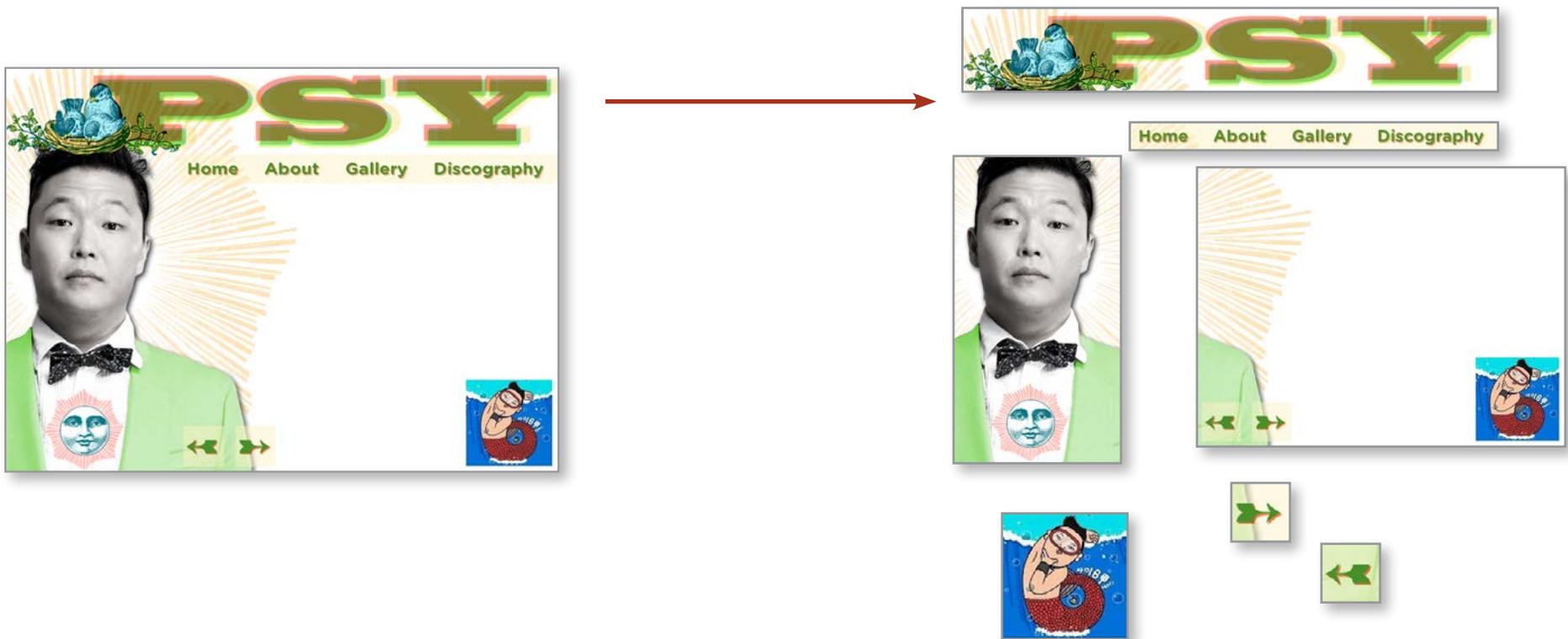


# SLICING+OPTIMIZING *in* PHOTOSHOP

## 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.



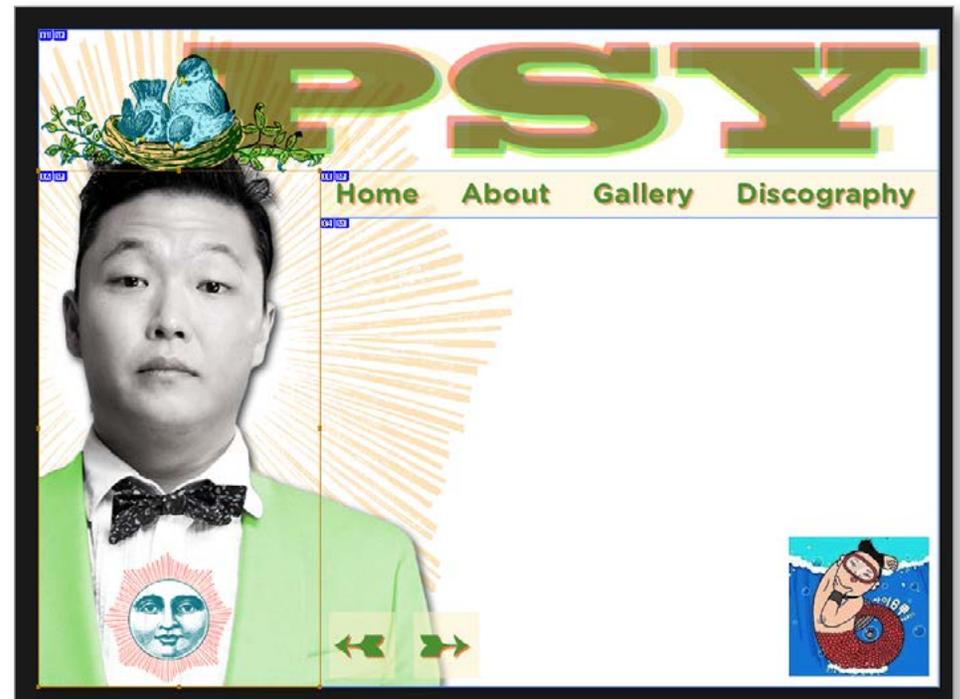
## 2. OPEN YOUR PROTOTYPE AND SELECT THE ***SLICE TOOL***:

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***.

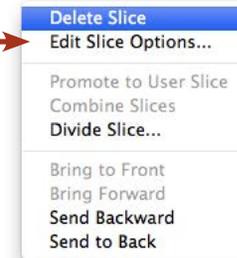


## 5. NAME YOUR SLICES - TWO WAYS

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



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

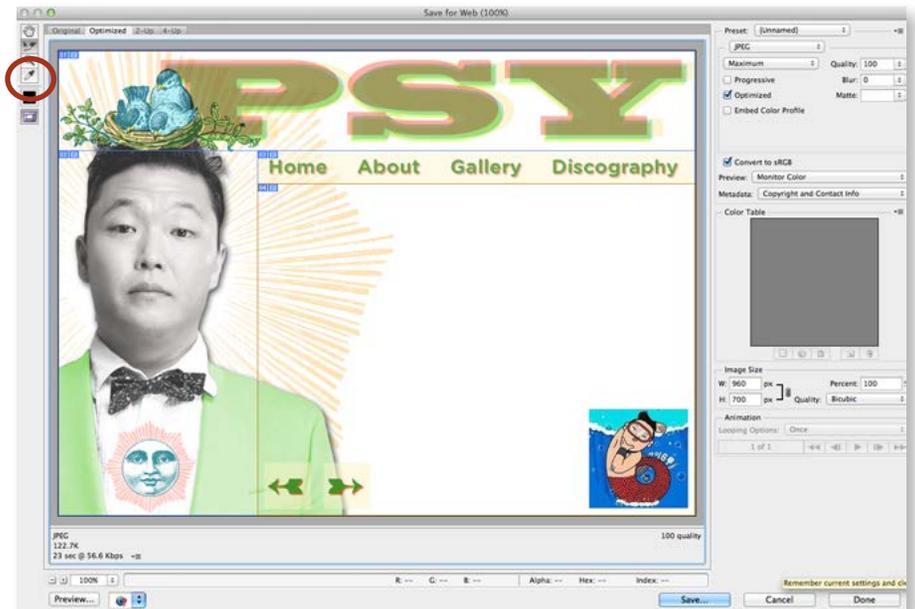


## 6. NAMING IS IMPORTANT! IT CREATES THE NAME FOR THE IMAGE!

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

The dialog box at the right will open up.

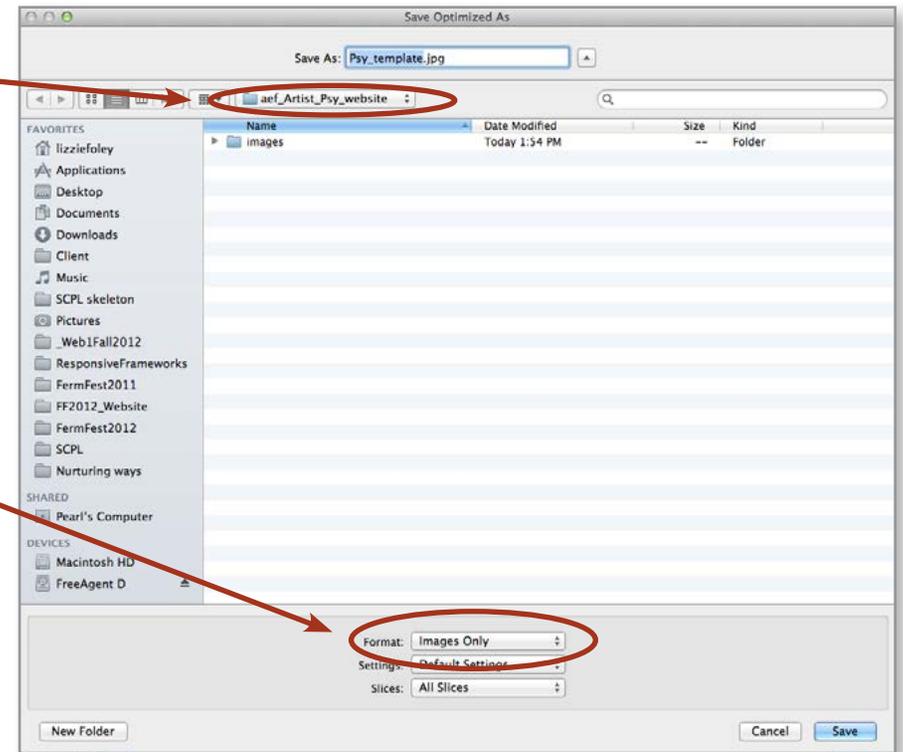
Using the **slice select tool** from the toolbar at the left, select each slice one by one and optimize it properly for the type of file it is and the needs of the particular website.



## 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.***

