

## Lightroom Tips and Tricks

### Getting a better view in the Develop Module

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Note to Photoshop users. . . Adobe Camera Raw has similar tools and functions as Adobe Lightroom. You can use many Lightroom tips and tricks in Camera Raw too!

There is no doubt Lightroom's Develop Module provides most photographers all the tools they need to enhance their photos. Paying attention to the details and subtle changes you make can certainly help you create some remarkable images. Here are a view tips you can use to view your images in the Develop module that may help you see your changes in a whole different perspective.

**Image Zoom** – just hit the Z key to zoom in on your photo. Hit the Z key again to return to full size.

**Second Screen View** – Have you ever wanted to be able to see your full-size image real time as you are making changes in a view that has been zoomed in? Of course, you can try to use the small navigation pane in the top left of the Develop Module. However, professionals often use two monitors to constantly see a larger full-size image while they are changing local areas of the photo. If you have a large enough monitor, you can use this method too! Click on the little #2 button on the lower left of the Develop Module view. A second window will pop up with a full-size view of your photo. You can move and resize the second window as you see fit. Your changes will be displayed in the second window as you make local changes in the zoomed in view of the Develop Module. Just close the second window when you are done.

**Before and After Views** – Comparing your Develop Module changes with your original out of the camera image is a good way to see that your post processing reflects your desired intent. It is easy to see different views that compare Before and After views. Try these shortcut key strokes!

\ Key – Toggles the Develop Module View to Before and After

Y Key – Displays a view with Before and After images side by side. Hit the Y Key again to return to the normal view.

Shift+Y Keys – Displays a split-screen side by side Before and After View. Hit Y to return.

Alt+Y Keys – Displays a view with Before and After images top and bottom. Hit the Alt+Y Keys again to return to normal view.