Akvis Explosion

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Explosion is a program that you can use to add particle and sand explosion effects to your photos, thus creating striking visual effects.

Explosion bursts a part of an image and splits it up into a flying cloud of particles, e.g. sand, smoke, splinters. It makes it easy to transform an image into a sandstorm, create a speed motion effect with a glowing trace (Figure 2), or apply magic whirlwind swirls to pictures.

You can also create stylized images by adding leaf fall, snowfall, falling stars, flying hearts or fluttering butterflies, and other particles to the explosions in your photo. The program comes with a texture library full of these shapes that you can use. It also gives you the ability to load a custom image.

Along the right side of the window are the sand and particle parameter controls that you can use to modify your explosions. It even has a wind parameter that you can use to set the Strength, Turbulence and Diversity of the scattering particles.

At the bottom is the Presets menu. Presets help you to quickly add a ready-made explosion effect to your photo. You can can start with these Presets and quickly tweak them to your liking. If you create a pleasing combination of parameter settings, you can save it to the Preset list so you

Figure 1. This is Explosion's workspace with a horizontal sand effect added to a photo. Notice that the sand particle's colors are derived from the color of the skin and clothes that they were extruded from.

can use it on other photos.

Explosion comes as a standalone program, as a plug-in for a **compatible image editor**, or a combination of both.

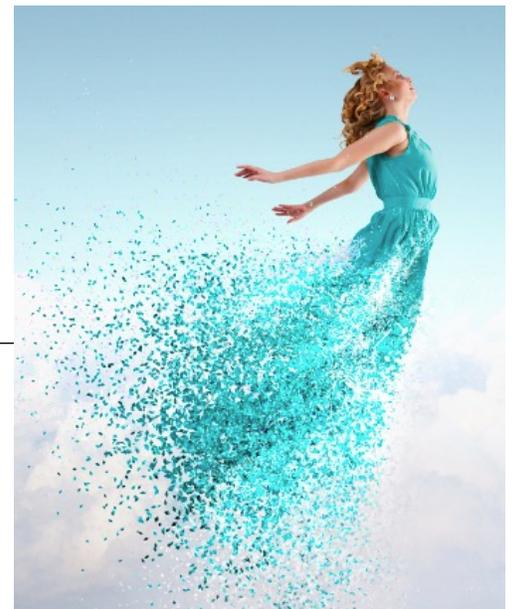If you want to see more Explosion examples, I suggest that you go to the **Akvis web site**.

Figure 2. A speed motion effect with a glowing trace.

The Skinny

Evaluation: The provided Presets can help you create striking images from your photos. I was quite pleased with my first attempt (Figure 1).

Requires: Mac OS X 10.10 - 10.15, 64-bit; Intel, 1 Gb RAM, 100 Mb HDD

Company: **Akvis**

Price: Akvis Explosion Home (Standalone OR plug-in): $29
　　　Akvis Explosion Home Deluxe (Standalone AND plug-in): $39
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Figure 3. A particle explosion.