

Introduction to Adobe Lightroom

Lightroom is a powerful photo editing and organizing software that allows for non-destructive edits and easy viewing of a large catalog of photos.

Essential Steps in working with a set of new images

Importing images (either RAW or JPEG files)

- *Select a source where images are coming from (desktop, memory card or USB)
- *Select where images will end up (by default it's the **Pictures** folder)
- *Select how you will import, in this case we will **Copy as DNG**
(DNG means digital negative and can convert any RAW file into a universal file)
- *Review images to import then check which ones you'd like to import
(view in a grid or individually, click to zoom in on detail)

Develop module

(Auto adjustments are available but sometimes overly adjusts lighting, etc.)

- *Color adjustments - adjust white balance and tint if needed
- *Toning - allows you to adjust exposure, contrast, highlights, and shadows
(Keep an eye on your histogram to see if you have blown out highlights)
- *Edit multiple photos at once by highlighting a select group
- *All edits in Lightroom are non destructive so you can always revert to original
(hit **Reset** for full undo or **Edit > Undo** to correct individual changes)
- *Advanced options are found in **Lens Corrections** such as distortion adjustment

Exporting

- *Highlight images you want to export to destination location (desktop, email, etc.)
- *Rename (save images with a common name e.g. *Sample_01*)
- *Select **File Settings** (JPEG), Image sizing, export and your final edits are ready!