



Plano Photography Club

Lightroom Snapshot

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Agenda

- What is Lightroom?
- Why should I use Lightroom?
- How is Lightroom different from my editing program?
- Should I upgrade to Lightroom 4?
- How do I use Lightroom?
- How can I learn more about Lightroom?



What is Lightroom?

- *Adobe® Photoshop® Lightroom® 4 software provides a comprehensive set of digital photography tools, from powerfully simple one-click adjustments to cutting-edge advanced controls. Create images that inspire, inform, and delight. – Adobe*
- *Lightroom is “photo central” for photographers of all levels and provides powerful but easy to understand tools from import and management, to adjustments, to output to print, the web, slideshows, mapping, and books. – Dennis*
- Lightroom is highly integrated with external editing programs and third party plugins.



Why Should I Use Lightroom?

- Lightroom was built from the ground up for photographers and some of the best people in the post processing world contribute.
- The processing engines are world class.
- It is non-destructive. Your RAW files are never changed.
- To me, it is very straight forward.
- One spot to do just about everything – more and more I don't go to Photoshop other than a convenient way to apply my favorite NIK Software (now Google) filters
- **Presets!**



How is Lightroom different from my editing program?

- Lightroom handles many tasks in addition to adjusting your images – cataloging, outputting, etc.
- Lightroom is primarily aimed at making global adjustments to your images – tonality, color, sharpening, noise reduction, lens adjustments, with some powerful but limited local adjustment.
- Lightroom does not support layers or compositing and the cleanup tools are limited to spot removal.
- Next meeting, Bud will show how Photoshop Elements works with Lightroom and how it does some of those things LR does not.



Should I Upgrade to Lightroom 4?

- Yes!
- LR4 and Adobe Camera RAW in Photoshop CS6 are major change to the basic tonal adjustment approach and algorithms.
- The ability to bring out detail in the shadows and highlights is greatly enhanced.
- The Clarity tool is improved.
- The brush and graduated tools are improved.
- Sharpening and noise reduction remain world class.



Major Parts of Lightroom

Library Module

- Import images from your camera or card or computer
- Add key words
- View and change metadata
- Rate images
- Organize
- Find images
- Use Collections to make life easier

Develop Module

- Make adjustments to your RAW and other images
- Same controls as Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) but easier for me
- Some local adjustments possible
- Non-destructive adjustments
- Use your preferred file organization

Map Module

Book Module

Slideshow Module

Print Module

Web Module



Live Demo



Resources

- Free
 - <http://blogs.adobe.com/jkost/>
 - Adobe TV – Julieanne Kost
 - Two part tutorial on the develop module given to the Dallas Camera Club by me and posted on the PPC website.
- Pay
 - luminous-landscape.com – Lightroom training