

A Quick & Basic guide to Lightroom Classic

Importing Photos from your camera

- Connect your camera or card reader to the computer. If the import dialog doesn't open automatically click "**Import**" bottom left. If it's not full screen hit the "\ key
- At the top left of the screen select the source of the files to import, e.g. D800
- Select the **Destination** on the right of the screen. To create a new folder right click on the root folder and "create new folder" and select it.
- In the "apply during import tab" select "Lens and CA correction". Select anything else you require in the "File handling" and "File renaming" tabs.
- Check the files you want to import and Select "Import" bottom right. When complete turn off camera and disconnect. (Avoids draining the battery)

Basic edit workflow

- In the Library tab, select the "Folders" tab on the left and navigate to the files you want to edit. Can't find them? Right click on the folder or root folder and "**Synchronise Folder**".
- Select the Image to be edited and select the "Develop" tab.
- **Histogram** should be open.
- Select the Crop Tool, (rectangle on the left in the bar under the histogram), ensure your horizon is level and crop to suit. The select "Done" at the bottom right of the image.
- The other tools in this bar can be used as your skills develop.
- In the "Basic" tab, select Profile and then apply to suit. E.g., Adobe landscape is good for landscapes etc.
- Adjust the white balance, "WB:" to suit Daylight, Cloudy etc. If you have a nice grey patch in your picture, e.g. a dark cloud, a white wall, the dropper is a good alternative.
- Adjust the Tone

- Auto is an option. Ctr Z will go back, or use the history tab on the left to undo more than one step.
- Alternatively, adjust each slider individually. Adjust “Black” and “White” first. Make sure you are not clipping the blacks or whites. Either use the two switches at the top of the histogram to display the clipped areas in red and blue or hold down the alt key while adjusting the sliders until the image just disappears.
- Shift Double click will auto adjust a slider, double click will reset it.
- In the Navigator panel on the left, you will find “Fit”, 100%, 200%. The ^ at the end can be used to set the %. When adjusting Texture, Clarity or sharpening, zoom to 100 or 200% to check it’s not overdone.

Exporting your image

- In the library tab, select the image to be exported and select the “export” button bottom left.
- Export Location. “Export to” a “specific folder” using “Choose” e.g. PI6, MDC August
- File Naming. Tick “Rename To”, select “Custom Name” and put your image name in in “Custom text:”
- File Settings. “Image format” “JPEG”, “Colour Space”, “sRGB” and tick “limit file size to” 2000k for club submissions.
- Image Sizing. Tick “Resize to fit” “width & Hight”. “W” 1920 “H” 1080 pixels, “Resolution” 300 “pixels per inch”
- Output Sharpening. (optional) Tick “Sharpen for screen”, “Amount”, “Standard”
- Metadata. Tick “Remove person info” for competition entries

At the bottom right of the screen, Select “Export” and you are done! Remember to “synchronise folder” if you want to see the result in lightroom!