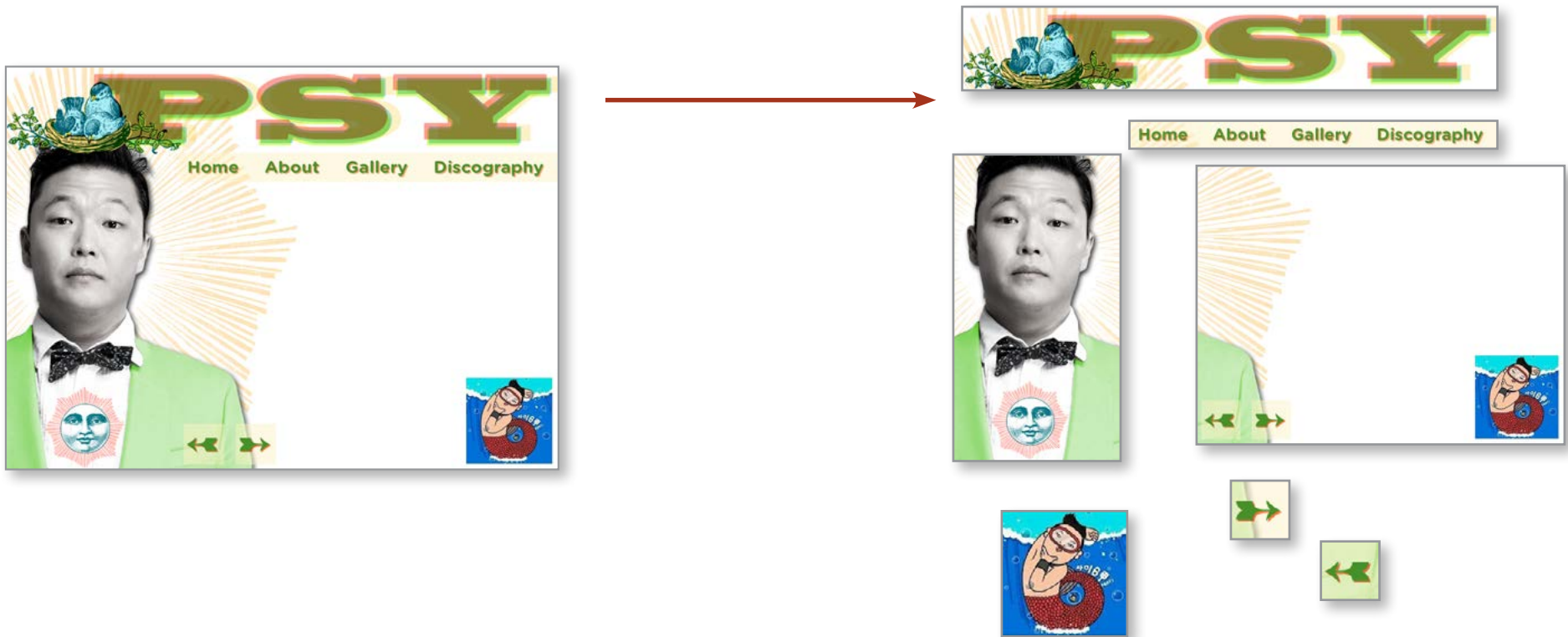


SLICING+OPTIMIZING *in* PHOTOSHOP

1. SLICING

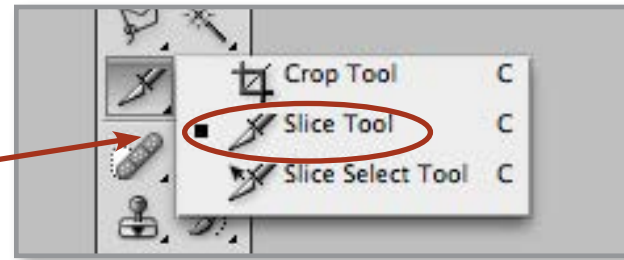
In Photoshop, slicing is the process of slicing your Photoshop web skin/comp/prototype into individual images that:

- can be used in web pages (.psd documents can't be used in html)
- are optimized.



2. OPEN YOUR PROTOTYPE AND SELECT THE ***SLICE TOOL***:

It's nested with the crop tool.

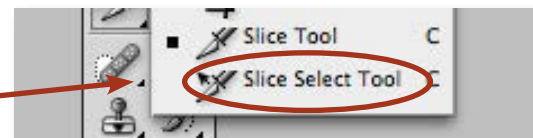


3. TO CREATE A SLICE,

- click and hold down the slice tool
- drag it around the area you want make into a slice.
- Each slice will be outlined with a colored line, and have a slice icon with its slice number in the upper left-hand corner

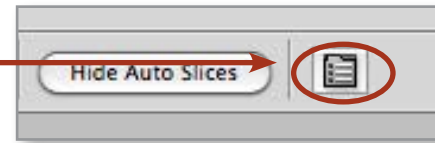


4. ADJUST YOUR SLICES USING THE ***SLICE SELECT TOOL***.

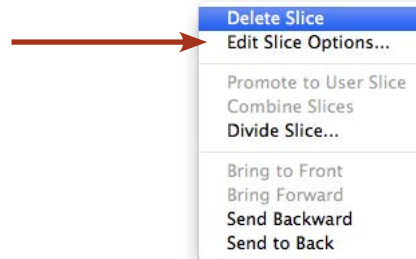


5. NAME YOUR SLICES - TWO WAYS

- **Set Options for Current Slice** button in the slice toolbar at the top of the page.



- Or right click and select **Edit Slice Options**

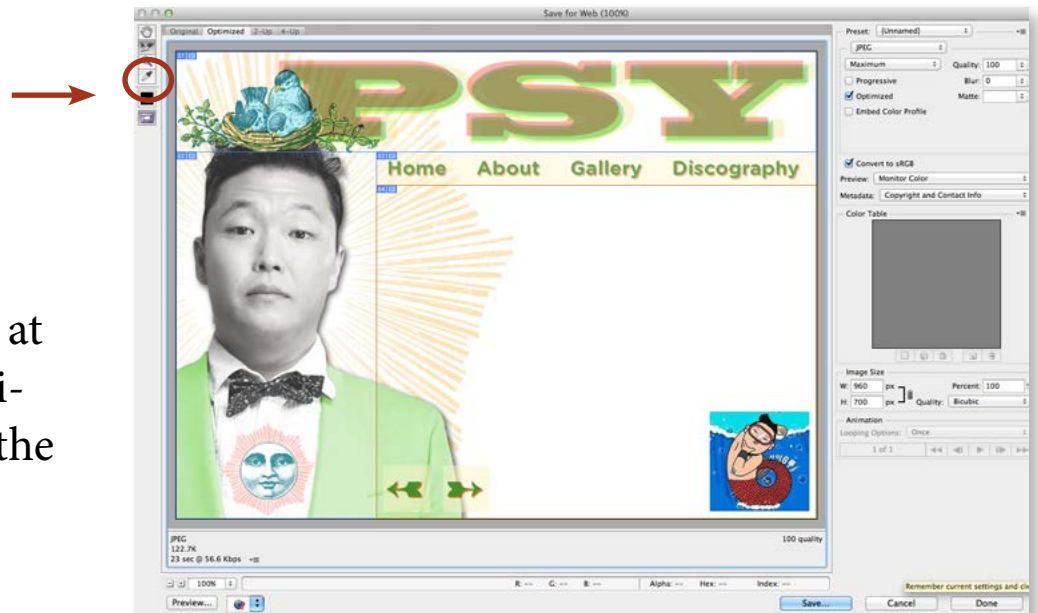


6. NAMING IS IMPORTANT! IT CREATES THE NAME FOR THE IMAGE!

7. GO TO "SAVE FOR WEB" UNDER THE FILE MENU

The dialog box at the right will open up.

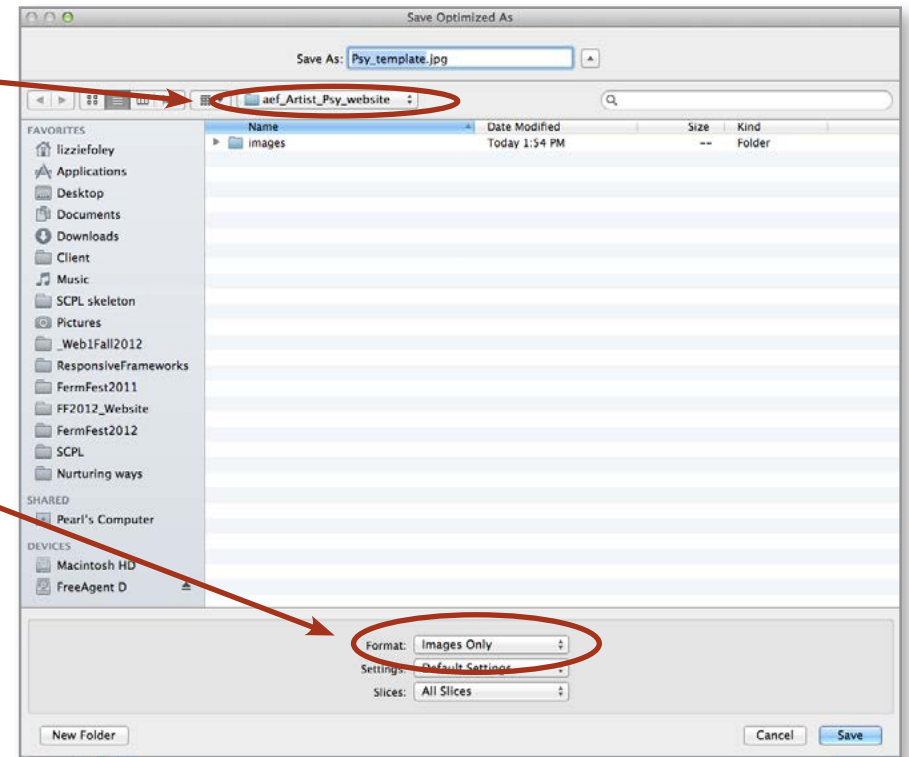
Using the **slice select tool** from the toolbar at the left, select each slice one by one and optimize it properly for the type of file it is and the needs of the particular website.



8. CLICK SAVE.

9. CHOOSE THE FOLDER WHERE YOU WANT THE SLICES TO GO.

10. CHOOSE *IMAGES*



11. CLICK ON SAVE

- *Photoshop will save each slice as an individual image*
- *Photoshop will put those images in a folder called "images" that it creates.*
- *The folder called images will be inside the folder you specified.*
- *Each image will have the name you gave it in step 5*

12. USER SLICES VS. AUTO SLICES.

User slices are the slices you created above.

Auto slices are created by the program because every part of the image has to be in a slice, somehow. If you don't need a slice, you can toss it out. But you might want to save it in a TrashLater folder just in case.

13. CREATING A SLICE FOR THE ENTIRE **TEXTAREA** BACKGROUND.

After you've done all the work above, the background of the text area is chopped up into a million little slices. What you actually want in one big image to use as a background image on that div.

To create this image,

- In the menu bar, choose ***“View->Clear Slices.”***
- Create a slice that encloses the text area, including the back/next area and the animation area.
- Optimize and export the slice as usual.

Don't worry that you're undoing a bunch of work. For one thing, you already have the other slices saved. For another, once you've gone through this once, it's easy to do it a second time.

