

### How do I move only my photos to another hard drive?

There are a number of options, but these are the easiest:

#### Option One - move in Explorer/Finder and update Lightroom's links

1. Follow the instructions on showing the folder hierarchy, to make it easy to re-link the disconnected files.
2. Close Lightroom and use Explorer (Windows) / Finder (Mac) or file synchronization software to copy the files to the new drive. File synchronization software has the advantage of being able to verify that the files have transferred correctly and without corruption.
3. Check the files have arrived safely, and then rename the original folder temporarily while you confirm that you have reconnected everything.
4. Open Lightroom and right-click on the highest level folder.
5. Select 'Find Missing Folder' or 'Update Folder Location...' from the list, and point it to the new location of that folder.
6. Once you have confirmed that everything has transferred, you can safely delete the previous location.

#### Option Two - move the files within Lightroom

1. Go to Library menu > New Folder...
2. Navigate to the new drive and create a new folder or select an existing folder where you plan on placing the photos.
3. That folder will now appear in the Folders panel.
4. Drag folders and/or photo onto that new location.



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5. Check that the entire folder contents have copied correctly before deleting the originals - be aware that Lightroom might not move/copy files that aren't currently in the catalog.