



Image Overlay Merge and Watermark

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2.0 About This Software

The software is a great tool if you want to enhance any picture for personal use or a marketing campaign or making your images stands out on your website or your eBay listings. Image overlay merge and watermark allows you to create attractive images in simple steps. The software mainly has two modes; Single Merge and overlay mode and Batch merge and overlay mode.

3.0 System Requirements

Image Overlay Merge and Watermark needs the following system requirements to run:

- 1. Microsoft Windows operating system
- 2. 1 GB RAM
- 3. 10 MB free disk space
- 4. Dot Net 3.5 SP1 Framework
- 5. Dot Net 4.0 Framework

The software is supported on Windows XP SP3, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 8.1

4.0 Version History

Nov 2014	Image Overlay Merge and Watermark (v2014.1.0.0)
	+Maintenance release to introduce support to larger image files
Sep 2012	Image Overlay Merge and Watermark (v2012.2.0.2) +Maintenance release
Apr 2012	Image Overlay Merge and Watermark (v2012.2.0.1) +Fixed a minor bug causing the image not to save when it's bordered +Added extra template masks
Apr 2012	Image Overlay Merge and Watermark (v2012.2.0.0) +improve text watermark positioning feature +Add a second image feature for single image mode
Feb 2012 First Release	Image Overlay Merge and Watermark (v2012.1.0.0)





5.0 Software Support

The support provided with this software is limited. Please only contact us if you would like to report a software bug.

It is highly recommended that you test the demo version of this software before purchasing the full version

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Below is a summary of features:

Image Overlay Features:

- Overlay any image on another one.
- Overlay any number of images on one image.
- Ability to resize the overlayed image during the overlay process.

Image Watermark Features:

- Add a text watermark to your images (different fonts, sizes and colors are available)
- Add image watermark
- position and resize watermark

Image Merge Features:

- Merge any image with another
- Change opacity

Common Features:

Including all the features above the features below can be applied in combination with any of the above

- 136 different image masks ready to go for overlaying
- Add your own image masks in simple process (copy and paste the image you want to overlay/merge to the software images folder and the images will always be available for you to use)
- Re-size images for saving or keep original size of processed image.
- Save final images in different formats (bmp, gif, jpg, ico (icon), emf, wmf, png, tiff, exif)
- Add a border to your image (different thicknesses and colors available)
- Process multiple images in one go image overlay one picture to a batch of pictures (preview all images during the process or choose to turn preview off. You can also change the process speed for faster processing)
- Process multiple images in one go Image Merge one picture to a batch of pictures (preview all images during the process or choose to turn preview off. You can also change the process speed for faster processing)
- Flexibility that allows you to combine several features Overlay + Text Watermark + Image Watermark + Adding image border
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Comparing Software Editions

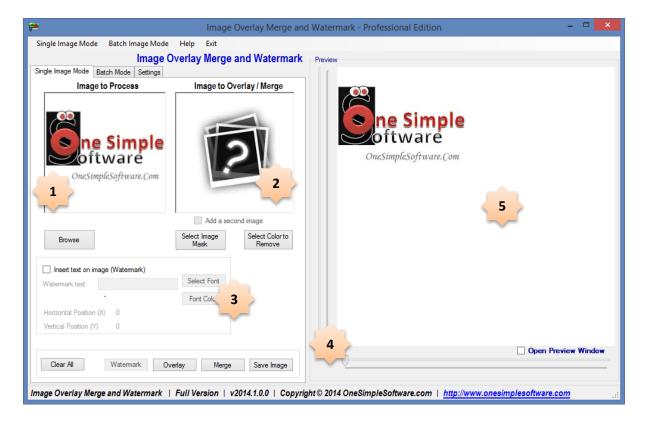
Below is a comparison of all editions:

Features	Description	Editions	
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Overlay	Single mode overlay image	Limited	Y
Image	Overlay several images on one picture	Limited	Y
Image Masks	Ready to go masks for your image	Limited	Y
Your Masks	Add your own image masks	Limited	Y
Merge image	Merge 2 images	Limited	Y
Watermark	Insert your watermark text on your image	Limited	Y
	Insert a watermark in an Image format watermark	Limited	Y
Overlay + Border	Overlay an image and add a border to it	Limited	Y
Image Border	Add a border to your image	Limited	Y
Save images	Save images as *.gif,*.jpg,*.bmp,*.png	Limited	Y
Resize images	Resize images upon saving	Limited	Y
Batch	Process Many images in one go (Image Overlay mode)	Limited	Y
Processing	Process Many images in one go (Image Merge mode)	Limited	Y





8.1 Main Screen - Single Image mode



1. Image to process

This is the image that will appear in background – Mainly the image that you want to overlay any picture on or merge any other image with.

- 2. Image to Overlay / Merge
 - This is the image that you want to overlay on the top of the "Image to process" and mainly referred to as the "Image Mask".
- 3. Insert text on image (Watermark)
 - Check the "check box" to activate this option, you will need to select the "Font Type" and "Font Color".
- 4. Track bars
 - The track bars are available to allow you to align the "Text Watermark" on the preview panel. The track bars are only activated if the "Insert text on image" check box option is checked. You can also align the text watermark by double clicking on the preferred location inside the preview panel

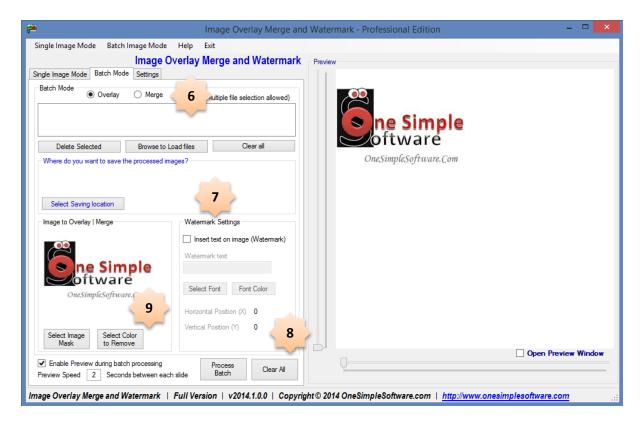




Preview

Image preview panel to display the final image – if the image is too large to fit in a scroll bar will appear, to preview the full image check "Open Preview Window". The feature will not alter the image size. Altering the final image size can be done through the settings section.

8.2 Main Screen - Batch mode



6. Overlay | Merge selection

Select the option you want to perform and then click on "Browse to Load files" button and add all the files you want to overlay or merge any other image with. The files will be processed and background.

- 7. Saving location of newly processed files "Select Saving Location" – where you want to save the newly generated files
- 8. Watermark settings

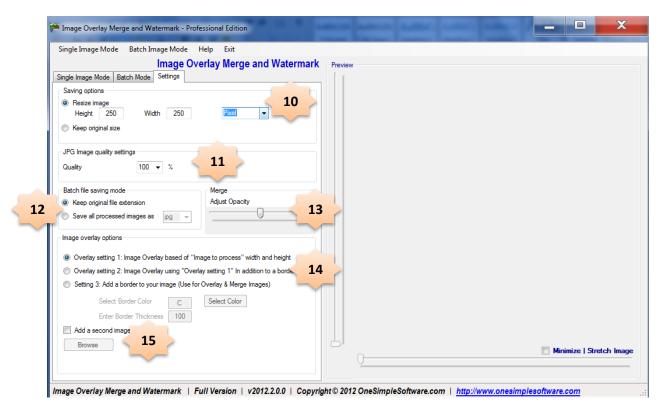
Check "Insert text on image" then select the font type and font color if you want to enable this feature – you can position the watermark using the track bars available (See 4)

9. Image to Overlay | Merge

This is the image you want to appear on the foreground or the mask you want to overlay. Click on "Select Image Mask" to define this image — if you want to remove a color from the image mask click on "Select Color to Remove" to define the color.







10. Saving Options

Two options are available – You can resize the final image upon saving or keep the original size. The setting is common for both batch and single image modes.

11. JPG Image Quality Setting

The software mainly uses this if you are saving the image as "jpg" format. A "100%" means the image will not be compressed and will keep the same quality. The lower this figure is the lower the quality of the saved image. However "100%" quality has a larger size. Setting the quality setting to "80%" or "75%" is normally in the acceptable range.

12. Batch file Saving Mode

This setting mainly confined to the Batch processing mode. If you have several files that you loaded in "6", each with different file format i.e. "gif, jpg, bmp.....etc", selecting "Keep original file extension" will as suggested keep your original extension by saving the newly processed image with the original file format that was loaded for it. You can choose to convert all processed images to one file format by selecting "Save all processed images as" then select the format you want to use from the available formats "jpg, png, gif or bmp"

13. Merge opacity

This feature allows you to adjust the opacity of the image that you are merging; the setting is common to both single and batch mode. To use simply load the image you want to



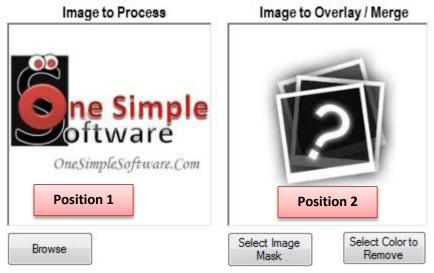


process and the image you want to merge from the image masks or overlay masks screen then use the track bar to adjust the opacity. If you are doing this in batch mode, the setting that you selected will be applied to all the images that you loaded to process.

14. Image overlay options

This feature is important as it allow you to control how the software works. The following is an explanation of this feature:

 a. Overlay Setting 1: The feature will allow you to overlay any picture or image at position 2 on position 1 by stretching position 2 image to the same dimensions as position 1

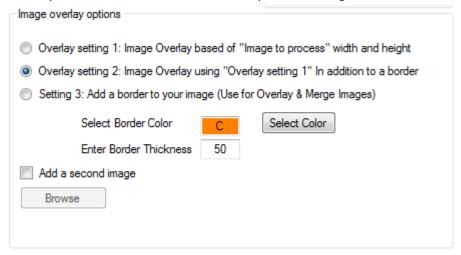


Tip – For better quality it's recommended that Position 2 image has larger size than Position 1 image





b. Overlay Setting 2: This feature utilizes the functionality of Overlay setting 1 but allows you to add an additional Border to your final image

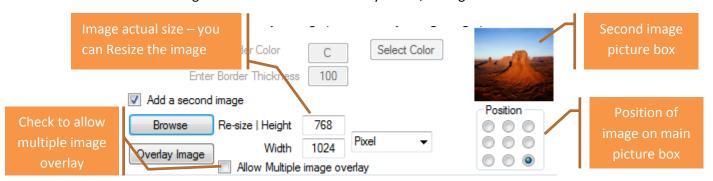


Simply click on "Select Color" button to define a color. Then enter the border thickness in the text box provided, the higher the number the thicker the image border.

c. Setting 3: this setting allows you to add only a border around your photo image. So if this is selected you can use any of the "Overlay" or the "Merge" buttons after selecting the border color and thickness to show the border

15. Add a second image

This feature allows you to add a second image on the image overlay or the image merge feature. This allows more flexibility, you can add a watermark image or a logo or even another image variation. The feature is very useful, see figure below:



This feature can be used as follows:

- a. Click the "Browse" button
- b. Select your image/photo and click on "OK" to load the picture
- c. Once the picture is loaded you will be able to see a preview in the picture box provided.

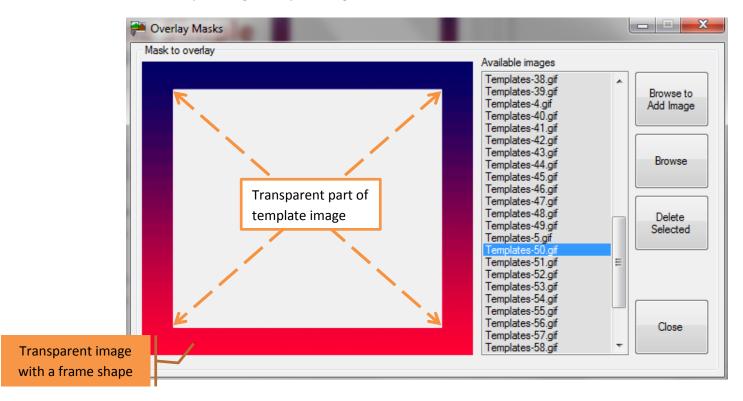




- d. You can resize the picture by changing the Height and Width, for best result try to keep the ratio between the Height and Width, for example, if you deducted 200 Pixel from the Height, you should also deduct the same amount from the Width.
- e. Select the position of the image on the main picture frame, there are 9 positions available. The picture should appear relative to the location you select.
- f. Click on the "Overlay Image" to see the result, for this to work YOU MUST HAVE AN IMAGE IN THE PREVIEW BOX.
- g. If you want to overlay several images check "Allow Multiple image overlay" then repeat the steps "a f"

8.4 Overlay Masks Screen

The screen can be accessed from "Select image mask" button in both the Single image mode and the batch overlay mode. There are more than 60 image masks available to overlay or merge with your image.



All images are stored under the "images" folder in the software default installation folder. You can add images to this list using the button "Browse to Add Image" then browse and select the image you want to add. You can also manually add the image to the default images folder then restarting the software to see the image appear in the list above.

You can also delete any image in the list by deleting it from the image folder or using the "Delete Selected" button





Tutorial 1: How to overlay an image using single image mode

Tutorial 2: How to merge an image using single image mode

Tutorial 3: How to overlay an image using batch image mode

Tutorial 4: How to merge an image using batch image mode

Tutorial 5: How to add a second image and multiple images to your photo / images

Tutorial 6: How to add a watermark text to your photo / image

Tutorial 7: How to add a border to your image

Tutorial 8: Combining image effects

Tutorial 9: How to overlay a second image in single image mode





9.1 Tutorial 1: How to overlay an image using single image mode

Step 1:

Click in the "Settings" tab and ensure that setting is as shown below

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Single Image Mode Batch Mode Settings				
Saving options				
Resize image				
Keep original size				
JPG Image quality settings				
Quality 100 ▼ %				
Batch file saving mode Merge				
Keep original file extension Adjust Opacity				
Save all processed images as ipg				
Image overlay options				
Overlay setting 1: Image Overlay based of "Image to process" width and height				
Overlay setting 2: Image Overlay using "Overlay setting 1" In addition to a border				
Setting 3: Add a border to your image (Use for Overlay & Merge Images)				
Select Border Color C Select Color				
Enter Border Thickness 100				
Add a second image				
Browse				



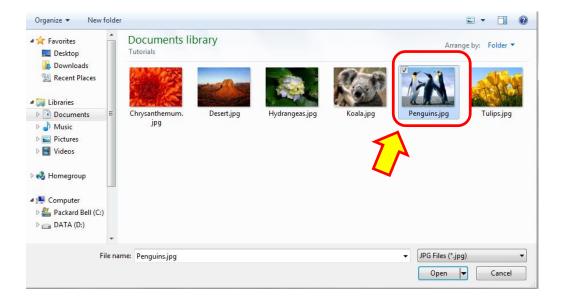


Step2:

Click on "Browse" button to open the files dialog as shown below:



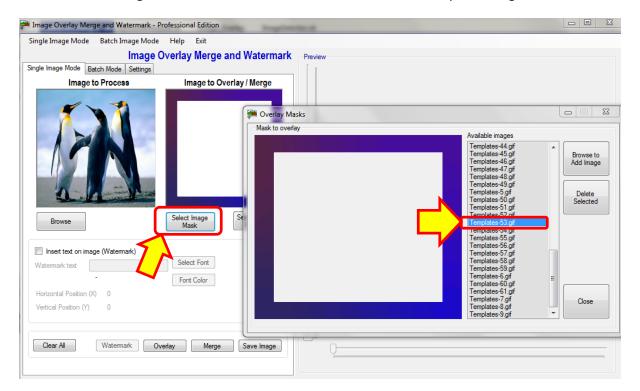
Browse to the "Tutorials" folder and select to open the image as shown below







Click on "Select Image Mask" and Scroll down the list box to select "Templates-53.gif"



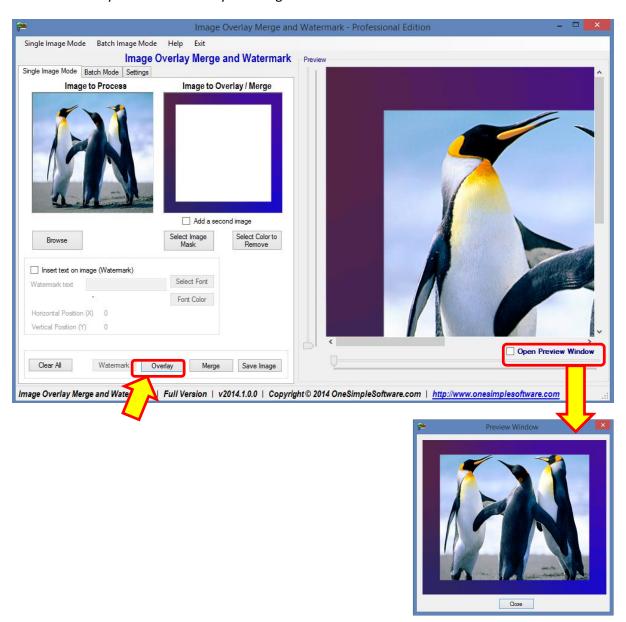
Tip: You can add your own image check out how to do this

Click "Close" button





Click on "Overlay" button to overlay the images



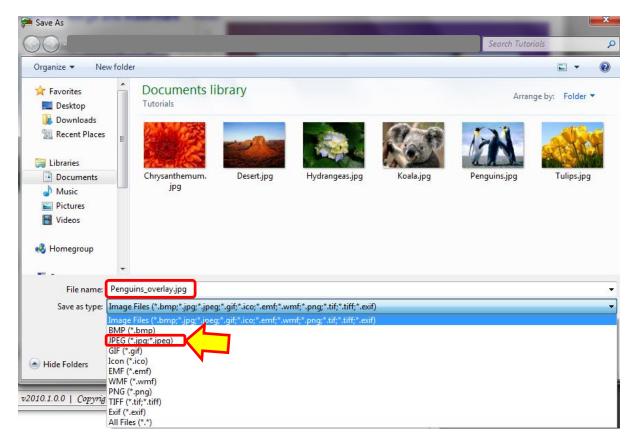
The resulting image will now show up on the right preview panel

You can save the image using "Save Image" button





Click on the "Save Image" button and same the resulting image with a new name



The image will be saved with the original dimensions, in this case (1024 x 768), to change this all you need to do is go back to step 1, and change the settings to "Resize image" enter the size you want, and Re-save the image.





9.2 Tutorial 2: How to merge an image using single image mode

<u>Step 1:</u>

Click on the "Settings" tab and ensure the settings are as below:

Single Image Mode Batch Mode Settings				
Saving options				
Resize image				
Keep original size				
JPG Image quality settings				
Quality 100 ▼ %				
Batch file saving mode Merge				
Keep original file extension Adjust Opacity				
Save all processed images as ipg v				
Image overlay options				
Overlay setting 1: Image Overlay based of "Image to process" width and height				
Overlay setting 2: Image Overlay using "Overlay setting 1" In addition to a border				
Setting 3: Add a border to your image (Use for Overlay & Merge Images)				
Select Border Color C Select Color				
Enter Border Thickness 100				
Add a second image				
Browse				



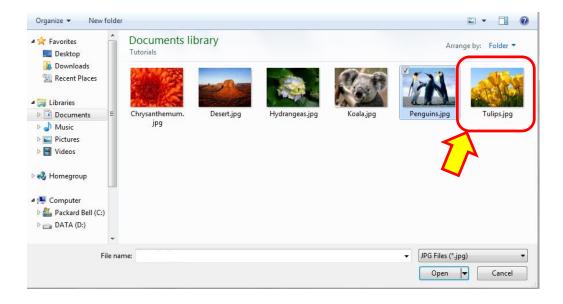


Step2:

Click on "Browse" button to open the files dialog as shown below:



Browse to the "Tutorials" folder and select to open the image as shown below

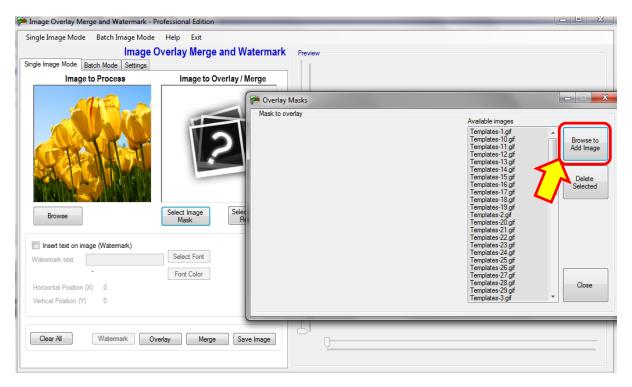




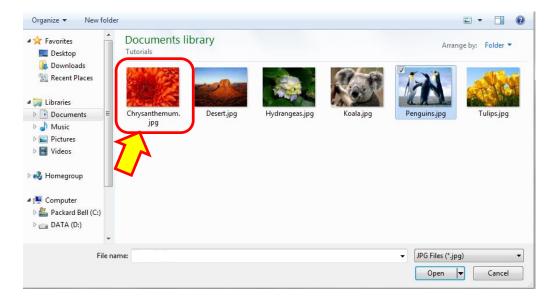


Step 3:

Click on "Select Image Mask" – we want to add an image to the image list to merge the image we selected with another image in the tutorial folder



Browse to the "Tutorials" folder and select to open the image as shown below

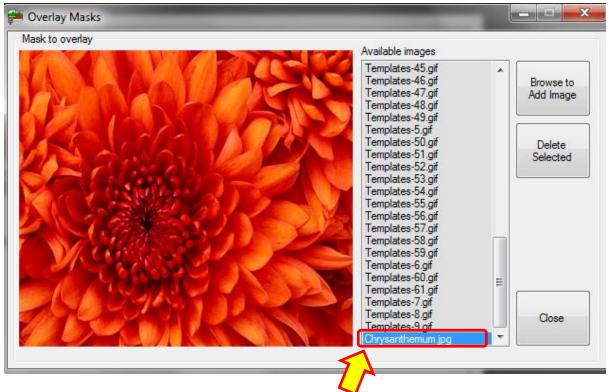


Select the image and click on "Open"





The image is now available to select in the list box, select it and continue to the main screen



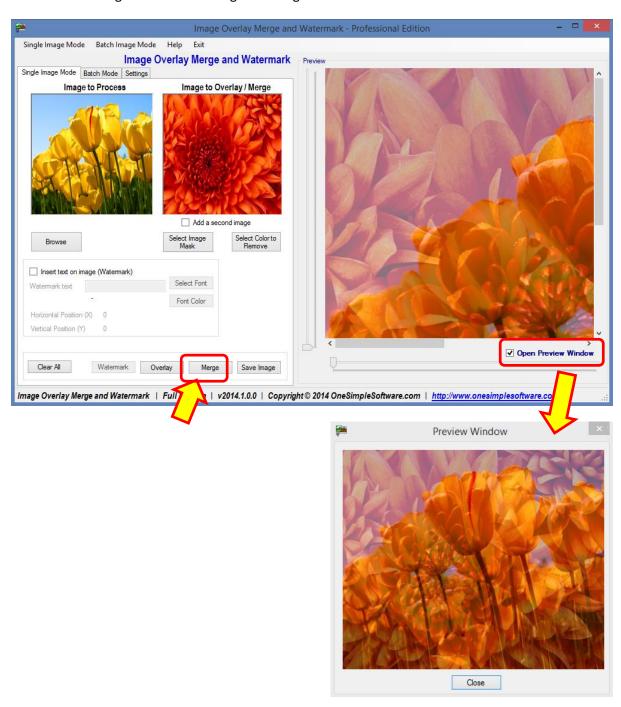
Close the window





Step 4:

Click on the "Merge" button the merge the images







You can adjust the merge sitting as shown below:

Single Image Mode Batch Mode Settings				
Saving options				
Resize image				
Keep original size				
JPG Image quality settings				
Quality 100 ▼ %				
Batch file saving mode Merge				
Keep original file extension Adjust Opacity				
Save all processed images as ipg ▼				
Image overlay options				
Overlay setting 1: Image Overlay based of "Image to process" width and height				
Overlay setting 2: Image Overlay using "Overlay setting 1" In addition to a border				
 Setting 3: Add a border to your image (Use for Overlay & Merge Images) 				
Select Border Color C Select Color				
Enter Border Thickness 100				
Add a second image				
Browse				

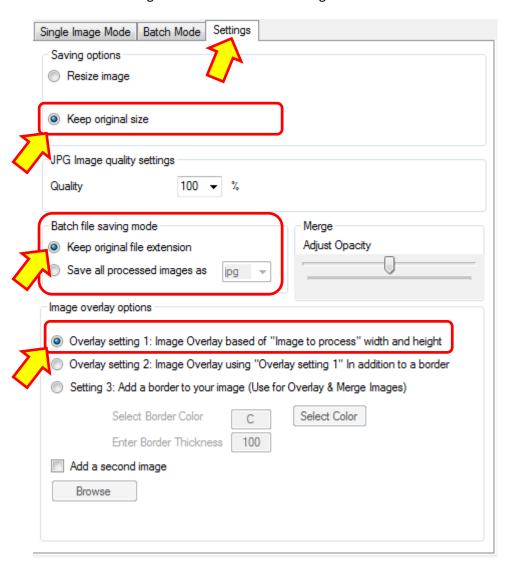




9.3 Tutorial 3: How to overlay an image using batch image mode

Step 1:

Click on the "Settings" tab and ensure the settings are as below:

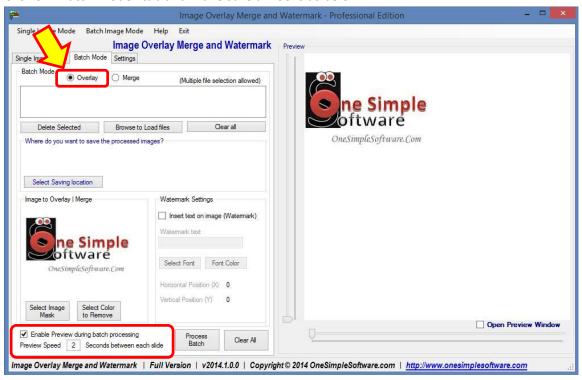




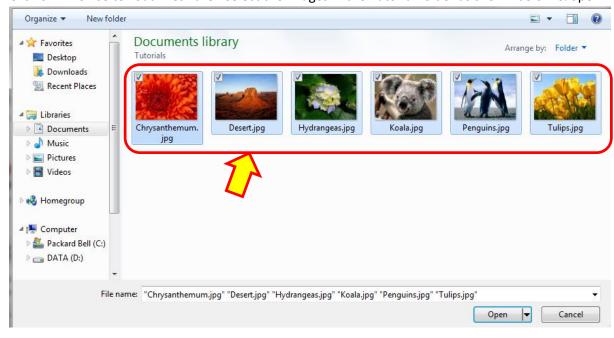


Step 2:

Click on "Batch Mode" tab and make sure all looks as below



Click on "Browse to Load files" then select the images in the Tutorial folder as shown below & open



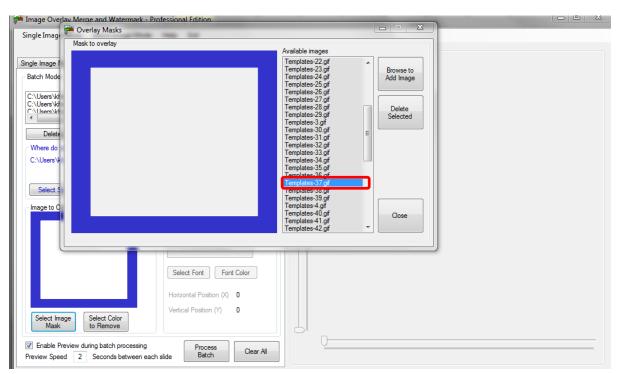




Step 3:

Click on Select Saving location and select where you want to save the generated files, you can create a new folder on your desktop and save all generated files in the new folder.

Click on Select Image Mask and select "Template-37.gif"



Step 4:



You will see all the images being processed and saved to the folder you specified

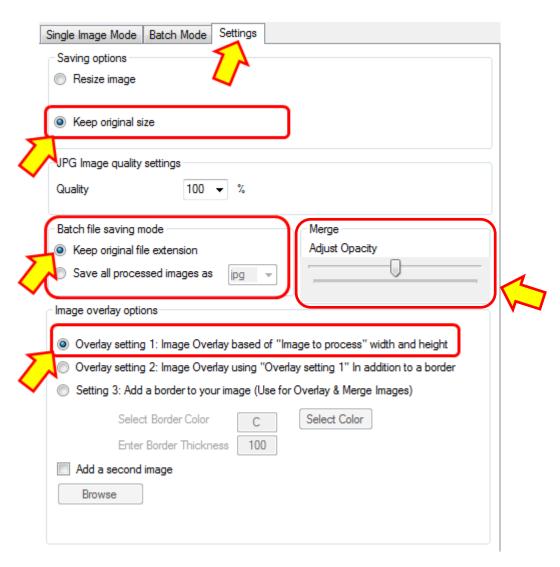




9.4 Tutorial 4: How to merge an image using batch image mode

Step 1:

Click on the "Settings" tab and ensure the settings are as below:

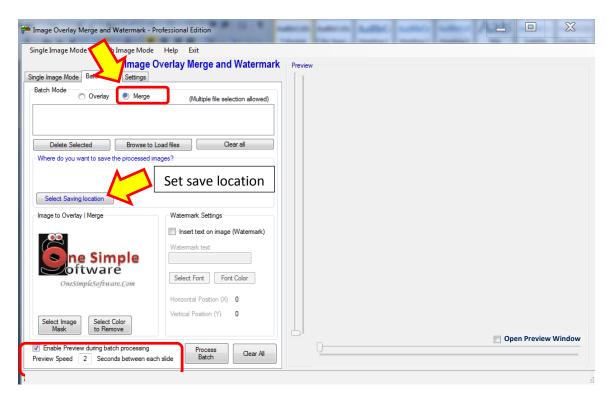




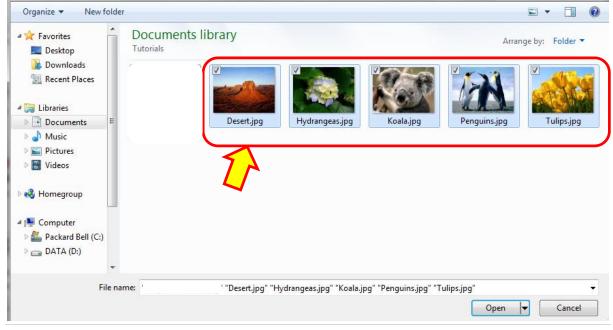


Step 2:

Click on "Batch Mode" tab and make sure all looks as below



Click on "Browse to Load files" then select the images in the Tutorial folder as shown below & open





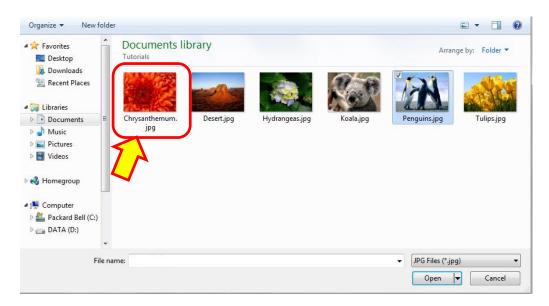


Step 3:

Click on "Select Image Mask" – we want to add an image to the image list to merge the image we selected with another image in the tutorial folder



Browse to the "Tutorials" folder and select to open the image as shown below

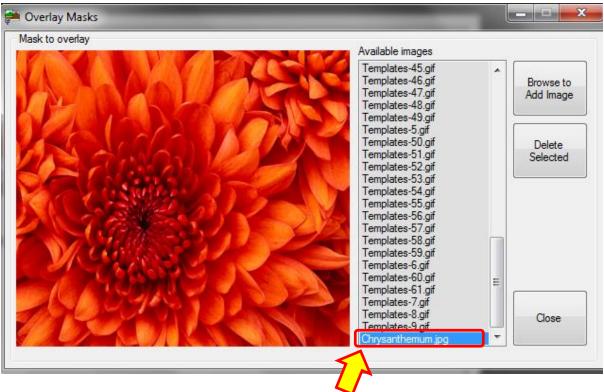


Select the image and click on "Open"



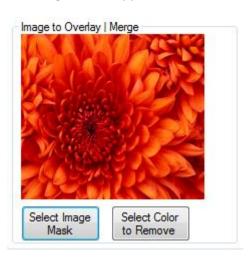


The image is now available to select in the list box, select it and continue to the main screen



Close the window

The image should appear in the mian screen as shown below







Step 4:



You will see all the images being processed and saved to the folder you specified



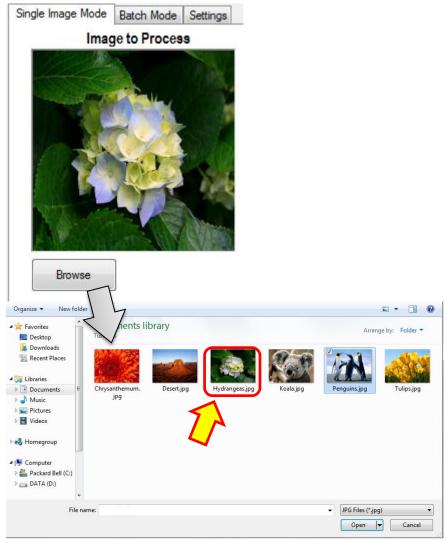


9.5 Tutorial 5: How to add a second image and multiple images to your photo / images

Step 1:

Load your image by clicking on "Browse" button.

Under the "Tutorials" folder load the image shown below:

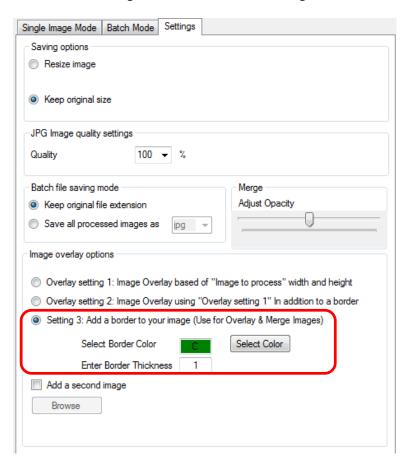






Step 2:

Click on the "Settings" tab and ensure the settings are as below:



Step 3:

On the main screen for Single image mode click on Overlay button

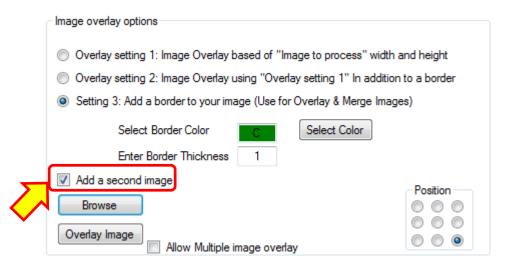
The image will now be available to preview in the right hand side preview panel



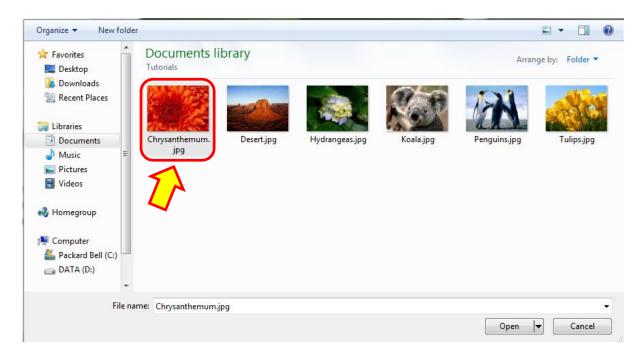


Step 4:

Tab to "Settings" screen again and check "Add a second image" checkbox



Click on the "Browse" button



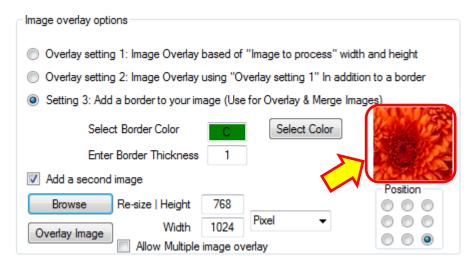
Click on "open"





Step 5:

The selected image should show as below



We will re-size the image to a smaller size the size loaded in the text boxes are the actual image size.

Change the size to 224 x 168 pixel as shown below

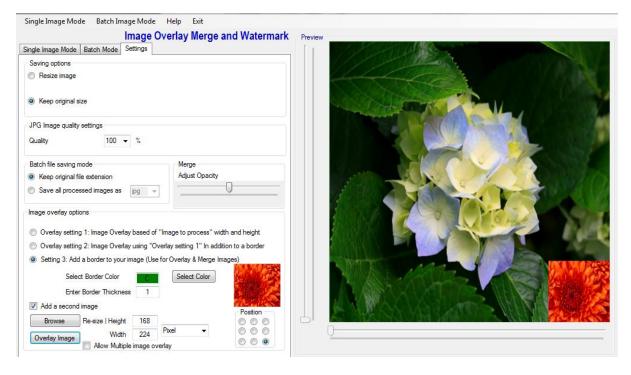


If you want to overlay one image only then you are ready to go, all you need to do is to select the position from the position selector, in this case it's at the bottom right corner.

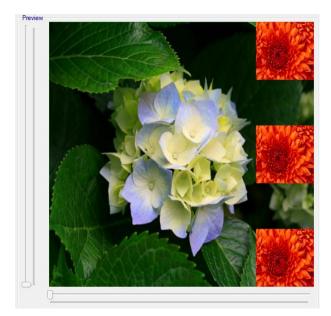
Click on the "Overlay Image" button and the result should be displayed as below:







To overlay multiple images, check "Allow Multiple image overlay", you can also change the position so that the image doesn't overlay in the same position, select the top right corner then click on "overlay" button. Repeat this several times to overlay the image in different positions. It should look as below:



You can overlay different images using the same process. See the resulting image below







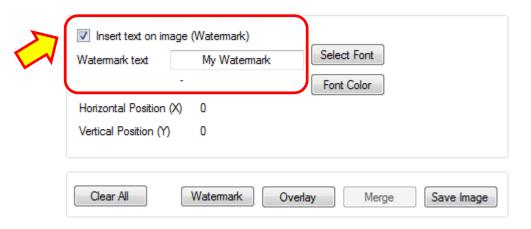
And if you want to do more you can change the border color and thickness then Re-overlay the image using the same steps.





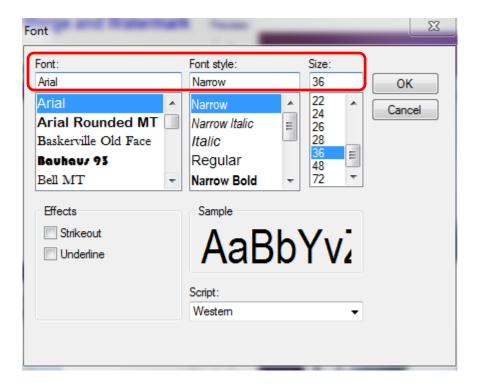
9.6 Tutorial 6: How to add a watermark text to your photo / image Follow tutorial 1 to overlay an image, after you complete the overlay process do the following: Step 1:

Check "Insert text on image" and type your text as shown below



Step 2:

Click on "Select Font" and select "Arial" – Size "36" as shown below:

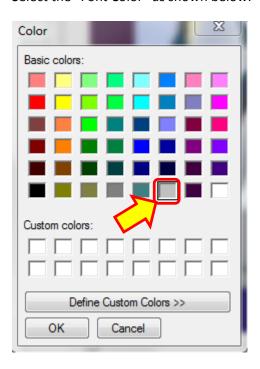




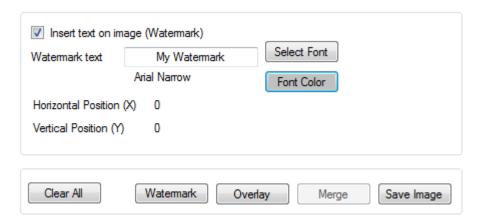


Step 3:

Select the "Font Color" as shown below:



All should now look as below:

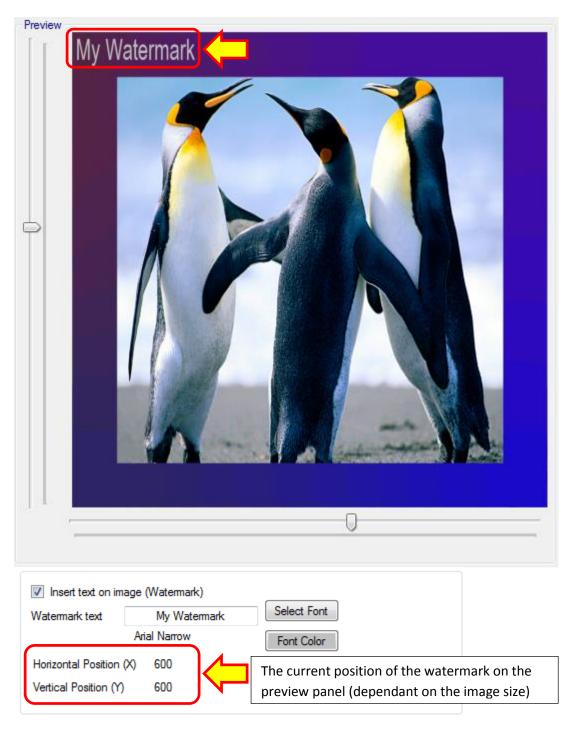






Step 4:

Click on the "Watermark" button, you should now see the watermark displayed as shown below







Step 5:

To position your watermark double click inside the preview window on the location you want the watermark to appear, alternatively use the track bars to position the watermark as shown below







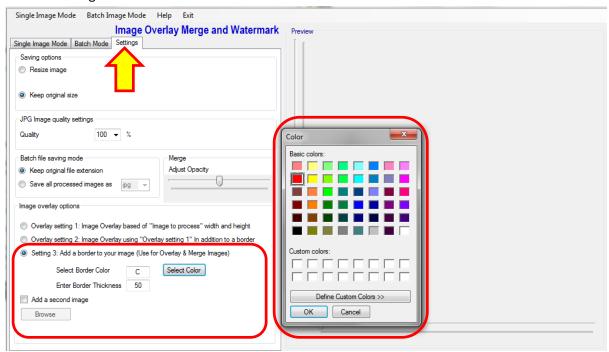
Follow the method in Tutorial 5 to add an image watermark

9.7 Tutorial 7: How to add a border to your image

Step 1:

Click on the "Settings" tab and ensure the settings are as below:

Select "Setting 3"



Click on "Select Color" button and select "Red color" Click "OK" button and Enter a border thickness of "50". All should now appear as below:

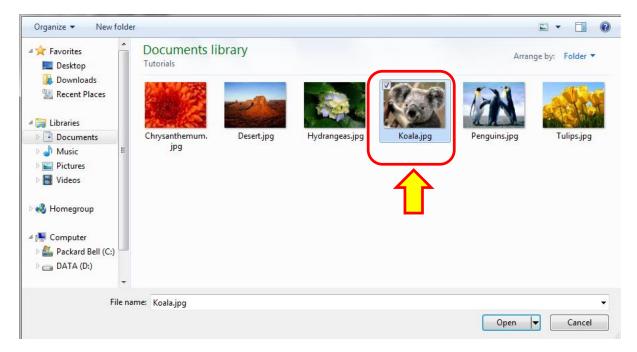






Step 2:

Tab into the "Single image mode", click on the "Browse" button and select the image as shown below – "Images are present under the Tutorials folder present in the software default installation folder".



Click on "Open"





Step 3:

All now should appear as below



Click on the "Overlay" button and the result should be displayed as below





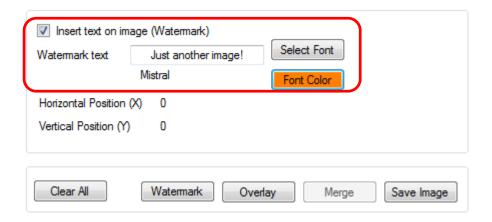


9.8 Tutorial 8: Combining image effects

This tutorial is a continuation of Tutorial 7. This section will show you how to bring all the features of this software together to create one combined image effect.

Step 4:

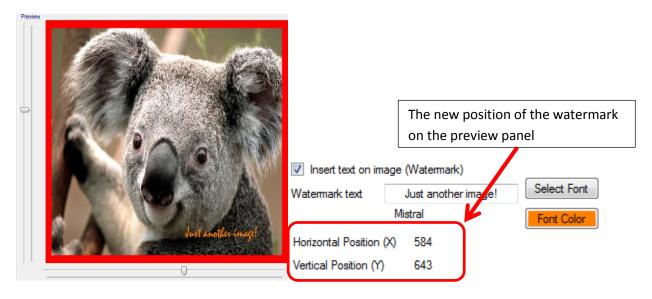
Activate the text watermark and insert the text as shown below.



Select the font and color you desire.

Step 5:

Click on "Watermark" button, then, adjust the track bars to position the text as shown below:



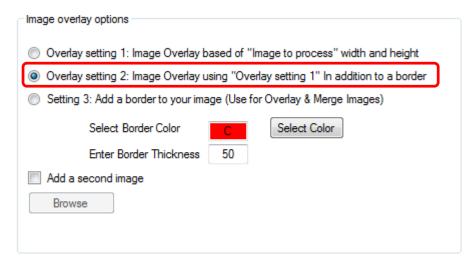
Now we have a watermark text and a border, let's add another image





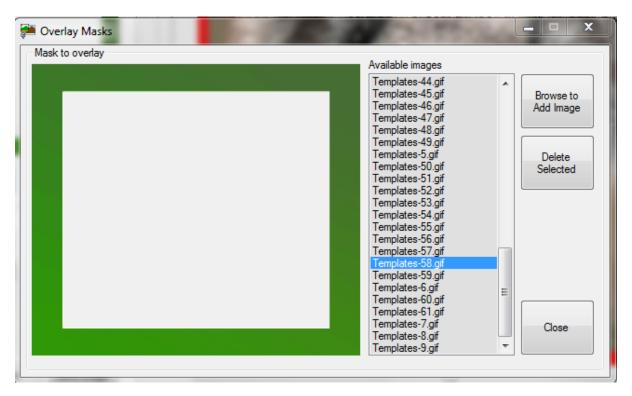
Step 6:

Tap into the "Settings" screen and change the Image overlay options to "Overlay setting 2"



Step 7:

Tab back to the single image mode and click on "Select image mask" button. Select the template shown below, Click "Close"







<u>Step 8:</u>

Click on "Overlay" button, the resulting image is shown below



Let's add extra image effects.



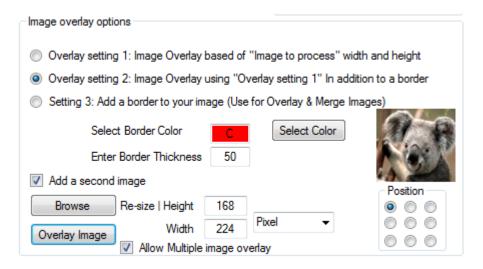


Step 9:

Tab in to the "Settings" screen,

- + Check "Add a second image" then browse to the "tutorials" folder and select the same image
- + Adjust the size of the image to 168 x 224 and select a position
- + Check "Allow Multiple image overlay"
- + Click on the "Overlay Image" button to overlay the image

Your setting screen should look as below:







After overlaying the image several times in different positions the image below can be viewed:



Using this method you can combine several effects.





9.9 Tutorial 9: How to overlay a second image using single image mode

Step 1:

Click in the "Settings" tab and ensure that setting is as shown below

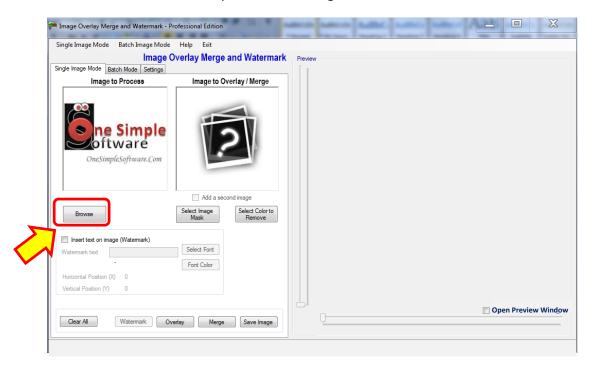
Single Image Mode Batch Mode Settings
Saving options Resize image
Keep original size
JPG Image quality settings
Quality 100 ▼ %
Batch file saving mode Merge
Keep original file extension Adjust Opacity
Save all processed images as ipg
Image overlay options
Overlay setting 1: Image Overlay based of "Image to process" width and height
Overlay setting 2: Image Overlay using "Overlay setting 1" In addition to a border
 Setting 3: Add a border to your image (Use for Overlay & Merge Images)
Select Border Color C Select Color
Enter Border Thickness 100
Add a second image
Browse



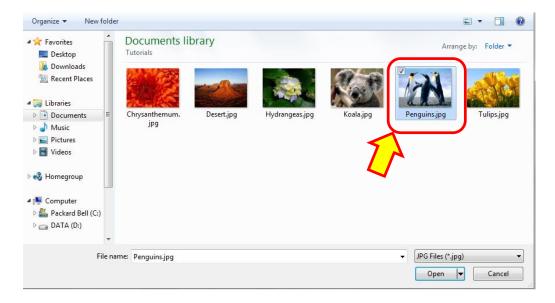


Step2:

Click on "Browse" button to open the files dialog as shown below:



Browse to the "Tutorials" folder and select to open the image as shown below

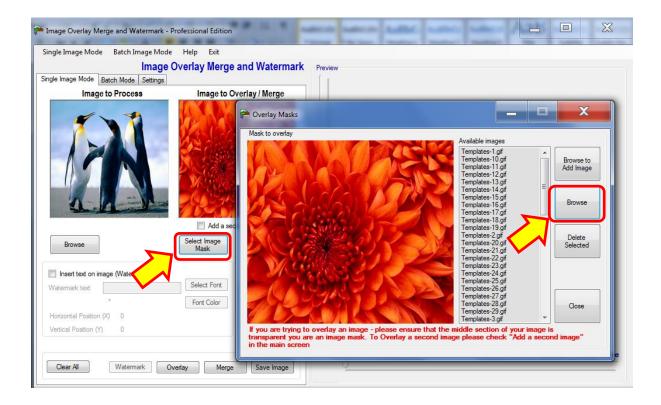






Step 3:

Click on "Select Image Mask" button to open the files dialog as shown below:



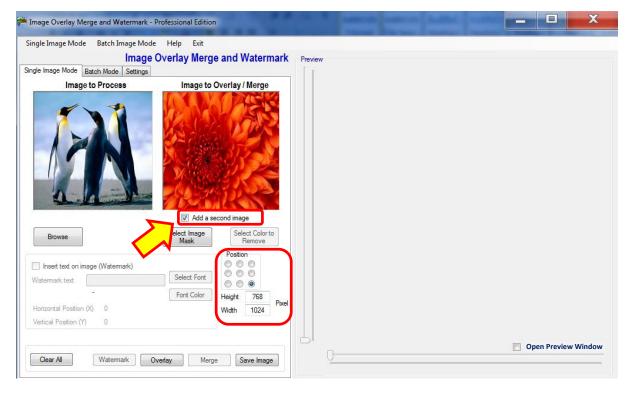
Click on "Browse" to select an image from the Tutorials Folder

Close the "Overlay Masks" Window using the close button





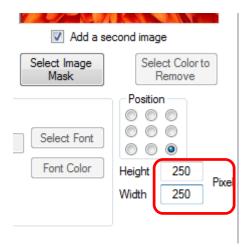
Step 4:



Activate "Add a second image" and select the position you want

Step 5:

Change the size of the second image to 250 x 250 pixel – so that we don't have the second image covering the first one completely (the first image has the same size as the second image – failure to change the size will result in full overlay, you can always customise the size way you like)







Step 6:

Click on the "Overlay" button - you should see the result below



Because the image is large the software has automatically added scroll bars

Scroll to see the second image or check the "Open Preview Window" box to open the preview window – this will not alter the image size it will only shrink it

Using this feature you can quickly add a second image to your images.