

Tethering in Lightroom

Make sure that you have the following items before you get started:

- **Camera.**
- **USB cable connecting your camera to your computer.** You should have received one in the box when you bought your camera. Chances are that it's still in the box.
- **Computer with Lightroom installed and an unused USB port.**
- **Some type of tethered shooting software.** Camera needs to be connected to the computer, and computer needs some software on it to pull off the photos from the camera.

Additional FREE Tethering software for Nikon, Canon, and other DSLRs

<http://www.sofortbildapp.com/>

<http://www.diyphotobits.com/download-diyphotobitscom-camera-control/>

<http://www.mountainstorm.co.uk/photography/Tether-Overview/Tether-Overview.html>

1. Setting up Lightroom for tethering is quite simple, but the first step is to load up your camera's tethering software. Most brands of digital SLR cameras either come with this, or their manufacturers have it available for download from their site.

For Canon users, you'll want to install [EOS Viewer](#) (or maybe Capture), and Nikon users must purchase the Nikon [Camera Control Pro](#) software.

2. The next step is to create a "Watched Folder" within Lightroom, which your images will automatically be saved into as they are shot on the fly. To do this, fire up Lightroom and navigate to the menu: **File > Auto Import > Auto Import Settings**.

The first option is to select a "Watched Folder" where new images will automatically be saved into, as you shoot them. Create a new folder, and name it to your liking. The "Destination Folder" is where Lightroom will move the images into, once they have been imported from your camera into Lightroom. This is where Lightroom will save your images.

3. The next step, now that your watched folder has been set up, is to turn on the Auto Import feature in Lightroom, simply by going to the menu: **File > Auto Import > Enable Auto Import**

4. Next, you'll want to connect your camera to your computer using your camera's supplied USB cable.

5. Now you need your camera's tethering software. Before we begin shooting, we need to point the camera's tethering software to save our shots into the folder which Lightroom is watching. You guessed it, the "Watched Folder" that you created back in step 2. Every manufacturer's software is slightly different, so just navigate to your software's Preferences, Options, or Download Options.

6. Take a photo, and wait a few seconds for the image to work its way through your camera, out the USB cable, into your computer, and finally into Lightroom. Large files from high resolution cameras will obviously take a few seconds to complete. You should now notice the image appear in Lightroom's Library module!

7. The first thing you'll see is that the image you just shot is showing the image's thumbnail preview in Lightroom. You'll want to set up Lightroom to show you the largest possible view, otherwise you'll have to click each individual thumbnail to see your image, and the whole purpose of shooting tethered is lost.

To setup Lightroom to show the full image preview, in the Library Module on the upper left side in the Navigator section, click on "Fit." Next, using the keyboard shortcuts, you can click F F to bring Lightroom into full-screen mode, and then click L or L L to dim the lights.