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You can use the Graphic Info dialog box or the Colors palette to colorize the foreground and background of placed grayscale or monochrome images. You cannot assign colors to placed color images.

Platforms
Mac OS 9,
Mac OS X

Windows 98,
ME, 2000, XP

To assign colors using the Graphic Info dialog box:

1. Select a grayscale or monochrome image.
2. Choose Elements > Element Info (or double-click the image). The Graphic Info dialog box appears.
3. Click the Graphic panel icon to open the Graphic panel.
4. Select a foreground color from the Foreground pop-up menu and, if applicable, select a background color from the Background pop-up menu.

To assign colors using the Colors palette:

1. Select a grayscale or monochrome image.
2. In the Colors palette, do one or more of the following:
 - Click the Frame icon to specify the color of the foreground of the image.
 - Click the Fill icon to specify the color of the background of the image.
3. Select a color from the color list in the Colors palette.

Note: For a graphic that can have only a foreground color, you can use either the Frame icon or Fill icon to specify the foreground color.

Rules for Colorizing Placed Graphics

The following rules are for colorizing graphics.

Rules for colorizing monochrome EPS images

- Monochrome EPS images can only be foreground colorized.
- If the EPS image is made in Photoshop, the Transparent Whites option must be activated within Photoshop.

Rules for colorizing one-bit TIFF, GIF, and Photoshop native format images

- One-bit TIFF, GIF, MacPaint can be both foreground and background colorized.
- Photoshop native format images can only be foreground colorized.
- You may choose “None” as a background or a foreground color for these one-bit images; other images can then be seen through areas that have this transparent “None” color.

Rules for colorizing grayscale TIFF and JPEG images and Photoshop native format images

- Grayscale TIFF and JPEG images and Photoshop native format images can only be foreground colorized. The color you choose for the foreground color will be transformed into an equivalent gray shade.
- “None” cannot be used as a foreground color.

Definition of Terms

The three images referred to in this tech note are used as follows:

One-bit images are bitmap images for which every pixel is either black or white.

Monochrome images refers to images that are black and white, and can be either one-bit or vector.

Grayscale images can have 256 different shades of gray.

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