

Lightroom CC 2015 — Lightroom 6

On April 21, 2015, Adobe released their long anticipated Lightroom CC/6 software. The Lightroom CC version is for subscribers (\$9.95/month) and comes with Lightroom Mobile app for MAC and PC mobile devices. Lightroom Mobile app allows multiple collections to be synced from, to, and between devices. Lightroom 6 is a perpetual license (\$149 & \$79 for upgrades). You should be aware that only minimal LR 6 updates will be furnished in the future; whereas, Lightroom CC will be update with new features. The following lists some of the new features:

- **New cameras/lens support.**
- **Photo Merge for HDR & Panorama:** You can merge photos into panoramic and HDR image without needing to use other software such as Photoshop or Photomatix. The resulting merged file is a 16-bit DNG file allowing you to edit the image in the same manner as you would any other RAW file.
- **GPU acceleration:** The new software uses the Graphic Processing Unit (GPU) to speed up image editing. This means that adjustments to your images using the Develop sliders will be near real-time. The biggest speed improvements are found when rendering "exposure" and "distort" adjustments.
- **Library Module:**
 - **Catalog backups** are now zipped and will aid you in recognizing your backup catalog file. Also catalog backups are faster.
 - The **Collection list** can now be filtered in the same way that you filter Keyword lists. To access the filer, click the "+" in the header of the Collections panel, and turn on **Show Collection Filter**.
 - **Import to a Collection:** You can now add photos to an existing collection or create a new collection when importing photos which can aid you in syncing to LR mobile.
 - **Metadata:** Flag and Rating categories have been added to the Metadata filters.
 - **Previews:** There's a new standard preview size in the Catalog Settings labeled **Auto** (Edit > Catalog Settings > Standard Preview Size). This setting will automatically calculate the right size previews for your monitor.
- **Develop Module:**
 - **Pet Eye:** The Pet Eye tool corrects unnatural looking eyes in animals and can add a catch light.
 - **Filter Brush for Graduated & Radial Filters:** You can now add to or remove from a gradient or radial mask using a brush as you been able to do in Adobe Camera Raw 8.
 - **Crop:** There's a new **Auto** button in the Crop Options, which automatically levels titled horizons.
- **Face Recognition:** Lightroom can now automatically tag people in your photos. Lightroom will analyze your photos to determine which images contain people. When a person is found within a photo, it will place a box on the photo to identify each face that appears within the image. Once you start naming people, Lightroom will recognize their facial features and suggest their names for other faces that look similar.
- **Three things Scott Kelby likes best:**
 - He really thinks that they did a good job with including HDR into the program. You don't have to rely on a third party program (or Photoshop), and you can get really good naturalistic images from a smaller number of images.
 - He likes the "Headless Mode." It allows you to send HDR or panoramic photos to the merge feature without waiting for the processing. By depressing the **Shift** key when choosing **Photo > Photo**

Merge > HDR/Panorama, the software will work in the background allowing you to work on other photos.

- Finally, he likes Lightroom's better use of the GPU acceleration which reduces his editing time.