

Everything in Lightroom is a funny color, but the original photos look perfect in other programs, and the exported photos don't look like they do in Lightroom either. What could be wrong?

Usually this is down to a corrupted monitor profile - Lightroom uses the profile differently to other programs (perceptual rendering rather than relative colorimetric), so corruption in that part of the profile shows up even though it is not noticeable in other programs. It often happens with the canned profiles that come with many monitors.

The easiest way to tell that Lightroom's displaying incorrectly is to check the Histogram on a grayscale image. It should be neutral, like the screenshot on the left, but corrupted profiles can create some weird results.



Ideally you should recalibrate your monitor using a hardware calibration tool. If you don't have such a tool, put it on your shopping list, and in the meantime, remove the corrupted monitor profile to confirm that is the problem.



[See 'How do I change my monitor profile to check whether it's corrupted?' on page 316](#)