

How do I delete the Preferences file?

Deleting Lightroom's Preferences file can solve all sorts of 'weirdness,' so it's always a good early step in troubleshooting.

On Windows, it's a hidden file by default. The easiest way to find it is to go to Lightroom's Preferences dialog > Presets tab and press the 'Show Lightroom Presets Folder...' button. Once you've found that folder, close Lightroom. In that folder will be a Lightroom 3 Preferences.agprefs file—move it to another folder or delete it, and then restart Lightroom.

On Mac, you'll find com.adobe.Lightroom3.plist with the other Preferences files at Macintosh HD/Users/[your username]/Library/Preferences/. As with Windows, close Lightroom and move it to another folder or delete it, and then restart Lightroom.

Moving or renaming that preferences file, rather than deleting it, does mean that you can put it back if it doesn't solve the problem, to save you recreating your preferences again.

What is deleted when I delete my Preferences file?

When you delete your Preferences file, the obvious settings that you lose are those in the Preferences dialog, but it also includes other details such as your View Options settings, last used catalogs, last used settings, FTP server details, some plug-in settings, etc.

Your original photos, Develop settings, collections, presets and suchlike aren't affected by deleting the Preferences file.



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