

How do I apply Auto settings to individual sliders?

Holding down Shift and double-clicking on the slider label sets the slider to its Auto position without adjusting the other sliders. You'll also find an Auto button in the Basic and B&W panels, and an Auto Tone command under the Settings menu with the shortcut Ctrl-U (Windows) / Cmd-U (Mac). The Auto controls often produce a good starting point, more so on raw files than JPEGs.

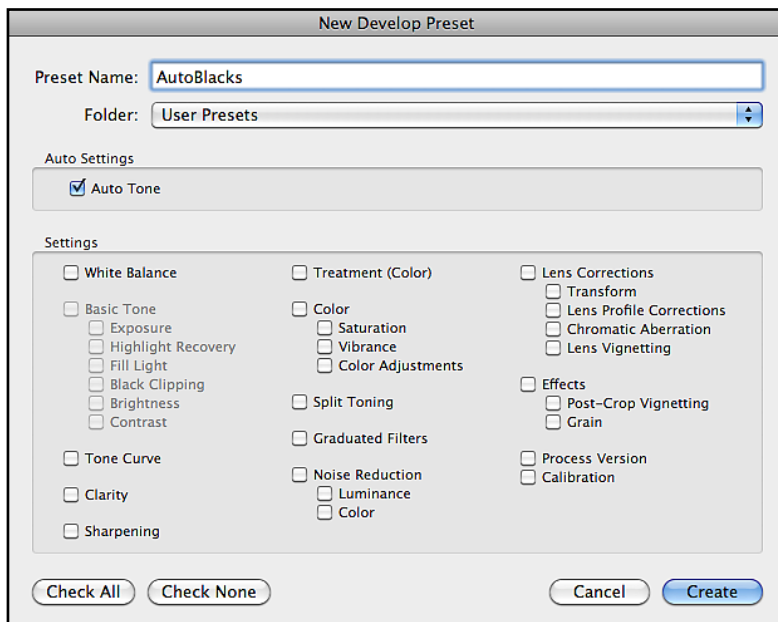
That's great if you're working on one photo at a time, but how do you apply that to multiple photos?

You could switch to the Grid view, select the photos, and press the Auto button in the Quick Develop panel, and then apply a preset to reset some sliders back to their default settings, but there's an easier way. You can create a preset which only applies one or more of the Auto settings, and you can even edit existing presets to do the same.



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First, create a Develop preset by clicking the + button on the Presets panel, giving it a name such as 'AutoBlacks' and check only the Auto

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Tone checkbox. We'll come back to customized Presets in more detail later in the chapter.

Now right-click on the preset and choose Show in Explorer (Windows) / Show in Finder (Mac) to find the preset on your hard drive, and open it with a plain text editor, such as Notepad (Windows) / TextEdit (Mac). To create an AutoBlacks preset, for example, you need to remove the AutoBrightness, AutoContrast, AutoExposure and AutoTone lines, and change the AutoShadows line from false to true. Don't change anything else.

Now save the text file, restart Lightroom, and then apply it to a photo to check it's working.

You now have an AutoBlacks preset, and the same principle applies to any of those other auto settings, so you could create a whole set of Auto Presets or add that same line into any of your other favorite presets.

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