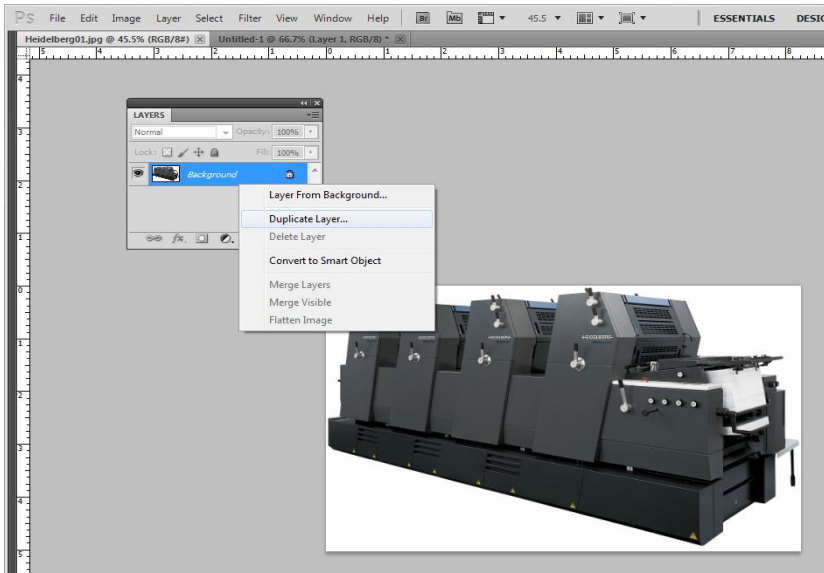


Q: How do I make the background for my graphic transparent?

This FAQ explains how to make the ‘background’ in your artwork transparent.

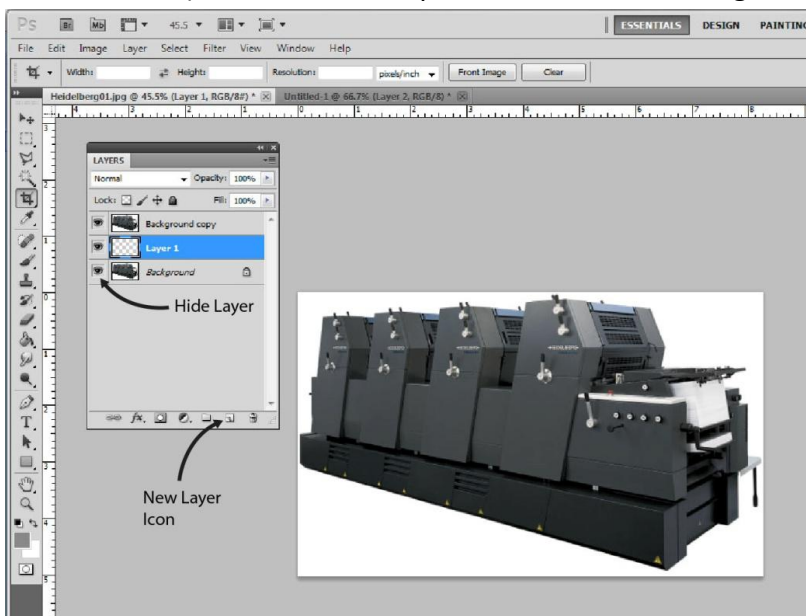
**Please note: There are numerous ways to adapt graphics for transparency. This is a simple method for basic users. If your artwork is complex, this method may not work for your specific application and we advise you to consult with a graphic designer for additional assistance.*

1.) Open your graphic in Photoshop.



2.) Open Layers Pallet (Press ‘F7’ on the keyboard or select ‘Window’ then ‘Layers’ from the file menu.)

3.) Duplicate the background layer by right-clicking on the *Background* Layer then select ‘Duplicate layer...’ then click Ok, (in this case we kept the default title ‘background copy’, you may wish to title the layer.

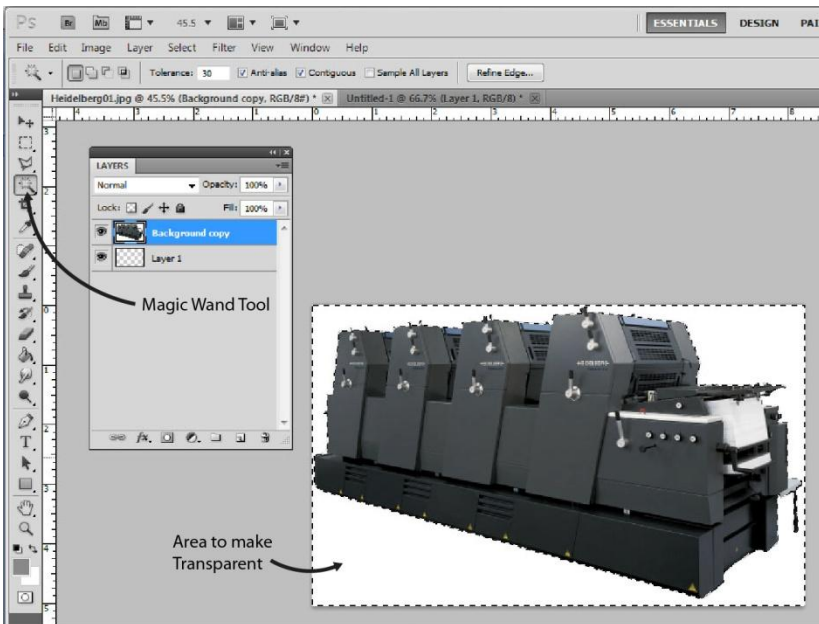


4. Make a New Layer by clicking the ‘New Layer’ icon at the bottom of the Layers pallet. To create a new blank layer. The default title is “Layer 1”

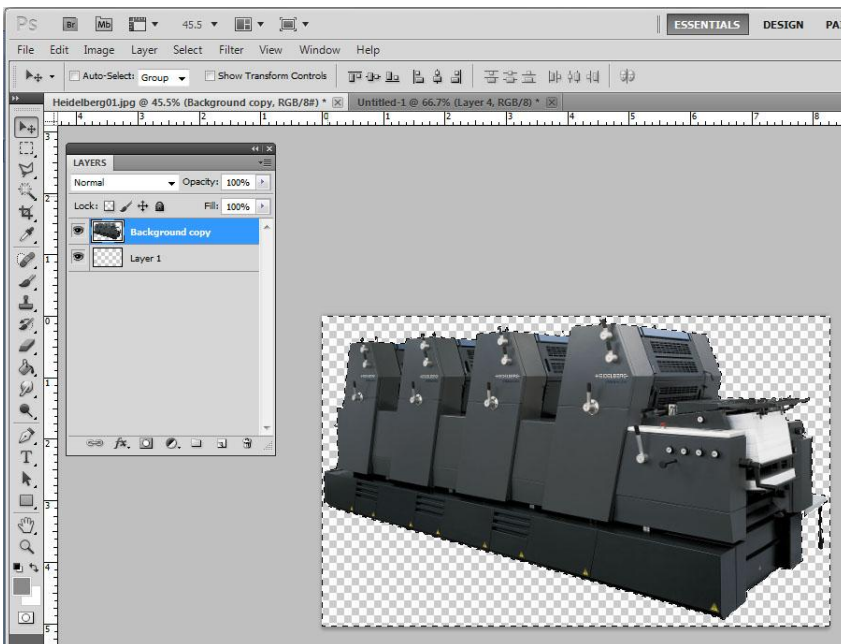
5.) Delete the original background layer by right clicking the layer and selecting 'delete'

6.) Now, Select the "Background Copy" Layer on the layers pallet.

7.) Then Select the 'Magic Wand' Tool from the toolbar.



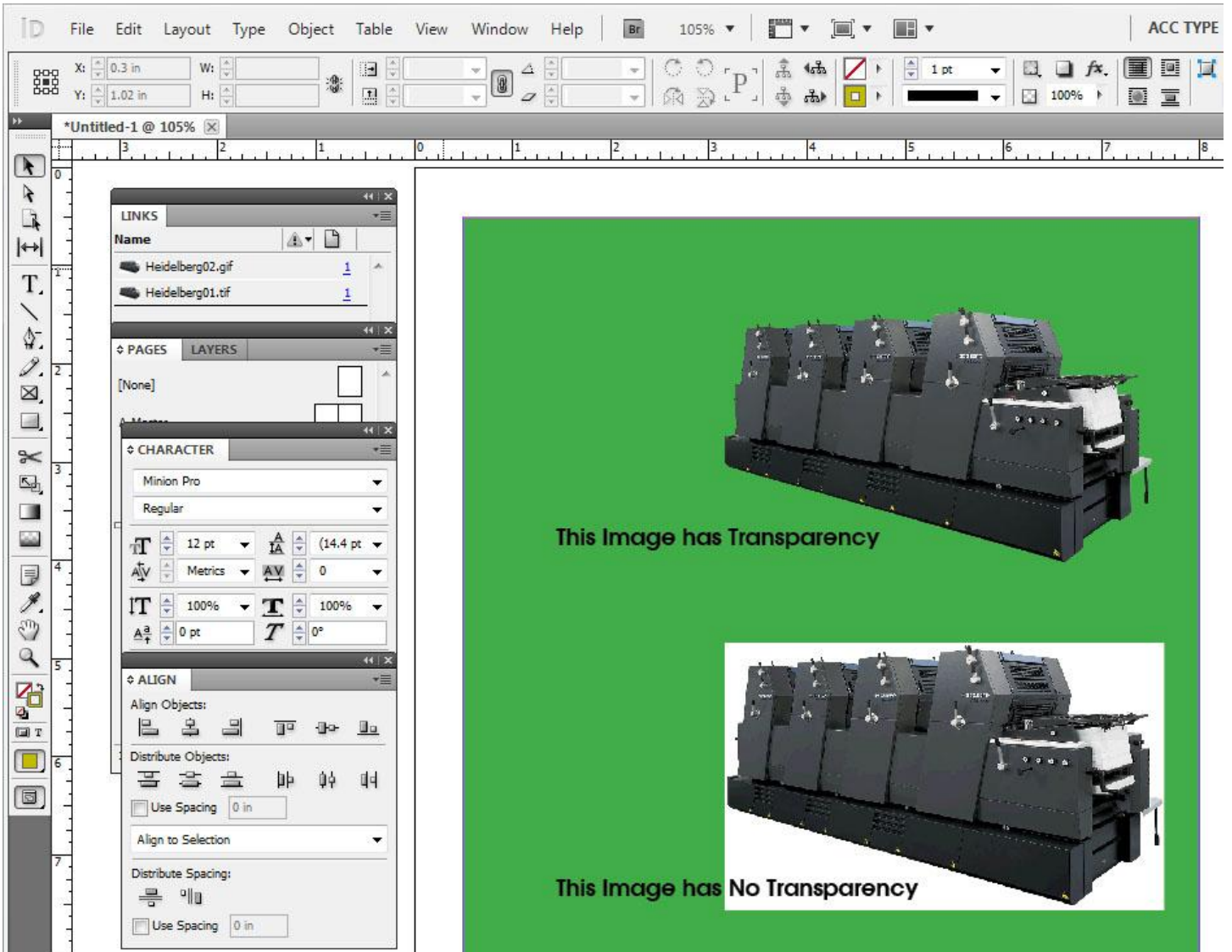
8.) Use the Magic Wand tool to select the area of your graphic which you would like to make transparent, if multiple areas exist you can use the 'Shift' Key to add additional areas to your selection. When all the areas are selected which you want to make transparent, press the 'delete' key on your keyboard.



9.) The image background (previously white in this case) will become transparent with the (checkered) artboard pattern showing through, as shown above in the example.

10.) Save the image as a (CompuServe) .GIF file or a .TIFF, and ensure that there is a check in the box where it says 'Save Transparency' or 'Transparency'.

11.) Below you can when setting up an image to print in Adobe InDesign, you can the difference between a graphic with transparency and without.



That's It!