

## ICC Profile Installation

ICC profiles are binary files, and are opened automatically by Photoshop, the operating system, printer drivers, and similar files. Profiles need to be installed in the correct location on your computer for them to be available to image editing and other applications. These locations are:

### Mac OS X:

Storing profiles in /Library/ColorSync/Profiles allows all users to use them. An alternative area, for users without Admin privileges, is /Users/<username>/Library/ColorSync/Profiles. Profiles stored here are available only to the current user. The ColorSync Utility gives access to the details of individual profiles, shows gamut plots, can rename profiles, validates profile structure, among other useful tasks.

### OSX 10.7.3 (Lion) and above:

The system profile folder is hidden by default. Storing profiles in this folder is possible, but requires following the steps described here.

### Mac OS 9.x:

System Folder: ColorSync Profiles

### Windows 7, Vista and XP:

The easiest way to install a profile in Windows XP or above is to right-click on the profile and select "install profile". Windows copies the profile to the correct directory automatically.

Important note: If you are *replacing* a profile in Windows XP, the above shortcut does not work. The profiles must be manually copied to the correct directory for the original profile to be replaced. Below is the directory location:

\Windows\system32\spool\drivers\color

### Windows 2000 and NT:

\Winnt\system32\spool\drivers\color

### Windows ME and 98:

\Windows\System\Color

