Lightroom Classic vs. Lightroom

Feature Comparison

Source - https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/kb/lightroom-feature-comparison.html

Storing Photos

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Original files (photos and videos) stored locally	Yes	Optional
Store original files across multiple different hard drives	Yes	No
Original files uploaded to cloud	No	Yes
Original files downloadable on-demand	N/A	Yes
Automatically manage local storage	No	Yes
Work with multiple catalogs	Yes	No

Import

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Import raw, JPEG, PSD, PSB, TIF, DNG, HEIF, PNG, and some video formats	Yes	Yes
Add to collection/album	Yes	Yes
Change sort order/filter photos in Import dialog	Yes	No
Add metadata during import	Yes	Copyright only
Apply camera defaults during import	Yes	Yes
Apply develop presets during import	Yes	Yes (Raw only)
Rename photos during import	Yes	No
Import from iPhoto/Photos	iPhoto/Aperture only	Photos only
Import from Photoshop Elements	Yes	Yes
Tethered Shooting & Watched Folders	Yes	No

Viewing Photos

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
View photos in Grid view	Yes	Yes
View photos in Loupe/Detail view	Yes	Yes
Zoom in on photos	Yes	Yes
View photos in Survey view	Yes	No
View photos in Compare view	Yes	No
Secondary screen	Yes	No

Organizing Photos

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
View photos in Grid view	Yes	Yes
View photos in Loupe/Detail view	Yes	Yes
Zoom in on photos	Yes	Yes
View photos in Survey view	Yes	No
View photos in Compare view	Yes	No
Secondary screen	Yes	No

Organizing Photos

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Organize using folders on the hard drive	Yes	No
Organize using Collections/Albums	Yes	Yes
Quick Collection/Target Collection	Yes	No
Stack photos	Yes	Yes (desktop only)
Rename photos	Yes	No
Delete photos	Yes	Yes
Restore deleted photos	No	Yes, within 60 days

Viewing and Adding Metadata

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
View EXIF/IPTC metadata	Yes	Yes
Star ratings	Yes	Yes
Flags	Yes	Yes
Color labels	Yes	No
Title, Caption	Yes	Yes
Copyright	Yes	Yes
Edit capture time	Yes	Yes

Viewing and Adding Metadata (continued)

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Add other IPTC metadata	Yes	No
Keywords	Yes	Yes
View GPS	Yes	Yes (desktop only)
Add GPS	Yes	No
Face recognition	Yes	Yes
Write metadata to files	Yes	Yes, only when saving a copy

Finding and Filtering Photos

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Change sort order	Yes	Yes
Set custom sort order	Yes	Yes
AI-based text search without tagging	No	Yes
Filter based on metadata (keywords, camera, etc)	Yes	Yes
Save filter criteria as a Filter Preset	Yes	No
Smart Collections	Yes	No

Editing Photos

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Exposure, Contrast, Highlights, Shadows, Whites, Blacks	Yes	Yes
Tone Curves	Yes	Yes
Clarity, Dehaze, and Texture	Yes	Yes
Color Adjustments	Yes	Yes
Color Grading	Yes	Yes
Sharpening, Noise Reduction, Grain	Yes	Yes

Editing Photos (continued)

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Lens Corrections	Yes	Yes
Chromatic Aberration/Defringe	Yes	Yes
Geometric Corrections	Yes	Yes
Camera Calibration Sliders	Yes	No
Cropping and Straightening	Yes	Yes
Spot Removal - Clone and Heal tools	Yes	Yes

Editing Photos (continued)

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Red Eye and Pet Eye Correction tools	Yes	No
Local Adjustments - Gradients and Brushes	Yes	Yes
Local Adjustments - Range Mask	Yes	No
Local Adjustment Brush presets	Yes	No
Post-crop Vignette	Yes	Yes

Photo Merge

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Stich a panorama	Yes	Yes (desktop only)
Create an HDR file	Yes	Yes (desktop only)

Editing Tools

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Copy/paste settings to multiple photos	Yes	Yes
Apply Profiles	Yes	Yes
Apply Presets	Yes	Yes
Create Presets	Yes	Yes
Sync Profiles and Presets to the cloud	No	Yes
History	Yes	Versions
Before/After preview	Yes	Yes
Reference view	Yes	No
Snapshots	Yes	Versions
Create copies	Virtual	Duplicate
Soft Proofing	Yes	No

External Editors and Plug-ins

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Send to Photoshop	Yes	Yes
Send to Photoshop Elements	Yes	No
Send to other external editors	Yes	Yes (mobile only)
Third-party plug-ins	Yes	No

Export

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Export as new file name	Yes	Yes
Export file formats	Original/DNG, TIF/PSD, JPEG, PNG	Original/DNG, TIF, JPEG
Export color space	ProPhoto, Adobe RGB, sRGB, Display P3	ProPhoto, Adobe RGB, sRGB, Display P3
Export with resize	Yes	Yes
Export with output sharpening	Yes	Yes
Export with watermark	Yes	Yes
Export with specific metadata	Yes	Yes (mobile only)
Publish Services	Yes	Connections
Send to Facebook	No	Yes (mobile only)
Send to Flickr	Yes	No

Books, Slideshows, and Prints

Feature	Lightroom Classic	Lightroom Ecosystem
Create books	Yes	Sync photos to Blurb BookWright
Create slideshows	Yes	Desktop, no. Mobile & Apple TV, simple slideshow
Print to a local printer	Yes	No
Order prints	No	WHCC
Web	Web module	Lightroom Web

Multiple Computers/Devices

Feature	Lightroom Classic*	Lightroom Ecosystem
Use on secondary desktop	Yes	Yes
Access photos on mobile device	Yes, with synced Collections	Yes
Access photos in a web browser	Yes, with synced Collections	Yes
Share Lightroom Web galleries	Yes, with Web module or synced Collections with Lightroom Web	Yes
*Lightroom Classic syncs Smart Previews when uploading images to the Lightroom Ecosystem.		