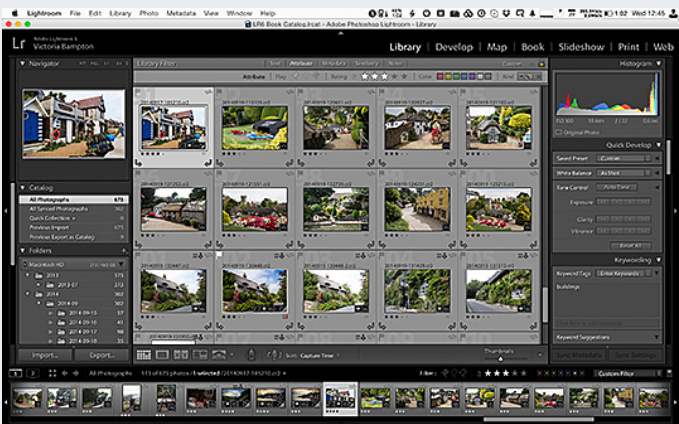


The Lightroom Queen's Lightroom Rating Workflow

STEP 1

Start off in Grid view with large thumbnails. It's easier to make decisions when you're not bogged down in the details. Just flag or reject the ones you really like or don't like. Leave the rest unflagged.



"Yeah, keep that!"



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"Boring..."



"Ooops!"



STEP 2

Go to Photo menu > Delete Rejected Photos to delete the really bad photos from the hard drive.

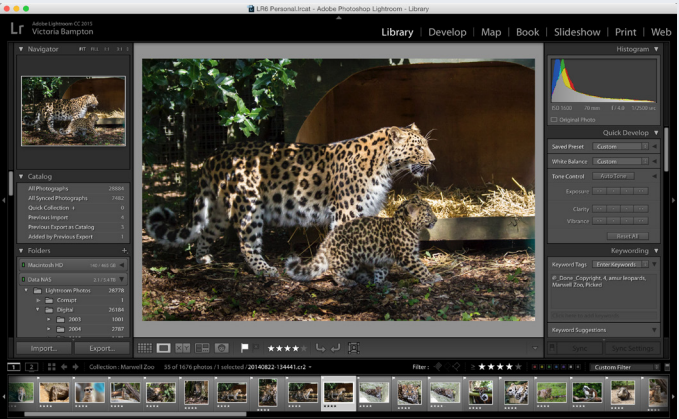


Use the Attribute Filters to show only Unflagged photos, then give them 1 star. I can't quite bring myself to delete these, but they're unlikely to see the light of day again.



STEP 3

Use the Attribute Filters to show only Flagged photos.



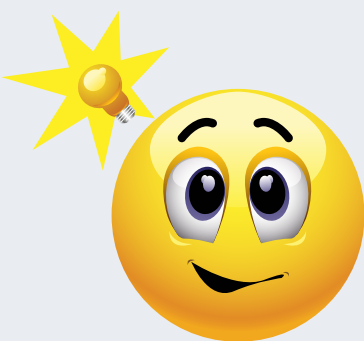
Go back through the Flagged photos again, occasionally switching to Loupe to check focus, or Compare or Survey to compare similar photos.



"I LOVE that!"



"I like that!"



"It's a bad photo but it sparks a memory or tells the story."



STEP 4

Some months later, go back through the 3 and 4 star photos and see if any need to be upgraded or downgraded. It's easier to make an objective decision when time has passed.



END RESULT

	Meaning	What's Next...
	Really bad photo worthy of deletion.	Nothing (deleted)
	Should be deleted really, but I'm a packrat. Never to be seen again!	Nothing (ignored)
	Triggers a memory, but not great as a photo. The hotel room, a meal out with friends, etc.	A fast Develop edit and a few keywords. They might end up in a photo book or slideshow, but they'll never be great photos in their own right.
	Decent photo I'd be willing to show someone.	
	Good photo, might end up on the wall or social media.	A careful Develop edit, possibly some Photoshop work, titles/captions and more extensive keywords. These are the photos that will end up on the wall or on social media.
	Best photos ever taken. Rare!	