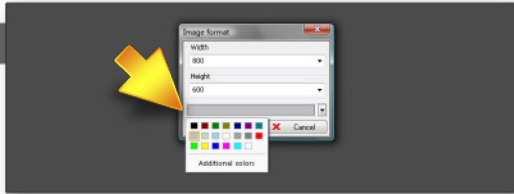
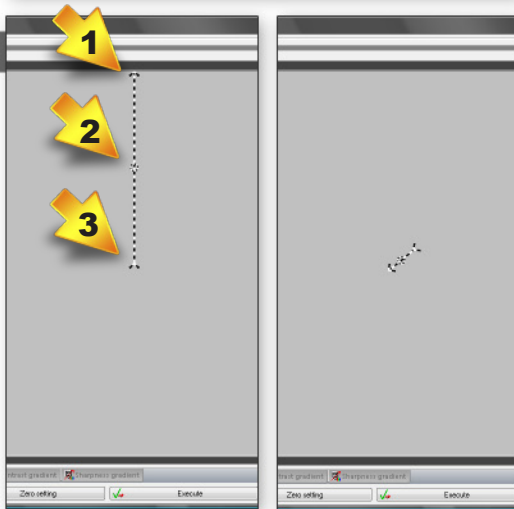


Brightness Gradient Basics

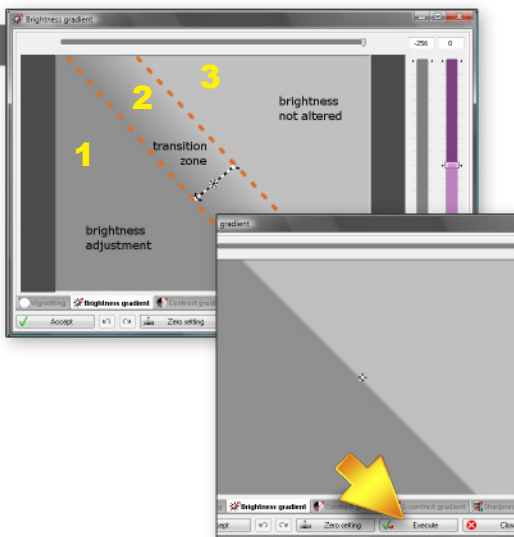
STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



RESULT



In this tutorial we demonstrate the basic idea behind the brightness gradient function.
For better visibility and since this is just the first step we use a picture which contains just the color grey. You'll learn how to use this function with more complex pictures later in the tutorials that follow.

► Create a new picture in PhotoPerfect

Select „File / new“ and in the “Image Format” dialog-box choose a size of 800x600 and the color light grey as shown in the example.

► Open up “Brightness-Gradient”

This is done by choosing „Effects/Brightness Gradient“ from the menu bar.

The position and the direction of the gradient arrow can be changed by dragging the arrowhead (1), shaft (2) or tail (3) of the gradient with the mouse.

Position the gradient arrow as shown in the right example so that the arrowhead points to the lower left corner and the tail to the upper right corner.

► Adjust brightness and saturation

With the slider on the right side of the dialog-box the brightness and saturation of the area to which the arrowhead points (1) can be altered. The area behind the tail of the arrow (3) will stay untouched. The zone between arrowhead and –tail (2) is the transition zone where the two brightness levels are fading into each other.

For demonstration purposes we have added the orange dotted lines in the picture to indicate where the boundaries between the areas are.

The transition zone can be reduced by shortening the arrow shaft. This results in a much sharper transition which we will use in one of the other tutorials.

By clicking the „Execute“-button the changes are applied to the picture and the dialog box will be closed.

► Result

This is the result of using the brightness gradient function. The brightness was only changed in the area of the picture where the gradient arrow pointed to.

In the next tutorials you will learn how to use this function to add stunning light effects to your pictures.