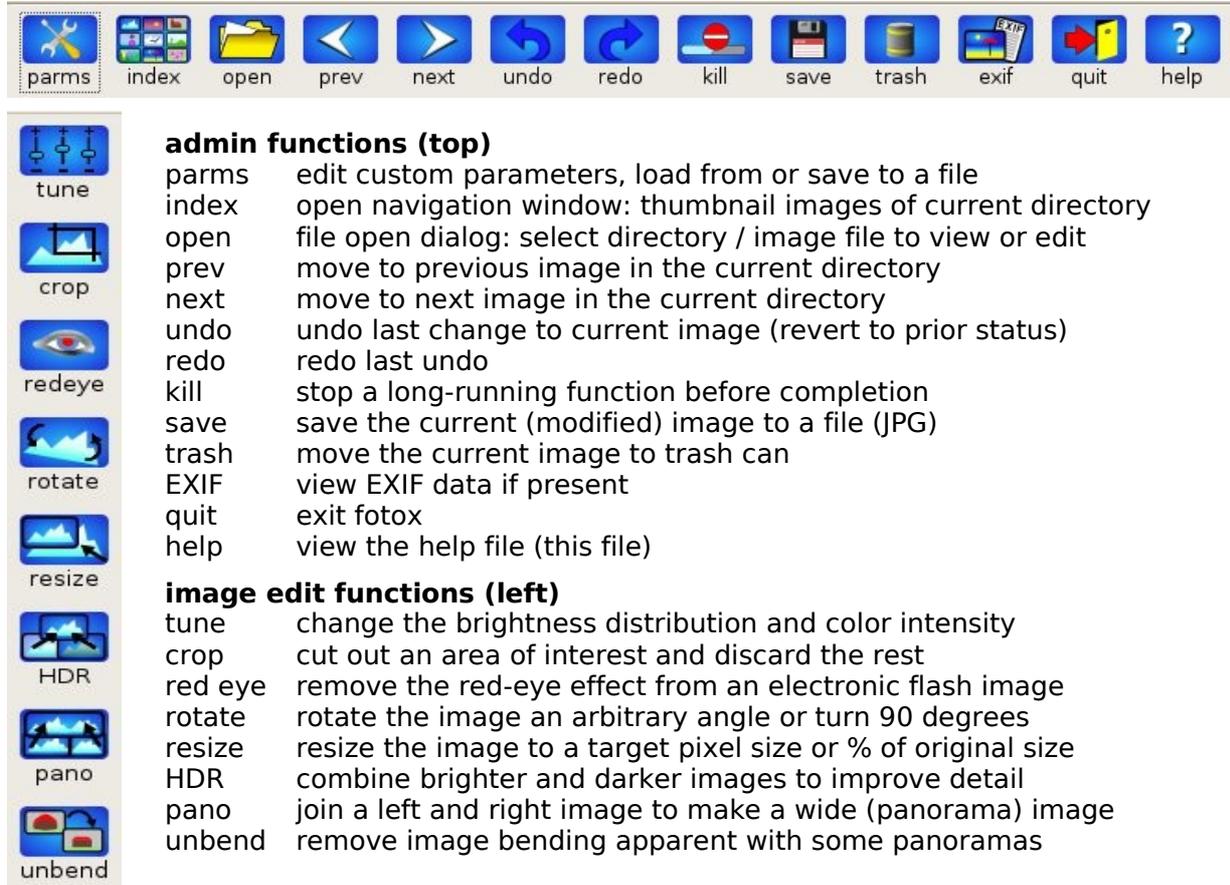


Fotox Quick Start Guide

The following is a 1-page quick-guide to help you get started. To better utilize all available functionality, please read the detailed user guide in the following pages.

Fotox toolbars and buttons:



The screenshot shows a toolbar with 12 icons: parms (wrench), index (thumbnails), open (folder), prev (left arrow), next (right arrow), undo (curved left arrow), redo (curved right arrow), kill (red stop sign), save (floppy disk), trash (trash can), exif (document with EXIF), quit (red arrow), and help (question mark). Below the toolbar is a list of buttons with their functions, categorized into admin and image edit functions.

Button	Function
admin functions (top)	
parms	edit custom parameters, load from or save to a file
index	open navigation window: thumbnail images of current directory
open	file open dialog: select directory / image file to view or edit
prev	move to previous image in the current directory
next	move to next image in the current directory
undo	undo last change to current image (revert to prior status)
redo	redo last undo
kill	stop a long-running function before completion
save	save the current (modified) image to a file (JPG)
trash	move the current image to trash can
EXIF	view EXIF data if present
quit	exit fotox
help	view the help file (this file)
image edit functions (left)	
tune	change the brightness distribution and color intensity
crop	cut out an area of interest and discard the rest
red eye	remove the red-eye effect from an electronic flash image
rotate	rotate the image an arbitrary angle or turn 90 degrees
resize	resize the image to a target pixel size or % of original size
HDR	combine brighter and darker images to improve detail
pano	join a left and right image to make a wide (panorama) image
unbend	remove image bending apparent with some panoramas

Example operation: to make an HDR image, adjust the brightness and colors, and crop to final size, use the following functions (buttons) in sequence:

- open File open dialog: select the first image
- HDR Select the 2nd image - will auto-align and merge with the first image.
Pop-up dialog allows adjustment of the image contribution ratios.
- tune Adjust brightness, contrast, and color intensity for the merged image.
- crop Cut image to final size.
- save Save the image to a new file.

Keyboard shortcuts for navigation and viewing:

- left-arrow = previous image R = rotate clockwise 90°
- right-arrow = next image L = rotate counterclockwise 90°
- delete = move image to trash

A left mouse-click anywhere on an image will show that area at 100% size. Another left click magnifies to 200%. A right click brings back the whole image (fit to window size).