

WHAT'S NEW

IN LIGHTROOM CLASSIC CC 8.1

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December 2018 sees the release of Lightroom Classic CC 8.1 which includes several new features and enhancements.

- ❑ Customisation of the Develop panel
- ❑ Add to collection option in the Auto Import settings,
- ❑ Grid snap option in the Book module
- ❑ Single Step HDR-Pano merge
- ❑ And a new process version

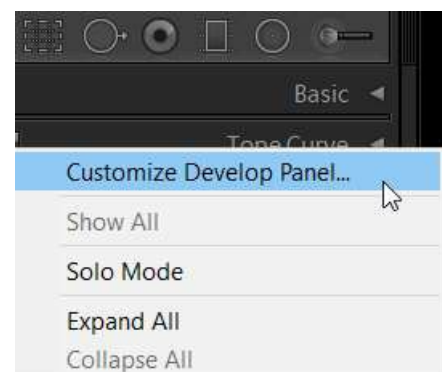
1. Customise the Develop panel menus

In this release in addition to hiding panels that you don't use, which has been with us for quite a while we can now change the order of the panels to something that might suit your workflow better

Lets see how that works

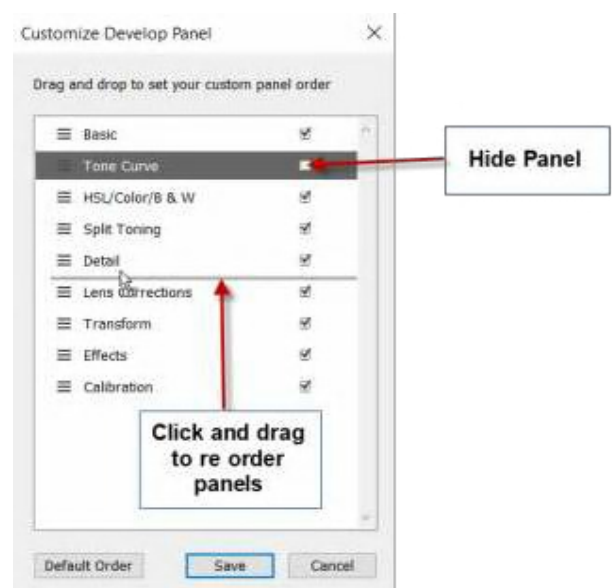
First **right click(win) or CTRL+ Click(Mac)**

Select Customise Develop Panel from the contextual menu that opens



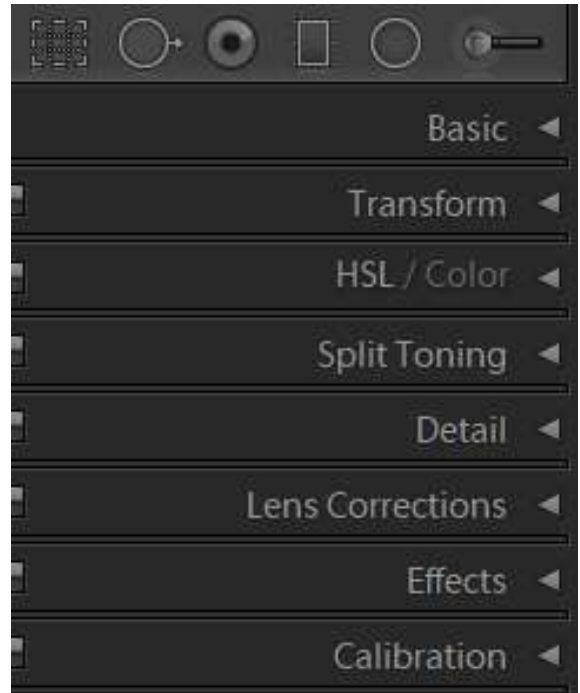
In the panel you can turn off the visibility of a panel that you don't use by removing the tick from the tick box and re arrange the order of the panels by click and drag.

Then click Save

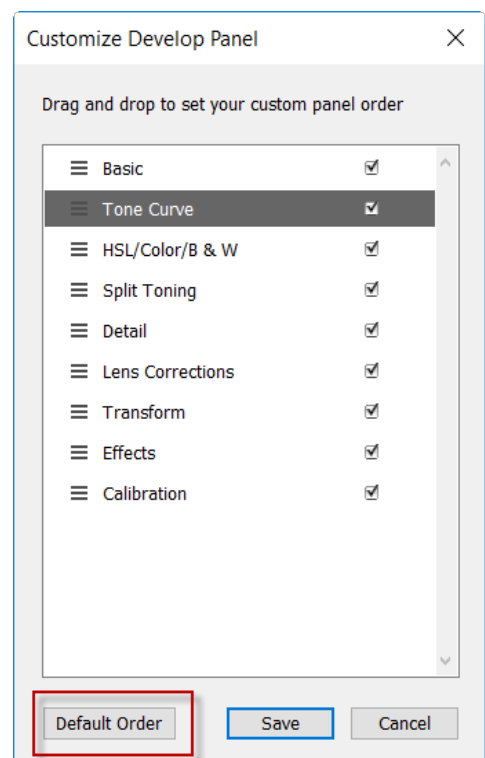


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You will have to relaunch Lightroom to see the Develop panels in the new order.



If you want to restore the default order click default order before saving.



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Auto Import

In the Auto import settings you can now add imported photos from a watched folder directly to a specified **Collection**.

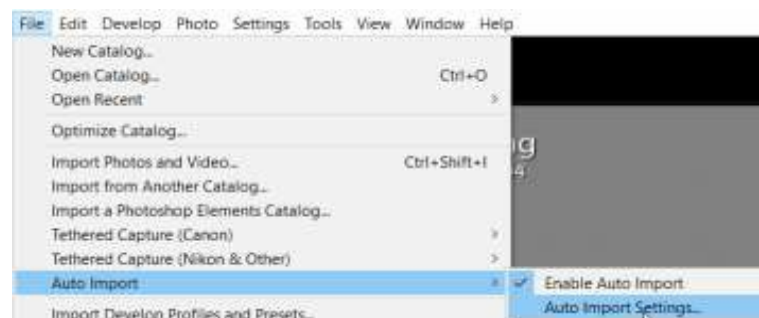
The Auto import feature monitors a watched folder. As soon as it finds them it automatically imports them into the collection you have set as the destination.

After you set up a watched folder and specify a destination Collection you simply drag the photos into the Watched Folder.

Lightroom Classic CC automatically imports the photos to the designated collection allowing you to bypass the import window.

You can add photos from a watched folder to a collection in the following manner.

1. Go to **File > Auto Import > Auto import Settings**.



2. In the Auto import settings dialog box set up a watched folder and select the **Enable Auto Import** Option.

In the Destination area of the dialog select Add to Collection. You will now see a full list of all your Collections.

Select any Collection for your destination for auto import.

You can also click on Create Collection to create a new collection and select it as your destination.

Click OK

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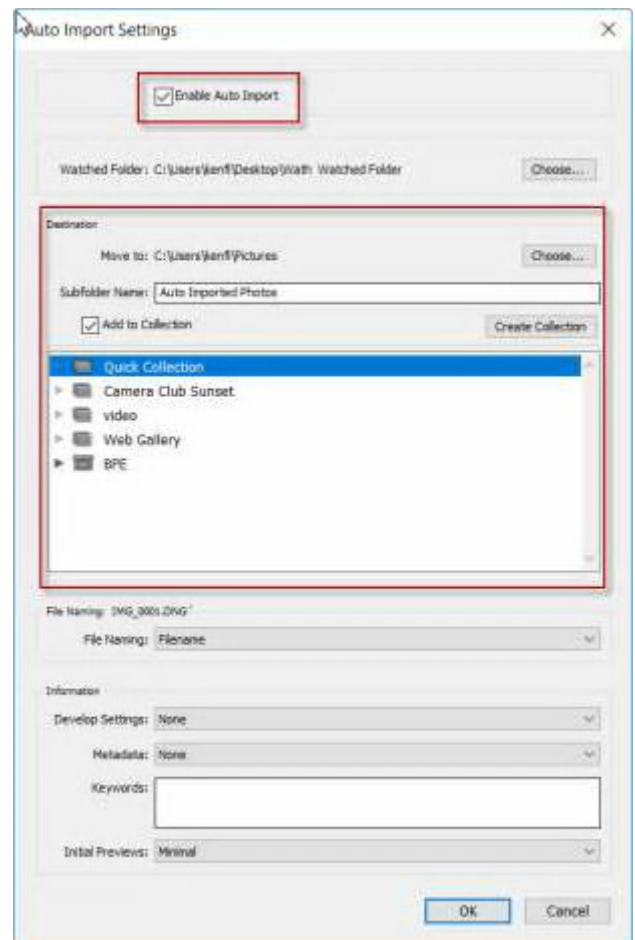
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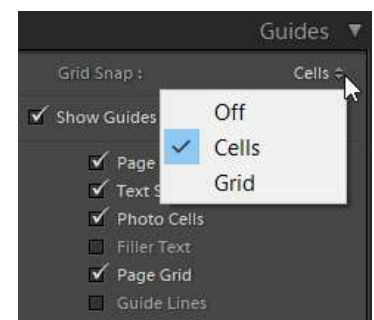
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Align photos in a book layout with the Grid Snap Guides

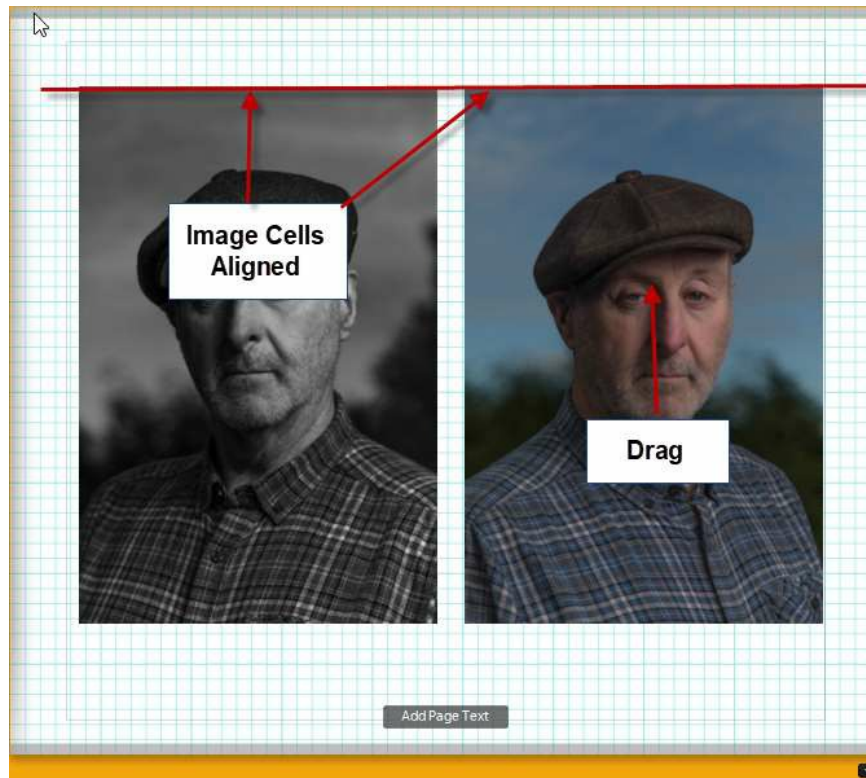
You can now easily align photos in a book layout using the Grid Snap option in the Guides Section.



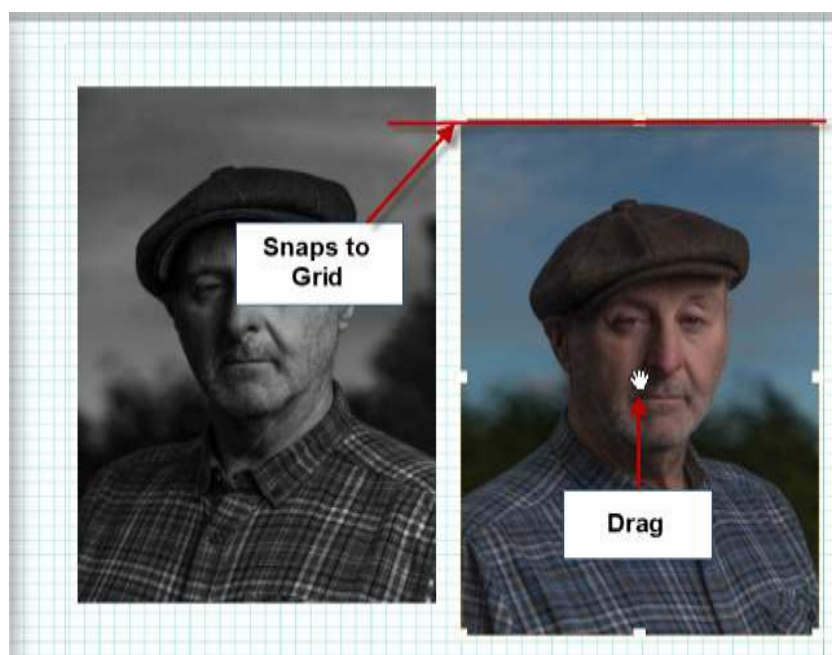
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There are two options you can choose.

Cells: Here you can align the cells of two photos with respect to each other.



Grid: Align photos with the grid.



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By default the Grid Snap option is set to Cells.

Duplicate Preset Handling

If you now create a preset with the same name as another in the group a dialog box will now open up asking what you want to do.

Replace: Keeps the latest preset in the group.

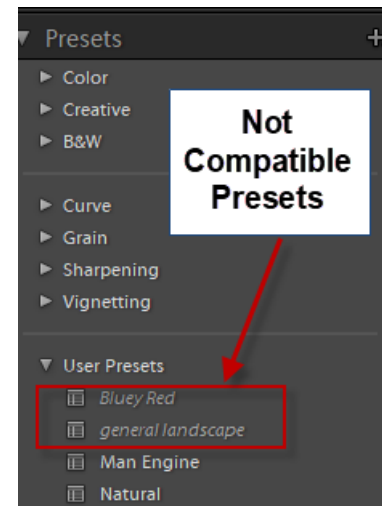
Duplicate: Keep two presets with the same name in the group

Rename: Add a numeric extension by default or you can rename it yourself.

Show Partially Compatible Presets

Sometimes Presets are not compatible with certain types of images. It can be for many reasons but commonly it is because a profile included in the preset only works on RAW files and not with JPG.

In these cases the preset is shown as italicised and faded out.



If you click on a RAW file, the preset names are returned to normal text.

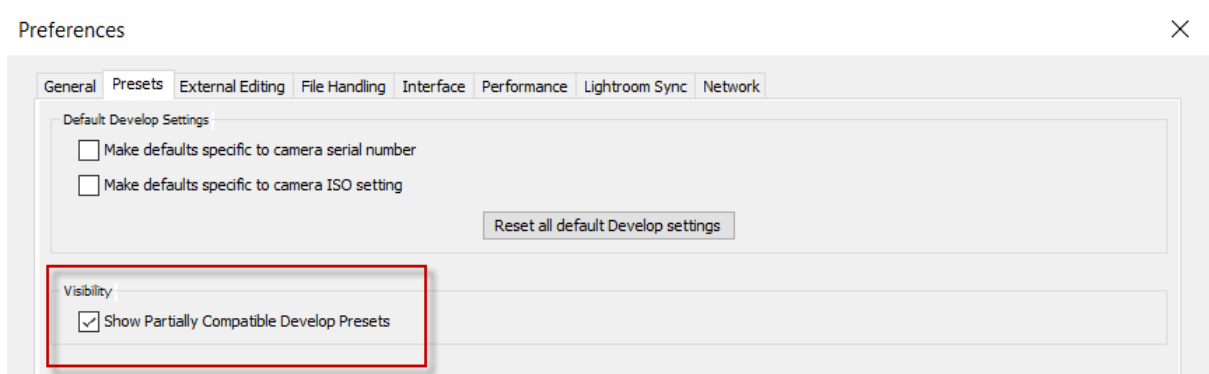
You can see all the presets even if they are not compatible with the selected photo. To see them all do the following.

1. Open a photo in Loupe View
2. Choose Edit > Preferences

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3. Select the Presets Tab

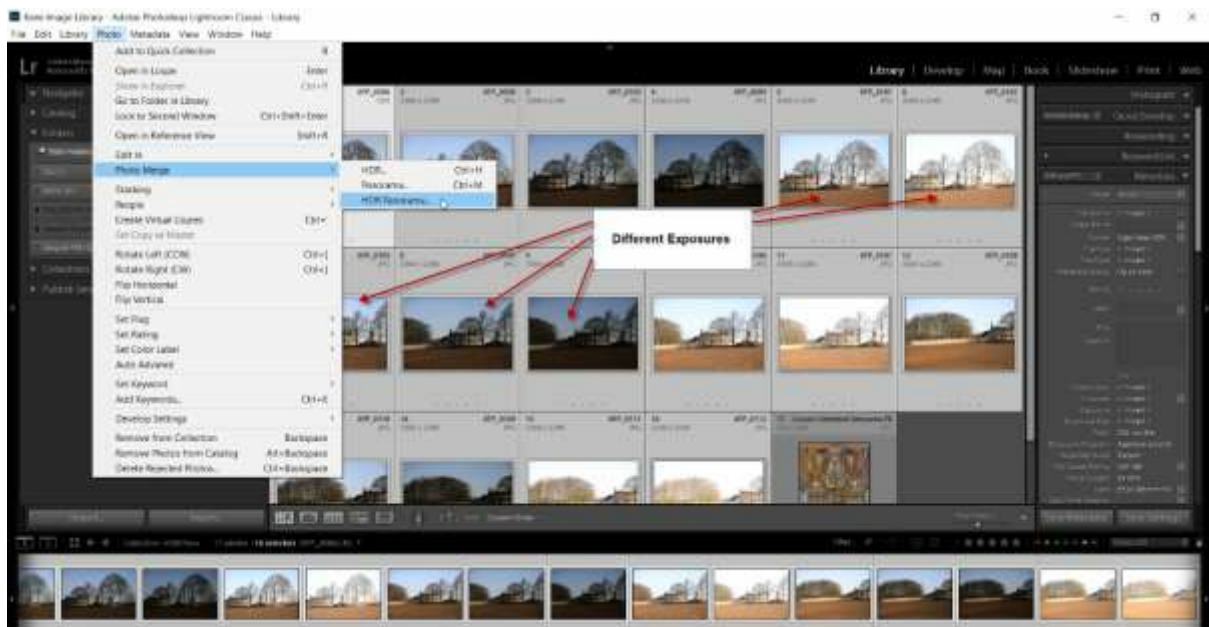
4. In the visibility section select/deselect Show Partially Compatible Develop Presets.



Single Step HDR Panorama Merge

Now you can create Pararamas faster. Merge multiple bracketed exposures into multiple HDR photos then stitch them together in a panorama, all in one step.

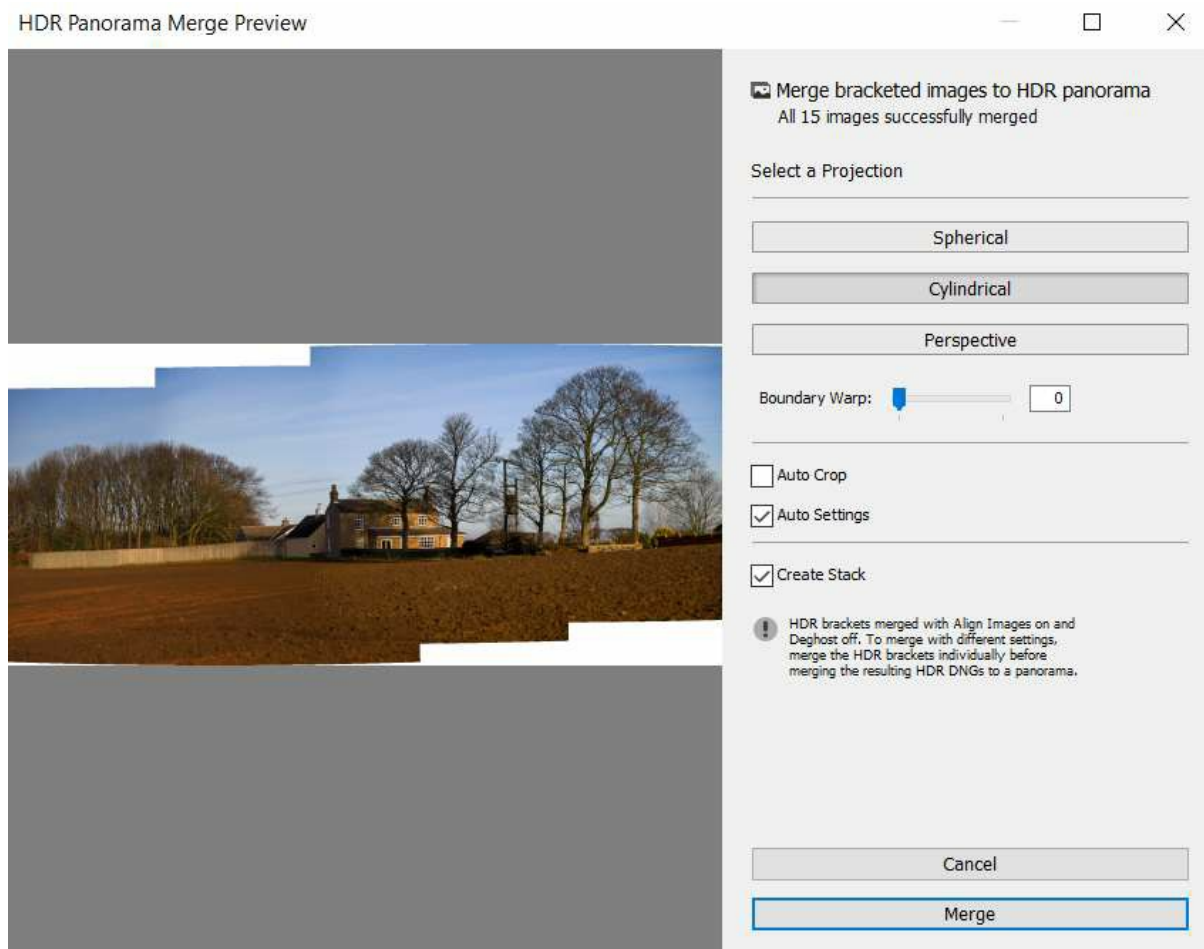
Start by selecting your exposure bracketed panorama photos in the Grid View.



Then choose **Photo > Photo Merge > HDR Panorama**. In the **Panorama Merge Preview dialog box** you can make adjustments

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using the Boundary Warp slider, Auto Crop and Create Stack checkboxes.



Then click OK and Lightroom will merge all the different exposures together into HDR images then stitch them all together in a panorama.

All with one click.

And a tad of Content Aware in Photoshop, then back into Lightroom for two tads of Cropping and we are done.

Process Version Improvements

Every once in a while, Adobe releases major updates to Lightroom that might drastically change the way RAW images are converted and processed. In order to make sure that photographers can preserve their existing edits within Lightroom, Adobe came up with something called "Process Version", which basically stores the

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different versions of various sliders in Lightroom and any enhancements to its processing methodology.

In this version of Lightroom we have Process Version 5.

This version includes improvements to image quality for high ISO RAW files which reduces the purple colour cast in your low light shots.

In addition you will see less noise when you take the Dehaze slider to the left of Zero.

Well that's it for Whats new in Lightroom 8.1.

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