



# Photoshop CS5 Create Vertical Gradient

## Introduction

This handout contains instructions for creating a background image for your webpage. It will create a vertical gradation of color. You will start with an image 100px wide and 600px high. You will crop this image and then tile it across the page. These instructions assume that the content area of your page is centered and has a fixed width of 950px.

## Create Image

1. Open Photoshop CS4.
2. Click File > New and provide a name for the new image.
3. Enter 100px width and 600px height.
4. Click OK.

## Create Gradient

1. Click the rectangular gradient icon in the Tools palette on the left.
2. The Gradient tool bar will appear in the task bar at the top.
3. In the task bar, double click *in* the second dropdown window and the Gradient Editor will display.
4. Towards the bottom of the editor, click the little square box on the right below the horizontal bar.
5. Then, click *in* the box next to Color: (bottom row in the Editor window).
6. Enter the hexadecimal number of the background color you chose for your page.
7. Click OK.
8. Repeat steps 4-7 for the little square box on the left. Manipulate the color selectors above it to select a color. Note that the color you select here should be a little lighter.
9. Drag your cursor from the top to the bottom of your image. (Hold down your shift key while you do it to make the line straight.)
10. Release your cursor and the gradient should display.

## Crop Gradient and Save

1. Click the Crop tool (5<sup>th</sup> icon in the tools palette on the left).
2. Select a thin vertical strip and press enter to crop.
3. Select File > Save.
4. Save as a .png.
5. Under Interlace, select None.