

Adobe Photoshop CS2, CS3, CS4, CS5 with Auto-SoftProof

Photoshop-Script and Manual for an automatic and permanent SoftProof-Display.

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Together with this Manual, you should have a Photoshop-Javascript: `AutoSoftProofAnsicht.jsx`

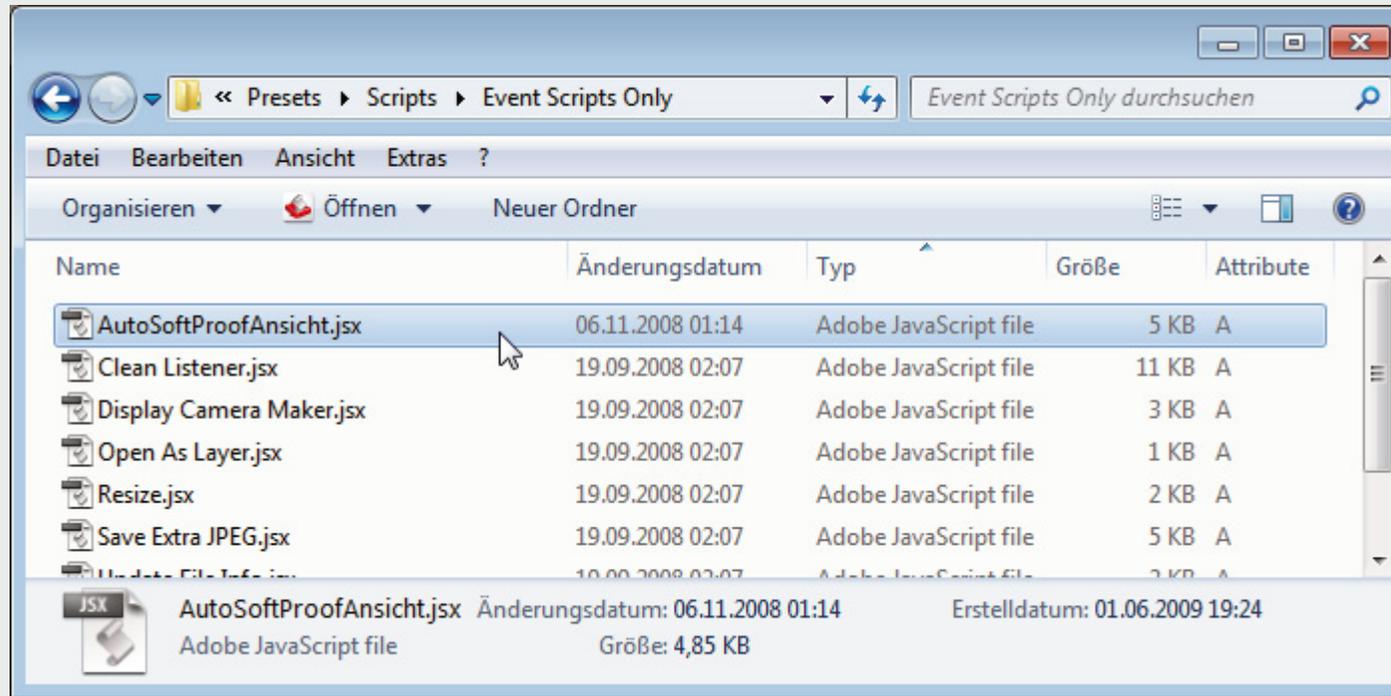
If you don't have it, you can fetch it from here: <http://nogajski.de/autosoftproof>

By doubleclicking the script, it should open with Adobes "ExtendScript Toolkit". Otherwise you may open it with any Texteditor, e.g. like Notepad under Windows. In headsection of the script, you can configure the Colorspaces for which the Autosoftproof should be activated. You can select from RGB, LAB, CMYK, GRAYSCALE. By default, RGB and LAB is activated.

Optionally, RGB-Pictures with **sRGB-Colorspace** and an **embedded ICC-Profile**, e.g. **sRGB IEC61966-2.1**, can be excluded from the Autosoftproof, even if RGB is activated! (This is the default behave.)

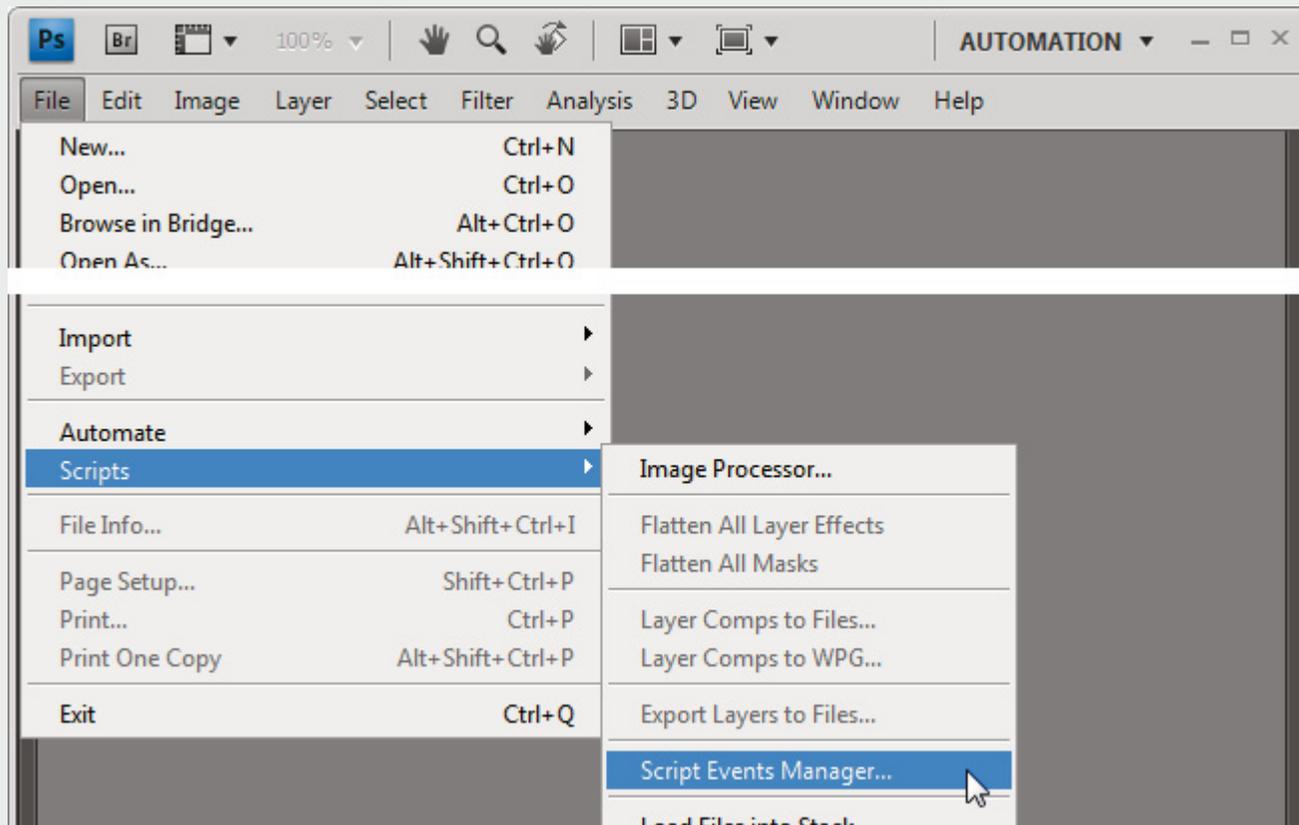
On the following pages you find a detailed and illustrated explanation on how to activate the AutoSoftProof. (Here with Photoshop CS4 under Windows 7. On Mac's it should be nearly the same, only the Design of the Dialogboxes may differ ;-)

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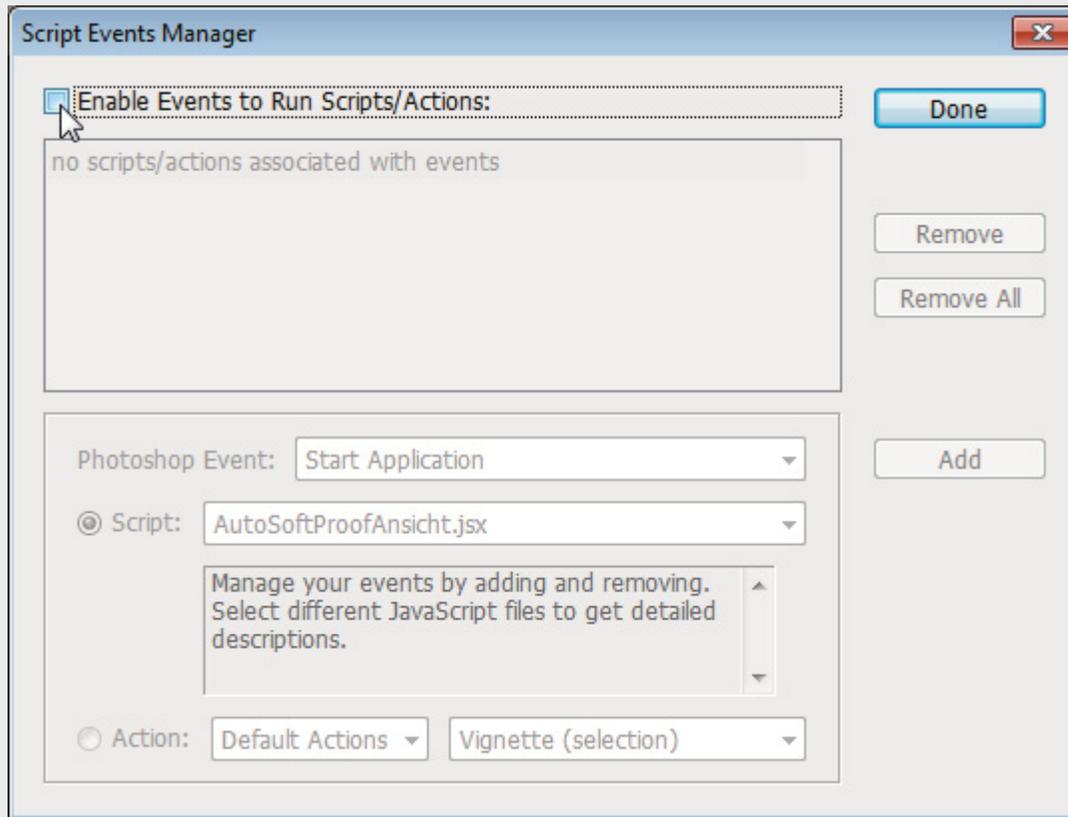
Please copy the Scriptfile "AutoSoftProofAnsicht.jsx" into the following Subdirectory of the Photoshop-Application-Directory:
....\Presets\Scripts\Event Scripts Only\

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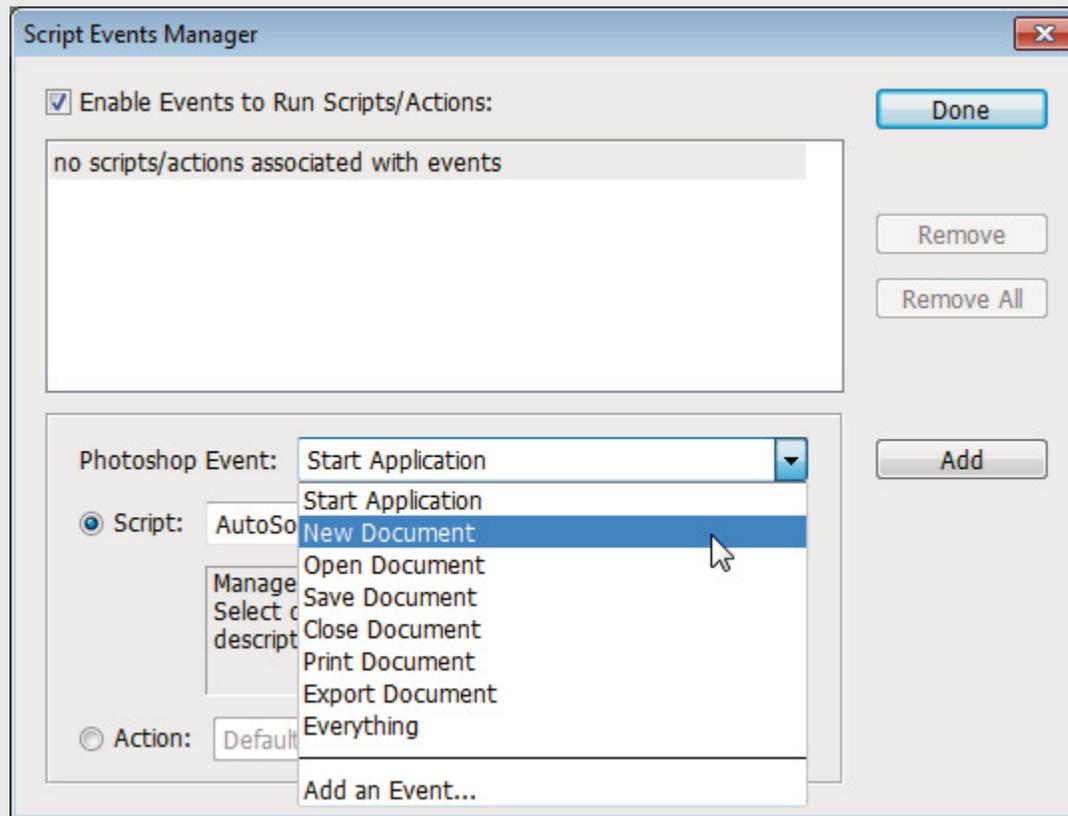
Now start Photoshop and select the Menu:
"File -> Scripts -> Script Events Manager"

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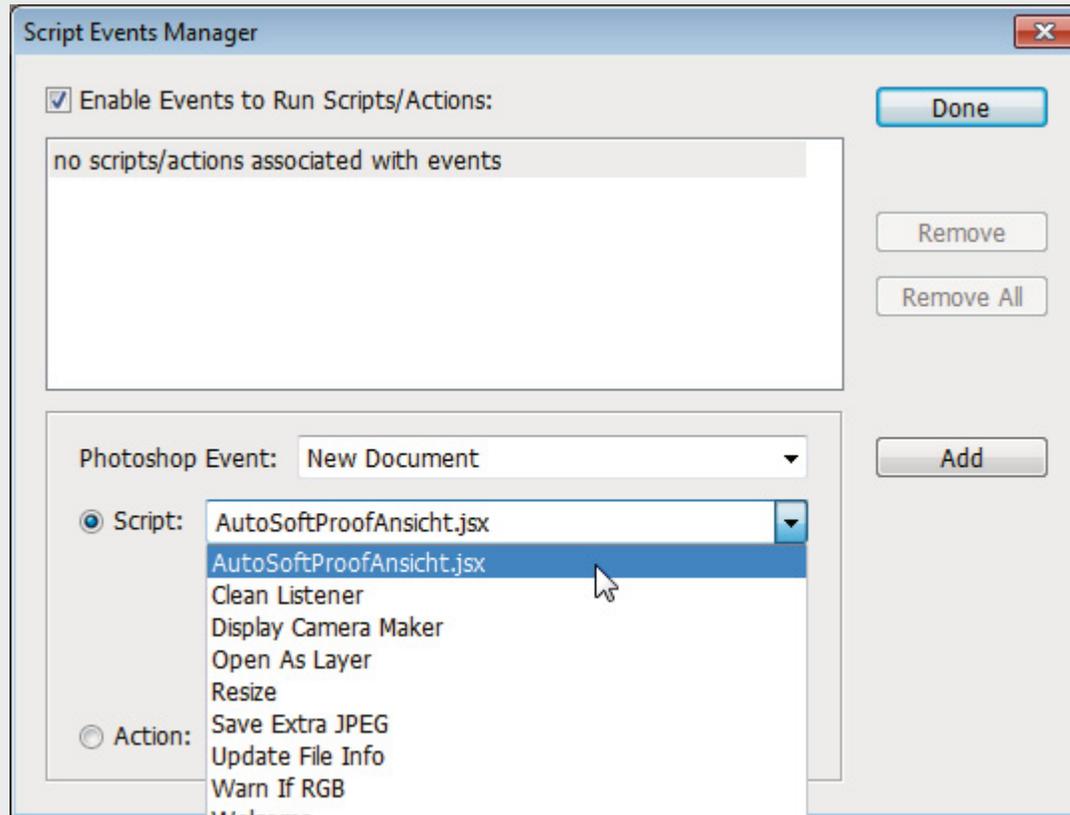
Please, at first, enable the eventhandling.

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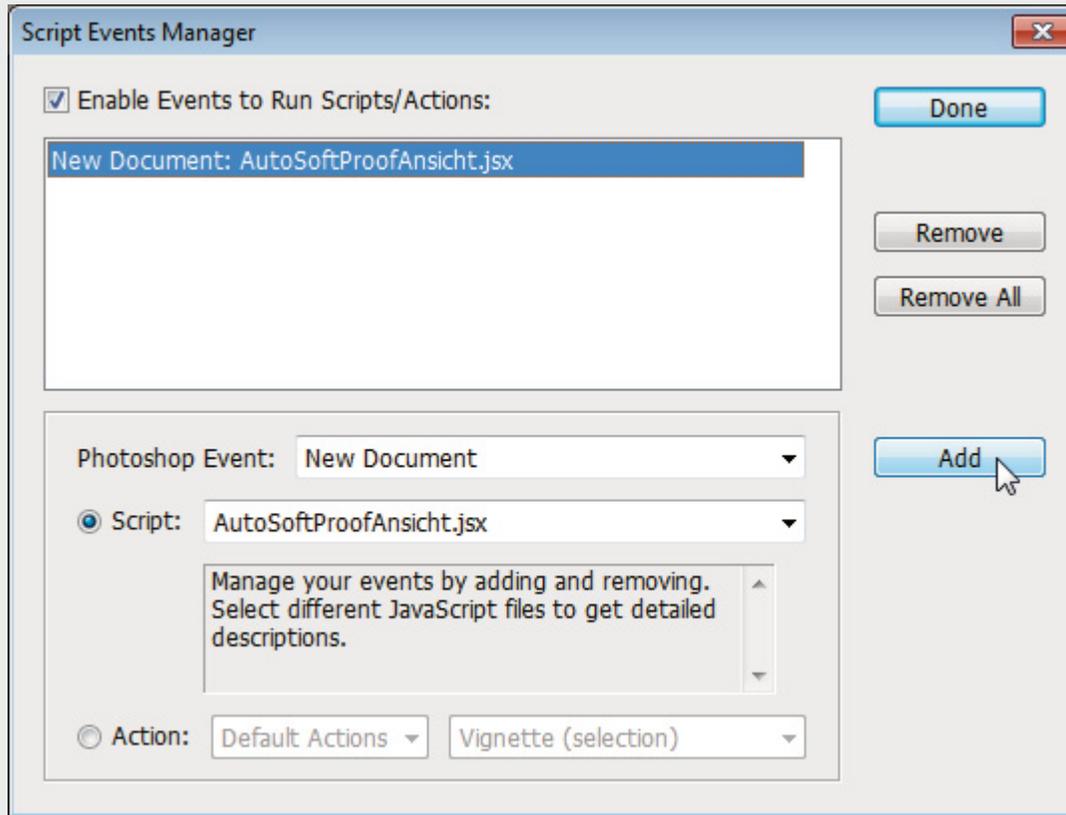
From the dropdown menu Photoshop Events, select "New Document".

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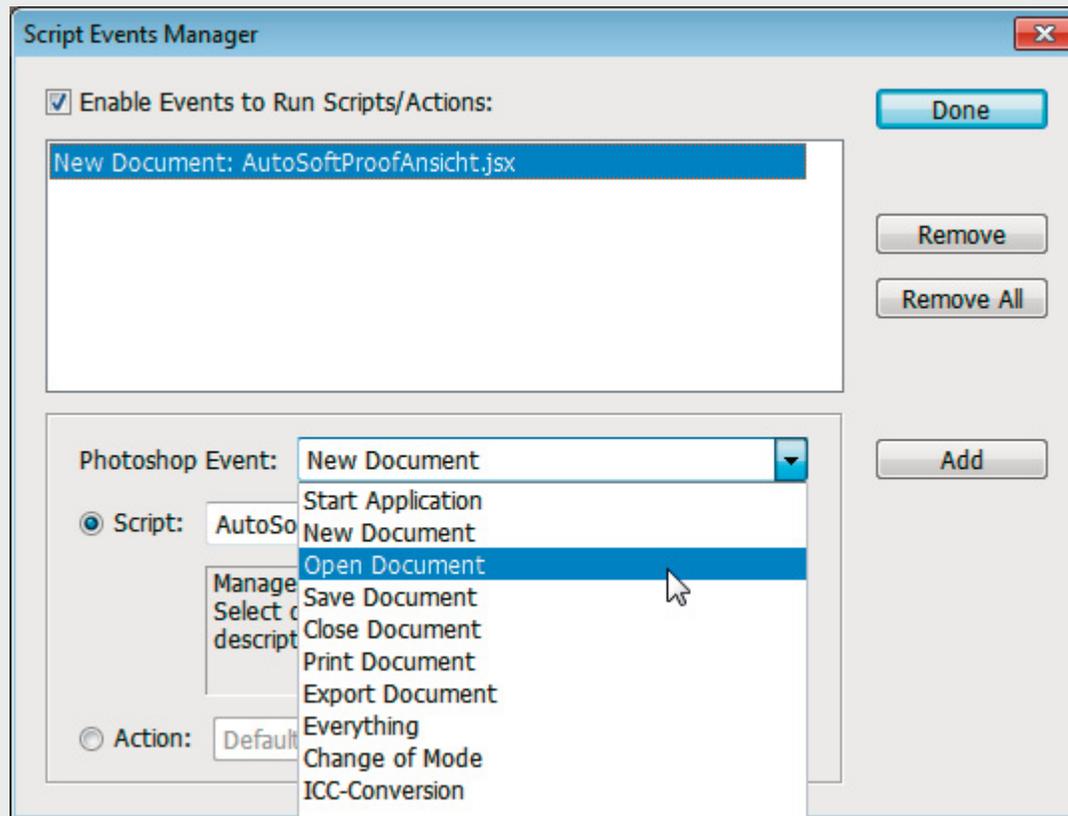
If you (in first step) have copied the script into the right directory, it now is available in the Script-Dropdown-List. Please select it, to assign it to the Event "New Document".

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A click on the Add-Button register it into the list above.

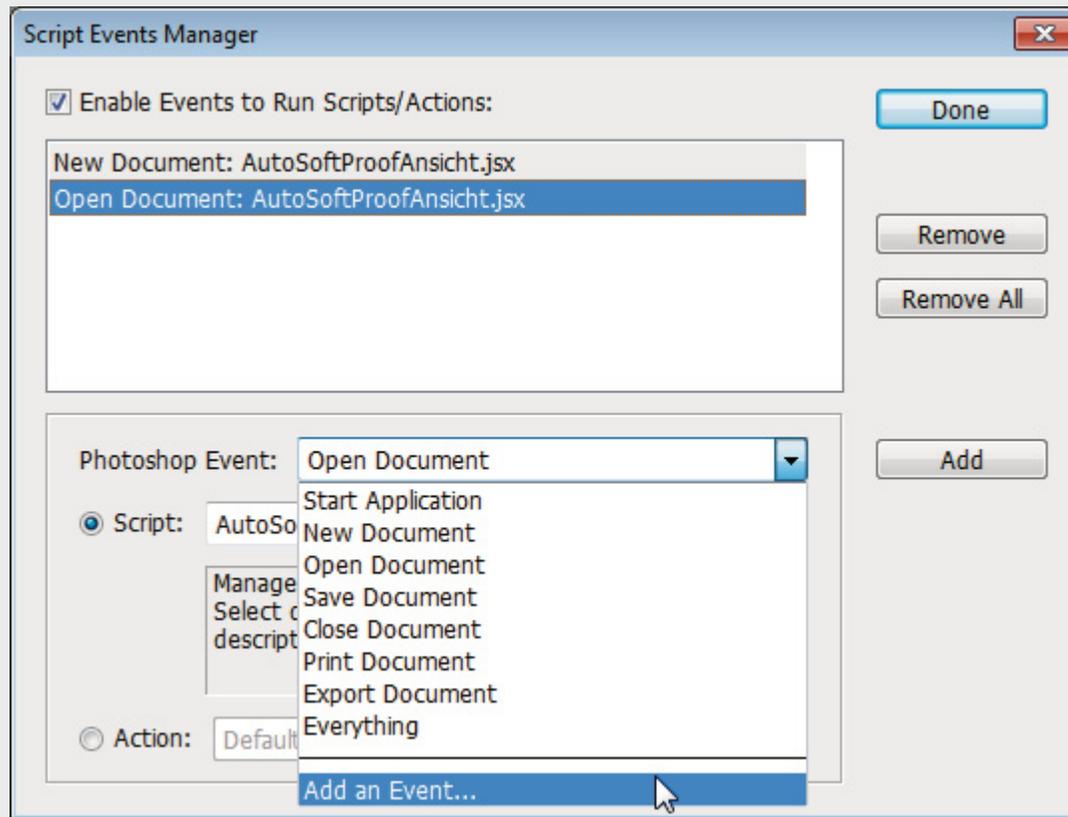
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Please repeat this with the Event "Open Document". To save all settings, you have to press the **Done** Button. From now on, everytime a new Document is created or an existing one gets opened the AutoSoftProof-Script is executed. The Script checks the Document-Colorspace, and if valid, it turns on the Soft-Proof-Display.

Unfortunately there are some process steps in Photoshop which turn off the Soft-Proof-Display again. These are all changes to the Image Mode and Converting an Image to an ICC-Profile. Therefor ... >

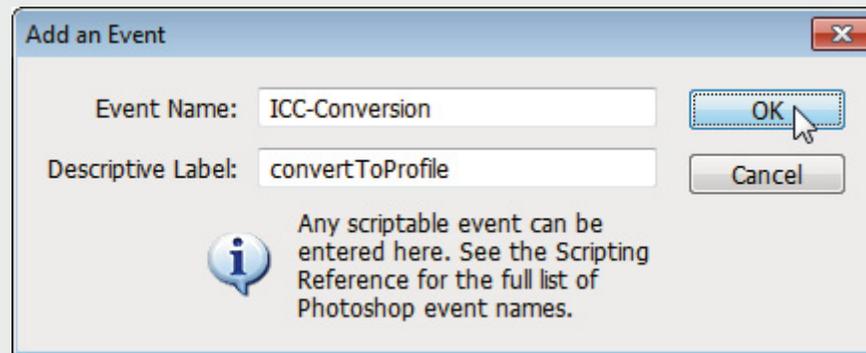
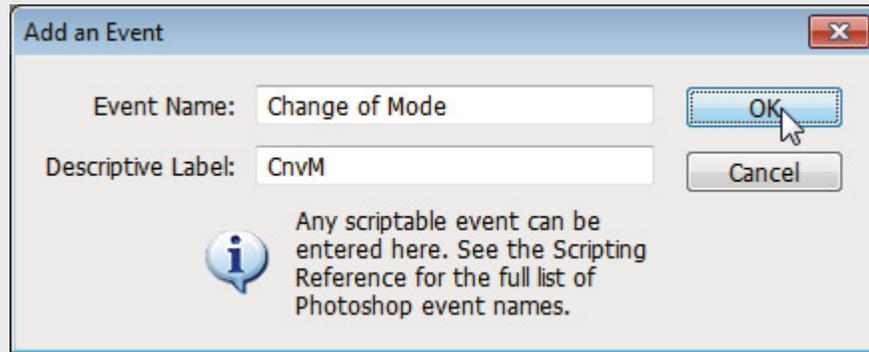
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..., please (go back to the Script Events Manager Dialog, if you already have closed it, and) select “Add an Event” from the Event-Dropdown-List.

* once you have added one or more Events, Photoshop creates a file with name “Script Events Manager.xml” somewhere in Preferences-Directories. Under Windows 7 and Photosp CS4, I have located it here: C:\Users\%USERNAME%\AppData\Roaming\Adobe\Adobe Photoshop CS4\Adobe Photoshop CS4 Settings\Script Events Manager.xml
If you want to delete events from the list, you can edit this file.

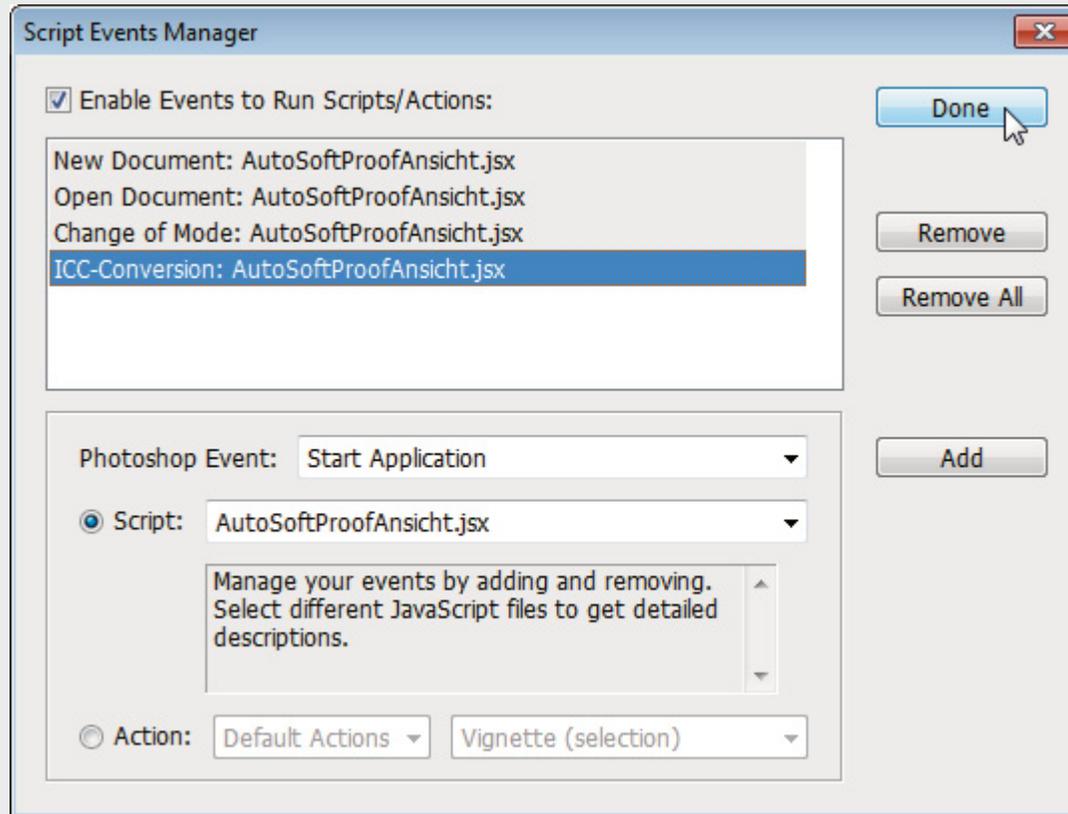
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Another Dialogbox gets opened. Please insert into Event Name a descriptive Name for the Event, e.g. Change of Mode or Convert Mode, and in the second field (Descriptive Label) enter the Script-Event-ID. The ID for Convert Mode is **CnvM** and the ID for ICC-Conversion is **convertToProfile**. Please note that the Event-IDs are **CaseSensitive!**

After creating these two Events, you also have to assign the AutoSoftProof-Script to them.

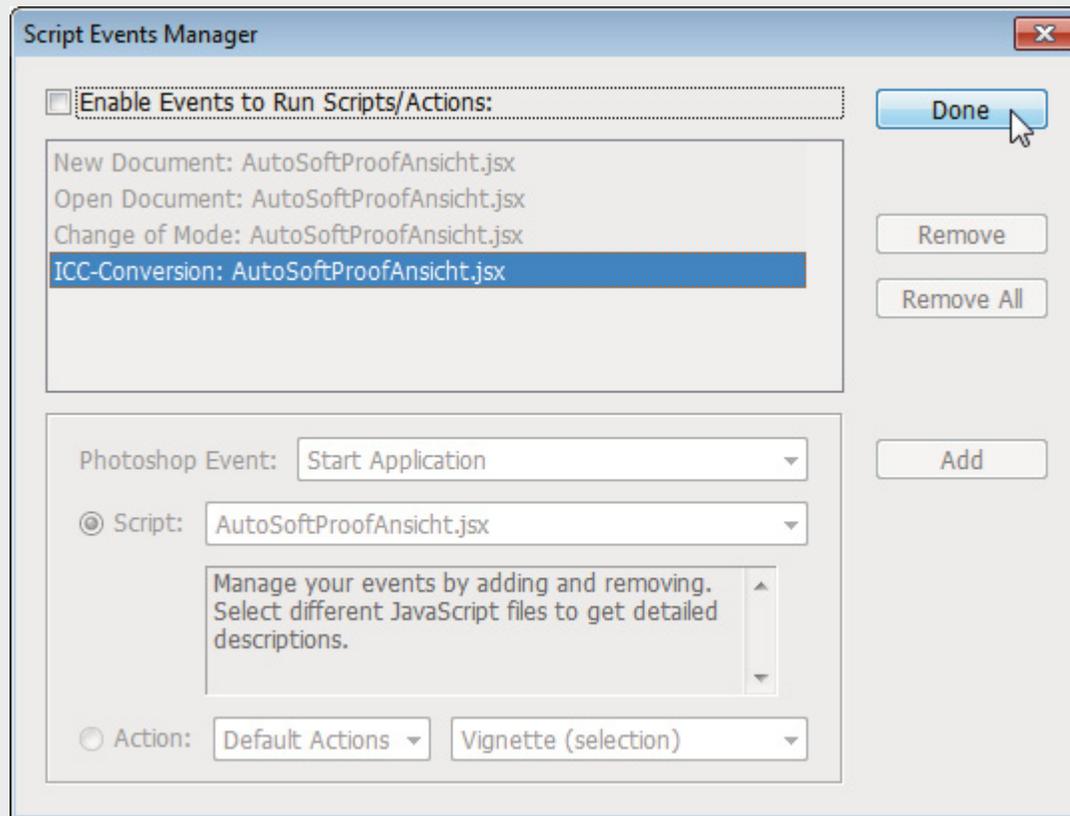
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Now there are four Events registered with the AutoSoftProof-Script.

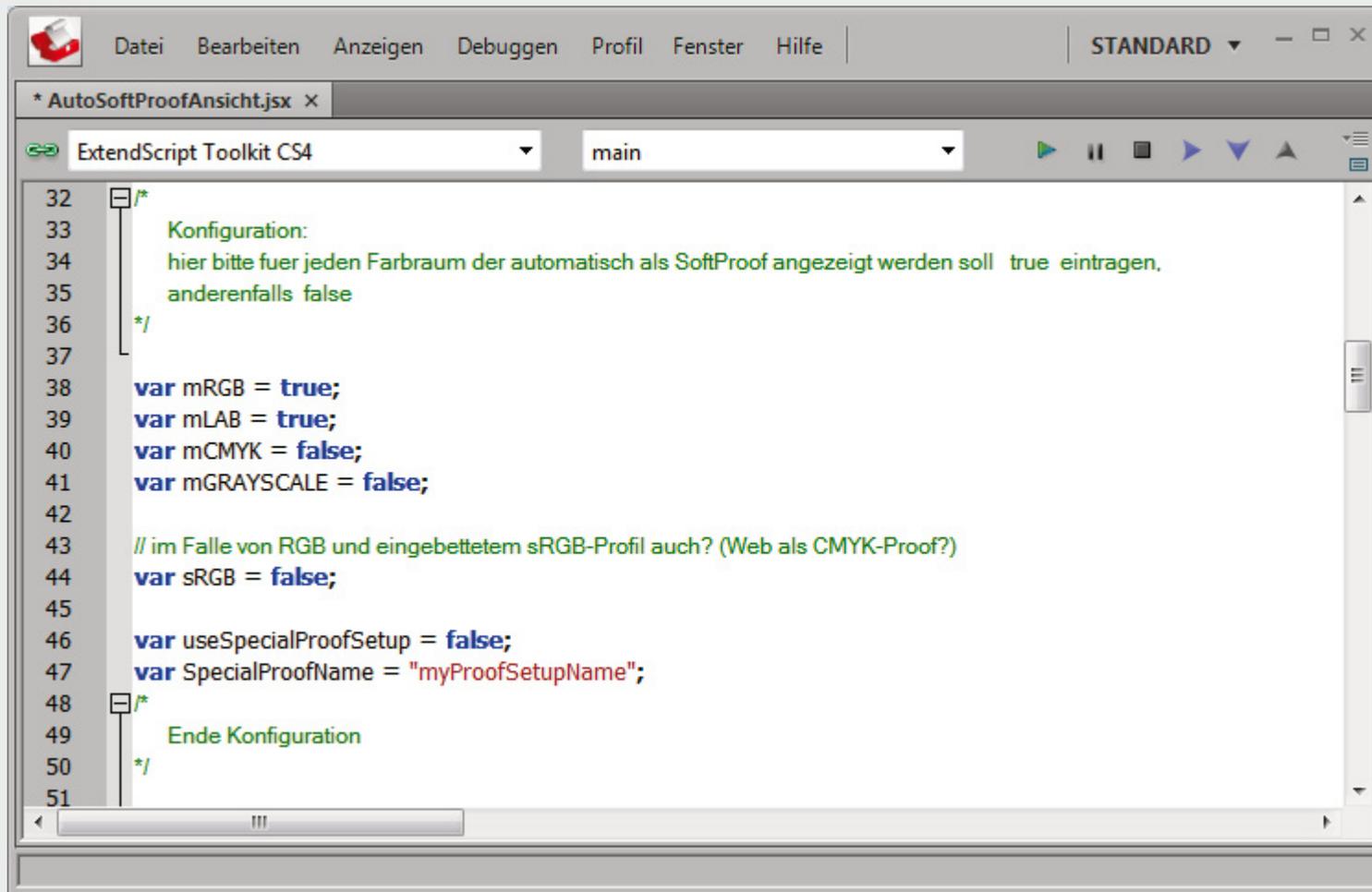
(It only gets saved if you end the Dialog by pressing Done!)

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If you once want to work without the AutoSoftProof-Feature, you simply can disable the Eventhandling, without losing all settings.

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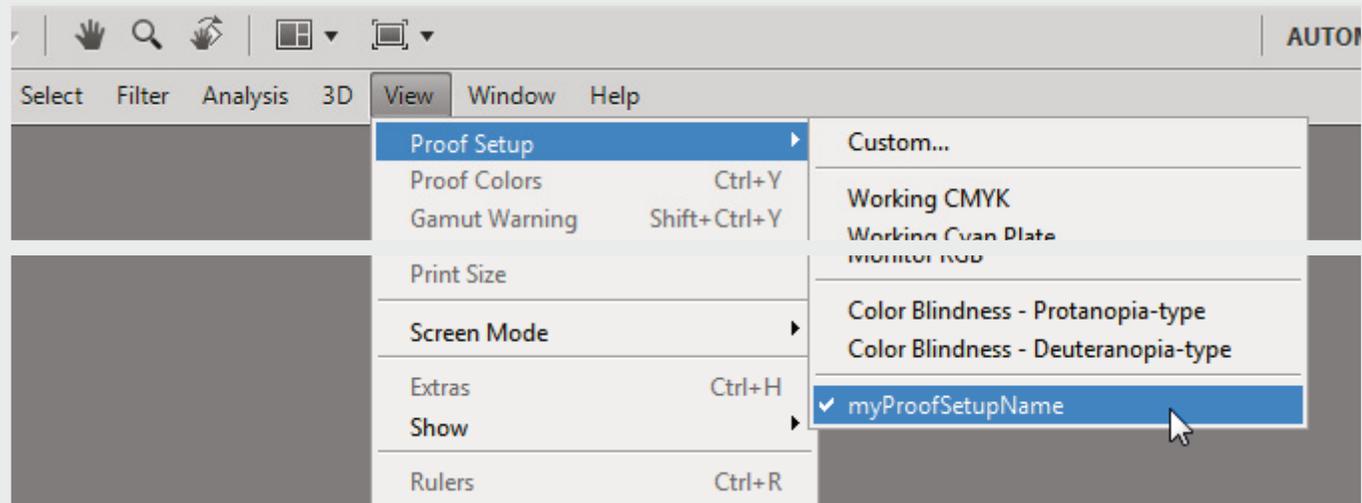
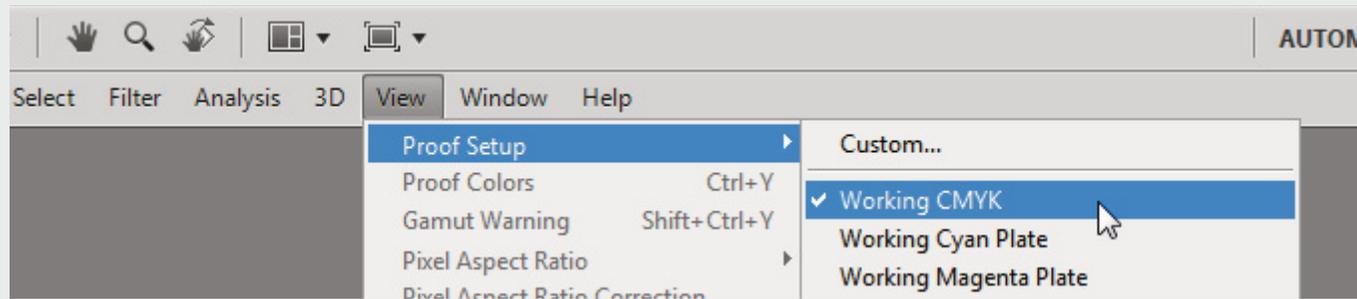


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32  */  
33      Konfiguration:  
34      hier bitte fuer jeden Farbraum der automatisch als SoftProof angezeigt werden soll true eintragen,  
35      anderenfalls false  
36  */  
37  
38  var mRGB = true;  
39  var mLAB = true;  
40  var mCMYK = false;  
41  var mGRAYSCALE = false;  
42  
43  // im Falle von RGB und eingebettetem sRGB-Profil auch? (Web als CMYK-Proof?)  
44  var sRGB = false;  
45  
46  var useSpecialProofSetup = false;  
47  var SpecialProofName = "myProofSetupName";  
48  */  
49      Ende Konfiguration  
50  */  
51
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This is the script, opened in "ExtendScript Toolkit".

Here you can define which Colorspaces are valid for the AutoSoftProof Display. Also you have to define the Prooftarget, e.g. CMYK-Working-Colorspace, (the default), or an individual created Proof-Setup.

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The AutoSoftProof-Display of the Script are one of the following two manually Menu-Selections:
The Working CMYK or `_one_ special Custom-Setup`, which `_name_` is entered in the Script-Configuration-Section.

Suggestions and comments are welcome!

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