

The UNEQUIVOCAL Power of Blend If

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#1... MVP Tool in Photoshop

- 1. Blend If is an incredible tool for protecting and affecting specific areas of your photo, specifically in the luminance areas.
- 2. Most people will reach for a luminance mask before they reach for Blend If, not because they are better, but because they are more well known.
- 3. Blend If is the most powerful tool in Photoshop, yet it is the most hidden!
- 4. Blend if is not in selections or masking, it's in the layer styles

What is Blend If?

The four parts to a Layer in Photoshop:

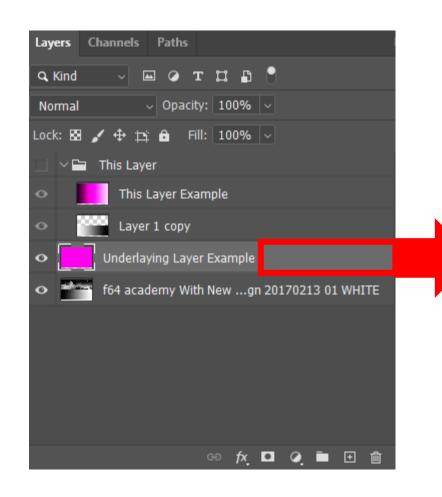


Don't think of this as one or nothing but fathom the possibilities of all of them used together!

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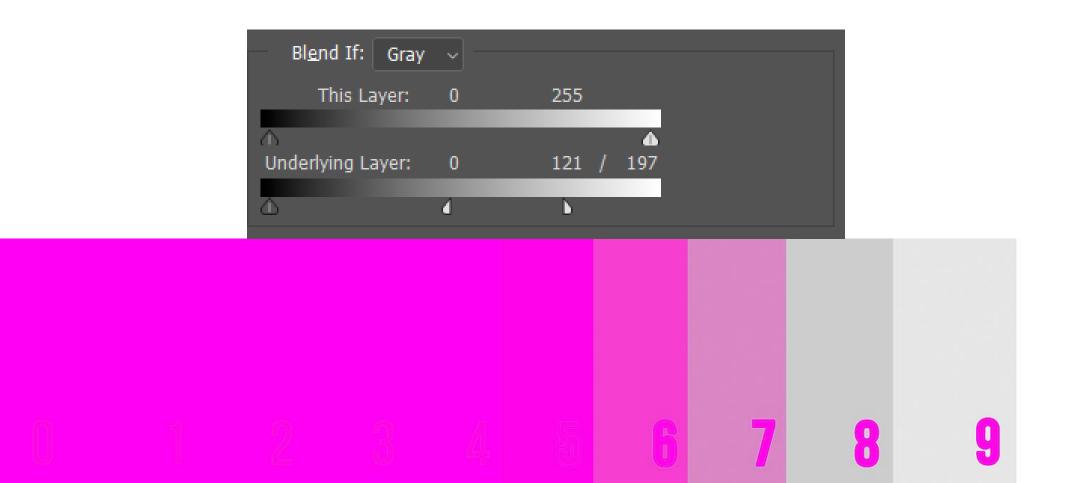
To Open Layer Styles in ANY Layer:

- Double click in the text next to the words in the layer.
- Blend if is in the Blending Options Section



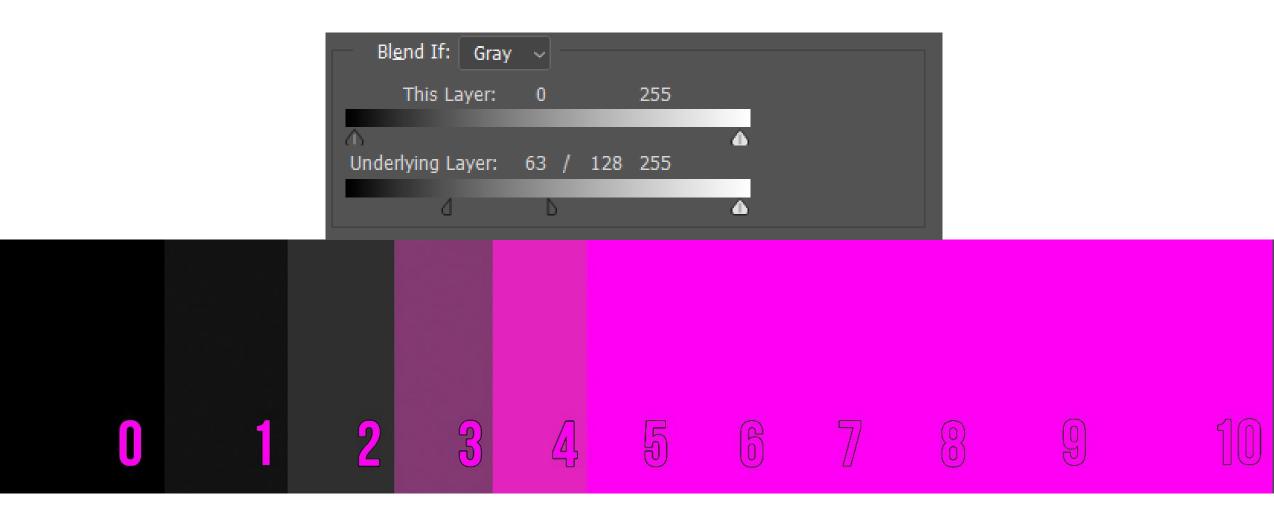
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 Outer Glow Drop Shadow 	This Layer: 0 255 Underlying Layer: 0 255	
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Protect Shadows Example

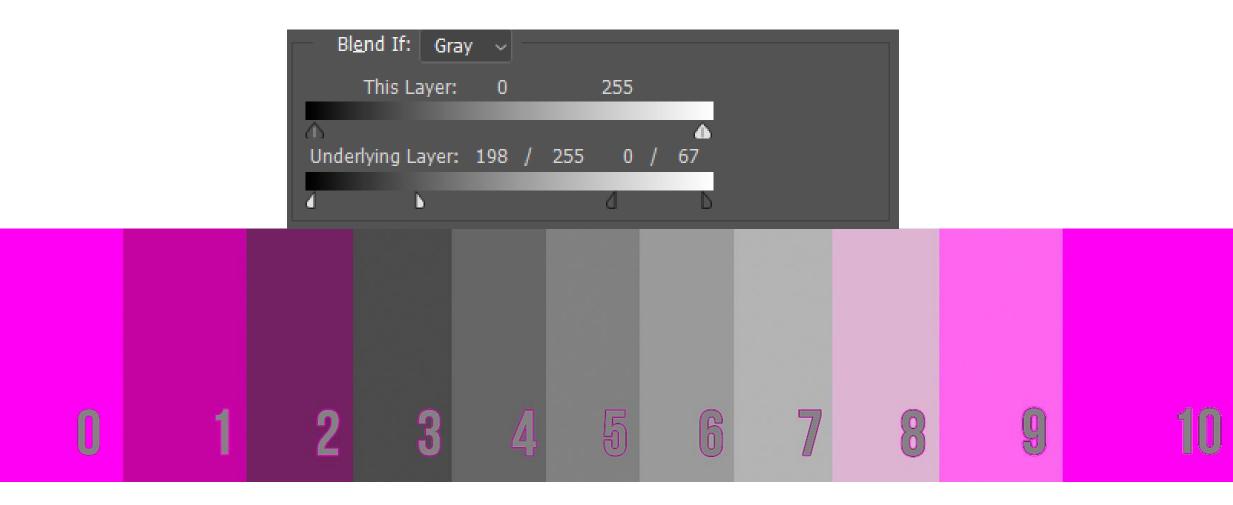


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Protect Highlights Example



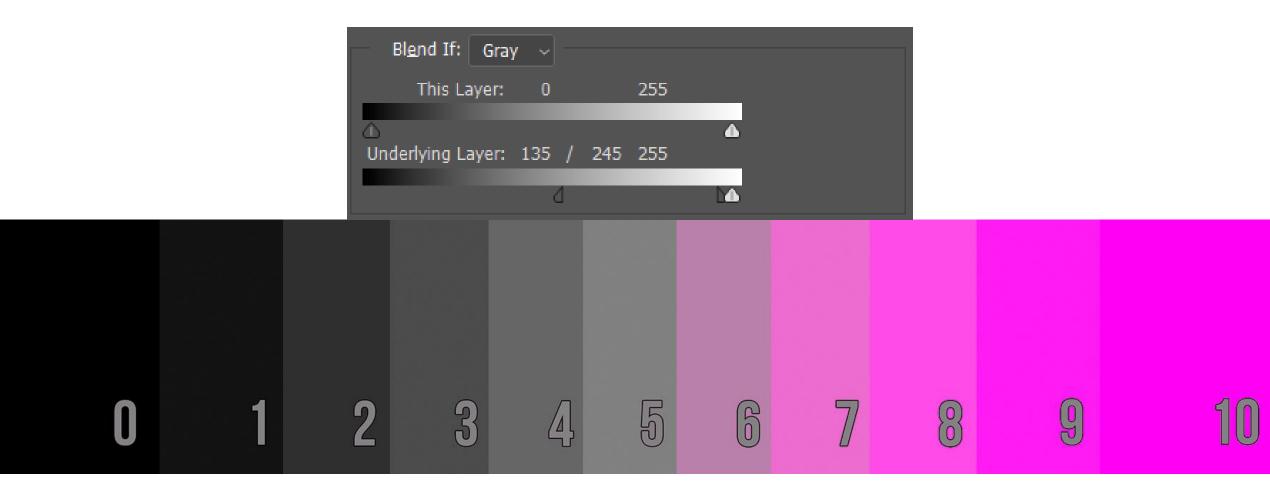
Protect Midtones Example



Target Midtones Example



Target Highlights Example



Ideas for use of Blend If

It knows no bounds, but here are some ideas:

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