

# Introduction to Adobe Lightroom

*Lightroom is a powerful photo editing and organizing software that allows for non-destructive edits and easy viewing of a large catalog of photos.*

## Essential Steps in working with a set of new images

### Importing images (either RAW or JPEGs)

- \*Select a source where images are coming from (desktop, memory card or USB)
- \*Select where images will end up (by default it's the **Pictures** folder)
- \*Select how you will import, in this case we will **Copy as DNG**  
(DNG means digital negative and can convert any RAW file into a universal file)
- \*Review images to import then check which ones you'd like to import  
(view in a grid or individually, click to zoom in on detail)

### Develop module

*(Auto adjustments are available but sometimes overly adjusts lighting, etc.)*

- \*Color adjustments - adjust white balance and tint if needed
- \*Toning - allows you to adjust exposure, contrast, highlights, and shadows  
(Keep an eye on your histogram to see if you have blown out highlights)
- \*Edit multiple photos at once by highlighting a select group
- \*All edits in Lightroom are non destructive so you can always revert to original  
(hit **Reset** for full undo or **Edit > Undo** to correct individual changes)
- \*Advanced options are found in **Lens Corrections** such as distortion adjustment

### Exporting

- \*Highlight images you want to export to destination location (desktop, email, etc.)
- \*Rename (save images with a common name e.g. *Sample\_01*)
- \*Select **File Settings** (JPEG), Image sizing, export and your final edits are ready!

