

## Cropping digital picture files makes them work in Quick Qualifier

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Quick Qualifier auto-sizes computer picture files to fit in Open House flyers. This is convenient. The flyers are a template and regardless of the size of the picture, we make it fit.

However, the picture must have the correct proportions. Pictures of homes need to be in landscape layout. When you take a picture with a camera held normally, they are wider than tall.

In our flyers, pictures of people have to be in portrait layout. Taller than wide, which is the typical shape you see on a business card.

Here is an example: You have a picture of a person, in landscape layout:



A picture taken with a camera. Watch what happens if the picture is resized to portrait layout. It becomes horizontally compressed. (Below)



She got really thin. Some people could use a little thinner, but it usually looks weird. So instead of squishing the picture, lop off the edges. This is called cropping .

Cropped area



With the picture cropped instead of horizontally compressed, we retained the shape. The picture new is 1.33 taller than wide.

Landscape, is just the opposite...one and a third wider than tall.

You can use the same technique to change any digital photo. If a picture of a house includes garbage cans and a rusty pickup, you can crop the entire photo without changing the shape. (Same as if you had walked closer to the house before you snapped the shot.)

There are many software packages that crop pictures, including Adobe Photoshop...favored by the pros. If you want to save money, go to [www.IrfanView.com](http://www.IrfanView.com). Their excellent freeware does a bunch of things, including cropping.

Here is a classic example. If a picture file won't open in QQ or the file is so big it is bogging down your computer, open it in IrfanView and save it as a .bmp (Bit Map) Now you have a new file in a highly efficient ,Windows compatible format.

The good news is that you can use this method for any application...not just Quick Qualifier!