

Processing Your Photos SIG

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Many of us use Lightroom to organize and process our images. This month, we explore Keywords and Collections as powerful tools to expand our ability to find, group and cross-reference our images without disrupting our file structure

Agenda:

- Opening Remarks - Don/Mac
- How Do I Do that in Lightroom/Photoshop
 - Keywords - applying and using - Don
- Collections in Lightroom - Don
 - What are they; Why should I use them; How do I use them;
 - Demos
- Smart Collections in Lightroom - Mac
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 - Demos
- Feedback and Topics for Future Meetings - Mac/Don

No Meeting in April!! Happy Easter!!

Keywords in Lightroom

Keywords are useful tools for searching, sorting, and remembering people, places, subjects, etc

Create a step in your workflow to routinely add keywords -
At import, during sorting/selection, or wherever you will always remember to add them

Add multiple keywords to identify multiple subjects, locations, or people, and improve chance of finding with search tool.

Lightroom automatically creates a list of all your keywords which can be used to search for similar photos

Keywords in Lightroom

Keyword lists can be exported and imported to new catalogs

Keywords can be edited, grouped, and exported with the photo's metadata

Keyword Demo

- Import

- Adding to photos

- Searching using keyword list

- Searching from Library grid

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What are Collections?

Think of collections as albums or groupings of photos

Photos remain in original file folder; collections point to the photo location

Simple collections - You add the photos

Smart collections - LR automatically adds photos based on your instructions

Quick Collections - Temporary place to quickly gather photos for any special use - Default Target Collection

Why should I use Collections?

Organize photos by subject, location, etc from multiple file folders

Select photos you want grouped regardless of folder structure - moving folders or photos within Lightroom does not affect collection

Group collections into a collection set to streamline workflow or create multiple layers of organization

Select photos for sharing, slide shows, photo books, printing, shows, annual best, etc

Why Should I Use Collections?

Create new catalogs of existing photos for moving to other computers or sharing - Demo catalog for this presentation was created from a collection set

Importing directly to a collection can simplify workflow and avoid complex file folder structure (e.g., put trip photos in one folder but multiple collections in a set)

Collections are the primary method of structured syncing from Lightroom Mobile and the only method of syncing to Lightroom Mobile

Using Collections

Photos can be included in multiple collections

Edits done in collections are also reflected in original folder; Edits done in original folder are also reflected in collections

If you want different versions (e.g., B&W, Color, cropped, etc) in different collections, use virtual copies

Virtual copies created in collections are also placed next to original photo in original folder; VCs created in original folder must be added manually to collections

Collections can be renamed, moved among collection sets, duplicated, exported as catalog or photos, etc

Collections Demo

Creating new collections & collection sets

Using Quick Collections - saving quick collections

Setting & changing target collection

Adding & removing photos

Finding similar photos in original folder

Syncing with LR Mobile

Exporting a collection for sharing or moving

Lightroom Smart Collections

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What are Smart Collections?

Smart collections work like regular collections except for adding and removing photos, and sorting... and they're smart

A smart collection is like a filter, but more permanent

Smart collections automatically include photos from your **entire catalog** based on your selection criteria

Selection criteria can include text, flags, color labels, date, lens, camera, metadata, etc

The content of smart collections changes as images in your catalog are added, removed or altered

Why should I use Smart Collections?

Simplify workflow or confirm workflow is complete (e.g., mapping, keywords, color label)

Identify candidates for your best work **on a continuing basis**

Gather photos for sharing, exporting, organizing (e.g., based on family name keywords) **on a continuing basis**

Use smart collections to gather/group photos automatically, then copy to regular collection for manipulation (slide show, publishing, printing)

Smart Collections Demo

Default Smart Collections - using, modifying

Colored Red

Five Stars

Past Month

Recently Modified

Video Files

Without Keywords

Smart Collections Demo

Creating Smart Collection —

- Chose a parameter
- Decide how you want to filter
- Specify details
- Add more parameters as needed

Deleting a smart collection — just delete it

Deleting photos from smart collections — change photo to NOT meet the filter criteria

Converting to a regular collection - indirect solution

Exporting a smart collection as a catalog — no more “smartness”