

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE NEW VERSION LIGHTROOM Lr

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Until very recently many of us used *Lightroom Classic (LrC)* for photo organization and editing. However, Adobe has come out with a new version of a simpler Lightroom called *Lightroom (Lr)*. The discussion in the KIPC meeting on Monday, January 15 centered on Lr. This is a summary of the main points of discussion.

The “new” Lr offers something new: **access to your folders without using the catalog structure in LrC**. We all know that the catalog aspect of LrC adds complications and chances for errors. However, Lr does *not* require importing photos into a catalog. It uses your normal folders, *no matter where they are a local or remote drive*. Files can be stored in places such as Dropbox, and they remain completely accessible. Further, there are no errors introduced by moving or renaming files *unless* you are combining Lr and LrC.

At the moment the subscription price for Lr is \$9.99/mo whereas LrC is \$19.99/mo. (See below) However, there is some confusion over the amount of disc space that Adobe furnishes with the subscription.

If you have been using LrC, note that Lr has no functions for making books (Book) and no Slideshow, Map, or Print functions.

If you look at files in both Lr and LrC I believe edits in Lr are not seen in LrC and vice versa for files “out of camera.” (For example, Canon files labeled CR3 or Nikon files labeled NEF will not show edits.) If the file is converted to dng, jpg, tif, etc. then the edits show.

Access to “the cloud” allows you to *share photos*, which seems easier in Lr than in LrC. *Adobe Portfolio* is included and is a great way to share photos. Lr can also send files to Blurb, Smugmug, and other sites. Finally, you can search the photos in the cloud by a thumbnail of the persons face.

Keywords can be assigned in Lr. But I believe the file can be found only if the search applies to the folder within which the file is found. Not across folders. Further, the keyword had to have been in LrC or in Lr.

Collections are a very useful function in LrC. This does not seem to be available in Lr, likely because there is no catalog of all of the images.

Photos in a folder can be filtered in many ways: if it has been edited, if it was copied to the Cloud, type of file, keyword, camera used. You can add stars to a file and mark it as picked or to reject. If stars are assigned there is a *great than, equal to, or less than* search function. Finally, almost **all of the editing functions in LrC are available in Lr!**

BOTTOM LINE:

1. Lightroom Lr is most suited to the person who does not want to have the complications of a catalog. Lr is for you if you simply want to organize your photos in folders on the hard drive, edit those photos *with all of the tools Adobe has to offer*, then export files for Facebook, Instagram, to print, to use in making photos books by programs such as Blurb and Shutterfly, or to mail to friends.

2. **For LrC users:** If you subscribe to LrC, Lr is included (along with Photoshop). If you currently use LrC for all of your organizing and editing, the Cloud function of Lr is *very* useful. It is easy to make albums and then share with friends. Adobe also has a free option called MyPortfolio where you can post those albums. See, for example, some of my albums at johnkotz.MyPortfolio.com

3. Finally, LrC and Lr are not really meant to work together. *If you are using LrC and are comfortable, stay with it. If you are beginning photography or don't want the complications of LrC, then use Lr.* As your skill level increases, you could later import your files into LrC and go from there.




USEFUL VIDEOS

Kate Silvia: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW2y1i9jUfU

Tony Northrup: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnhccKJNLLk

Adobe: <https://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-lightroom.html>

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