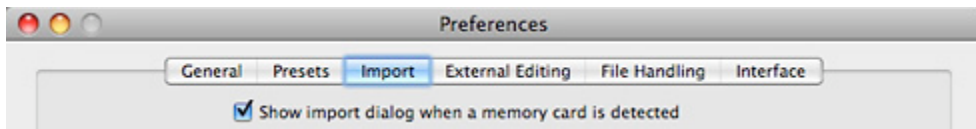


How do I stop Lightroom from launching or opening the Import dialog every time I insert a memory card?

There are 2 different factors involved – whether Lightroom opens the Import dialog if the program is already open, and whether the program launches by itself even though it was closed – you may wish to disable either or both.

To stop Lightroom opening the Import dialog, go to Preferences > Import panel and uncheck 'Show import dialog when a memory card is detected'.



If the operating system is launching Lightroom when you insert a memory card, you'll also want to disable the auto-load.

Windows

You want to disable APDProxy.exe, which is the Adobe Photo Downloader.

To temporarily disable it for the current Windows session, right-click the Adobe Photo Downloader located in the System Tray to the far right of the Windows Task Bar and choose Disable or Exit.

To permanently disable it, go to Start menu > Run, type in msconfig and click OK. Select the Startup tab, uncheck apdproxy, click Apply, and then click OK. Finally, restart Windows. You may have to repeat when installing Lightroom updates.

If you don't like msconfig, you can also disable it by renaming the apdproxy.exe file. You should find it at c:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2.0\apdproxy.exe or a similar location.

Mac

Image Capture usually controls which programs respond to a memory card being inserted, so check Image Capture's preferences and change the program to 'None'.