

Lightroom Tips and Tricks

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Navigating in Lightroom's Develop Module. Four Keys you can't do without.

When making adjustments to photos in Lightroom, reviewing the results of modifications or moving around in the photo is in constant motion. . . at least for me. There are four Develop Module keyboard shortcuts that will make your workflow much more efficient and enjoyable. Give these a try:

Z – The letter Z toggles your image zoom in and out. Zoom in to make those fine adjustments to elements in your image. Use the hand tool or Navigator pane on the left panel to move around in your image. Hit the letter Z to return to your full size image.

F – The letter F toggles your image to full screen. Hit F again to return to your module configuration. Seeing your image full screen without the distractions of the module panels, gives you a great view of your image processing. If you hit Z, then F, your zoomed in image will be displayed full screen.

Spacebar –If your image is zoomed in and one of the develop module's local adjustment tools (adjustment brush, spot healing, etc.) is selected, hold down the spacebar to return your cursor to the 'hand' tool which allows you to grab and move your photo within the zoomed view. Release the spacebar to return to the adjustment tool you were using.

\ - Backslash Key – Toggles your image from 'before' any Lightroom modifications to 'after' your Develop module modifications. Using the Backslash Key quickly lets you compare the processing changes you have made to the original image straight out of the camera.