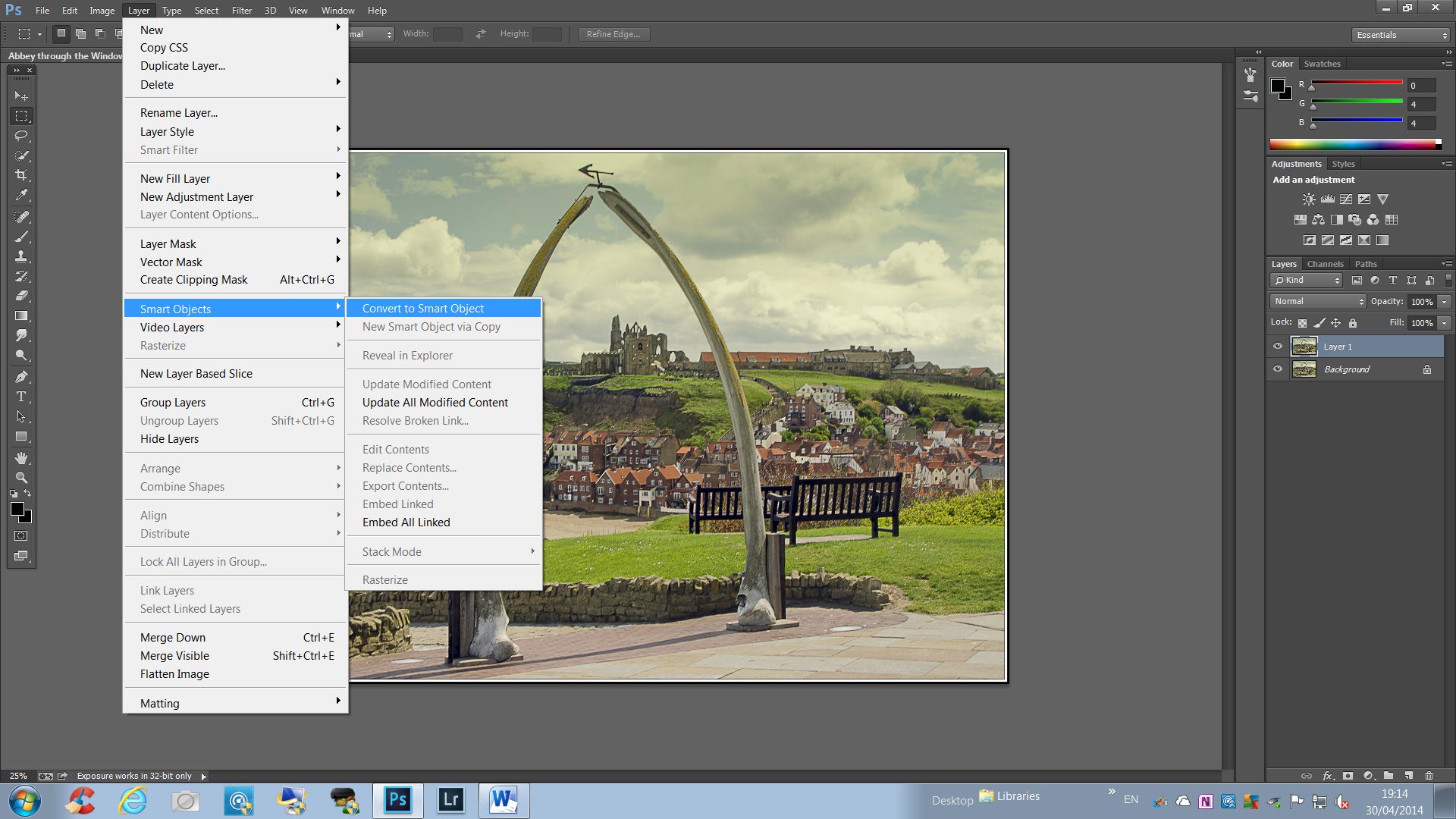
**A Smart Object/Layer.**

You can convert a layer into a smart object, unlike a normal layer, the Adobe family, CS and Elements remembers the original composition, so you can resize and perform other operations without losing any data (degrading of quality).

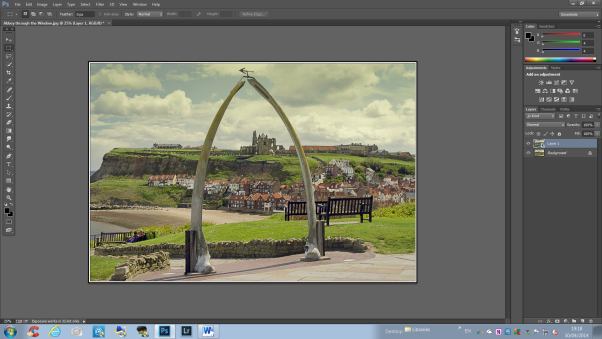
**To create a smart objet/layer.**

First duplicate the image, select layer 1

1. Click the layer that you want to convert to a smart object/layer.
2. Click Layer. Blue arrow.
3. Click Smart objects –red arrow
4. Click Convert to smart layer – yellow arrow.
5. You should have a smart layer.



If you look at your layers panel, you should find that layer 1, now has a little box inside the thumb nail icon. (see blue arrow)



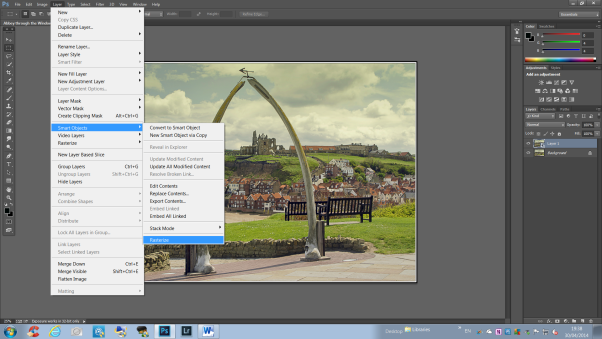
Now you can make adjustments and other layers without a loss of data.

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**How do I convert a smart object/layer to a regular layer?**

1. Go to the top menu, select layer.
2. Go down to smart objects.
3. Click Rasterize.

This now converts the smart layer/object back into a regular layer, save as a psd, pse or flatten as a jpeg file; but if you flatten you have no way of knowing of the adjustments you have done.



**How to Duplicate a Smart Object**

1. Click a **Smart Object in the LAYERS panel –Layer 1 thumb nail icon**
2. Click **Layer**
3. Click **Smart Objects**
4. Click **New Smart Object via Copy**
5. Click **the Move Tool,** (on your left-hand side top of tools)
6. Click and drag to view the new Smart Object

This is presuming that you are using Photoshop or Elements depending on Elements version number.

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