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## [Adobe Photoshop CS3 Extended Crack Harvests Zombie Computers](#)

*And builds IRC machine botnets*



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A crack designed to activate Adobe Photoshop Creative Suite 3 Extended brings to the table a tad more than the users have bargained for. When it comes to pirated materials, there is no such thing as free. This truism is reinforced by the Adobe Photoshop CS3 Extended keygen authored by "macROSS." The Key generator is being offered as a free method to circumvent the activation mechanism of Photoshop CS3 Extended. While the genuine products from Adobe come with consistent price tags, Photoshop CS3 is available for \$649 and Photoshop CS3 Extended for no less than \$999, the key generator is completely free. Well, the fact of the matter is that free is more of a concept, and it applies strictly to financial transactions. Because the Photoshop CS3 crack from "macROSS" is anything but free, and it will end up costing users more than a legitimate license. "Password crackers and key generators have long been the bane of commercial software companies because they allow users to circumvent their protection mechanisms without the need to purchase their software. As a result, it should come as no surprise that some malware authors prey on this particularly vulnerable group of users," SophosLabs warned. Free product keys for Photoshop CS3 are used as incentive in a social engineering scheme designed to convince unsuspecting users looking for a "free ride" to download and execute the code on their machine. Once a user deploys the Photoshop CS3 Extended keygen, his computer won't be "his computer" any longer. "SophosLabs analysts encountered a Trojan ([Troj/Mdrop-BPE](#)) that came bundled with a password key generator and a worm with IRC backdoor functionality. When run, the Trojan not only drops the password generator crack for Adobe Photoshop CS3 ([Troj/Keygen-BI](#)) but as an additional freebie, it potentially turns your computer into a IRC zombie machine ([W32/IRCBot-WA](#)) as well," Sophos added.