Pictures To Exe – Version 7.5.7 and Photoshop CS5.
The Four Way Split-Part 1

This is an animation effect that will divide an image into four separate equal parts (using a Photoshop Action) and then bring each of these parts back onto the screen to re-form the original image. As each part is brought back, it can be animated with any of the pan, zoom, rotate options available in the Pictures To Exe program.

The effect can be used anywhere within a slide show but can be most impressive at the beginning, as an introductory slide.

For this tutorial I am going to use an image that is sized at 1920 x 1200 pixels, although you can use an image of any size if you wish.

1. **Splitting the image using an Action in Photoshop**

   (i) Unless you have already learned how to split an image yourself, you need to install an ‘action’ called ‘4 Way Split’ into the Photoshop actions folder. I have already created this action and have included it with the pdf tutorial that I have emailed to you. Just copy this action into the ‘Actions’ folder within your particular version of Photoshop. In Photoshop 5, you will find it, using Windows Explorer and navigating to:

   Local Disk (C:) > Program Files > Adobe > Adobe Photoshop CS5 > Presets > Actions

   (ii) To assist you in working through this tutorial, I suggest that you now create a temporary folder called ‘4WaySplit_Tutorial’ on your computer Desktop. (You can move and re-name this folder to another location when you finish the tutorial)

   (iii) Open the Photoshop program and then open a **jpeg copy** (not the original) of the image that you want to split. (my image is sized at 1920 x1200 pixels with a resolution of 72 but you can use any other size you like)

   (iv) Save a jpeg copy of this image at quality 10, in the ‘4WaySplit_Tutorial’ folder that you created in (ii) above.

   (v) Open the ‘Layers Palette’ by pressing the shortcut keys of  (F7)
(vi) Open the ‘Actions Palette’ by pressing the shortcut keys of (F9)

You will probably have a list of the default Photoshop actions already showing in the palette:

To make it easier for you, I suggest that you remove all of these so that you will have a clean and empty palette to work with.

(i) Click on the small icon at the top right of the palette:
You will now see the following list of options displayed:

(ii) Click on ‘Clear All Actions’

You will see a message box, asking you to confirm whether to delete all the actions, click on ‘OK’ (don’t be concerned about that word ‘delete’ because you are only deleting the actions from the Actions Palette NOT from your computer).

(iii) Click on that small icon again (at the top right of the palette) and choose ‘Load Actions’ from the list that is displayed: