

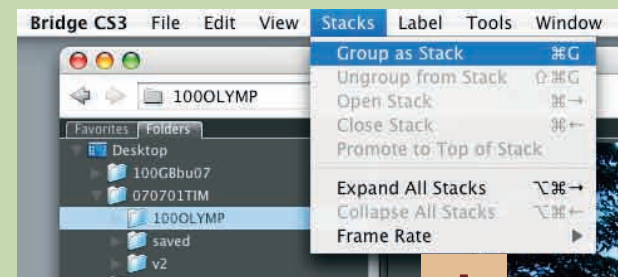
## Stacks

Stacks are a way of making a pile of similar files in Bridge and placing your favorite image on the top of the pile. If you want to go back in, look at the similar images, and possibly change your pick, it's as easy as finding the Stack, opening it, reselecting the pick, and stacking it back up.

Here's the issue. In all my sorting, ranking, picking, and copying of files, I may be separating out my main "pick" files from the "outtakes." Suppose I make a decision to call one file my pick, and copy it to a folder. I print this and finally decide that I want to see the outtakes again, because

*I'm not too pleased with some part of this file. I have to then go back into my folders, find the files, figure out which were the outtakes, and then decide which one to use.*

*Here's another example: I do a portrait shoot, and show them to the client. The client says, "I kind of like this one, but do you have others like it?" I have to rummage through all the outtakes again, find the sequence, and show the options. That sequence may not be very accessible, or it may be stored on a remote drive. Solution? Stacks.*



## Using Stacks

First, in Bridge, sort and select the images you want to stack. The first image in the series will be the one at the top of the stack—it will be considered the "pick." Go to **Stacks > Group as Stack** (A), and you'll see a little pile with a number in the upper corner indicating the number of images in the Stack (B).

Changing the "pick" of the Stack is really simple. When the Stack is open (C) (double-click the little number to open and close the Stack, or select **Stacks > Open Stack**), select the image you want to be the "pick." Go to **Stacks > Promote to Top of Stack**, and when you restack the Stack, that image will be the visible one (D).

All of your images in the Stack can be moved and copied as one image—simply grab the stack and do what you will with it, just as you would move a pile of stuff around your desk. For those of us that use the "pile" file method (aka the "filepile") in the office, the Stack is a natural, fast way to organize your work and keep your options close at hand.

If you want to un-stack your files—that is, not to just open the Stack, but to take them out of the Stack entirely—go to **Stacks > Ungroup from Stack** (E).

