

Adjusting Multiple Photos

How do I copy or synchronize my settings with other photos?

As with most things, Lightroom gives a number of different options, so you can choose the one that suits you best at the time:

Copy/Paste option



1. Adjust the first photo
2. Ctrl-C (Windows) / Cmd-C (Mac) to copy those settings, or use the Copy... button at the bottom of the left hand panel in Develop module
3. Move on to the target photo
4. Ctrl-V (Windows) / Cmd-V (Mac) to paste onto the selected photo, or use the Paste button at the bottom of the left hand panel in Develop module

Copy/Paste allows you to select which settings to copy

Previous option



1. Adjust the first photo
2. Move on to next photo
3. Ctrl-Alt-V (Windows) / Cmd-Opt-V (Mac) to apply all of the settings from the previous photo, or use the Previous button at the bottom of the right hand panel in Develop module

The Previous option copies all of the settings from the most recently selected photo (not the previous photo in the current view) to the next photo you select, with one exception. If you are moving from a photo with no crop, to a photo with an existing crop, the crop will not be reset.

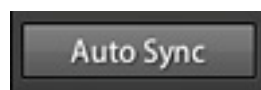
Sync option



1. Adjust the first photo
2. Keeping that photo active (most-selected), select the other photos by holding down Ctrl (Windows) / Cmd (Mac) or Shift key while clicking on their thumbnails
3. Ctrl-Shift-S (Windows) / Cmd-Shift-S (Mac) brings up a dialog so you can choose which settings to Synchronize, or use the Sync... button at the bottom of the right hand panel in Develop module to do the same
4. Ctrl-Alt-S (Windows) / Cmd-Opt-S (Mac) will synchronize the settings while bypassing the dialog, or holding down the Alt (Windows) / Opt (Mac) button while pressing the Sync button to do the same. If you're bypassing the dialog, just make sure you've got everything ticked the first time as it will use the last used settings.

AutoSync option

The AutoSync behavior matches the behavior of ACR - when you have multiple photos selected, any slider adjustments are applied to all of the selected photos.



1. Select multiple photos

2. Holding down Ctrl (Windows) / Cmd (Mac) changes the Sync button to AutoSync - click it once so that it remains labeled AutoSync
3. As you adjust the photos, all of the photos will update with that slider adjustment at the same time.
4. Hold down Ctrl (Windows) / Cmd (Mac) and click again to change back to normal Sync mode when you've finished with AutoSync

When you have AutoSync turned on, you can still use the keyboard shortcuts for the other sync options such as Previous, Paste or standard Sync, and these will then apply to ALL selected photos, not just active (most-selected) photo.

AutoSync can be slow for large numbers of photos, particularly when used with the Crop or Straighten tools.

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