

AKVIS Magnifier 6.0

One more kick at the can, featuring our ridiculously photogenic Marcel. I will let the pictures tell the story on this one, but everything I wrote about the other AKVIS programs in this issue holds true for AKVIS Magnifier 6.0: stand-alone and plug-ins for Adobe Photoshop and Photoshop Elements, demo available, and lots of tutorials and examples and support available online from the AKVIS website (<http://akvis.com/en/download-macintosh-software.php>). Download the program and use it for 10 days free of charge! When the trial period expires, you can buy a license key and activate the program to use it without any time limit.

Like the other AKVIS programs, Magnifier functions in Advanced and Express modes, contains presets and fine tuning sliders that give the user total control. The image processing parameters are grouped in two sections: Downsize and Upsize. The parameters become active accordingly the desired image size. When resizing an image, AKVIS Magnifier restores edges and details, removes artifacts. AKVIS Magnifier 6.0 makes it easy for anyone to produce professional-looking photos. It is easily configurable and allows fine-tuning the resulting photo by allowing complete control over the image sharpness and edges. Home users can apply the program to enlarge photos taken from Internet or images taken with a low-resolution camera.

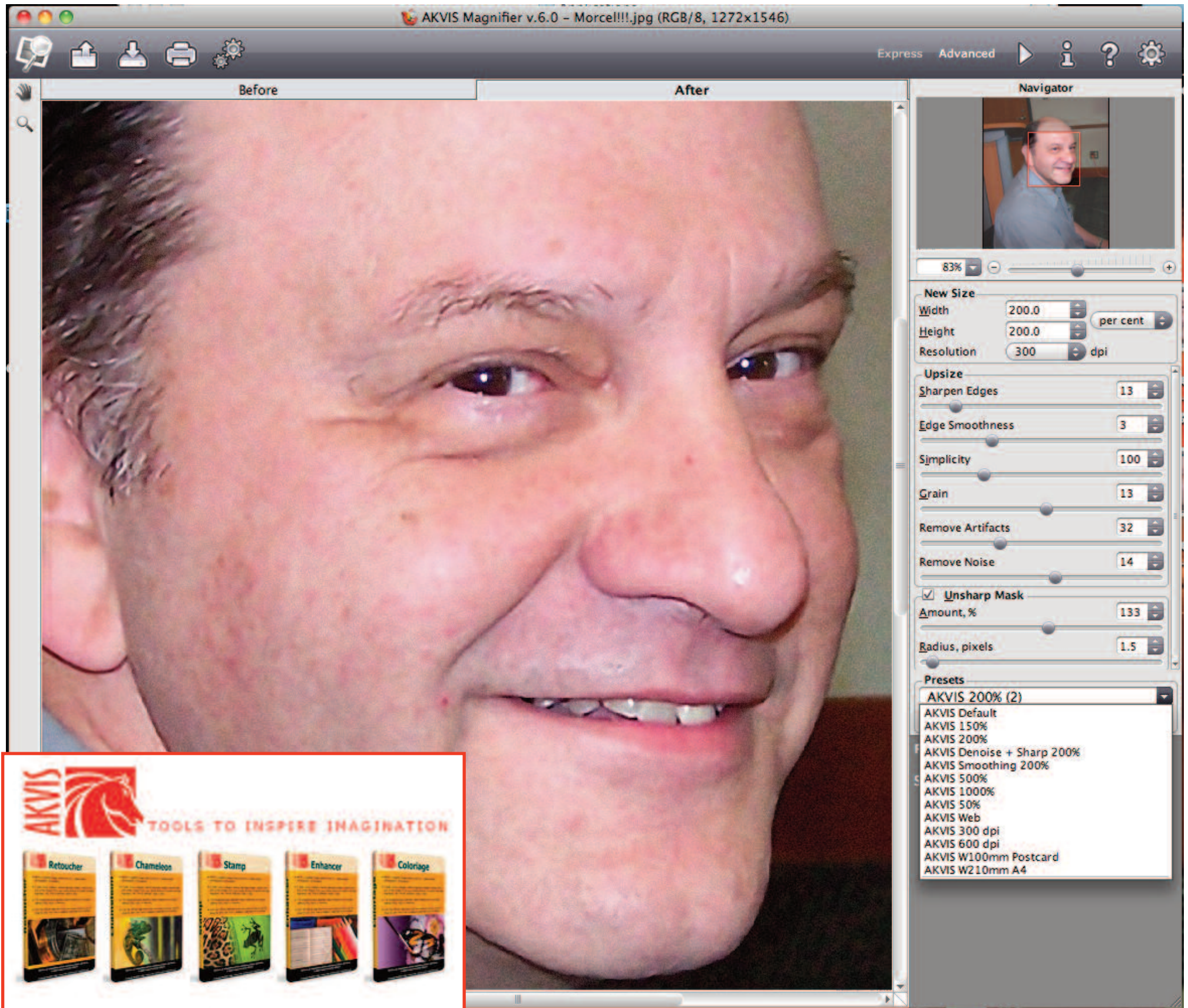
AKVIS Magnifier 6.0 is an efficient tool for increasing image resolution. Overcoming pixelation is a big problem for digital photographers. It is always possible to keep an image looking good when you make it smaller but when you try to blow it up there is not enough data present to fill in the missing pixels smoothly. The image tends to get choppy and artifacts appear. AKVIS Magnifier will cope with this problem and deliver good results. AKVIS Magnifier allows resizing images without noticeable loss in quality. Featuring advanced enlargement algorithms, Magnifier enlarges digital pictures to super-high resolution for producing stunning poster-size prints. The algorithm keeps edges smooth, sharp and clearly defined, while improving image appearance by removing unwanted noise and compression artifacts.

Resizing pictures with AKVIS Magnifier yields a much higher quality than simple bicubic interpo-

lation. Depending on particular needs, AKVIS Magnifier can be fine-tuned to produce images that look exactly as required for a given purpose. The software allows enlarging an image to a super-high resolution of up to 30,000 x 30,000 pixels, making a 100 x 100 inch (2.5 x 2.5 meter) poster easily printable at typographic quality of 300 dpi. The software supports Batch Processing that lets you automatically resize a series of photos. You can apply the program with the same settings to a folder full of images.

AKVIS Magnifier will run (albeit slowly) on a G4 system and very quickly on Intel Macs. The stand-alone version or the plug-in costs about \$130 or you can order a license valid for both plugin and stand-alone versions, known as the "Home Deluxe" package for \$165. The Home Deluxe License can be used only for non-commercial, personal purposes. All features are included. The Home Deluxe License allows registering the software on 2 computers.





In this issue I have written briefly about three excellent AKVIS programs for digital photographers. There are plenty of other tools available to try out from AKVIS. Visit the AKVIS website (<http://akvis.com/en/index.php>) and download a few demo copies of anything that strikes your fancy.

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