On the toolbar, click .
- 2 In the destination program, place the cursor where you want to insert the scanned image and click.
- 3 Choose the **Paste** command in the program.

Dragging-and-dropping into another program

You can drag-and-drop a scanned image into another program if that program supports drag-and-drop. The cursor turns to a  if you try to drop a scanned image into a program that does not support drag-and-drop, or if you drag the image over a program or area that does not support drag-and-drop.

To drag-and-drop into another program

- 1 Open a file in the destination program. Make sure you can see both the destination program and the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.
- 2 In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, place the cursor over the scanned image.
- 3 Click inside the selection area and drag to the location in the destination program. Then, release the mouse button. Wait for the scanner to perform a final scan of the image.

Dragging-and-dropping to the Windows Desktop or a folder

Scanned images you drag-and-drop to the Windows Desktop or a folder in Windows Explorer become a bitmap file. The bitmap file is given a generic name such as "scan.bmp." *Subsequent images scanned to the Desktop or that folder replace the current one.* Therefore, if you want to save a scanned image, rename it before you drag-and-drop another image to that location.

To drag-and-drop to the Windows Desktop or a folder

- 1 Make sure you can see both the HP PrecisionScan Pro software and the Desktop or the folder you want in Windows Explorer.
- 2 In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, place the cursor over the scanned image.
- 3 Press **CTRL** and click over the selection area.
- 4 While holding down the mouse button, drag the scanned image to the Desktop or folder and release the mouse button. Wait until the scanner performs the final scan.

Other features and tips

The other sections in "[Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro](#)" provide the most common information you need to scan items every day. In this section, you can find information about:

- which settings to use to get the best image quality. (See "[Tips for best image quality](#)" on page 59.)
- how to save a group of settings you use all the time and use them with future scans when you select them. (See "[Saving settings](#)" on page 59.)
- how to change the default settings the scanner uses to scan all items. (See "[Setting preferences](#)" on page 60.)
- how to start scanning from programs compliant with TWAIN. (See "[Scanning from other programs \(TWAIN\)](#)" on page 63.)

For information about results to expect from the OCR program, see "[What to expect from OCR programs](#)" on page 23.

Tips for best image quality

Output type, resolution, file type, and values for other controls determine image quality and file size.

When you first scan an item, the scanner chooses the defaults for output type and resolution, and you do not need to change them. If you want to change these settings or want help choosing a file type, see:

- "To select an output type" on page 36
- "Changing resolution" on page 38
- "List of file types" on page 55

Tip

For help choosing the best output type for your image, use the Guided Steps. To show them, click  on the toolbar.

Tip

For any image that will be printed, choose TIF compressed as the file type to reduce the file size while maintaining quality. Also, many different programs recognize this file type.

Saving settings

You can save and name a group of settings that you frequently use for a particular purpose and apply them to items you scan in the future. For example, if you routinely e-mail pictures to someone, you can save the settings including the output type, resolution, and dimensions that you always use. The settings are automatically applied when you scan a picture and choose the group of settings.

Saved settings override the default settings and any changes you made up to that point. Any changes you make after that point are preserved.

To save settings

- 1 Make sure the scanned image whose settings you want to save is in the preview window and that you have adjusted any settings for the image.
- 2 On the **Scan** menu, point to **Settings**, and click **Save**. The settings for the current scanned image appear.
- 3 In the drop-down list at the bottom, type a name for these settings and click **Save**.

To use settings

- 1 Scan an item to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.
- 2 On the **Scan** menu, point to **Settings**, and click **Load**.
- 3 Select the group of settings you want from the list at the bottom and click **Load**.

Setting preferences

The preferences are the default settings for all scans performed. To change a setting only for the item currently being scanned see ["Making optional adjustments, basic" on page 37](#) and ["Making optional adjustments, advanced" on page 41](#).

To set scanning preferences

- 1 On the **Scan** menu, click **Preferences**.
- 2 Click the tab you want.
- 3 Change any settings you want. See the next sections for descriptions of options on tabs.
- 4 When finished, click **OK**.

Scanner tab options

The **Scanner** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box controls these options.

Preview scan when HP Scanning Software button is pushed

When selected, a preview of the scan appears when you press the HP Scanning Software button on the scanner. When cleared, the software starts, but the scanner does not scan. You will start a scan from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

Best Quality Scaling

When selected, the highest quality scaling is applied to the final scan. When cleared, normal quality scaling is applied, making scanning faster.

Best Quality Sharpening

When selected, the highest quality sharpening is applied to the final scan. When cleared, normal quality sharpening is applied, making scanning faster.

Maximum Pixel Depth

When selected, the largest pixel bit depth is acquired from the scanner to produce the highest quality image. When cleared, less image data is processed, making scanning faster.

Noise Reduction

When selected, reduces the noise in the image caused by the scanner. When cleared, noise reduction is not applied, making scanning faster.

Enable Scan Another Page Dialog

When selected, a dialog box appears during final scanning that asks you if there are more pages of this item to scan. When cleared, the scanner assumes each job is only one page. Applies only to .pdf, .txt, and .rtf formats.

Selection Area tab options

The **Selection Area** tab controls the following preferences.

Automatically create selection area after a mouse click

When selected, a selection area will be created around an area on which you click with the cursor.

Automatically set the Output Type after selection

When selected, the software automatically determines the output type of the area inside the selection border.

Automatically adjust exposure after selection

When selected, the scanning software automatically changes the controls in the **Adjust Exposure** and **Adjust Black & White Threshold** commands to the optimal values each time you create a new selection area. Values for an image do not change if you create a different selection area while the **Adjust Exposure** or **Adjust B&W Threshold** dialog box is open.

When cleared, the scanning software does not automatically reset the controls in these two tools.

Automatically adjust color after selection

When selected, the scanning software automatically changes the controls in the **Adjust Color** command to the optimal values each time you create a new selection area. Values never change if you create a different selection area while the **Adjust Color** dialog box is open.

When cleared, the scanning software does not automatically reset the controls.

Resolution tab options

The **Resolution** tab controls the default resolution values available when you select **Resolution** on the **Tools** menu.

Default values are already set, but you can add custom resolution values or delete values. Two resolutions that do not appear here, 200 dpi and 300 dpi, do appear in the **Resolution** dialog box. These values cannot be deleted because they are the recommended values for photos and black-and-white images.

The range of resolution is 12 to 999,999. Click **Add** to add a value. Or, select a value and click **Delete** to delete that value.

Text tab options

The **Text** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box controls the following preferences related to text output from the OCR program.

Text Output (format)

- *Framed text.* Places the text from the page into frames and attempts to recreate the page formatting as closely as possible to the original. Program into which the text is placed must support this type of option.
- *Flowed text.* Eliminates column and other formatting and inserts any images in the text as closely as possible to where they were in the original.

Current OCR Language

Allows you to choose the language the OCR program uses to check words it is processing in the item.

Controls tab options

The **Controls** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box controls the control range readout to use for scanning.

The control range sets the amount of tonal resolution per color available for correction in the **Adjust Exposure** command and **Adjust Black & White Threshold** command. Using a larger number of bits for the control range results in greater control of compensation for exposure or threshold correction.

Choose one of these options:

- *8-bit readout (0-255)* — sets the controls to use 8 bits of tonal resolution per color
- *10-bit readout (0-1023)* — sets the controls to use 10 bits of tonal resolution per color
- *12-bit readout (0-4095)* — sets the controls to use 12 bits of tonal resolution per color
- *16-bit readout (0-65535)* — sets the controls to use 16 bits of tonal resolution per color

Scanning from other programs (TWAIN)

You can bring an image directly into an open file in one of your programs if the program is TWAIN compliant. Generally, the program is compliant if it has a command such as “Acquire,” “Scan,” or “Import New Object.” If you are unsure if the program is compliant or what the command is called, see the documentation for the program.

When scanning from within a TWAIN-compliant program, the HP PrecisionScan Pro software may start if the TWAIN-program allows it. If the HP PrecisionScan Pro software starts, you can make changes to the image as you normally would. If not, the image returns to the TWAIN-program immediately.

Tip

If your program is not TWAIN compliant, you can try to copy and paste or drag-and-drop the image into the program. Or, save the image as a file and then place the file in the program.

To scan from other programs

- 1 Start a scan from within the other program by choosing the **Acquire** (or similar) command.
- 2 If the HP PrecisionScan Pro software opens and displays the preview image, create a selection area. You can crop the scan (if necessary), select the output type, and make optional adjustments as you normally would. See the appropriate sections in this chapter for instructions.
- 3 When finished making changes to the scanned image, do one of the following to perform a final scan and place it in the program from which you started scanning:
 - On the **Scan** menu, click **Return image to**
 - Click .

The image appears in the open program. You might have to reposition the image.

If the image does not appear, the TWAIN-compliant program might not accept the resolution or output type you selected. Rescan the image using the default settings the software sets for the image.

4 Using accessories

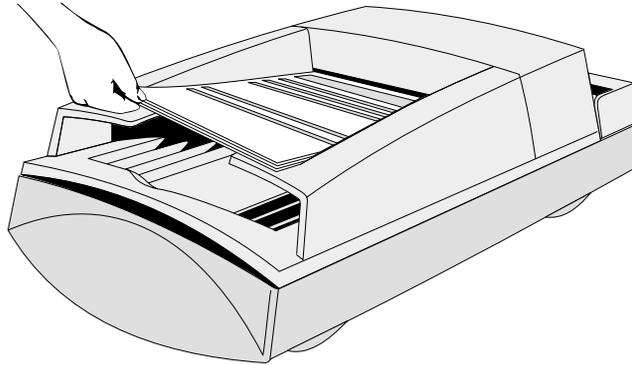
The scanner supports using the HP ScanJet Automatic Document Feeder (ADF) and the HP ScanJet Transparency Adapter (XPA) for slides, negatives, and other transparent items. These accessories are included with some scanner models or can be ordered.

Scanning from the ADF

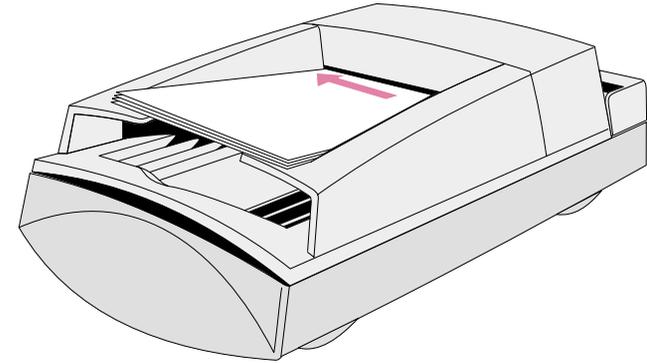
You can scan multiple-page items quickly and easily using the ADF. When you use the ADF, you can scan to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software or other destinations. For instructions on setting up the ADF, see the [Setup and Support Guide](#).

To scan from the ADF

- 1 Remove any items from the scanner glass.
- 2 Place a stack of similarly sized originals in the document input tray, face up and with the first page on top.



- 3 Push the paper stack up against the left side of the input tray. Slide the stack into the ADF until the stack does not move any farther.



- 4 Do one of the following:
 - press a button on the scanner
 - click **New Scan** on the **Scan** menu in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software
- 5 **If you chose any scanner button except HP SCANNING SOFTWARE:** Follow the directions on the screen to complete the scan.
If you chose the HP SCANNING SOFTWARE scanner button or you started scanning from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software:
 - a The **ADF Scan** dialog box opens and displays the current output type, resolution, and page size, which you can change. Or, you can click **Load Settings** and choose settings you have preset.
 - b To scan the item to a file, click **Scan**. Or, to scan directly to a destination, click **Scan To**, select a destination, and click **Scan**.

Scanning from the XPA

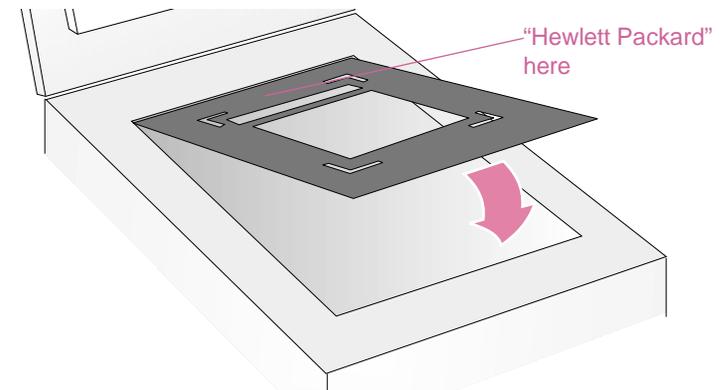
You can scan slides or negatives using the XPA. You should NOT use the XPA to scan full-size (A4 or Letter) presentation slides and transparencies. To scan these full-size items, place them on the scanner glass, place a white piece of paper on top, and scan as you normally would using the **Scanner Glass** command on the **Scan** menu.

Scanning slides

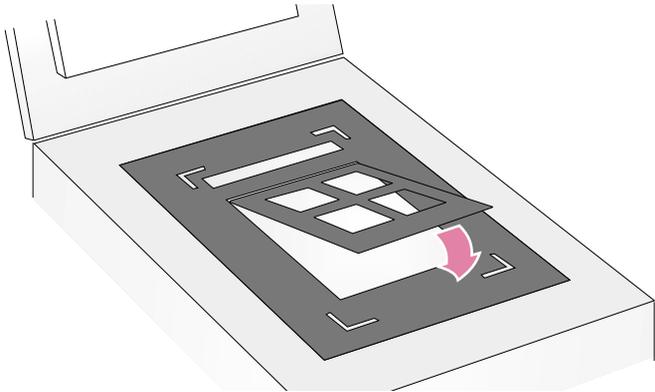
To scan standard 35 mm slides, you need the larger template and the smaller, slide template.

To scan slides

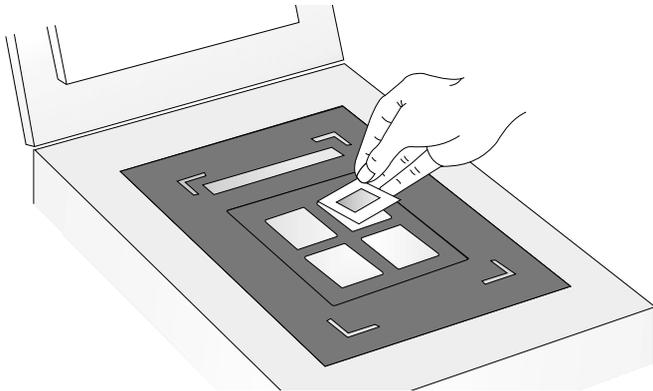
- 1 With the XPA connected to its port on the scanner, restart the software.
- 2 Place the large template on the scanner glass so the wording "Hewlett Packard" is at the top, or closest to the hinged portion of the lid.



- 3 Place the slide template in the cutout of the large template.

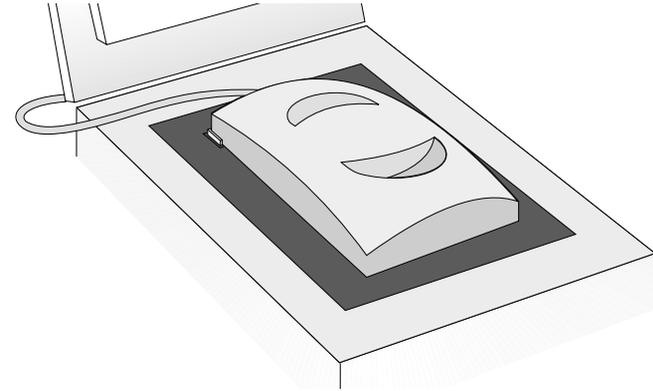


- 4 Place up to four slides, one in each slot, in the template.



- 5 If you are not using all of the slots in the template, cover the empty slots with the knock outs from the template to ensure best image quality.

- 6 Place the XPA over the large template. Align the XPA to fit in the corner cutouts on the template.



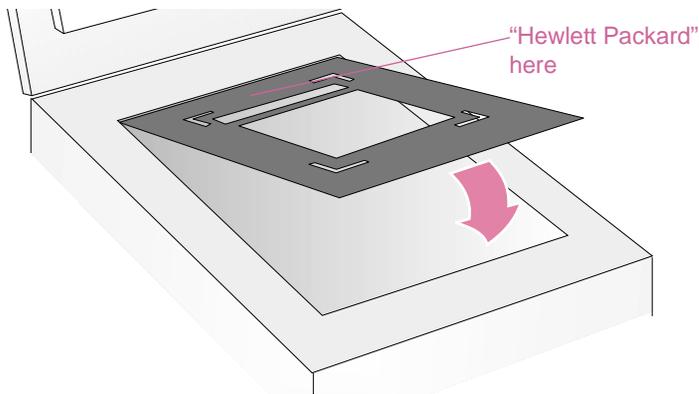
- 7 On the **Scan** menu, click **XPA (Slides)**.
- 8 Before making any changes, see ["Making optional adjustments for transparent items" on page 72](#).
- 9 When finished using the XPA, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scanner Glass**. Disconnect the XPA if you want.

Scanning negatives

To scan negatives, you need the larger template and the negative template.

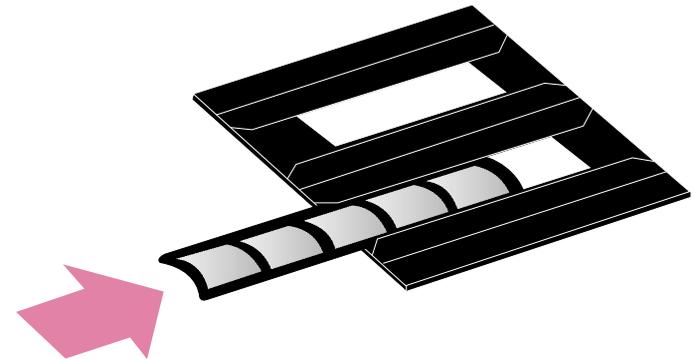
To scan negatives

- 1 With the XPA connected to its port on the scanner, restart the software.
- 2 Place the large template on the scanner glass so the wording "Hewlett Packard" is at the top, or closest to the hinged portion of the lid.



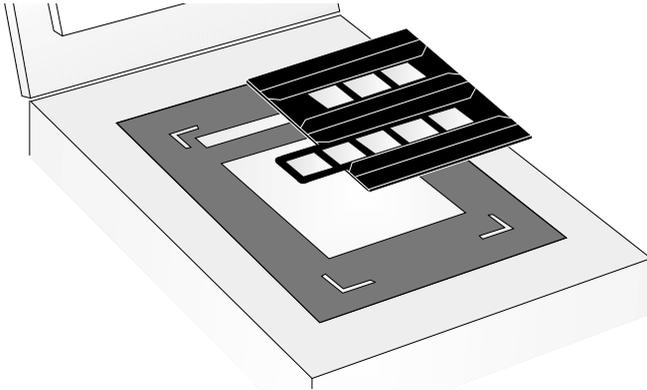
- 3 Hold your negatives up to the light and verify which side of the negative strip shows the expected orientation of the picture.
- 4 Slide the strip of negatives into the negative template so that the correct view of the picture is facing outward, toward you.
- 5 Place the template face down into the large template.

CAUTION Negatives are easily damaged. Touch them only by the edges.

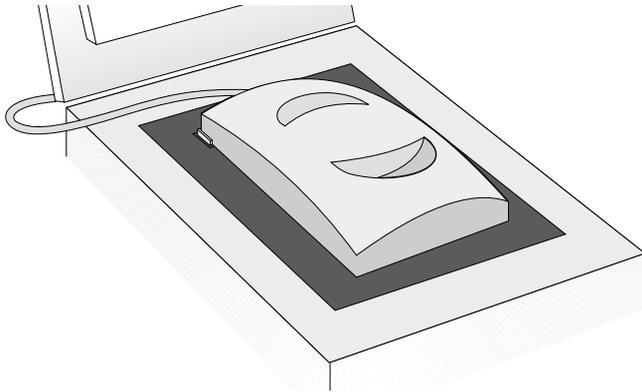


- 6 Cover any slots you are not using with the knock outs from the template to ensure best image quality.

- 7 Place the negatives template in the cut out of the large template. The graphic on the negatives template should be facing up and closest to the front (non-hinged) portion of the lid.



- 8 Place the XPA over the large template. Align the XPA to fit in the corner cutouts on the template.



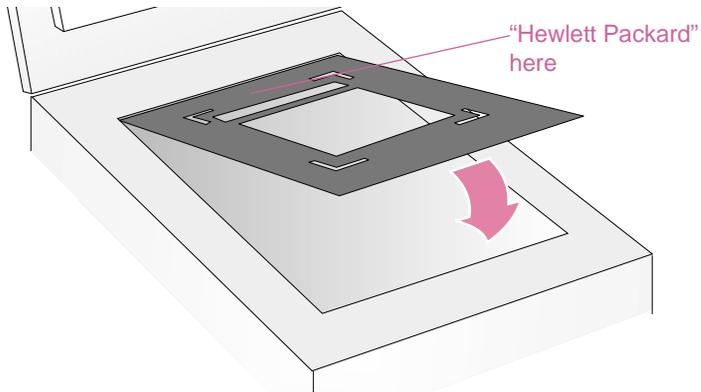
- 9 On the **Scan** menu, click **XPA (Negatives)**.
- 10 Before making changes, see "[Making optional adjustments for transparent items](#)" on page 72.
- 11 When finished using the XPA, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scanner Glass**. Disconnect the XPA or set it aside.

Scanning transparencies

Transparencies are like 35 mm slides, only larger. When you scan them, you will use only the larger template.

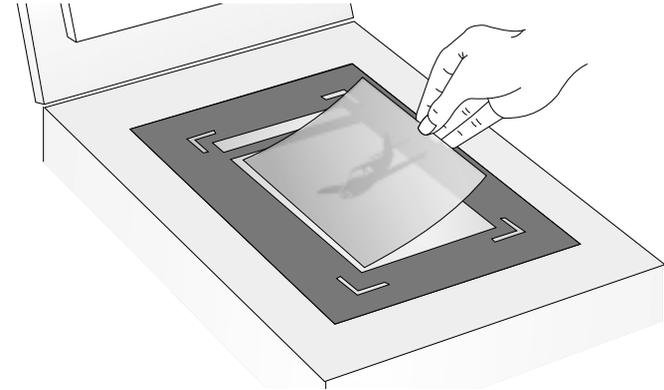
To scan transparencies

- 1 With the XPA connected to its port on the scanner, restart the software.
- 2 Place the large template on the scanner glass so the wording "Hewlett Packard" is at the top, or closest to the hinged portion of the lid.

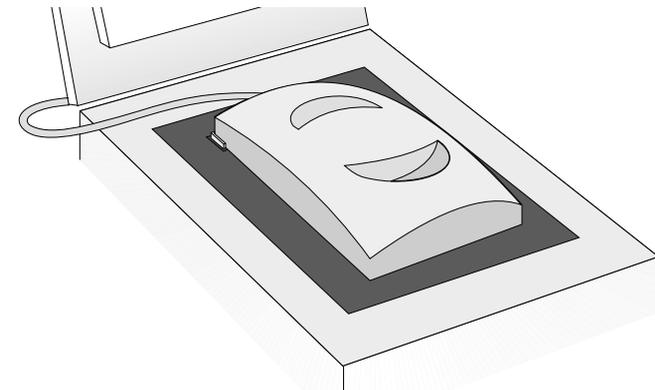


- 3 Place the transparency in the cut out in the large template.

CAUTION Transparencies are easily damaged. Touch them only by the edges.



- 4 Cover any gaps around the edges of the transparency.
- 5 Place the XPA over the large template. Align the XPA to fit in the corner cutouts on the template.



- 6 On the **Scan** menu, click **XPA (Slides)**.
- 7 Before making changes, see "[Making optional adjustments for transparent items](#)" on page 72.
- 8 When finished using the XPA, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scanner Glass**. Disconnect the XPA or set it aside.

Making optional adjustments for transparent items

You can make optional adjustments to transparent items scanned using the XPA. **Before deciding to make adjustments, create a selection area around one slide or negative so the software exposes it correctly.** See "[Cropping or selecting an area for final scan](#)" on page 34.

If you choose to make adjustments to the image after you create a selection area, make most of them as you normally would, except for the following adjustments:

- Midtone. See "[Adjusting midtones for transparent items](#)" on page 73.
- Highlight. See "[Adjusting highlights for transparent items](#)" on page 73.
- Shadow. See "[Adjusting shadows for transparent items](#)" on page 74.
- RGB values and pixel color. See "[Viewing RGB values and pixel color](#)" on page 74.

Tip

See "[Making optional adjustments, basic](#)" on page 37 and "[Making optional adjustments, advanced](#)" on page 41 to make all adjustments except the ones mentioned above.

Tip

To enlarge a slide or negative, see "[Resizing \(output dimensions\)](#)" on page 38.

Adjusting midtones for transparent items

You can adjust the overall lightness or darkness of the scanned image using the midtone setting. The range for the number in the **Midtone** field is -100 to 100.

To lighten transparent items overall

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Midtone slider to the right.
 - Type a higher number in the **Midtone** field and press **ENTER**.

To darken transparent items overall

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Midtone slider to the left.
 - Type a lower number in the **Midtone** field and press **ENTER**.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, and shadow settings to the defaults for this transparent item.

Adjusting highlights for transparent items

You can adjust highlights to lighten or darken the light areas. The range for the number in the **Highlights** field is -100 to 100.

To lighten lighter areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Highlight slider to the right.
 - Type a higher number in the **Highlights** field and press **ENTER**.

To darken lighter areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Highlight slider to the left.
 - Type a lower number in the **Highlights** field and press **ENTER**.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, and shadow settings to the defaults for this transparent item.

Adjusting shadows for transparent items

You can adjust shadows to lighten or darken the dark areas. The range for the number in the **Shadows** field is -100 to 100.

To lighten darker areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Shadow slider to the right.
 - Type a higher number in the **Shadows** field and press **ENTER**.

To darken darker areas

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Drag the Shadow slider to the left.
 - Type a lower number in the **Shadows** field and press **ENTER**.

To return to the default settings

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click **Auto** to return the midtone, highlight, and shadow settings to the defaults for this transparent item.

Viewing RGB values and pixel color

You can view the RGB values and pixel color for any spot in an image, color or grayscale, using the RGB Meter.

To view RGB values and pixel color

- 1 On the **Advanced** menu, click **Adjust Exposure**.
- 2 Click . The cursor changes to an eyedropper.
- 3 Move the cursor over the area in the item for which you want to see the values. The values appear in the RGB area. A line appears in the histogram to show you where those pixels occur.
- 4 When finished, click  again.

5 Sharing the scanner on a network

The HP scanning software includes HP PrecisionScan LAN, a feature that allows a user on one computer to use the scanning software with a scanner attached to another computer.

HP PrecisionScan LAN requires at least two computers: one with the scanner connected to it (the host computer) and one or more not connected to the scanner (the remote computers). To be able to use the scanner, the computers must be on the same local area network (LAN) as the scanner.

Working on the host computer

The components that enable scanner sharing are automatically installed on the host computer when you install the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. For other users to be able to use the scanner, the host computer must be running the sharing software, and sharing must be enabled.

Starting sharing software on the host

On the **Start** menu, click **Programs**, point to **HP ScanJet Utilities**, and click **Share Scanner**.

Menu items in the scanning software

On the host computer, a scanner icon appears in the system tray, located on the right side of the Windows Taskbar. Right-clicking this icon opens the right-click menu, which contains these items:

Open

Opens the **HP PrecisionScan LAN Host** dialog box. This command performs the same action as double-clicking the icon.

Automatically Start

When selected, HP PrecisionScan LAN starts automatically on the host computer each time the computer is started. If cleared, you must start the program manually.

Shut Down

Selecting this menu item terminates HP PrecisionScan LAN and removes its icon from the system tray.

About HP PrecisionScan LAN Host

This menu item gives you information about HP PrecisionScan LAN.

Enabling sharing from the host

In order for the host computer to share the scanner, the host computer must be on, the HP PrecisionScan LAN must be running, and scanner sharing must be enabled.

To share the scanner from the host computer

- 1 Check for the scanner icon in the System Tray. If the icon is visible, HP PrecisionScan LAN is running. Otherwise, start the program.
- 2 Double-click the icon to open the **HP PrecisionScan LAN Host** dialog box.
- 3 Click the **Info** tab.
- 4 Write down the name of the host computer and the network protocols supported. You will need this information to set up the remote computers.
- 5 To set a password that users must enter to use the scanner from their computers (optional), click the **Password** tab. Select the **Require passwords** check box and then enter a password.
- 6 Click **OK**.

Working on a remote computer

Users of computers on a local area network can use the HP ScanJet scanner connected to a host computer, as long as the following are true:

- The remote computer has HP PrecisionScan LAN installed. See [“Installing sharing software on the remote computer”](#) on this page.
- The remote computer has sharing enabled. See [“Enabling sharing on the remote computer”](#) on this page.
- The host computer has enabled scanner sharing. See [“Enabling sharing from the host”](#) on page 76.

After you have performed the setup procedures, you can use the scanner. See [“Scanning from a remote computer”](#) on page 78.

Installing sharing software on the remote computer

To use the scanner from a remote computer, you must install HP PrecisionScan LAN on that computer. Only install this software and the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. Installing any other software made by another company that was included on the CD is a violation of copyright agreements.

To install the sharing software

- 1 Insert the HP scanning software CD into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2 Choose **Install Software**.
- 3 When presented with the list of software components you can install, choose **Remote Scanning Installation**.
- 4 Follow the instructions on the screen.

Enabling sharing on the remote computer

After installing the software on the remote computer, enable sharing on that computer.

To set up scanner sharing on a remote computer

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, point to **HP ScanJet Utilities**, and click **Remote Scanning Setup**.
- 2 In the **Remote Setup** dialog box, select the **Use Remote Scanner** check box.
- 3 Specify the name of the computer where the scanner is installed (host computer).
- 4 Enter the password (if used) for the host computer.
- 5 Ensure that a matching network protocol is selected. This information is found in the **HP PrecisionScan LAN** dialog box on the host computer.
- 6 Click **OK**.
- 7 Repeat steps 1 through 6 to enable sharing on other remote computers.

Scanning from a remote computer

Using the scanner is easy from a remote computer. Only one user at a time can use the scanner. Also, the HP ScanJet Copy Utility is not available.

To scan from the remote computer

- 1 Place the original item face down on the scanner glass and close the lid.
- 2 On the remote computer, start the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.
- 3 If prompted, enter the password. The person whose computer is connected to the scanner sets the password.
- 4 Start scanning. If you need help with scanning procedures, see ["Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro" on page 31](#).

6 Troubleshooting usage and maintaining

This section provides information for:

- Solving issues that might occur while using the scanner or HP scanning software, or issues with the appearance of scanned images. Start with ["Checking the basics" on this page](#).
- Clearing jams from the ADF. See ["Clearing jams from the ADF" on page 97](#).
- Cleaning and maintaining the scanner and accessories. See ["Cleaning and maintaining" on page 99](#).

For issues that occur during installation or the first time you scan, see the [Setup and Support Guide](#).

Checking the basics

If the scanner is not working, always perform these actions first.

- Check that the power cable is securely connected between the scanner and a live electrical outlet or surge protector.
- If the power cable is connected to a surge protector, make sure the surge protector is plugged into an outlet and turned on.
- Check that the USB or SCSI cable is securely connected between the scanner and the computer.
- Make sure the scanner is unlocked. Move the lock down to the unlocked position.
- Disconnect the power cable from the scanner and turn off the computer. After 30 seconds, reconnect the power cable to the scanner and then turn on the computer, in that order.
- If a program has frozen, close it. Press **CTRL+ALT+DELETE** to open Close Programs or Task Manager. Select any program listed as Not Responding and click **End Task**.

If these steps did not resolve the issue, see ["Starting troubleshooting" on page 80](#).

Starting troubleshooting

Start here to find the information you need. Choose one of these general groups of issues, and then choose one of that group's more specific issues.

The scanner or software is not working.

- A message is on the scanner or the computer. Follow the directions in the message to resolve the issue.
- There is no message. See ["Resolving issues that did not generate messages" on page 81.](#)

The quality of resulting scans is not what I expected.

- Scanned images do not look good. See ["Resolving issues with scanned images" on page 84.](#)
- Printed copies do not look good. See ["Resolving issues with printed copies" on page 86.](#)
- Text on images is not editable. See ["Resolving issues with editable text" on page 89.](#)
- Slides or negatives do not look good. See ["Resolving issues with slides and negatives" on page 88.](#)

Scans are not arriving at the destination I choose.

See ["Resolving issues sending to destinations" on page 91.](#)

I am having an issue with the XPA or ADF.

- Pages are jammed in the ADF. See ["Clearing jams from the ADF" on page 97.](#)
- There is an issue with the ADF, other than pages jamming. See ["Resolving issues with the ADF" on page 96.](#)
- There is an issue with the XPA. See ["Resolving issues with the XPA" on page 95.](#)

Resolving issues that did not generate messages

If the scanner or software is not working but no message appears, look for the cause and solution in this section.

Items you scanned previously are no longer on the computer.

The scanned image might not have been saved as a file. If you send an image directly to a destination, the scanned image is not saved on the computer. Use the **FILE** button on the scanner, or save files using the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

The scanner lamp stays on.

The scanner lamp stays on as long as the software is running and might stay on for a while after the software is closed. This is normal, and the lamp will turn off on its own.

I saved a scanned image to a file, but now I cannot open the file in the program I want.

You might have saved the file in a format the other program cannot use. Save the file in a different format the program can use. Look in the **File Open** or **Import** command for the program to see which file types it supports.

The scanner is not working.

One or more of these issues might be causing the problem:

- The scanner was not installed properly.
- The SCSI card or drivers were not installed properly.
- The SCSI card or cable is not compatible with the scanner.
- The scanner address is not properly set, or multiple SCSI devices are set to the same address.
- If the scanner is emitting a grinding sound, the scanner is locked.

See "[Checking the basics](#)" on page 79 and the [Setup and Support Guide](#).

The scanner does not scan right away.

If the scanner has not been used for a while, the scanner lamp has turned itself off. Wait for a few seconds for scanning to begin.

When I press E-mail, Fax, or Edit Text on the scanner, the incorrect program opens.

- A cable might be loose. Check that the USB or SCSI cable is securely connected.
- Check which program is set to open when you press **E-MAIL**, **FAX**, or **EDIT TEXT** on the scanner. See "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24.

When I choose HP Scanning Software on the scanner, the image does not appear in the software.

- A cable might be loose. Check that the USB or SCSI cable is securely connect ed.
- You might have accidentally turned off the preview feature. Check this setting on the **Scanner** tab in the Preferences of the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See "[Setting preferences](#)" on page 60.
- Check that the HP PrecisionScan Pro software is the program set to start when you press **HP SCANNING SOFTWARE**.

In Windows 98 and 2000:

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **Scanners and Cameras**.
- 3 Select your scanner model number from the list, if it is not already selected.
- 4 Click **Properties**.
- 5 From the **Scanner Events** list, select **HP Scanning Software** button.
- 6 Make sure the **HP PrecisionScan Pro** check box is selected.
- 7 Make sure the **Disable Device Events** check box is cleared.

In Windows Me:

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **Scanners and Cameras**.
- 3 Double-click the icon next to the name of your scanning device.
- 4 From the **Select an Event** list, choose the **HP Scanning Software** button.

- 5 Under **Actions**, make sure that **HP PrecisionScan Pro** is selected next to **Start This Program**.
- 6 Verify that the **Take no action** check box is cleared.

In Windows NT 4.0 and Windows 95:

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, point to **HP ScanJet Utilities**, and click **HP ScanJet Button Manager**.
- 2 Click the **Events** tab.
- 3 From the **Scanner Events** list, select **HP Scanning Software** button.
- 4 Make sure the **HP PrecisionScan Pro** check box is selected.
- 5 Make sure the **Disable Events** check box is cleared.

Scanner is scanning items very slowly.

- If you are scanning to edit text, the OCR program causes the scanner to scan more slowly, which is normal. Wait for the item to scan.
- Some default settings can cause the scanner to scan more slowly. Check the settings. See "[Setting preferences](#)" on [page 60](#).
- The resolution might be set too high. Return to the default resolution. See "[Changing resolution](#)" on [page 38](#).

The correct menu items do not appear in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

- If you used the ADF and then disconnected it, restart the software.
- If you were using the XPA, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scanner Glass** to scan from the glass again.
- If you are trying to use the XPA and the **XPA (Slides)** or **XPA (Negatives)** commands are unavailable, restart the software while the XPA is connected to the scanner.

The scanner is making a loud clicking or grinding noise.

The scanner is locked. Unlock the scanner. Use your finger to flip the lock down to the unlocked position.

Resolving image-quality issues

This section contains information for resolving image-quality issues, whether you scanned using the scanner glass, the ADF, or the XPA.

- [Resolving issues with scanned images](#). See this page.
- [Resolving issues with printed copies](#). See [page 86](#).
- [Resolving issues with slides and negatives](#). See [page 88](#).

Tip

For help getting the best output type possible, use the Guided Steps. If they are not showing, click .

Resolving issues with scanned images

This section contains solutions to issues that affect all scanned images, regardless of whether you used the scanner glass or the ADF. If you were printing, see also ["Resolving issues with printed copies"](#) on page 86.

Scanned images are too light or too dark.



The original image might be very light or dark or be printed on colored paper. Adjust the midtone, highlight, and shadow settings from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See ["Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro"](#) on page 31.

Scanned images have black dots or streaks in top and bottom margins.



There might be ink, glue, white-out, or some other substance on the scanner glass. Clean the scanner glass. See ["Cleaning the scanner"](#) on page 99.

Scanned images have unwanted lines through them.



- The scanner glass might be dirty. Clean the glass. See ["Cleaning the scanner"](#) on page 99.
- If you are using the ADF, there might be a page on the scanner glass. Raise the ADF unit and remove any pages on the scanner glass.
- If you are using the ADF, the ADF window might be dirty or scratched. Clean the ADF window. See ["Cleaning the ADF"](#) on page 100. If cleaning does not correct the issue, the ADF window might need to be replaced. See ["Replacing the ADF Window"](#) on page 102.

Scanned image is not clear.



- The resolution, sharpening, or midtone, highlight, and shadow settings might need to be adjusted before scanning. See ["Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro"](#) on page 31.
- The original might be on colored paper. If the original was printed on a colored paper, including brown recycled paper, the image or text might not be clear. Try adjusting the resolution and midtone, highlight, and shadow settings from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See ["Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro"](#) on page 31.

The image is completely black or completely white.

- The item might not be placed correctly on the scanner glass or in the ADF. Make sure that the item you are trying to scan is placed face down on the glass, or face up in the ADF.
- If you are using the ADF, there might be a page on the scanner glass. Raise the ADF unit and remove any pages on the scanner glass.
- If you are using the ADF, the ADF window might need to be replaced. See ["Replacing the ADF Window" on page 102.](#)

Colors in the scanned image are different from the original item.

Scanners, monitors, printers, and different operating systems interpret color differently. Use the hue and saturation settings in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software to adjust the colors.

In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, all of the image scanned when I only wanted part, or vice versa.

The selection area might not be selected correctly. Make sure the selection border is surrounding the area you want in the final scan.

Scanned images are crooked.

The item might have been placed crookedly or shifted when you closed the lid. Straighten the original on the scanner glass and scan again.

I thought I made the image smaller or larger before the final scan in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, but it is still the same size as the original.

You might have zoomed in or out, which does not change the size of the image. Change the output size. See ["Resizing \(output dimensions\)" on page 38.](#)

An original photo was fuzzy, and the scanned image looks even worse.

The sharpening level needs to be increased. In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, adjust the sharpening. See ["Sharpening an image" on page 40.](#)

Scanned images are grainy, jagged, or fuzzy.

- You resized the image in a program other than the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. Resize the image in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software before you send it to the other program. (See ["Resizing \(output dimensions\)" on page 38.](#)) Or, if the original was a black-and-white drawing, use the Black & White Scalable output type for the scanned image. (See ["Selecting output type" on page 36.](#))
- In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, the resolution is set too low. Set the resolution to a higher number, or return to the default setting. See ["Changing resolution" on page 38.](#)
- In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, too much or too little sharpening was applied. Adjust the sharpening. See ["Sharpening an image" on page 40.](#)

An original photo had marks, flaws, or scratches, and the scanned image looks even worse in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

- You sharpened the image manually. Return to the default setting. See ["Sharpening an image" on page 40.](#)
- Best Quality Sharpening is selected. Check the setting. See ["Setting preferences" on page 60.](#)

I set the image to a higher resolution in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, but the output quality is no better.

- Setting the resolution to a higher number does not necessarily improve quality. The software sets the resolution automatically based on the type of item you scanned. Keep or return to the default. See "Changing resolution" on page 38 or "Tips for best image quality" on page 59 for guidelines.
- If you sent the image to another program, the program might not support the resolution you set in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. Determine the setting the program uses and set the resolution in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software to that resolution.

Images scanned from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software are larger than the original when viewed or printed from another program, such as MS Paint, MS Internet Explorer, or MS Imaging.

The other program did not accept the image size information. Scan the image at a lower resolution. When you scan at a resolution the program accepts, it will display or print the image at the correct size.

The image is too big or too small.

In the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, set the physical width and height of the image in the **Resize** dialog box. See "Resizing (output dimensions)" on page 38.

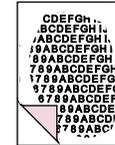
When I try to scan to the Web from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, the image is too large or does not look good on screen.

Scan settings for this image might be set incorrectly. Use the Guided Steps for help choosing an output type. See also "Tips for best image quality" on page 59.

Resolving issues with printed copies

Use this section to help resolve issues with printed pages.

Parts of the page around the edges are not printing.



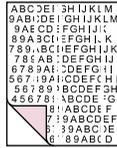
Printers cannot print right up to the edge of the paper. To get the image to fit inside the printable area, you must slightly reduce the size of the image in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software and then reprint the image.

Copies are too light.



- If you are copying an item printed on colored paper, there might not be enough contrast between the ink and paper colors. Adjust the highlights, shadows, midtones, and resolution settings from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See "Scanning from HP PrecisionScan Pro" on page 31. Or, adjust the contrast from the HP ScanJet Copy Utility. Also, if possible for text, use originals printed with black ink on white paper.
- The printer might be out of toner or ink. Print a different file from another program to the printer to see if the issue lies with the printer.

Vertical white stripes appear on the page.



- The printer might be out of toner or ink. Print a different file from another program to the printer to see if the issue lies with the printer.
- The scanner internal mirror might be contaminated. Contact the Customer Service Center for service.

The bottom of the printed page is blank, or part of a graphic is cut off.



The page might be too complex. (The printer does not have enough memory to process the page.) Set the resolution of the image to 300 dpi or less in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See "[Changing resolution](#)" on page 38.

Colors in printed images are incorrect.

The output type or printer settings might not be correct. Choose a different output type and print again. Check the printer settings. If it is a color printer, check if the printer is out of ink or toner.

Scanned images are jagged or fuzzy.

- The output type in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software might not be set correctly. Set the output type to True Color (16.7 million colors) or Grayscale. See "[Selecting output type](#)" on page 36.
- If you placed the image in a file in another program, resized the image, and are printing from that program, resizing the image in the program probably caused the issue. Resize the image in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software before placing it in a file in another program. See "[Resizing \(output dimensions\)](#)" on page 38.
- If the original image was fuzzy and you enlarged it, the fuzziness becomes more obvious.

Resolving issues with slides and negatives

Use the following section to help resolve issues with slides, negatives, and other transparent media scanned using the XPA. All actions must be performed in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, because you must scan slides, negatives, and other transparent items using this software. See also "[Resolving issues with the XPA](#)" on page 95.

[I tried to enlarge a scanned image of a slide, but the image remained the same size.](#)

You might have used the **Zoom In** command, which only changes the view on the screen. Use the **Resize** command to change the size of the final scanned image. See "[Resizing \(output dimensions\)](#)" on page 38.

[The colors are incorrect, or the image is too light or too dark.](#)

- The software might be setting exposure for the entire area instead of one slide or negative. Create a selection area around the slide or negative you want to use to ensure it is exposed correctly.
- The template is not placed completely on the scanner glass. Make sure the template is completely on the scanner glass.

[The scanned image shows a colored tint, usually pink.](#)

The slide was probably scanned without using the slide template, or the template was placed incorrectly. Use the included slide template to scan slides. Turn the template so the wording "Hewlett Packard" is at the top, or closest to the hinged portion of the lid.

[Scanned images appear as a box with multi-colored vertical lines or as a dashed box with an arrow surrounding the area.](#)

The template might be placed incorrectly on the scanner bed. Turn the template so the wording "Hewlett Packard" is at the top, or closest to the hinged portion of the lid.

[The scanned image is black even though the lights on the transparency adapter are on.](#)

- The template might be placed incorrectly on the scanner bed. Turn the template so the wording "Hewlett Packard" is at the top, or closest to the hinged portion of the lid.
- Check the **Adjust Exposure** command in the **Advanced** menu.

[There are streaks in the scanned image.](#)

- Check the original slide or negative for damage.
- The calibration area at the top of the large template might be scratched or blemished. If there are scratches or blemishes, turn the template over and scan again to see if the streak moves to the other side of the scan. If the streaks move, then the template needs to be replaced.

[The scans are dark or dim along one side of the image.](#)

One of the two bulbs in the XPA might be broken or not working. With the XPA connected to the scanner, hold the XPA up and look for even illumination on both sides of the XPA. If a bulb is broken, service is required.

Resolving issues with editable text

This section contains resolutions to issues that might occur when you are trying to make text editable.

Scanned text is not editable.

- If you pressed a button on the scanner, you might have chosen one other than **EDIT TEXT**. Choose **EDIT TEXT**.
- If you used the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, the software might have identified the text as a drawing. In the software, choose **Editable Text (OCR)** or **Text and Image** on the **Output Type** menu. Then, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To** and choose the program you want. If the text is still not editable, work with the text as an image or retype it.

Scanned text is editable in some programs but not in others.

Some programs accept only image formats and do not allow text. Make sure the program accepts editable text.

The scanner is scanning very slowly when I choose the Edit Text (OCR) option.

The OCR program causes the scanner to scan more slowly, which is normal. Wait for the item to scan.

Incorrect characters appear in the text that was converted using the OCR software.

The accuracy of the OCR program depends on the quality of the original item and the correct setting. To obtain the best possible results, choose the scan setting for text, and process only crisp, clear text. See "[What to expect from OCR programs](#)" on page 23.

Converted text does not appear in my word-processing program.

Do one of the following.

- If you pressed **EDIT TEXT** on the scanner, text opens in Word or WordPad by default. Change which program displays the text. See "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24.
- If you scanned to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, choose **Editable Text (OCR)** or **Text and Image** on the **Output Type** menu. Then, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To** and choose the program you want. Or, cut and paste the text into the program you want. If the text is still not editable, work with the text as an image or retype it.

I do not know how to process text using a different OCR program.

Do one:

- Scan the item to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, save the scanned image as an image file, and open the file in the other OCR program.
- Scan to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. Then, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To** and choose the other OCR program.

The converted text did not retain font size and style when the text was placed in a word-processing program.

Word-processing programs cannot always accept the original formatting of the scanned text. Reformat the text in the word-processing program.

Converted text appeared in the word-processing program without its formatting and I wanted it, or vice versa.

- You can try to keep formatting (framed) or not (flowed). Change the preference to the one you want. For the **EDIT TEXT** button on the scanner, see "[Changing settings for buttons](#)" on page 24. For the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, see "[Setting preferences](#)" on page 60.
- Even if you want to retain the formatting and you have the setting set correctly, the receiving word-processing program cannot always accept the formatting. Reformat text in the word-processing program.

Resolving issues sending to destinations

Use this section to resolve issues sending images to destinations.

When I choose E-mail on the scanner, scanned images do not automatically appear in a new e-mail message.

The e-mail program is Web-based or might not be supported. Save the scanned image as a file and attach it to your e-mail message as you normally do.

When I choose E-mail on the scanner, the scanned image attaches as a bitmap, but it contains text I want the recipient to be able to edit.

To make text editable for a recipient, scan the item to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software and change the output type for the scanned image to **Editable Text (OCR)**. Then, on the **Scan** menu, click **Scan To** and select the e-mail program. Or, save the scanned image as a file and attach it to a message as you normally do.

When I choose Fax on the scanner, scanned images do not automatically appear in my PC fax program.

The PC fax program might not be supported. Save the scanned image as a file and attach it to your fax message as you normally do.

When I press E-mail, Fax, or Edit Text on the scanner, the incorrect program opens.

- A cable might be loose. Check that the USB or SCSI cable is securely connected.
- Check which program is set to open when you press **E-MAIL**, **FAX**, or **EDIT TEXT** on the scanner. See "Changing settings for buttons" on page 24.

When printing copies from the scanner or the HP ScanJet Copy Utility, I cannot choose the printer I want.

Scan the item to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software and print from there.

When printing copies, I can only make multiple copies of one page at a time (I cannot collate copy).

Even if you are using an ADF, each page is treated as a separate job. You can make multiple copies of one page, but not multiple copies of different pages and collate them.

When I try to print from the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, the Print command is unavailable.

If the **Editable Text (OCR)**, **Text and Image**, or **Black and White Scalable** output type is selected, the **Print** command is unavailable. Choose a different output type and then print.

When I choose HP Scanning Software on the scanner, the image does not appear in the software.

- A cable might be loose. Check that the USB or SCSI cable is securely connected.
- You might have accidentally turned off the preview feature. Check this setting on the **Scanner** tab in the Preferences of the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. See "[Setting preferences](#)" on page 60.
- Check that the HP PrecisionScan Pro software is the program set to start when you press **HP SCANNING SOFTWARE**.
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In Windows 98 and 2000:

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **Scanners and Cameras**.
- 3 Select your scanner model number from the list, if it is not already selected.
- 4 Click **Properties**.
- 5 From the **Scanner Events** list, select **HP Scanning Software** button.
- 6 Make sure the **HP PrecisionScan Pro** check box is selected.
- 7 Make sure the **Disable Device Events** check box is cleared.

In Windows Me:

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **Scanners and Cameras**.
- 3 Double-click the icon next to the name of your scanning device.
- 4 From the **Select an Event** list, choose the **HP Scanning Software** button.

- 5 Under **Actions**, make sure that **HP PrecisionScan Pro** is selected next to **Start This Program**.
- 6 Verify that the **Take no action** check box is cleared.

In Windows NT 4.0 and Windows 95:

- 1 On the **Start** menu, point to **Programs**, point to **HP ScanJet Utilities**, and click **HP ScanJet Button Manager**.
- 2 Click the **Events** tab.
- 3 From the **Scanner Events** list, select **HP Scanning Software** button.
- 4 Make sure the **HP PrecisionScan Pro** check box is selected.
- 5 Make sure the **Disable Events** check box is cleared.

When I choose Edit Text on the scanner, text on scanned images does not appear in my word-processing program.

- By default, text opens in Word or WordPad. Change which program displays the text. See ["Changing settings for buttons" on page 24.](#)

When I choose File on the scanner, I cannot save the scanned image in a format other than .pdf.

Because the **File** option is for archiving files, the .pdf format is used to keep formatting and provide a small file size. To save in a different file format, scan the item to the HP PrecisionScan Pro software and use the **Save As** command on the **Scan** menu.

I tried to scan an image into an existing file, but the scanned image appeared in a new file instead.

Some programs only allow scanned images to be placed into new files. Cut and paste the image into the file you want. Or, save the scanned image as a file and import it into the other program.

When I try to send a scanned image using the Scan To command on the Scan menu of the HP PrecisionScan Pro software, the program I want does not appear.

The HP PrecisionScan Pro software might not recognize the program as a destination. Do one of the following:

- Save the scanned image in a file type the other program uses, and then open the file in the other program.
- Copy and paste or drag-and-drop the image into the other program.
- Reinstall the program that is not being recognized. This might allow the HP PrecisionScan Pro software to recognize it.

I want to start scanning from another program, such as my word-processing program, so I can bring an image into my open file, but I cannot start the scan.

The other program must be TWAIN compliant. If you cannot find a command such as **Acquire**, check the documentation for the program to see if it is compliant. If not, do one of the following in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software:

- Save the scanned image as a file and then insert the file into the other program.
- Click **Scan To** from the **Scan** menu, and choose a program.
- Copy and paste or drag-and-drop the image into the other program.

I am trying to return a scanned image to my TWAIN-compliant program, but the image will not appear.

The TWAIN-compliant program might not accept the resolution or output type you selected. Rescan the image using the default settings the HP PrecisionScan Pro software sets for the image.

Resolving issues with accessories

This section contains information for resolving issues when you are using the XPA or ADF.

Resolving issues with the XPA

This section contains issues that might occur when you are using the transparency adapter (XPA). See also "[Resolving issues with slides and negatives](#)" on page 88.

The XPA is not working at all.

The XPA cable might not be connected correctly. Make sure the XPA cable is connected securely to the XPA port on the scanner.

When using the XPA, I cannot choose XPA (Slides) or XPA (Negatives) on the Scan menu.

- The XPA cable might not be connected correctly. Make sure the XPA cable is connected securely to the XPA port on the scanner.
- If you connected the XPA while the HP PrecisionScan Pro software was running, restart the software. Doing so allows the software to detect the XPA.

There is no light or only a dim light in the transparency adapter after checking XPA (Slides) or XPA (Negatives) in the Scan menu.

- Make sure you have selected **XPA (Slides)** or **XPA (Negatives)** from the Scan menu in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. If these two commands are unavailable, restart the software while the XPA is connected to the scanner.
- One or both of the bulbs in the XPA might be broken or not working. With the XPA connected to the scanner, hold the XPA up and look for even illumination on both sides of the XPA. If a bulb is broken, service is required.

Resolving issues with the ADF

This section contains issues that might occur when you are using the automatic document feeder (ADF).

The ADF is feeding multiple sheets, skewing pages, or jamming frequently.

- If the pages look like they are skewing as they feed into the ADF, check the resulting scanned images in the software to ensure they are not skewed.
- The item might not be placed correctly. Straighten the item and make sure the left edge of it is placed against the left side of the input tray.
- The maximum number of pages the ADF input and output trays can hold is 50, depending on the type of media being loaded. Make sure to load only 50 or fewer pages in the input tray, and remove pages from the output tray if they are stacking up to a pile of more than 50.
- The item loaded might not meet the specifications for the ADF. Make sure the type of media being loaded meets required specifications. See ["Items for the ADF" on page 7](#).

When using the ADF, the scanner does not feed the item at all.

The document input tray might not be securely latched. Raise the hatch and the input tray, and then lower them, pressing firmly. See ["To clear jams at the end of a page" on page 98](#) for illustrations.

An item loaded in the ADF keeps jamming.

- The item does not meet the guidelines for the ADF. See ["Items for the ADF" on page 7](#).
- The item might have something on it. Make sure you have removed anything such as staples and self-adhesive notes on the item. See ["Selecting and preparing items" on page 7](#).
- The item is too small. The ADF can handle items as small as 148.5 by 210 mm (5.9 by 8.3 inches). Use the glass to scan.
- The item is too large. The ADF can handle items as large as 216 by 355.6 mm (8.5 by 14 inches). Use the glass to scan the item in sections.

The bottom of the scanned image is cut off.

- The ADF can handle items up to 355.6 mm (14 inches) long. If the item is longer, scan it in sections on the glass. If the item is the correct length, choose the correct page size setting in the ADF dialog box prompt before scanning.
- If sent to a printer, the item might be too complex (require too much memory) for the printer to process. If possible, choose a printer with more memory. Or, select a lower resolution or different output type.

Pages scanned from the ADF only appear as vertical lines, or all one color.

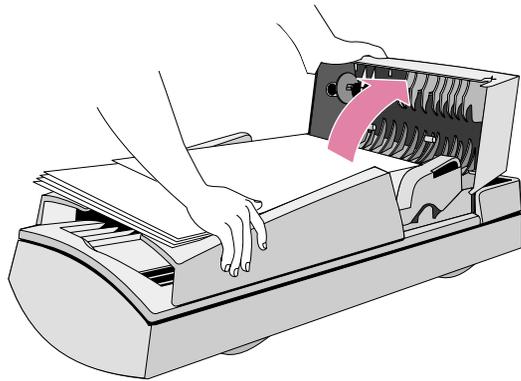
There might be a page on the scanner glass. Raise the ADF unit and remove any pages on the scanner glass.

Clearing jams from the ADF

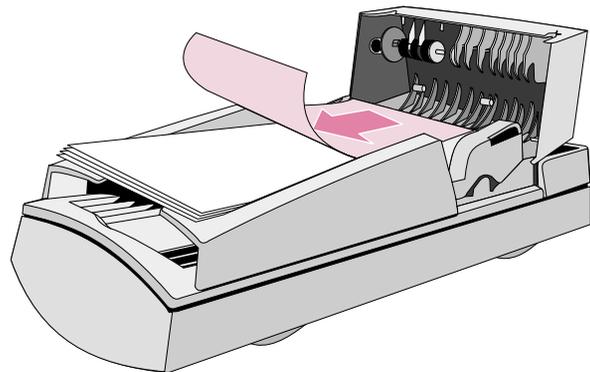
Pages can jam at the beginning or the end of a page. Use the appropriate procedure below to clear the jam and continue.

To clear jams at the start of a page

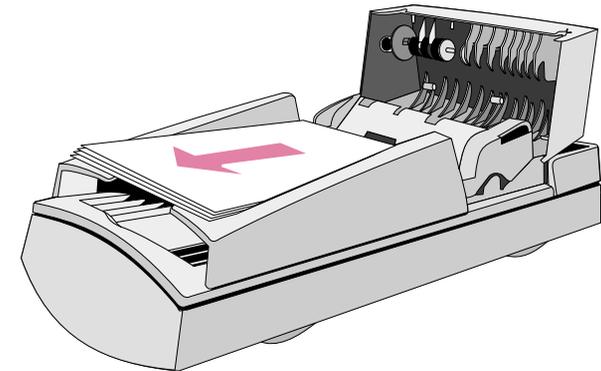
- 1 While holding down on the document input tray, raise the hatch.



- 2 Remove the jammed paper.



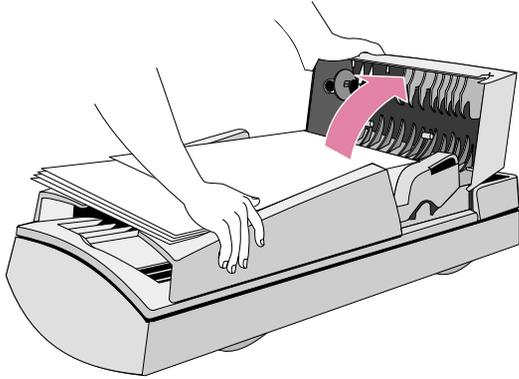
- 3 Remove the item from the ADF.



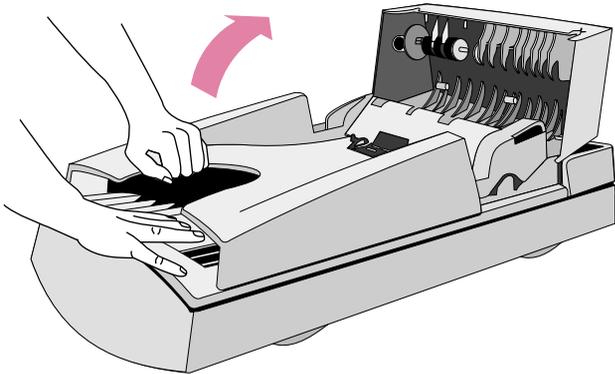
- 4 Close the hatch. Press down firmly on both sides until you hear a click.
- 5 Restack all pages and reload them into the ADF.
- 6 On the ADF prompt on the computer, reselect any settings you had changed and click **Scan To** or **Scan** again.

To clear jams at the end of a page

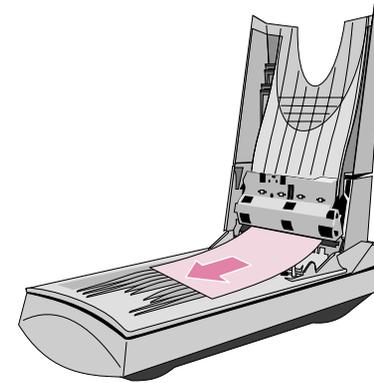
- 1 While holding down on the document input tray, open the hatch.



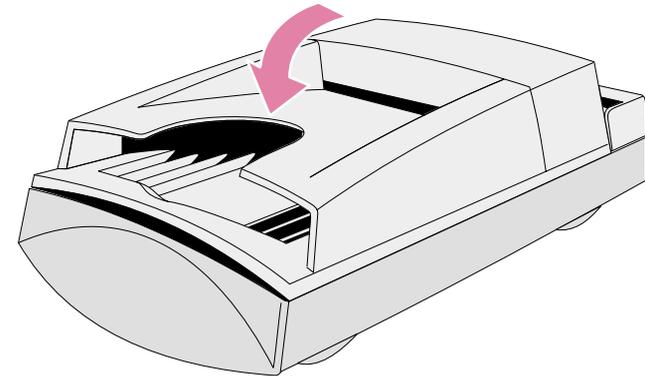
- 2 Remove any pages from the input tray.
- 3 While holding the document output tray down, open the document input tray.



- 4 Remove the jammed paper.



- 5 Close the input tray and then close the hatch. Press down firmly on both sides until you hear a click.



- 6 Restack all pages and reload them into the ADF.
- 7 On the ADF prompt on the computer, reselect any settings you had changed and click **Scan To** or **Scan** again.

Cleaning and maintaining

Periodically, the scanner and accessories might need to be cleaned or to have maintenance, especially if you are seeing marks or smudges on scanned images.

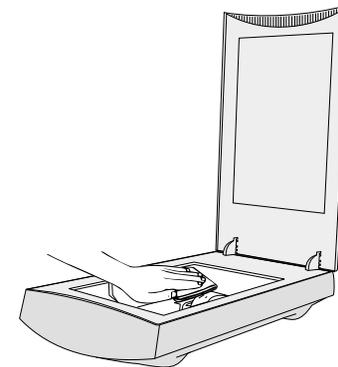
Cleaning the scanner

You might need to clean the scanner glass if the ink on items you are scanning can be smudged with your hand or items have excessive amounts of dust or dirt on them. You might also need to clean these parts if there are smudges or other marks on scanned images.

To clean the scanner

- 1 Disconnect the power cable from the scanner.
- 2 Open the scanner lid.
- 3 Clean the glass using a soft, lint-free cloth sprayed with a mild glass cleaner.

CAUTION Only use glass cleaner. Avoid abrasives, acetone, benzene, and carbon tetrachloride, all of which can damage the scanner glass. Avoid isopropyl alcohol because it can leave streaks on the glass.



- 4 Dry the scanner glass with a dry, soft, lint-free cloth.
 - 5 When finished, reconnect the power cable to the scanner.
- Fingerprints or smudges on the underside of the glass do not affect the appearance of scanned images because this area of the glass is outside the focal point of the scanner.

Cleaning the XPA

Clean the XPA with a dry, soft cloth. If necessary, spray the cloth with window cleaner or isopropyl alcohol.

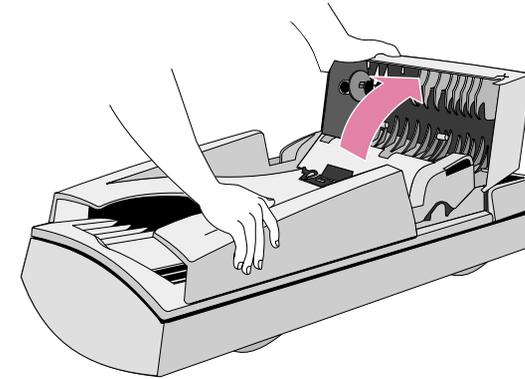
Cleaning the ADF

You must clean these parts of the ADF to maintain high-quality scanning:

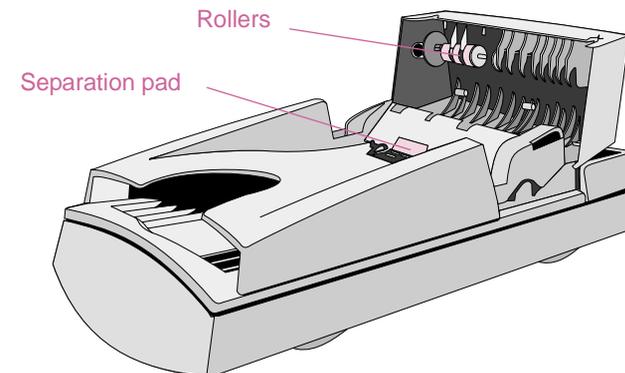
- ADF window
- gray bar above the ADF window
- rollers
- separation pad

To clean the ADF

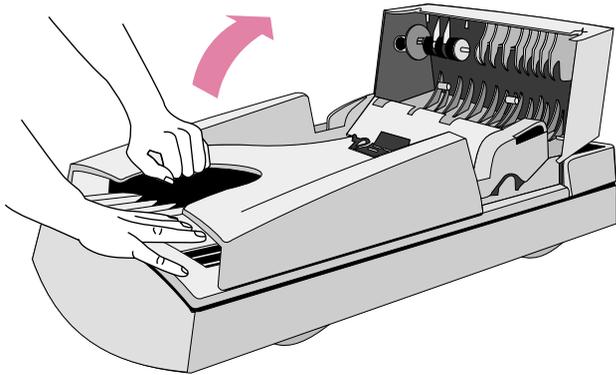
- 1 Disconnect the power cable from the scanner.
- 1 While holding down on the document input tray, open the hatch.



- 2 Wipe the rollers and separation pad with a soft, clean, lint-free cloth. You might dampen the cloth with isopropyl alcohol.

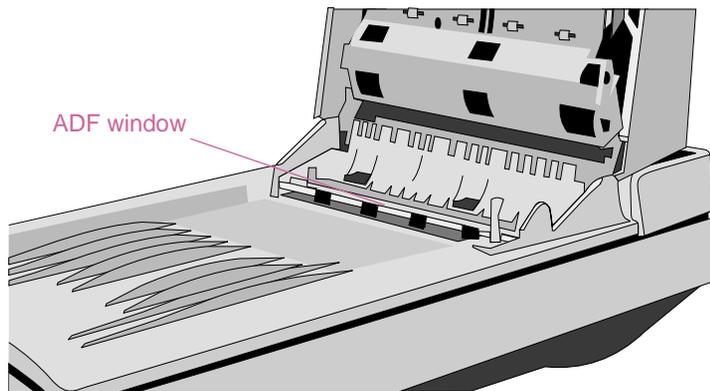


- 3 While holding the document output tray down, open the document input tray.

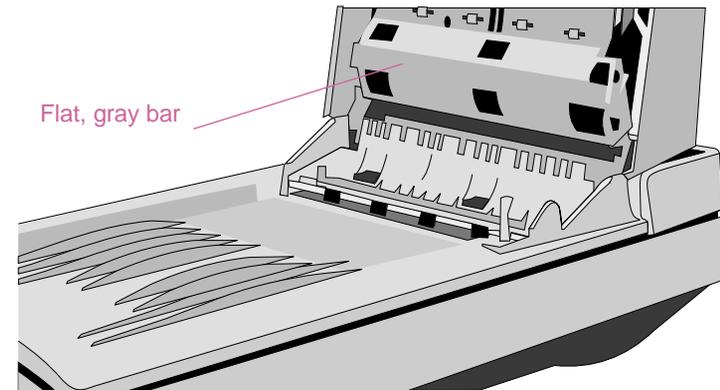


- 4 Wipe the ADF window, which is a long, clear bar. You may dampen the cloth with window cleaner, water, or isopropyl alcohol.

CAUTION Use only these cleaning fluids, and spray them only on a cloth. Using other cleaning fluids or spraying any fluids on the ADF can damage the ADF window.



- 5 Check the flat gray bar above the ADF window. The bar should be gray without black or other markings. If necessary, clean the flat gray bar.



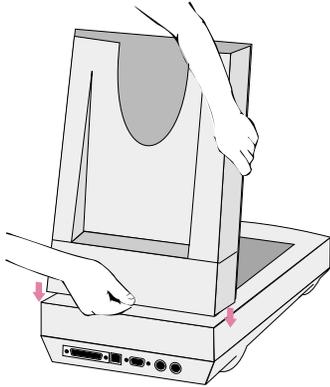
- 6 Close the input tray and then close the hatch. Press down firmly on both sides until you hear a click.
- 7 Ensure that the scanner glass is also clean. See "[Cleaning the scanner](#)" on page 99.

Replacing the ADF Window

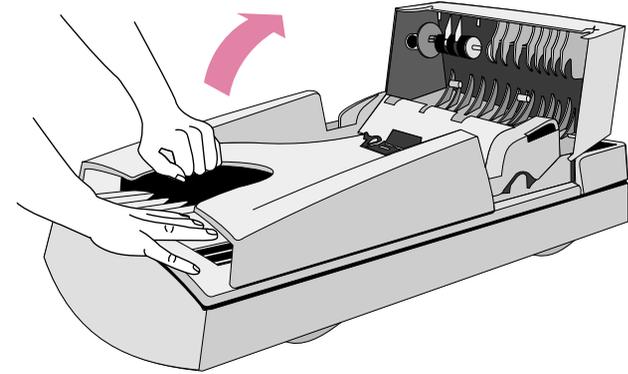
If the ADF window becomes scratched or uncleanable, you might need to replace it. Order the ADF window from Hewlett-Packard.

To remove the ADF window

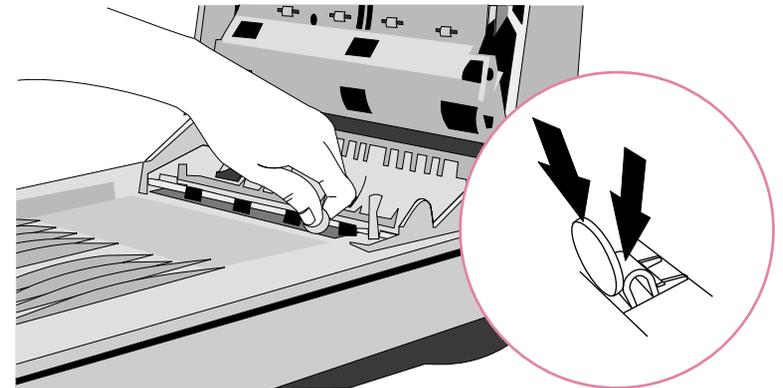
- 1 Disconnect the ADF cable from its port on the scanner.
- 2 Lift the ADF off of the scanner. Lift firmly using your fingers to separate the rear bracket from the scanner.



- 3 Lift the input tray of the ADF to expose the ADF window.



- 4 Using a small coin, push each of the four Z-shaped hooks until the tab snaps out of position. Push the long, pointed tab on the end of the window.



To install the new ADF window

- 1 Position the four Z-shaped hooks of the ADF window into the four holes on the bottom of the ADF.
- 2 Rotate the ADF window back until it contacts the bottom of the ADF.
- 3 Check that the long, pointed tab is on the inside of the ADF.
- 4 Beginning with the Z-shaped hook closest to the long, pointed tab, push each of the Z-shaped hooks toward the back of the ADF.
- 5 Verify that the long, pointed tab is on the inside of the ADF.
- 6 Reconnect the ADF cable to its port on the scanner.

Uninstalling the software

The Uninstall option of the setup program allows you to remove the scanning software from your computer.

To uninstall the software

Note: To uninstall the software from Windows NT 4.0 and 2000, you must log on with administrator privileges.

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click the Add/Remove Programs icon.
- 3 Select the HP PrecisionScan Pro software and click **Add/Remove**.
- 4 Follow the instructions on screen.

Other resources, support, and specifications

The [Setup and Support Guide](#) contains information about these topics:

- *Setup instructions and troubleshooting.* Find setup instructions and troubleshooting information for issues that can arise when you install the scanner.
- *Resources.* Discover websites and other tools that contain scanning tips, updated drivers, and the latest information about your HP scanner.
- *Support.* Locate the contact information for your region if you need to contact HP.
- *Warranty and Specifications.* See this topic for the warranty and product and regulatory information.

The Setup and Support Guide is located on the CD in the folder for your language, or on your computer in the PrecisionScan Pro folder. If you allowed the software to install in the default location, the path is: C:\Program Files\Hewlett-Packard\PrecisionScan Pro 3.0.

A Using software commands and controls

This section contains information for using the shortcuts, toolbars, and cursors in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

The HP PrecisionScan Pro contains keyboard shortcuts and toolbars to give you quick access to software commands. The Status bar and Info bar provide information about the scanned image. And, the context-sensitive cursors type of activity you can perform in the scanning software.

Using keyboard shortcuts and the menus

This section summarizes the menus and commands in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software that you can select using the keyboard. To open a menu, press **ALT+** the underlined letter for that menu. To perform a command, open the menu and press the underlined letter for that command.

This section also shows which commands can be performed using a keyboard accelerator (shortcut).

Scan

<u>N</u> ew Scan	CTRL+N	Start (preview) a new scan.
Scan <u>I</u> o...	CTRL+T	Scan and send to a destination, such as e-mail
Return to		When using TWAIN or WIA, return the scanned image to the other program.
<u>S</u> ave As...	CTRL+S	Save the selection area as a file.
<u>P</u> rint	CTRL+P	Scan and print the selection area.
Print <u>S</u> etup		Change printing options.
Scanner <u>G</u> lass XPA (S <u>l</u> ides) XPA (N <u>e</u> gatives)		Select the source from which to scan. Only one can be selected.
<u>S</u> ettings		
<u>S</u> ave		Save settings.
<u>L</u> oad		Load (use) settings.
<u>P</u> references		Change scanning default preferences.
<u>E</u> xit	ALT+F4	Close the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

Edit

<u>U</u> ndo Editing Changes	CTRL+Z	Return all settings except output type to the defaults for this image.
<u>C</u> opy	CTRL+C	Scan and place the selection area on the Clipboard.
Select <u>A</u> ll	CTRL+A	Select the entire scanner glass (including blank space).
<u>U</u> nselect All	ESC	Remove the selection border.

View

<u>Z</u> oom In	Zoom in on the selection area.
Zoom <u>O</u> t	Zoom out to the original view.
<u>G</u> uided Steps	Show or hide the Guided Steps.
<u>T</u> ool Bar	Show or hide the toolbar.
<u>I</u> nfо Bar	Show or hide the Info bar.
<u>S</u> tatus Bar	Show or hide the Status bar.

Output Type

TTrue Color (16.7 million colors)

256-Color (optimized palette)

256-Color (web palette)

Spot Color (16-color)

Grayscale

Black & White Bitmap

Black & White Scalable

Editable Text (OCR)

Text and Image

Automatically Set Type

Choose the Output Type. Only one can be selected. For help choosing an Output Type, show the Guided Steps from the **View** menu.

Allow the software to select the output type based on the contents of selection area.

Tools

Rotate Left 90°

Rotate the image counterclockwise by 90 degrees.

Rotate Right 90°

Rotate the image clockwise by 90 degrees.

Mirror

Reverse the image side-to-side.

Resize

Resize the selection area. This changes the output file size also.

Change Resolution

Change the resolution of the final scanned image.

Sharpen

Adjust the sharpening.

Advanced

Adjust Color

Adjust colors (hue) and their intensity (saturation).

Adjust Exposure

Adjust the contrast (midtones), detail in light areas (highlights) and detail in dark areas (shadows).

Adjust Black & White Threshold

Adjust which values in the image will be represented as black or white.

Invert Colors

Make colors in the image their opposites.

Descreen

In the scanned image, reduce the appearance of undesirable patterns that are in a printed original.

Help

<u>C</u> ontents	F1	View Help topics (contents).
<u>S</u> earch		Look for a Help topic.
<u>W</u> hat's This?	SHIFT+F1	Display context-sensitive Help for the selected software tool or feature.
<u>H</u> P ScanJet on the Web		Connect to the Internet and visit the HP ScanJet website.
<u>P</u> roduct Tour		View the product tour.
<u>U</u> ser's Manual		View the printable user's manual in .pdf format.
<u>E</u> nable All Smart Friends		Allow helpful alerts to appear when potential problems arise.
<u>D</u> isable All Smart Friends		Prevent helpful alerts from appearing when potential problems arise.
<u>A</u> bout HP PrecisionScan Pro		View information about the program, version, and copyright.

HP PrecisionScan Pro tool and information bars

The HP PrecisionScan Pro software contains a toolbar, a Status bar, and an Info bar to help you use commands quickly or find information about the current scanned image.

Toolbar

The HP PrecisionScan Pro software displays a toolbar containing shortcut buttons for common commands.

Click this button	To
 New Scan	Start (preview) a new scan.
 Scan To...	Perform a final scan and send to a destination, such as e-mail.
 Save As...	Save the selection area as a file.
 Print	Scan and print the selection area.
 Return To...	When using TWAIN or WIA, return the scanned image to the other program.
 Copy	Scan and place the selection area on the Clipboard.
 Zoom In	Zoom in on the selection area.
 Zoom Out	Zoom out to the original view.

 Rotate Left 90	Rotate the image counterclockwise by 90 degrees.
 Rotate Right 90	Rotate the image clockwise by 90 degrees.
 Undo Editing Changes	Return all settings except output type to the defaults for this image.
 Guided Steps	Show or hide the Guided Steps.
 Context Help	Display context-sensitive Help for the selected software tool or feature.

Adding tools to the toolbar

To make resetting resolution or sharpening easier, you can add the Reset Resolution tool and the Reset Sharpen tool to the toolbar.

To add tools to the toolbar

- 1 On the **Tools** menu, click **Change Resolution** or **Sharpen**.
- 2 When the dialog box opens, place the cursor over the title of the dialog box, and click and hold down the mouse button.
- 3 Drag the cursor to a location on the toolbar and release the mouse button.

Info bar

The info bar appears at the bottom of the preview window and displays the following information:

- A** the width of the output image
- B** the height of the output image
- C** scale of the output image
- D** the Output Type currently selected
- E** the Help button for HP PrecisionScan Pro software

Status bar

The status bar displays the following information:

- A** A message about the action you can take when the pointer is over some part of the scanning software window or a tool.
- B** An icon for the transparency adapter when it is in use.
- C** One of the following:
 - A progress bar that shows when the scanner is scanning or the scanning software is processing a command.
 - The number of KB (kilobytes), MB (megabytes), GB (gigabytes), or TB (terabytes) in the image in the selection area. This size is only an estimate of the actual size of the saved file, which depends on the format used to save the file. The file can be larger or smaller than the value shown here.

Context-sensitive cursors

The shape of the pointer indicates the type of activity you can perform in the scanning software.

Selection area cursor

New selection area		Draw a new selection area.
Move selection area		Drag the selection area to a new location in the preview area. Drag the selection area to another program. Press CTRL and drag the selection area to the Windows desktop or a folder in Windows Explorer.
Resize selection area horizontally		Appears over handles on the sides of the selection area. Drag the cursor to resize the width of the selection area.
Resize selection area vertically		Appears over the handles on the top or bottom of the selection area. Drag the cursor to resize the height of the selection area.
Resize selection area diagonally		Appears over handles on the corners of the selection area. Drag the cursor to resize both the height and width of the selection area.
Drop allowed		The program or folder the image has been dragged to accepts this kind of drop.
Drop not allowed		The program into which your are trying to drag the image does not accept this kind of drop.

Ready cursor

Ready for activity		Click a menu item and select a command. Click a list button to select an option. Click a button to turn it on or off, or to increase or decrease a number.
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Typing cursor

Data entry accepted		Click, then type a value.
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Pixel value cursor

Highlight eyedropper		Position this cursor over a light area in the image to see its pixel value in the RGB meter and the histogram. Click on pixels to set them as the Highlight value. In the Transparency Exposure Adjustment tool, click to set the RGB value.
Shadow eyedropper		Position this cursor over a dark area of the image to see its pixel value in the RGB meter and the histogram. Click on pixels to set them as the Shadows value.
Eyedropper and the "no" symbol		Indicates this area is an area in which pixel value is not available.

What's This? Help cursor

What's This? Help		Click on a tool, field, button, or menu item for pop-up Help on that item.
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B Glossary

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

8-bit grayscale

Used to represent black-and-white photos accurately. These grayscale images contain 256 shades of gray.

24-bit color

Color images composed of three 8-bit color channels. When combined, the red, green, and blue channels provide up to 16 million colors. This is also referred to as *true color*.

256 Color (optimized palette)

The palette for this image comprises the 240 most common colors in the image plus the 16 basic colors.

256 Color (web palette)

A palette or color table containing red, green, and blue pixel colors that are standard for images embedded in Web pages or .html files.

.bmp

The filename extension used for Windows bitmap images. See also *Windows bitmap*.

.dib

Device Independent Bitmap. A common bitmap format for Windows programs.

.fpx

The filename extension used for FlashPix files.

.gif

The filename extension for Graphics Interchange Format files.

.htm

The filename extension for Hypertext Markup (HTML) files. This extension also appears as *html*.

.jpg

The filename extension for JPEG files.

.pcx

The filename extension for Paintbrush files.

.pdf

The filename extension for Portable Document Format (PDF) files.

.png

The filename extension for Portable Network Graphics (PNG) files.

.rtf

The filename extension for Rich Text Format files.

.tif

The filename extension for TIFF or TIFF compressed files.

.txt

The filename extension for plain text files.

.wmf

The filename extension for Windows metafiles.

a*acquire*

A command offered by programs that support TWAIN. Selecting Acquire takes the user directly to a selected scanning software, and then returns the scanned image to the requesting program.

active program

The program you are currently using or that is currently selected. A program's title bar changes color to distinguish active from inactive programs.

ADF

See *automatic document feeder*.

Active XPA

Or XPA. See *transparency adapter*.

aliasing

The visibly jagged steps along angled lines or object edges that result from sharp tonal contrasts between pixels. Seen in both black-and-white images and color images. Sometimes called 'jaggies'.

anti-aliasing

A technique that smooths transitions between pixels, reducing the jaggedness of curved lines.

approximate size

Reflects the amount of disk space a scan would require if saved to your computer. Approximate Size value does not apply if the Output Type for the scan is set to text; it only applies to an image representation of the scan.

auto(matic) cropping

Automatic cropping displays only the item(s) detected on the scanner bed, not any of the surrounding area.

automatic document feeder

Abbreviated ADF, it is an optional accessory that allows users to scan multiple pages.

Auto(matic) resolution

A feature of the scanning software that automatically applies the optimal output resolution to the selection area. For example, output resolution is automatically set to 200 when the True Color output type is selected, and set to 300 for the Black & White Bitmap (raster) output type.

b

bit depth

The number of bits used to define the shade or color of each pixel in an image. A 1-bit image is black and white. An 8-bit grayscale image provides 256 shades of gray. An 8-bit color image provides 256 indexed colors and is associated with a specific palette or color table. A 24-bit image provides over 16 million colors. The greater the bit depth, the larger the size of the saved file. See *also* file size.

bitmap

A type of black-and-white, gray, or color image or picture made up of a matrix of individual pixels or dots. Often referred to as raster, raster bitmap, or raster image.

black-and-white bitmap

Black-and-white raster bitmaps contain only black pixels and white pixels, no colors or shades of gray. Each pixel represents one bit.

black-and-white scalable

Black-and-white scalable images are black-and-white images made up of lines rather than dots. These images must be saved as .wmf files.

Black & White Threshold tool

The Black & White Threshold tool lets you change the dividing point for black-and-white pixels in an image that uses the Black & White Bitmap (raster) output type. All pixels below the threshold will be output as black, and all pixels above the threshold will be output as white.

border

A line surrounding the scanned image indicating scanning boundaries. Clicking the image reveals a selection border and handles that are used to define the scanning region.

brightness

The balance of light (highlights) and dark (shadows) in an image. In black-and-white images, the lower the brightness, the closer the image will be to black. The higher the brightness, the closer the image will be to white. Brightness should not be confused with contrast, which measures the range between the darkest and lightest shades in an image. Brightness determines the intensity of shades in an image, while contrast determines the number of shades in the image.

c

click

To press and release the *left* mouse button once. *Right-click* means to press and release the *right* mouse button once.

clipped pixels

Pixels in an image that are extremely light or extremely dark and that would lose detail when the image is printed or displayed.

CMYK

Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black. The color model in which all colors are composed of Cyan, Magenta, and Yellow, the primary colors of pigments like ink, plus Black. Printers use CMYK to print in color.

converted text

Text that has been rendered into digital format by an OCR program.

color balance

The preservation of balance between colors throughout the tonal range. Color balance is particularly important when scanning objects that include neutral tones (grays) or large areas of consistent color.

color channel

The red, green, and blue components from which colors are created.

color correction

The process of adjusting an image to compensate for input and output device characteristics or color flaws in the original image.

color depth

The number of colors that a monitor can display at once. Most PC monitors display 8-bit color (256 colors), 16-bit color (about 65,000 colors), 24-bit color (about 16 million colors), and 32-bit color. The higher the color depth, the more lifelike images look on screen.

color wheel

A tool used to adjust the color balance and hue.

compressed TIFF

Tagged Image File Format, compressed. A bitmapped file format for images, capable of storing up to 24-bit depth images. TIFF file format is recommended for scanned images and is supported by many programs and computers. Compressed TIFF files use data compression to reduce the size of the resulting file. Compressed TIFF files are saved with the filename extension .tif.

Configure

A feature enabling users to adjust settings that determine how the scanner buttons and scanning software perform operations.

context-sensitive Help

Context-sensitive Help answers questions related to the currently displayed topic. The Help is provided in five ways: Text Labels, ToolTips, What's This? Help, Status bar messages, and Help commands.

contrast

The range between the lightest and darkest shades in an image. An image with high contrast has few gray shades between black and white and appears to be dominated by stark light and dark tones. An image with low contrast has many shades of gray and tends to look flat and dull. Change contrast using the highlight, shadow, and midtone settings.

control range

This range determines the number of bits used for exposure compensation, shadow detail, and black-and-white threshold adjustment displays. The higher the bit depth the finer the level of control in adjusting these image manipulation functions.

crop

To eliminate portions of an image from the final scan.

settings

Saving settings allow users to save a set of settings used with one scanned image and reuse the settings with an image scanned in the future.

d

default settings

Predetermined settings in the scanning software that define levels on the behalf of the user. Default settings in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software are set for Output Type, Output Resolution, Color, Exposure, Black & White Threshold, and Sharpen Level. Users can override default settings.

density

The ability of a material to absorb or transmit light. The greater the density of a material or object, the more black it contains. This applies to both black-and-white images and color images.

descreen

The process of removing an unwanted pattern, such as a moire pattern, that appears in a printed original so the pattern does not appear in the scanned image.

destination

The file, program, or hardware device where the scanned image will be used. Examples include a printer, a Web page, or an e-mail program.

device driver

Software that the system uses to communicate with devices, such as a display, printer, mouse, or scanner.

display resolution

The number of pixels that a computer monitor can display both horizontally and vertically. Screen resolutions are typically 640 x 480 (VGA), 800 x 600 (super VGA), or 1024 x 786.

dithering

The process of approximating pixel colors when reducing the color depth of an image. Dithering can improve transitions between colors when reducing a 24-bit image to 8-bit format.

dock

To attach a tool window to the main program window.

document

For the purposes of this documentation, document refers to an original item containing text or both text and images. It also means an original item scanned using the automatic document feeder.

dots-per-inch

See *dpi*.

double-click

To press and click a mouse button twice in rapid succession.

dpi

Dots per inch. The number of dots in a linear inch. DPI measurements are used to describe the resolution of printers and scanners, where printed images and words are made up of a series of round dots. The greater the DPI number, the higher the resolution.

drag

To move an object on screen. Place the cursor over the image or selection area, hold the left mouse button down, and move the mouse to move the object.

drag-and-drop

To move an object to a new location and keep it there. Click on the object and drag it to a new location, such as an open document in another program, and release the mouse button. When dragging-and-dropping between programs, a copy of the object is placed in the receiving program.

drop-down list (or menu)

A list of items that appears when you click on or pass the cursor over a command such as **File** or **Edit**.

e*editable text*

Text that is converted from a scanned image into characters you can modify in a word processor or other text-editing program. Depending on the capabilities of your program, you can change the font, size, style, and other attributes of editable text, as well as edit words or phrases.

e-mail

A network over which you can transfer messages and electronic files. E-mail is also sent via Internet browsers.

Export

To save a file in a particular file format for use in other programs.

exposure

The amount of light, or brightness and contrast, in an image.

f*file format*

The format in which a scan is saved. Certain file formats enable programs such as word processors to insert, open, or import scans. Common graphics formats include .bmp, .jpg, and .tif. Common text formats include .txt (text) and .rtf (Rich Text Format).

file size

The number of bytes in a file. File size of scanned images is determined by resolution, file type, output type, and scaling. To reduce the file size of photographs, for example, you could decrease bit depth or resolution.

final scan

The actual image, defined by the selection area, that is sent to a destination such as a file, a printer, the Clipboard, or another program.

final size

The approximate height and width of the final image to be scanned.

FlashPix

A format that allows faster processing, but creates larger file sizes. FlashPix files, which save with the .fpx extension, can be used on Windows and Macintosh platforms. The format was developed by Hewlett-Packard, Kodak, Live Picture, and Microsoft.

flowed text

The Flowed Text option converts output into one column, placing images as closely as possible to the appropriate text.

framed text

The Framed Text option places text and images in a frame, positioned as closely as possible to the way they appear in the original document. Text may be more difficult to edit extensively since the frames may not expand to hold additional text.

focus

Refers to the sharpness of an image.

front panel

The area on the front of the scanner hardware containing the buttons for sending an item to a destination or changing settings.

g*gamma*

The contrast that affects the mid-level grays or midtones of an image. Adjusting the gamma of an image allows you to change the brightness values of the middle range of gray tones without dramatically altering the shadows and highlights. This applies to both black-and-white images and color images. The default setting of 2.2 ensures integrity among computer systems.

grainy

Refers to images, pictures, or photographs in which individual pixels are relatively large and have areas of white between them, thus reducing the overall perceived quality of the image. Graininess can occur when you scan a poor-quality original or reduce the bit depth of the scanned image by dithering or halftoning.

Graphics Interchange Format

A graphic file format that is supported by many Windows programs. Files saved in this format support 256 colors. Graphics Interchange Format files are saved with the filename extension .gif.

grayscale

An original or output type containing shades of gray, not just black and white. In a grayscale image, each pixel contains multiple bits of information, allowing more shades of gray to be recorded and displayed. Four bits can reproduce up to 16 levels of gray, and eight bits can reproduce 256 shades of gray. Grayscale is commonly used for black-and-white original photographs but is also effective in maintaining shading in pencil drawings.

h

halftone

An original composed of a pattern of dots that tricks the eye into seeing shades of gray or color. Halftones are common in all printed materials. Scanning halftones instead of photographic originals can result in lower final image quality.

height

The vertical dimension of a scan as it will appear at its destination.

highlights

The lightest portion of an image, usually reproduced as white on the computer screen or when printed.

histogram

A graphical representation of the concentration of pixels at each intensity or gray level in the selection area of the scanned image. Histograms help determine the optimal highlight, shadow, or threshold value of an image.

HP PrecisionScan LAN software

Utility that allows users to use the scanner across the network.

HP ScanJet Copy Utility

The software used to select number of copies, destination printer, and other copy options after a user selects the Copy option on the scanner.

HP PrecisionScan Pro software

The scanning software that HP provides for previewing an image before sending it to a destination; making changes, such as resolution, resizing, and contrast; and saving images as files.

HP Scanning Software

The name of the scanner button that starts the HP PrecisionScan Pro software. *See also* HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

HP Share-to-Web

An automated feature that sends scanned images directly to a destination on the Web. Links are available only in English.

HTML

HyperText Markup Language. A language used in creating documents for the World Wide Web. Documents can be saved in HTML format and will have an .htm extension.

hue

The distinctive characteristic of a visible color that enables you to distinguish it from other colors. Six hues are especially important in photography, scanning, and printing: red, yellow, green, cyan, blue, and magenta. Hue is determined by the frequency of the wave of light that creates the color. *See also* saturation.

i

image

An electronic picture that can be displayed on a computer screen or saved to a disk.

image editor

An program that lets you modify bitmapped drawings and photographs.

image size

The size of the image expressed in bytes and displayed in the Status bar. File size and image size may vary, depending on the file type.

import

To bring a scanned image into a document from another program.

Info bar

A form of assistance that appears in the lower, left corner of the screen and displays the width and height of the output image, the scale percentage, the Output Type currently selected, and a **Help** button.

interpolated resolution

Resolution that is changed in the scanning software rather than in the hardware. For example, if your scanned image is 600 dpi, you might be able to enhance it to 1200 dpi in the scanning software. This is useful for enlarging small images.

interpolation

The process of increasing the resolution of an image by the addition of new pixels throughout the image, the colors of which are based on neighboring pixels.

invert

To reverse the colors in an image (for example, in a black-and-white image, black areas are turned white and white areas are turned black).

item

The physical drawing, photo, collage, etc. you place in the scanner to scan. Once it is scanned, it is referred to as an image or scanned image.

i

jagged

Refers to the uneven transition between black and white, or areas of color, in a scanned image. Jagged edges can be avoided by scanning at a higher resolution than your output device, or by not scaling the image after scanning it.

JPEG

Joint Photographic Experts Group. A compressed file format that reduces file size and enables faster file access. This format can reduce image quality and performance when the file is decompressed and recompressed. JPEG files are saved with the filename extension .jpg.

k

keyboard shortcuts

A keystroke or combination of keystrokes that allows you to quickly accomplish common tasks.

l

landscape

The orientation of a photograph or image that is wider than it is tall. When an image is taller than it is wide, it is called portrait orientation.

m

maximum pixel depth

This option enables higher bits per pixel when the scan is sent to the software. When it is off, 8 bits per pixel are returned for grayscale and 24 bit for color. When it is turned on, 16 bits per pixel are returned for grayscale and 48 bits for color.

midtones

The gray shades of an image. Midtones are usually between 30% and 70% black. Midtone control adjusts the brightness of gray levels in the image so that the lightest and darkest portions of the image can be properly displayed on your monitor. The higher the setting, the brighter the image appears on your monitor.

moire

An undesirable pattern in color printing that results from incorrect screen angles of overprinting halftones. Moire patterns usually result when you scan a halftone, when you scan images taken directly from a magazine, or when you scale an image in an image editor after it is scanned.

n

negative template

The cutout that comes with the optional transparency adapter that is placed on the scanning glass. Negatives are then placed in the template.

noise reduction

This option reduces the noise (unwanted specks) in an image by applying software algorithms to minimize the effects of noise in the scanner electronics.

o

OCR

See *optical character recognition*.

optical character recognition

Abbreviated OCR. A technology that recognizes letters in a scanned image and converts them into ASCII characters, or editable text.

optical resolution

The true resolution of a scanner, the resolution at which the scanner captures images. See also: interpolated resolution, resolution.

optimized palette

A palette or color table that contains the pixel colors present in an image.

original

The original document or picture to be scanned.

output

The file that is generated by the scanning process.

output dimensions

The actual height and width of an image when saved. You will not see the size changes to your image in the Preview area since image size affects only the final scan.

output type

The type of file that is generated during the scanning process. Output type reveals the bit depth of the image.

P

Paintbrush

A bitmap file format (.pcx extension) supported by MS-DOS, Windows, UNIX, and other platforms, and numerous programs. Paintbrush files support 24-bit color and can have a maximum image size of 64,000 by 64,000 pixels.

palette

A subset of the color look-up table that establishes the colors that can be displayed on the monitor at a particular time. The only color depth that allows multiple palettes is the 256 (or 8-bit) color setting for your monitor. At a color depth of 256 colors, each program (or even each individual image used or edited in a program) can have a different color palette.

palette flashing

The flashing that occurs when your monitor is set to a color depth of 256 colors and you switch programs. When you switch programs, the palette of the active program becomes the system palette, and all other programs redraw themselves as accurately as possible with the new colors.

PC fax program

A program for sending electronic documents to someone's fax machine or PC fax program. Also allows receiving of faxed documents to the computer instead of a fax machine.

pixel

The smallest element (picture element) that can be assigned an independent color and intensity and can be displayed on a computer screen. Pixels are square dots arranged in a grid pattern to make up the images displayed on the screen.

PNG

Portable network graphics format. A compressed image file format suitable for the Web that might replace GIF because of copyright issues with GIF format. PNG is non-lossy compressed, supports interlacing, and can be used with the True Color output type, which GIF cannot.

portrait

Orientation of a photograph or image that is taller than it is wide. An image that is wider than it is tall is called a landscape orientation.

posting scans

Term for scanning items directly to a website.

PPI

Pixels Per Inch. A measurement of resolution for monitors and scanners where the individual element is a square pixel.

preferences

Refers to a user's preferred method of using the scanner. The scanning software automatically saves certain preferences, such as the location of toolbars and the destination of a scan, that it detects during normal use of the scanner. Some preferences are restored each time the scanner is used, others are maintained only throughout a scanning session.

preview

A feature that displays a scanned image so you can view it in the scanning software. You can then select an area to be saved; make adjustments to the tone, color and size; and save the final image.

preview window

The rectangular area in the software where the scanned image is displayed.

printer resolution

A measurement of the number of dots per inch (dpi) the printer is capable of printing. Typical laser printers have resolutions of 600 dpi, typical ink printers have resolutions of 300 dpi for photographs and 600 dpi for text, while imagesetters have resolutions of 1200 or 2400 dpi. The more dots per inch, the smoother the output and the greater the number of grayscale levels and colors the device can describe.

Product Tour

The Product Tour provides an overview of the scanner's capabilities and how scanning tasks are completed. It appears each time the scanning software starts, unless it is specifically disabled. It is also available in the **Help** menu.

q

r

raster

A type of black and white, gray, or color image or picture made up of a matrix of individual pixels or dots. This is also referred to as a bitmap.

resolution

The measure of how many dots per inch (dpi) are scanned, displayed, or printed. The greater the dpi the greater the amount of detail that is visible, and the larger the file size. The final output device (monitor, printer) for a scanned image determines the resolution of the image. For example, if you scan a picture at 600 dpi (the optimum) and your printer is capable of printing at only 300 dpi, the printed image will be no more than 300 dpi.

RGB

Red, Green, Blue. The color model in which every color is composed of a varying amount of red, green, and blue, which are the three primary colors of light. RGB is used to display colors on a computer monitor.

rich text format

A format for text files. Rich text format preserves all formatting in the original text document. It converts formatting into instructions that compatible programs can interpret. Rich text format files are saved with the filename extension .rtf.

right-click

To press and release the right mouse button once.

rotate tool

To rotate the entire scan 90 degrees clockwise or 90 degrees counterclockwise.

S

saturation

The intensity of color in a specific hue. An image with high color saturation has vivid color. A black-and-white photograph has zero saturation. *See also* hue.

scale

To reduce or increase the physical size of an image while maintaining aspect ratio (the ratio of the horizontal dimension to the vertical dimension).

scan

To capture a picture, photograph, or text as a digital electronic image using a scanner. This term also refers to the image that has been scanned.

scanning source

Scanning (or scan) sources include the flatbed, transparency-slides, and transparency-negatives.

scanner bed

The glass surface of the scanner where you place items to scan. Sometimes referred to as the scanner glass.

scanner glass

The glass surface on the scanner where you place items to scan. Sometimes referred to as the scanner bed.

scanner lid

The lid, or cover, of the scanner, which holds the original paper flat for scanning.

screen resolution

The measurement of the number of lines per inch (lpi) that a screen can display. This is usually 75 lpi.

SCSI

Small Computer System Interface. An interface that lets you attach hard disks and other high-performance peripherals to your computer.

selection area

The area inside the rectangular border drawn around a portion of the image in the Preview area. The selection area is scanned when you drag-and-drop, save to a file, copy to the clipboard, or print.

shadow

The darkest area of an image, usually reproduced as near black on the computer screen or when printed. The range between highlight and shadow determines the quality and color differentiation in the image.

sharpen

To enhance the detail in an image.

source

The program from which an image is retrieved for use in a document. TWAIN-compliant programs pull an image from a source, such as the HP PrecisionScan Pro software.

spot color

A software function that finds large areas of color in a scanned image and applies a uniform color to the area.

Start button

The button in the (Windows) Taskbar that can be used to start a program quickly, find files, change settings, and open documents.

status bar

The area at the bottom of most Windows program screens that shows information about the current action in progress.

system palette

A palette or color table containing a Web palette plus more shades of gray and the 16 VGA colors.

†

Taskbar

A toolbar that docks to the edge of the Windows Desktop. The Taskbar includes the **Start** button, buttons for each open program, and a status area.

text

As it relates to scanning, text is saved in the following formats: .txt, searchable .pdf, .htm, and .rtf.

thresholding

The process of rendering all areas darker than a set value as black, and all areas lighter than a set value as white. Useful when converting grayscale images to black and white.

TIFF

Tagged Image File Format. A bitmapped file format for images, capable of storing up to 24-bit depth images. TIFF file format is especially appropriate for scanned images and is supported by many programs and computers. TIFF files are saved with the filename extension .tif.

tone

The overall effect produced by the combination of lighting, shade, and color.

toolbar

The area that contains buttons for an program's controls.

ToolTip

A brief description that appears when the mouse pointer pauses over a control (such as a menu item or toolbar button) in a software program's window.

transparency adapter

Abbreviated as XPA. An optional accessory used to scan transparencies, negatives, and slides. An XPA connector is plugged into the scanner, and a template is used to position the transparency above the glass.

Transparency exposure adjustment

A tool in the HP PrecisionScan Pro software for adjusting the Midtones (contrast), Highlights, and Shadows for transparencies, negatives, and other transparent media.

true color

An image type that is rendered with 24-bits per pixel per color.

TWAIN

An industry-standard communications protocol for sending instructions to hardware (such as a scanner) and receiving data back from them (such as an image). If you are using a program that supports TWAIN, you can start the HP PrecisionScan Pro software directly from that program.

U

uniform scaling

A method of stretching or shrinking an image proportionately in both the vertical and horizontal directions.

USB

Universal Serial Bus. An interface for connecting peripherals, such as scanners, to a computer.

V

vector

A type of image that uses algebraic equations to define the various lines and curves of the image.

W

Web palette

A palette or color table containing red, green, and blue pixel colors that is standard for images embedded in Web pages or .html files. It consists of 216 entries of all combinations of the values 0, 51, 102, 153, 204, and 255.

WIA-compliant

Windows Imaging Architecture. The method Word uses to bring scanned images into an open Word document. Similar to TWAIN.

width

The horizontal dimension of your scan as it is sent to its destination.

Windows bitmap

A bitmapped file format for pictures, supported by most Windows programs. Windows bitmap files support 1-, 4-, 16-, 24- and 32-bit color. Windows bitmap files are saved with the filename extension .bmp.

Windows metafile

A file format supporting 24-bit color and used to store and exchange image data between Windows-based programs. Windows metafiles are saved with the filename extension .wmf.

X

XPA

See *transparency adapter*.

Y

Z

zoom scan

The ability to enlarge, or magnify, the image in the Preview area so that finer adjustments can be made to the image. This action does not enlarge the picture that is saved, printed, copied to the clipboard, or dragged into another program.

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