

Adjustment Layers in Photoshop CS5.5

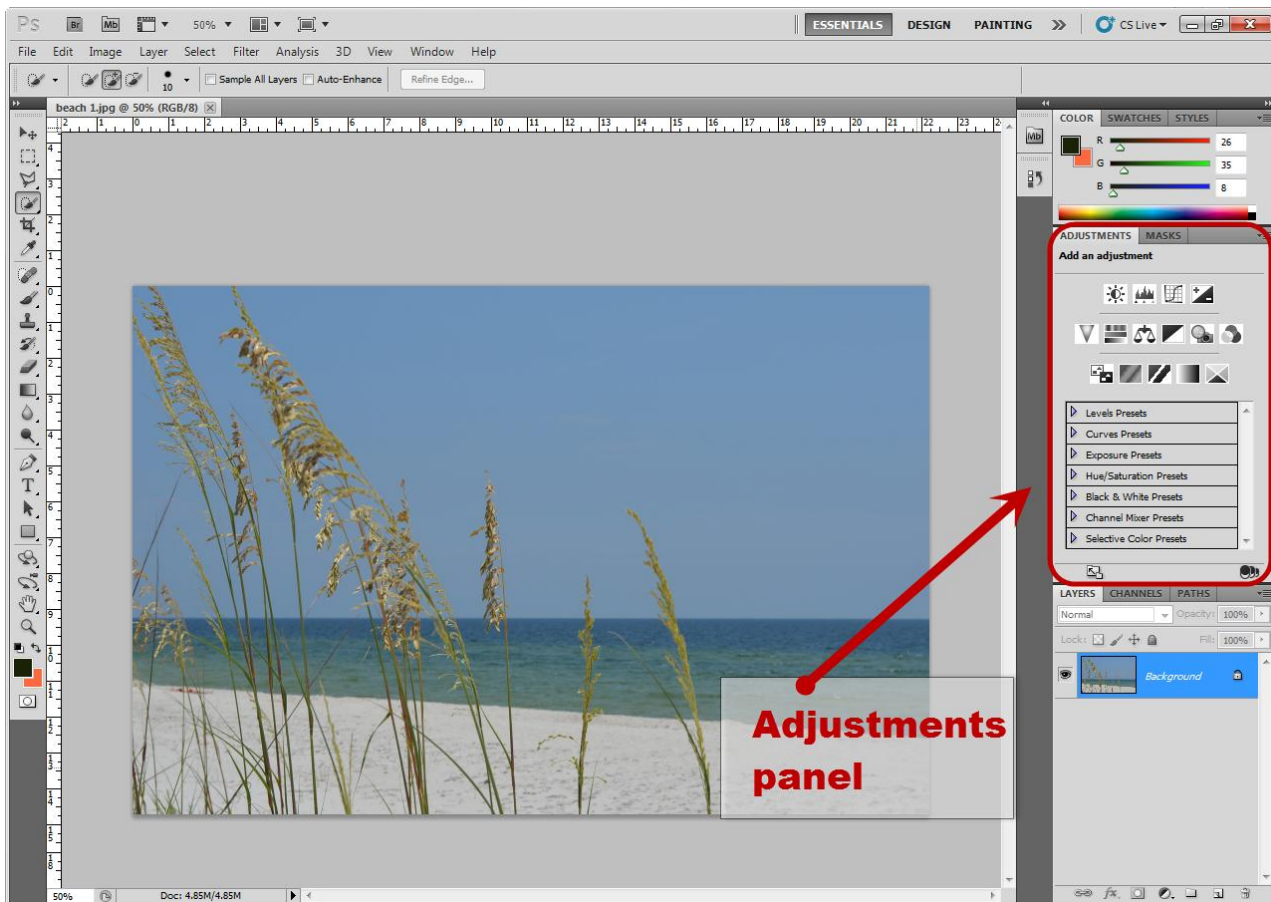
Adjustment layers allow you to adjust and enhance your digital images. Adjustment layers are *non-destructive*, meaning that your original image is maintained. With adjustment layers, you can return to your original image at any time, make changes to the layers, and combine various adjustment types.

Types of Adjustments

- Brightness/Contrast
- Levels
- Curves
- Exposure
- Vibrance
- Hue/Saturation
- Color Balance
- Black & white
- ...and more

Add an Adjustment Layer

To add an adjustment layer, use the **Adjustments** panel on the right of your screen in Photoshop.

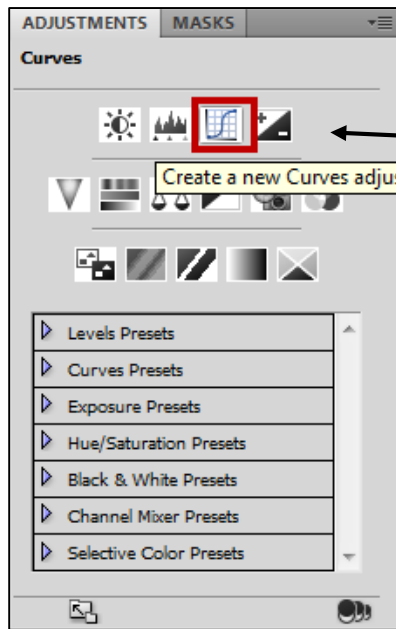


Note: If you do not see the Adjustments panel, follow these steps:

1. Select the **Window** top menu.
2. Select **Adjustments**.
3. The Adjustments panel will appear.

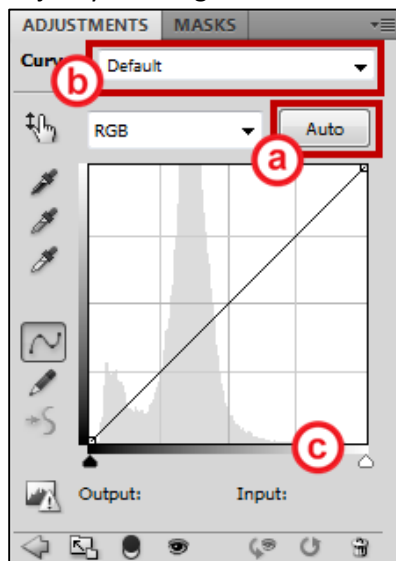
Adding an Adjustment Layer through the Adjustments Panel

1. Select the icon for the desired adjustment type in the Adjustments Panel. In this example, we will use the *Curves* adjustment.



Note that you can hover your mouse over any of the adjustment icons to see the name of that adjustment type.

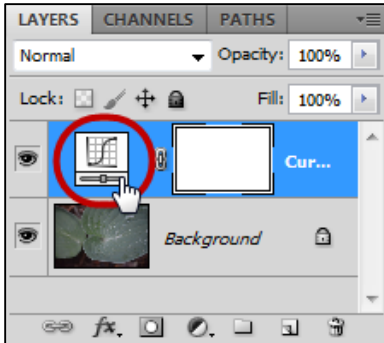
2. The **Options** panel for that adjustment will open.
3. Adjust your image as desired.



- a. Use the **Auto** button to let Photoshop automatically adjust your image.
- b. Use the **Preset** dropdown to try one of the available presets (e.g., *Medium Contrast*).
- c. Make adjustments manually if the Auto or Preset options do not give the desired effect.

Modifying an Adjustment Layer

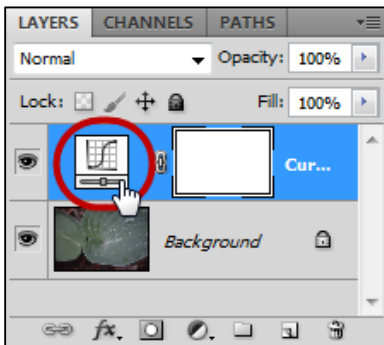
1. Select the adjustment layer in the Layers panel.



- a. **Note:** If you do not see the Layers panel, follow these steps:
 1. Select the **Window** top menu.
 2. Select **Layers**.
 3. The Layers panel will appear.
2. The Options for that adjustment will appear in the Adjustments panel. Adjust as desired.

Deleting an Adjustment Layer

1. Select the adjustment layer in the Layers panel.



2. The Options for that adjustment will appear in the Adjustments panel.
3. Click the **Trash Can** in the Adjustments panel.

