

Sun Lakes Camera Club

Lightroom Classic CC Presentation

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Tonight's Program – Two Segments

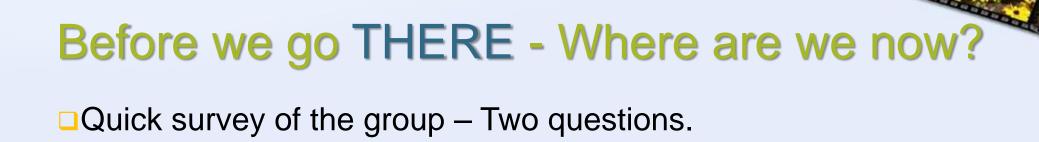
- Segment 1 Paul LeSage
- > Organizing your growing library of photographs in preparation for years of growth and processing.
- > Brief overview of the overall concept of Lightroom and Photoshop and their various versions.
- How Lightroom works and how it handles your photos in a non-destructive manner.
- How to import your photos into Lightroom Classic.
- Segment 2 Jon Berghoff
- How to process your photos in Lightroom Classic.
- How to export your photos, as needed, for particular uses.



Segment 1 - Paul LeSage

Photo Organization Lightroom Classic CC

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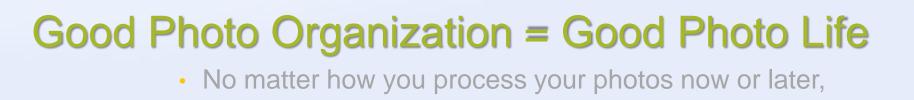
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■What are you currently using to process your photos?

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 - Invest in several large capacity external hard drives.
 - Storage is cheap. Storage can grow as you grow.
 - 2TB = \$60; 5TB = \$109; 8TB = \$140; 10TB = 185

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Desktop – Larger Physical sizeCurrently about 10TB maximum
Powered by AC power supply - Wall
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NEW PHOTOS

Moving forward, any current or new photos, will try to adhere to our new rules of organization.

Photography File Organization

Like most things in Photography, there is no "only way," and several legitimate "best ways."

These are not rules, they are suggestions. Your mileage may vary.

Photos are usually organized by date. Others, prefer by event or location.

For most general hobbyists, date organization will serve the purpose.



• When you finish a day of photography, create a new file folder by date and a short description.

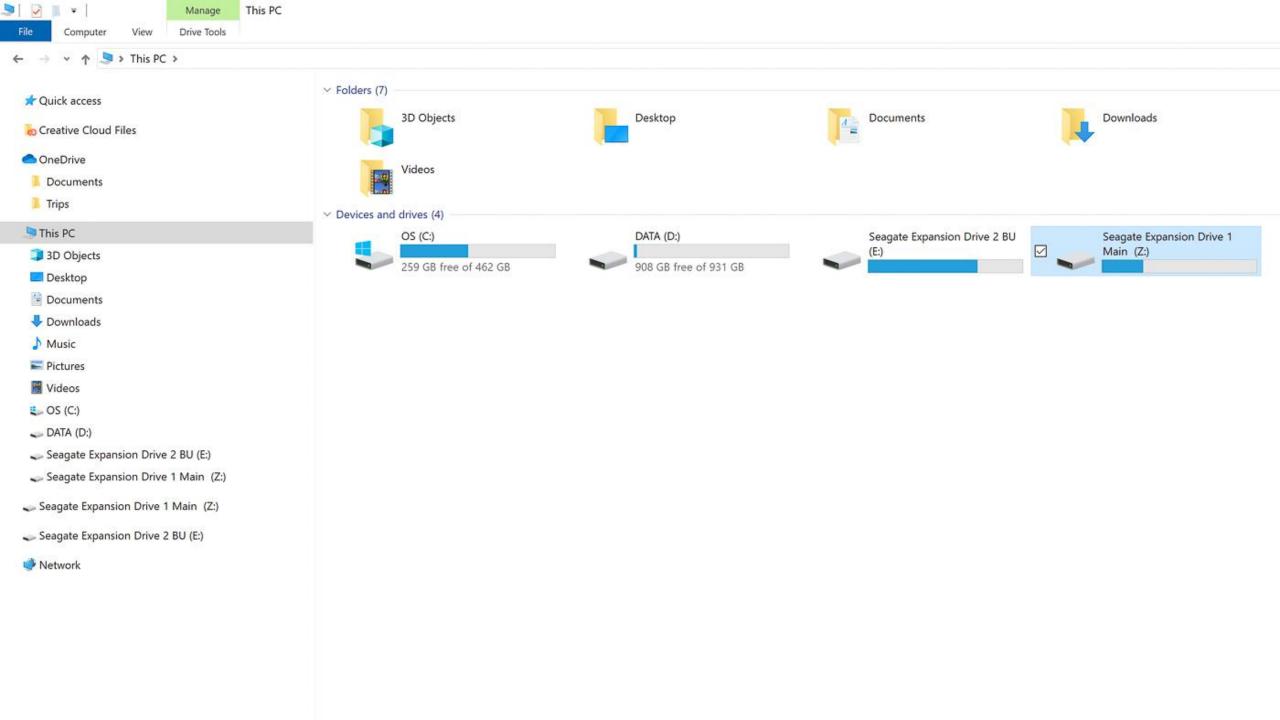


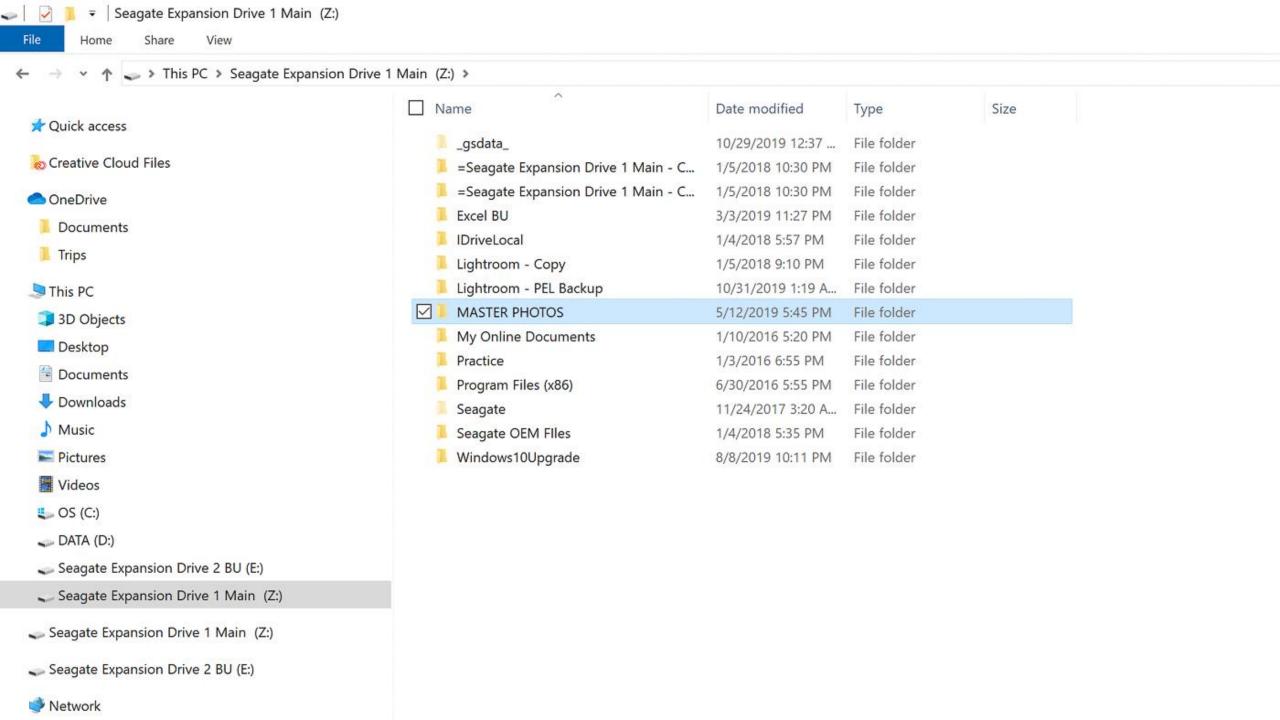
- The less time your photos spend in the camera the better.
 - Get them on a hard drive as soon as possible.
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 - Examples:
 - 190415 Gilbert Riparian Park
 - 191020 Tempe Town Lake
 - 191102 Sun Lakes Misc.

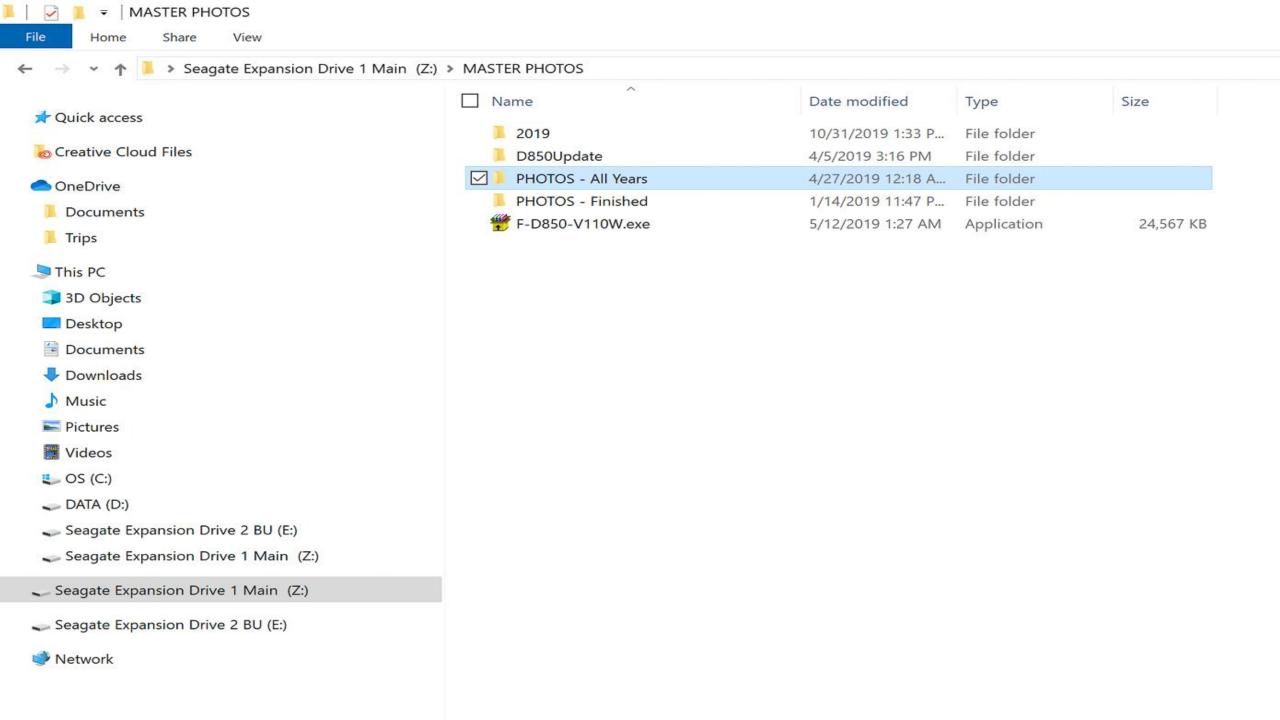


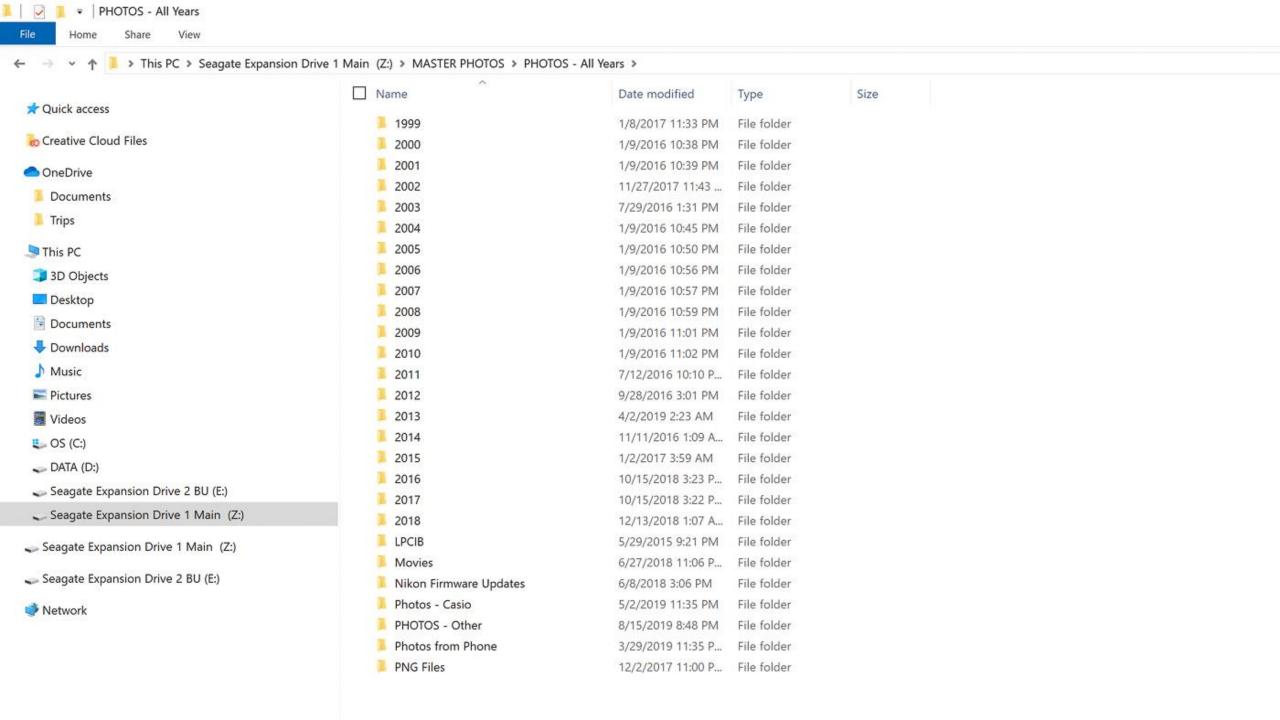
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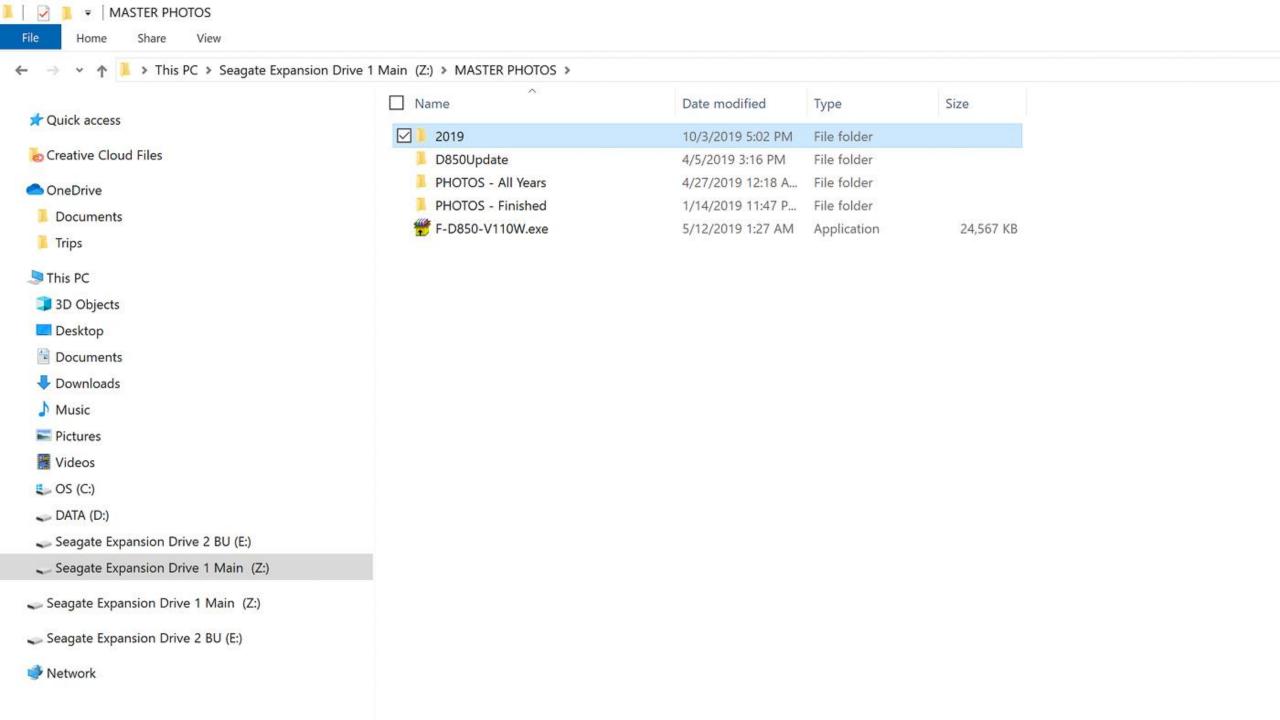
Here's a look at my photo hard drive organization.

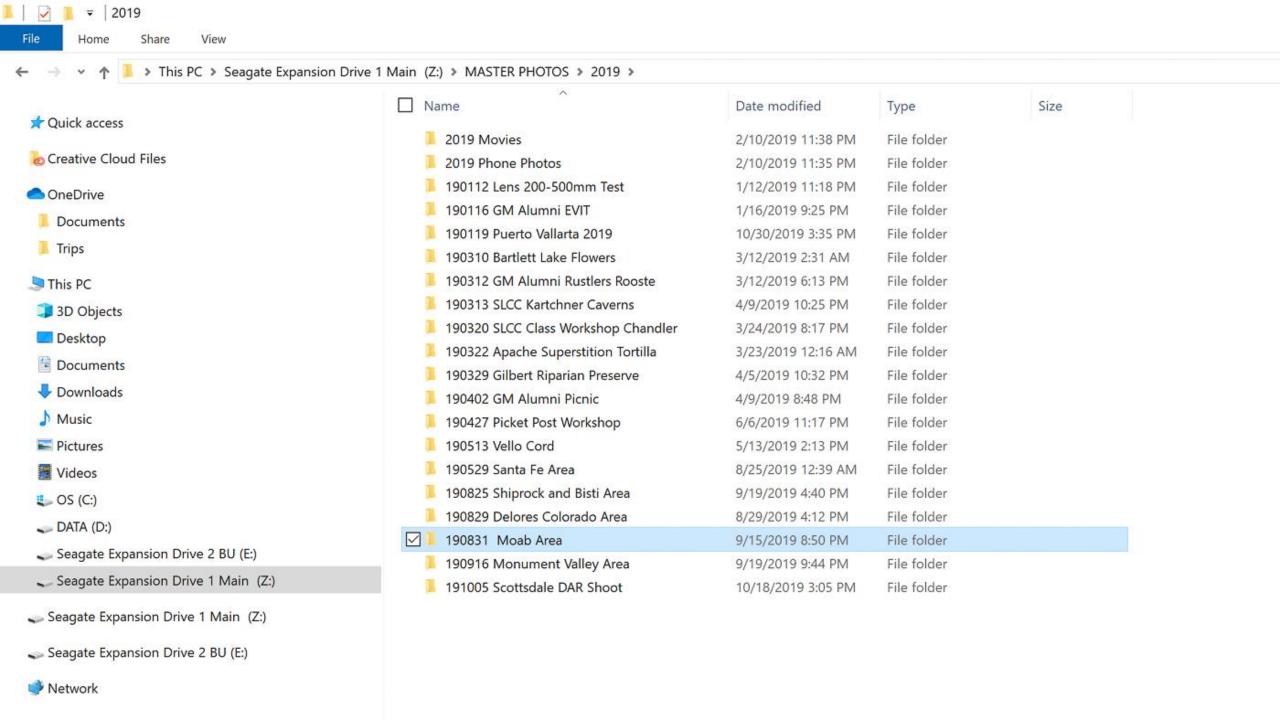


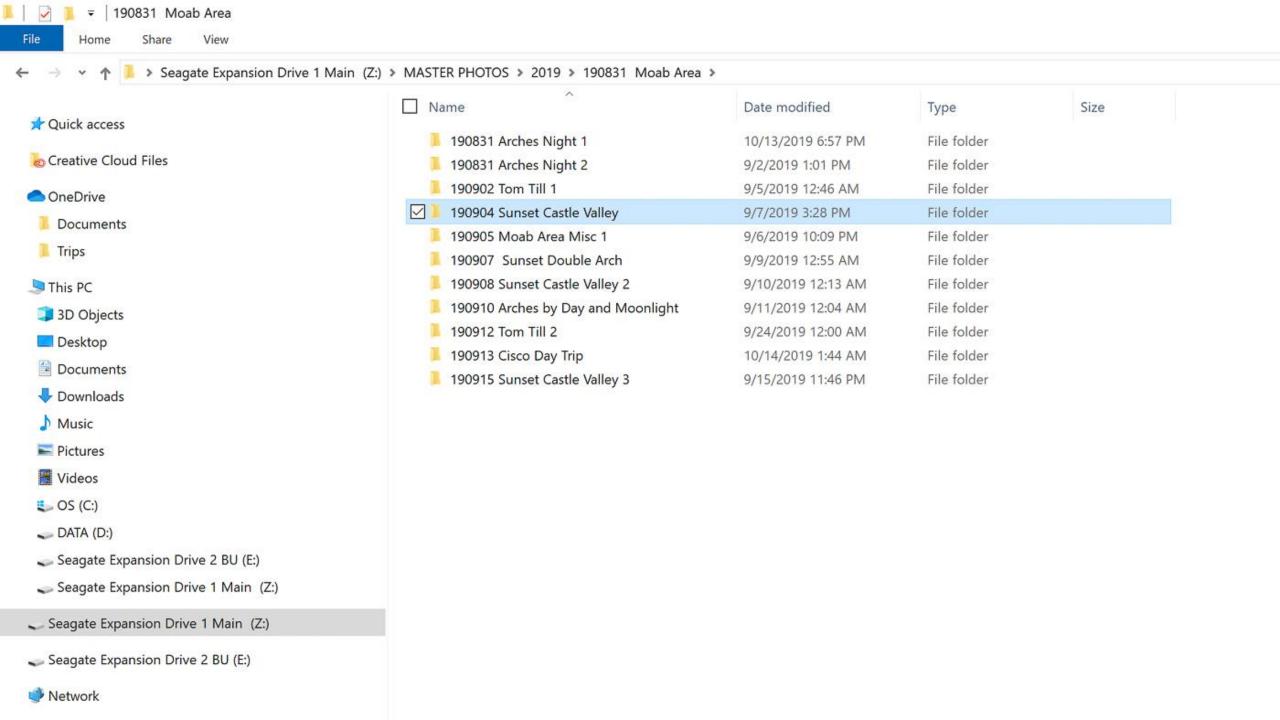


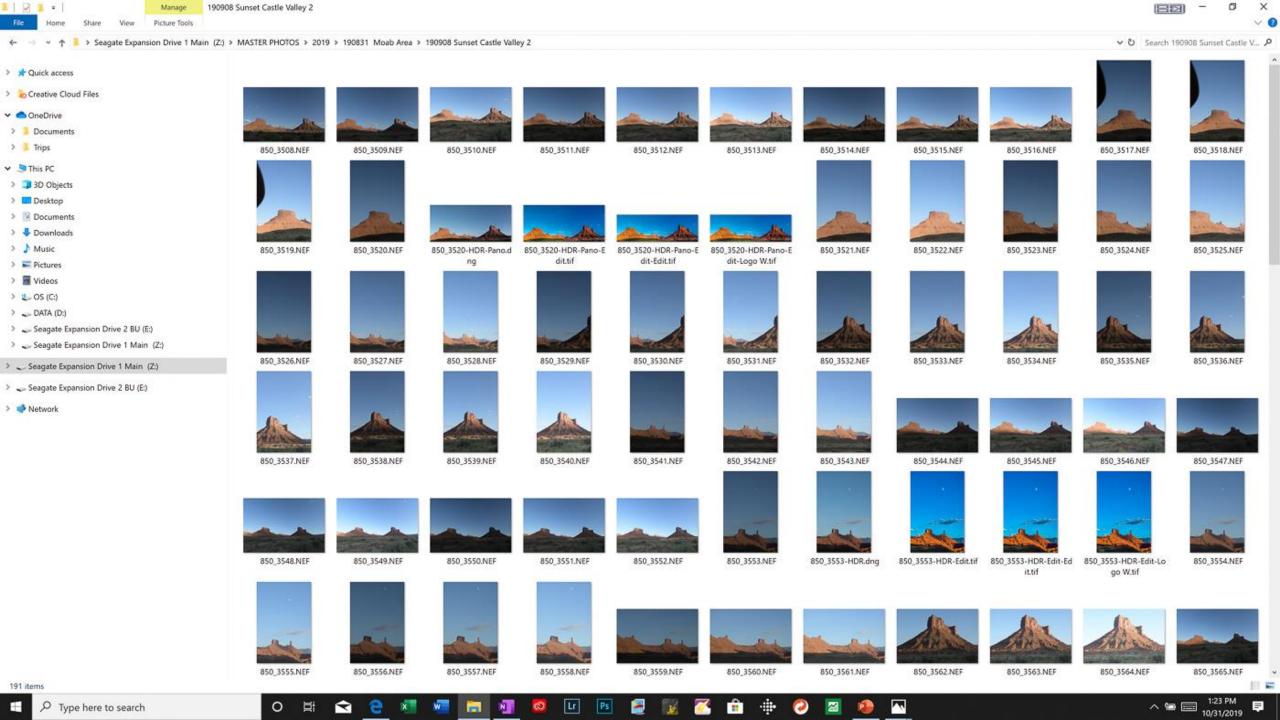














Make a Regular Back Up of:

Your External Hard Drive Photos

Your Lightroom Catalog



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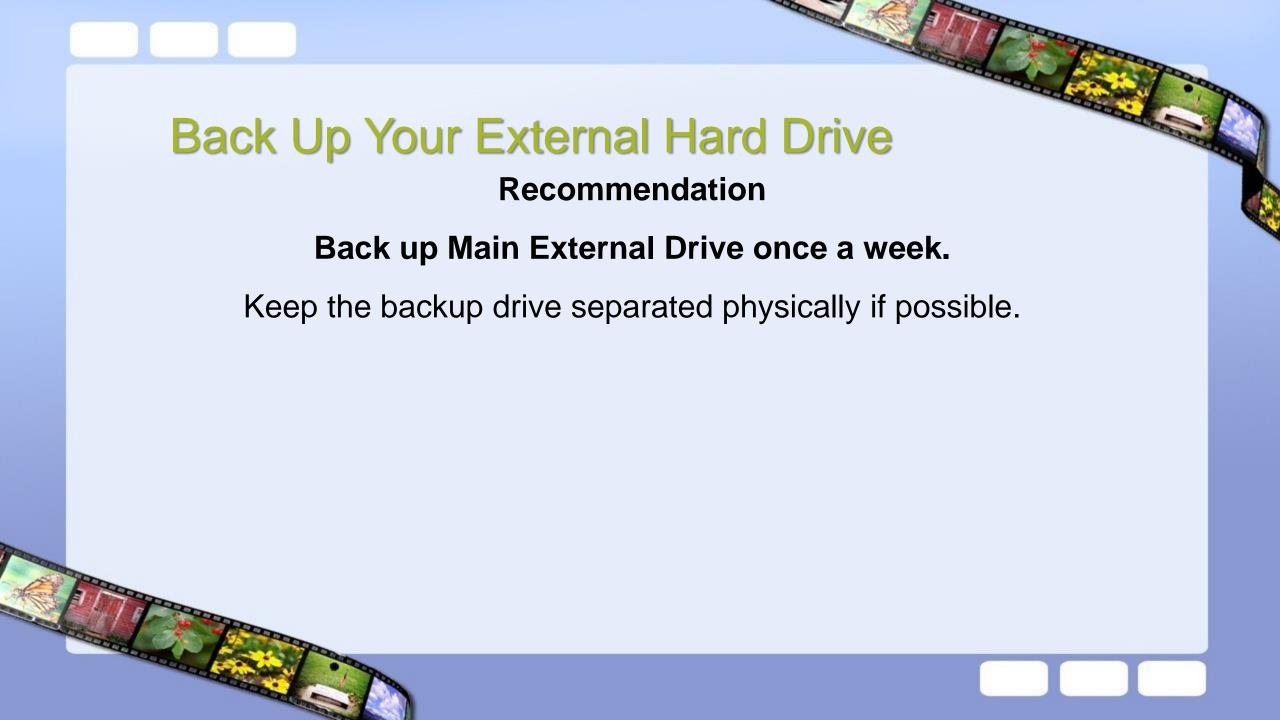
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About \$50



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Recommendation

Back up Main External Drive once a week.

Keep the backup drive separated physically if possible.

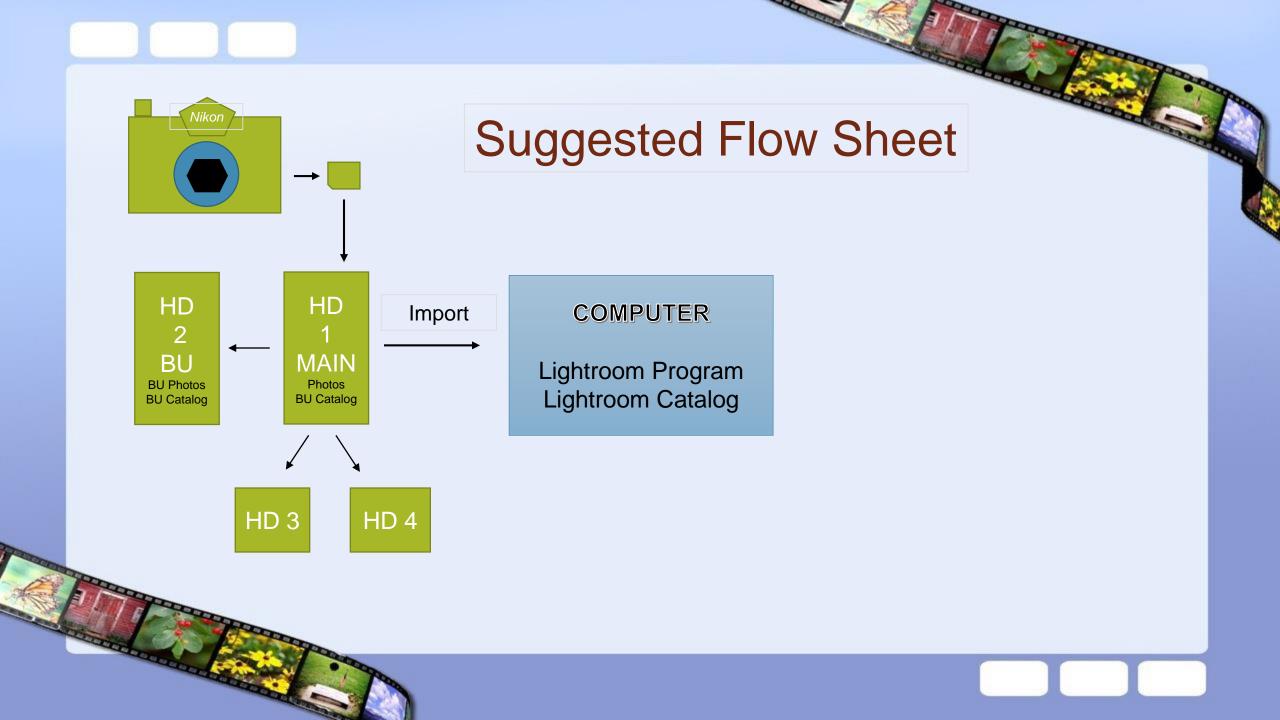
Off-Site Backup

I suggest two additional small portable drives for off-site Backup.

Rotate off-site backup drives once a month, or when convenient.

Keep at house of relative, friend, neighbor, office, bank SD box

Or on-site in a fire-proof safe.



Next, Let's Move on to







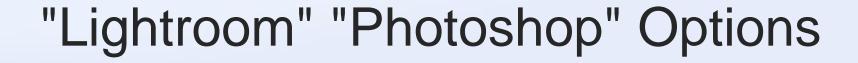
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 - Lightroom was introduced in 2007, 12 years ago
 - Mainly for photographers and included file management tools.
 - Both programs have had many improvements since then.



- a. **Programs** reside on your computer, no need to be online to operate
- b. **Photos** reside on your hard drive
- c. Includes Lightroom Mobile for phone and Tablet with 20GB cloud storage
- d. About \$10/mo. with regular updates and improvements to programs
- d. Most popular option for most hobby and professional photographers
- e. Programs are not available for one-time purchase
- f. This is the subject of our presentation tonight.



2. Photoshop Elements (is not the same as Photoshop)

- a. Lightweight Version of Lightroom and Photoshop.
- b. Download to your computer and you own it, (\$100) with no future upgrades
- c. New updated Version offered about annually for a renewal price about \$80
- d. As you improve, you will probably outgrow and advance to Lightroom/Photoshop



3. Lightroom Mobile CC includes 1 TB cloud storage (about \$10/month)

- a. Lightweight Version of Lightroom Classic CC and Photoshop CC for phones and tablets
- b. Photos are all stored on cloud, edited on phone or tablet
- c. Must have data connection, wi-fi or phone service.
- d. Not advised for photographers who will accumulate a large volume of photos.

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- Lightroom is not a program to just take a random photo and try to open it and process it.
- First set up the system and do everything in Lightroom and it will be your friend.
- People who dislike Lightroom Probably did not start on the right foot and got confused and intimidated.
- ❖ Let's dig into Lightroom Classic...

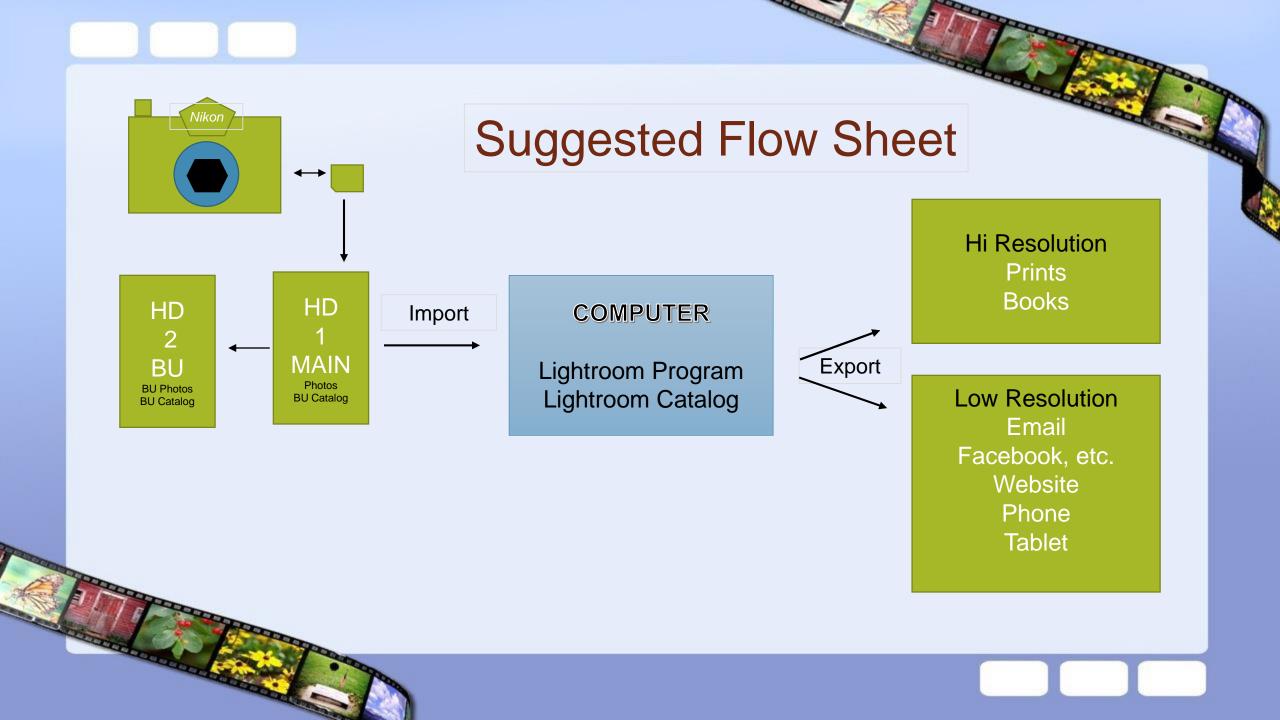
Lightroom Classic CC – Basic Concepts

- Lightroom is non-destructive to your original photo image.
- When you open Lightroom it opens a catalog that will show thumbnail photos of any photo you import.
- When you import photos into Lightroom you do not bring in the actual photo file, but a detailed thumbnail.
- ❖ Any adjustments you make in lightroom are never made to your original photo.
- Every adjustment you make is written in Adobe shorthand into a database file in your Lightroom Catalog.
- Those adjustments are kept in a file associated with each photo.
- When you decide you like your adjustments you then Export the photo.
- Export applies the database adjustments to the photo image to be sent to the internet, a printer, or a book template.
- The original image remains the same, but your adjustments are applied to a "digital copy."
- The original image on your hard drive still looks the same as the day it came out of the camera.

Lightroom Classic CC – Understanding the Catalog

The Catalog is the database that contains a record of all of the adjustments that you make on your photos. It always resides on your computer hard drive right next to the Lightroom Program. The record for each photo contains a smorgasbord of information, including where the original photo lives on your hard drive, camera settings at capture, any descriptions, keywords, star ratings, flags, or labels you've applied in Lightroom's Library module, and every edit you've ever made in the Develop module.

It is important to backup the Catalog to your external hard drive and keep it safe with the same security that you provide for your photos. If you lose your LR Catalog, you won't lose your photos, but you will lose any and all adjustments you have made to any of your photos. Remember the hard drive only has the original photos as they came from your camera, with no adjustments.





The Lightroom Catalog will contain our Library of images

Let's demonstrate



Lightroom Concepts

Let's save Lightroom questions for the end of the program.

They may be answered in the next presentation by Jon

Segment 2 – Jon Berghoff

Lightroom Classic CC Image Processing and Export



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