

Loading and running actions in Adobe Photoshop.

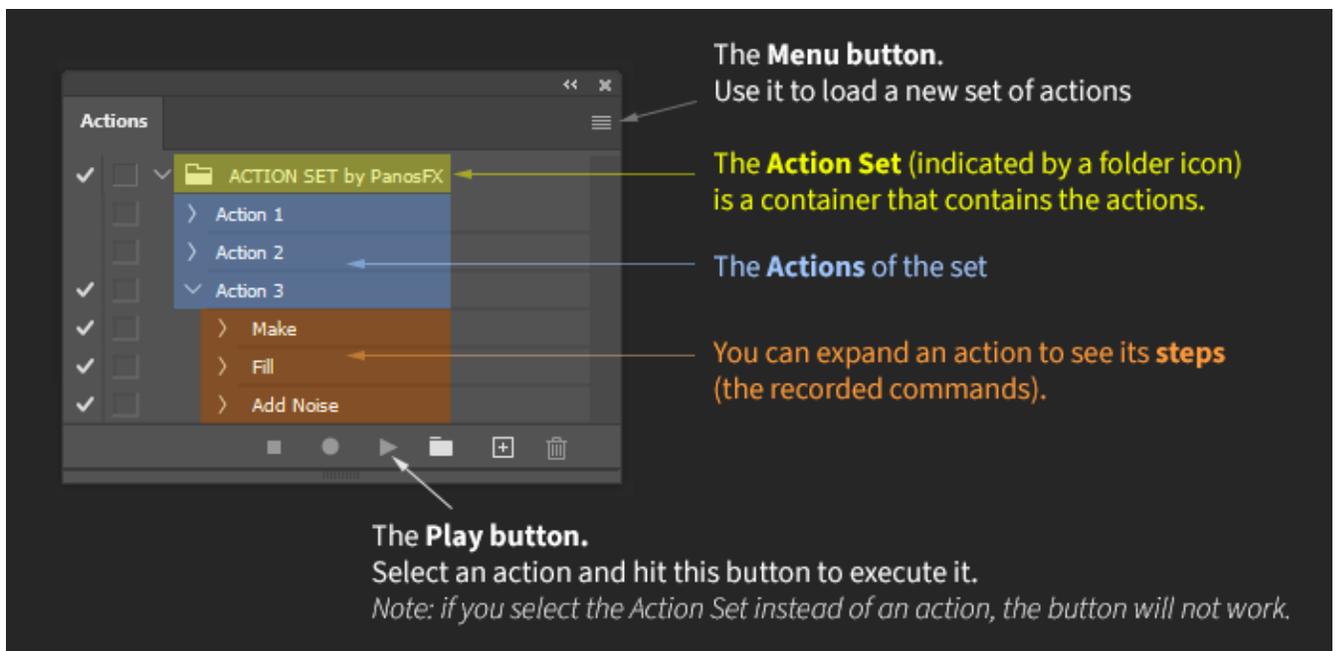
When you acquire any set of PanosFX actions on Adobe’s Creative Cloud Exchange, a zip file will be downloaded automatically in your “**Downloads**” folder.

To use the add-on, you must decompress the zip file. A folder will be created containing the actions file (“filename.atn”) as well as other useful documents.

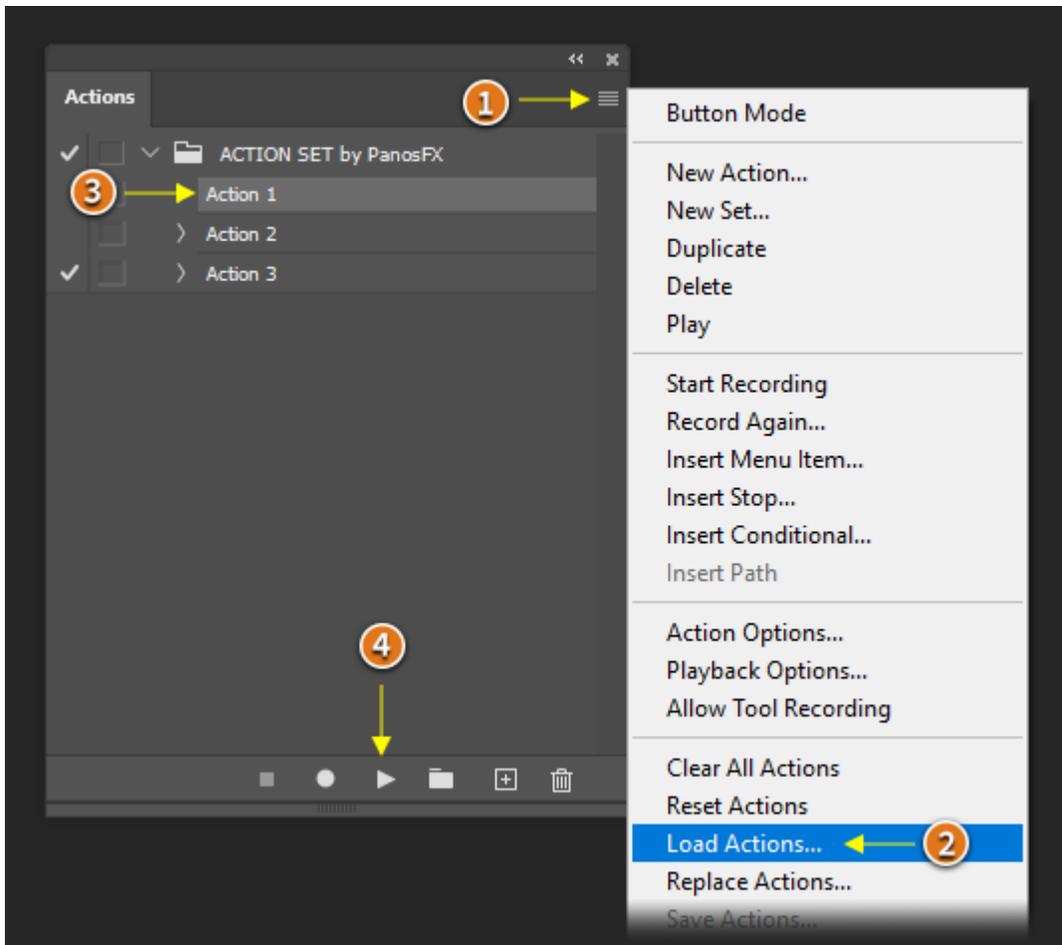
I strongly recommend you create a parent folder (e.g. “Photoshop actions”) and move the zip file therein prior to decompressing it. This approach will help you maintain an organized collection of Photoshop actions.

Getting to know the Actions panel

The Actions panel is the interface that allows you to load, play (execute), create, edit, and store Photoshop actions. If the Actions panel is not visible select Window > Actions from Photoshop’s main menu. The image below shows the basic features and concepts of the Actions panel:



How to load and run Photoshop actions in 4 steps:



1. Click the **Menu button** of the Actions panel.
2. Select "**Load Actions**" from the fly-out menu. Navigate to the folder where you saved the actions and load the file. The **Action set** will be loaded in the Actions panel.
3. Click on an Action to select it.
4. Hit the **Play button** to execute it.
 - *Some sets may contain a single action or multiple actions that execute different tasks.*
 - *Other sets may contain a core action that must be executed first and a number of supplementary actions.*

How to unload an Action set:

To **remove** (unload) an Action set from the Actions panel, simply click on the set and then click the **trash can icon** at the bottom of the panel.

This **won't delete** the action file from your hard disk; it will merely unload the Action set (and its actions) from Photoshop. You can load the set back at any time.