

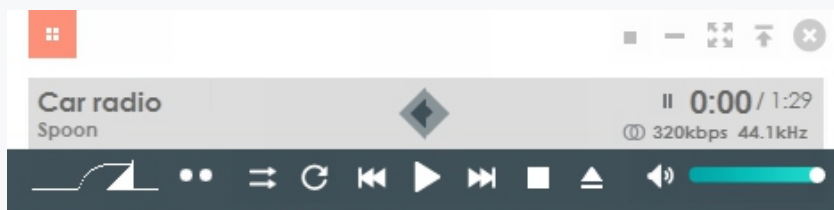
TUTORIAL

How to replace graphics (buttons, backgrounds, etc) in cPro2

Base skin used for the tutorial: cPro2 Styler

cPro2 Styler has bundled all the original photoshop files (.psd) used for each graphic, all with organized layers and groups to make it easier to find specific graphics.

This way you'll save a lot of time and research and you can use it to try out all your ideas.



Programs needed:



Photoshop or GIMP (for .psd files)

Wordpad (IF you want to change some .xml file)

Operating System:



Windows 7 (although it shouldn't be much different in XP / Vista / 8)

Steps:

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Rename the skin file from ".wal" to ".zip"

example: cPro2_Styler_by_Vichor -> cPro2_Styler_modded

Remember to have visible file extensions in Windows, check here if you don't know how.

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Extract it to a folder. Name it a bit different from the original so it's easier to distinguish each one. Copy in there all the .psd files bundled with cPro2 Styler.







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Move the new folder to *C:\Program Files (x86)\Winamp\Skins*.

04

Open the .psd file (in Photoshop or GIMP) you want to change and make the modifications you wish. see next page for some extra help and tips

EXTRA HELP

- **COLOR CODES:** In photoshop files, all layers and groups have a color to indicate (roughly) what it contains:
 -  **Red:** "Help layers", can be a grid or a dark background placed there to have a better view of clearer graphics (remember to hide it when saving the file as a PNG).
 -  **Blue:** Buttons  **Grey:** Backgrounds  **Purple:** Seekers, Progress bars or Sliders.
 -  **Green:** General graphics, like visualizer, status indicator, etc.  **Orange:** Tabs (only used in *sui.psd*)
- **N H D:** Each button has 3 states; Normal, Hover (mouse over) and Down (pressed). Some layers -buttons mostly- have its name followed a letter (N, H or D) to indicate to which state corresponds.
- **HIDDEN LAYERS:** In *playback_area.psd* you will see some **hidden layers** which look present in the skin (shuffle, repeat and repeat 1). Actually those buttons are on *overlay_activebuttons.psd*, so each goes visible when you activate their function (you can use the "active buttons" on *playback_area.psd* too, but it won't look nice with color themes..)

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Save it as a ".png"



cPro skins only use .png image files, so remember to always save your .psd as is **and then use "Save as" to save it as ".png"**.

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That's it! Go to Winamp and select the new skin (or refresh with F5), to see the new graphics!

Advanced tips:

- If you want to **modify the text syle in the Info-seeker**, edit *ClassicPro.xml* with Wordpad (inside there are some comments to help you out, and the names are pretty self-explanatory)
- cPro2 quirks:**
 - ***frame_generic.png*, *frame_player.png* and *frame_player_fs.png* can have any height**, the skin will automatically recognize the new size!
 - ***playback_vol.png* can have any width**, so you can have bigger volume thumb (maximum height is 30px) and the cPro engine will automatically adjust it.
- Some colors** can't be modified from the graphics, those are on the xml file *Colors.xml* (again, you can edit it with Wordpad).
- In the .psd you'll see that each layer has **a label between brackets**; it's a Color themes thing, that is the gammagroup you should modify to change its color in the Color Editor (soon there'll be another tutorial on how to use it).