HACKING PHOTOGRAPHY

First off let me thank you for purchasing my Presets! You are going to love how quick you can take your photos to the next level in just one click.   Lets get started!

Please watch the video below for step-by-step installation instructions.

Youtube video instructions link: https://youtu.be/0jGJbSEtjNQ

Step 1: Unzip The Preset Folder

Locate the zip file you downloaded, it's likely in your 'downloads' folder.

On a Mac:

Double-click the zip folder to unzip it.

In Windows 8:

1. Open File Explorer by swiping in from the right edge of the screen, tapping Search (or if you're using a mouse, pointing to the upper-right corner of the screen, moving the mouse pointer down, and then clicking Search), entering File Explorer in the search box, and then tapping or clicking File Explorer.

2. To extract individual files or folders, open the compressed folder and then drag the files or folders you want to extract to the new location. To extract everything in a compressed folder tap or click the **Compressed Folders Tool** tab and then tap or click **Extract All.**

[Link to Microsoft instructions page and video.](#)

In Windows 7:

1. Double-click the folder to unzip it then drag the file from the compressed folder to a new location

   OR

2. To extract the contents of the compressed folder, right-click the folder, click **Extract All**, and then follow the instructions.

[Link to Microsoft instructions page and video.](#)

In Windows Vista:

1. Double-click the folder to unzip it then drag the file from the compressed folder to a new location

   OR

2. To extract the contents of the compressed folder, right-click the folder, click **Extract All**, and then follow the instructions.

[Link to Microsoft instructions page](#)

In Windows XP:

1. Open "My Computer" (start button -> my computer) and locate the zip file
2. To extract a single file or folder, double-click the zipped folder to open it. Then, drag the file or folder from the zipped folder to a new location.
3. To extract all files or folders, right-click the zipped folder, and then click **Extract All**. In the zipped Folders Extraction Wizard, specify where you want to store the extracted files.

If your Windows PC doesn't have an unzip utility you can download a free trial of Winzip or another free unzip utility. I don't provide support on unzip utilities.
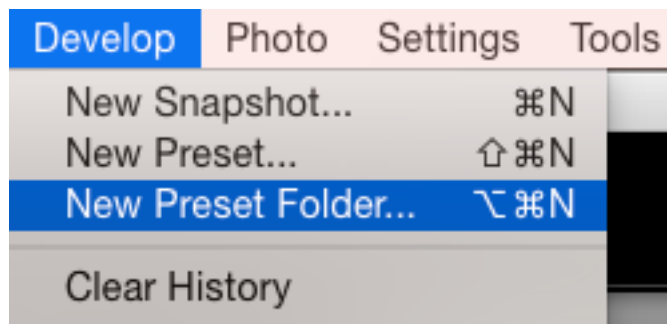[Link to Microsoft instructions page](#)

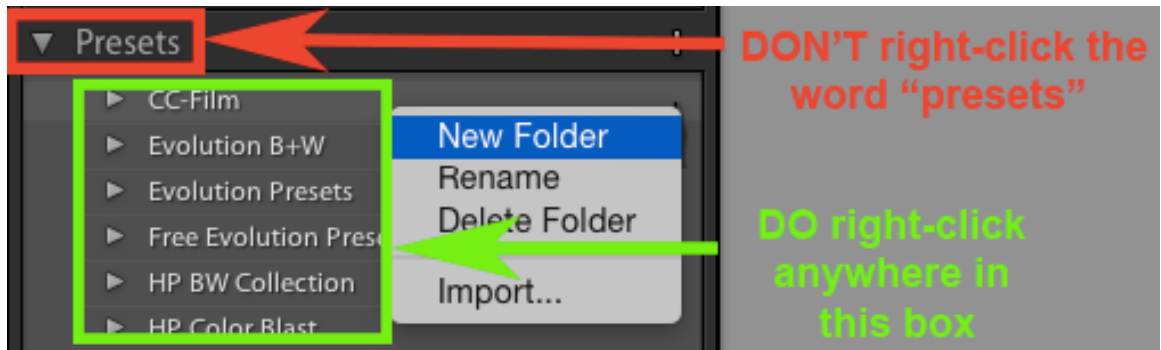# Step 2: Open The "Develop" Module in Lightroom.

Step 3: Create a new folder for the new presets

There are several ways to do this. Make sure you are in the Develop module first.

1. Click Control+Alt+N on a PC, Command+Option+N on a MAC to create a new folder.
2. Click "develop" in the top left menu, scroll down to 'new preset folder', and click it. Name the folder.

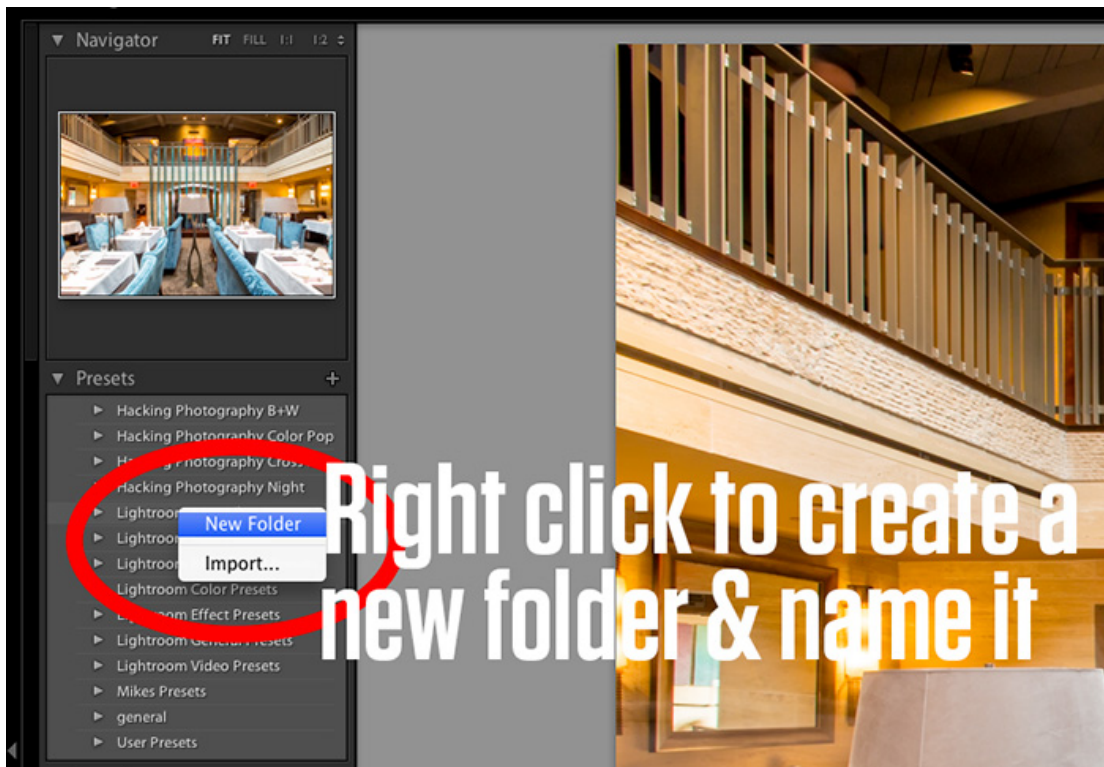3. Right-click on a preset name or preset folder, select "new folder" and name it.

If you right-click on the word "presets" in the top of the presets box, it won't work.

Quick note: make sure you have right-click enabled on your mouse/trackpad.

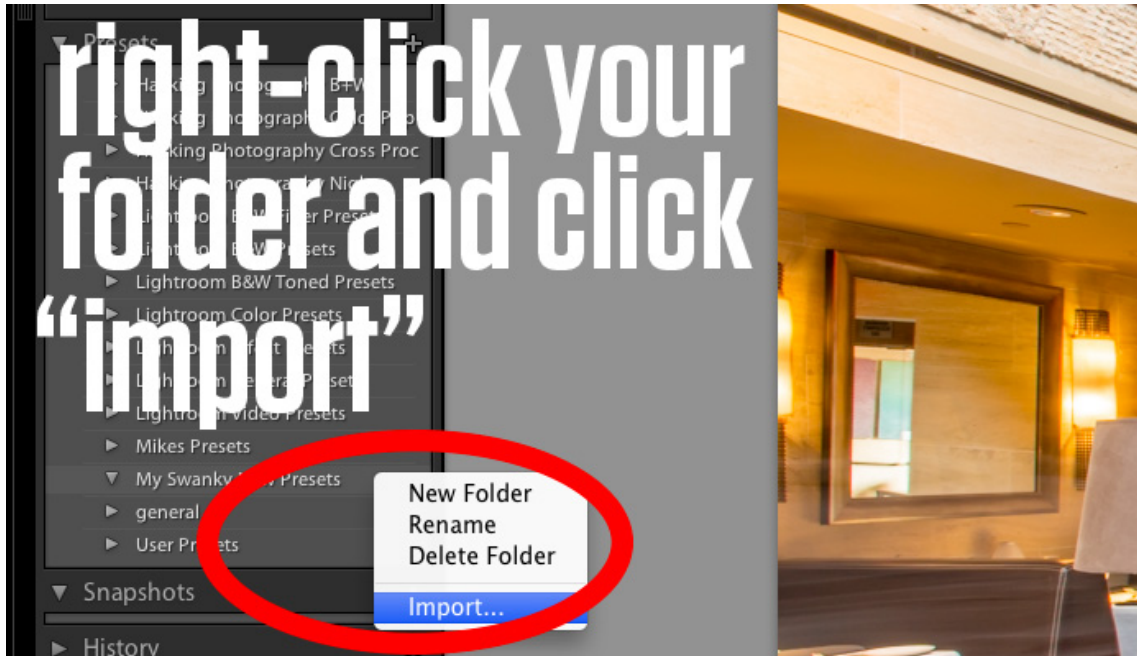Click here to see instructions on enabling right-click on a Mac

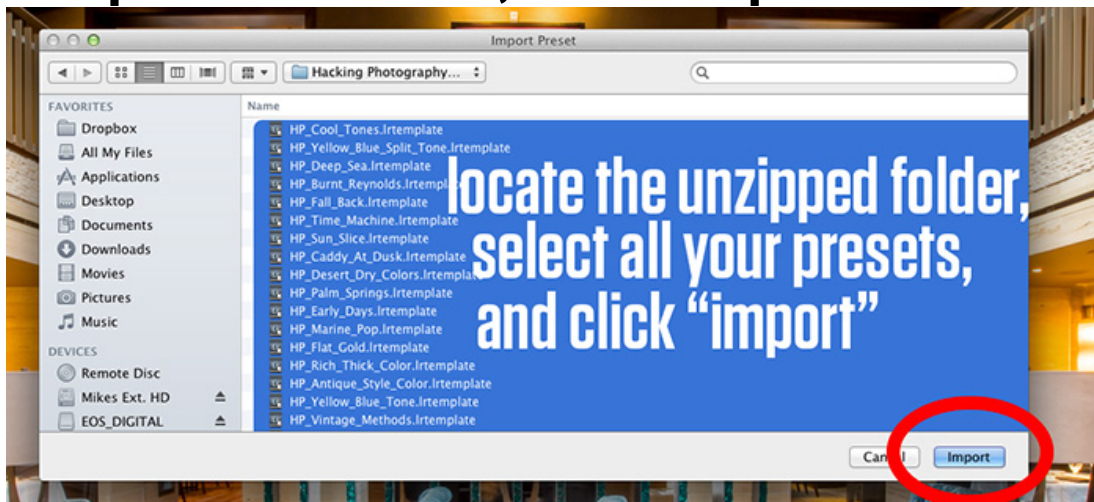Click here to see instructions on how to enable this on a Windows PC

I like to separate my presets into different folders by what they do. Color presets have their own folder, black and white have their own folder, etc.

Step 4: Import presets into new folder

Right click on the new folder you just made and click "import".

Step 5: Select all presets and click "import" on MAC, click "open" on a PC.

Step 6: You're done. Enjoy!

Now you know how to install Lightroom presets anytime you download them!

Great Photos Come from Great Education

If you are a newer photographer using Lightroom and could use a crash course in how to use every piece of the software, speed up your editing time, and create better edits consider checking out [this course by Phil Steele](#) by clicking the image below.

I own it and thought it was really helpful. Full disclosure – this is an affiliate link and I will get a small commission if you end up purchasing it. Again, I only recommend things I know to be great!

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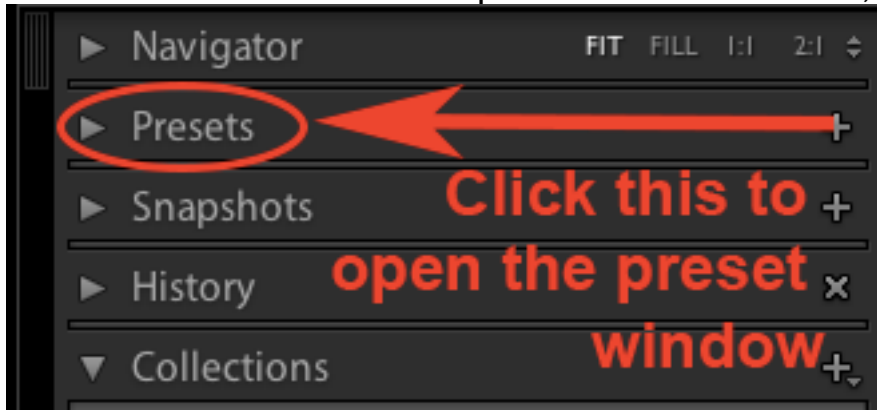Photographer | Author | Photo-Hacker

Trouble-Shooting Common Issues

Problem: I don't see a "presets" window to right-click

Solution 1: Make sure you are in the "Develop" module and not the "Library" module. Click "Develop" at the top-right of the screen or click Control + Alt + 2 on a PC, Command + Option + 2 on MAC to go to the develop module.

Solution 2: You have the left navigator panel hidden. Click the "tab" key on your computer to unhide it. You can also

Solution 3: If see the word "presets" but no window, do this:

Problem: Right-clicking to create a new folder isn't working

Solution 1: Make sure you have right-click enabled on your computer. See the end of #3 above.

Solution 2: Make sure you aren't clicking the word "presets" in the presets window. That is a menu item. You need to right-click either a preset name, or preset folder to bring up the correct menu.

Problem: I unzipped the folder but the files show up as unrecognized files, windows media, files, etc.

Solution 1: Every time I've encountered this the customer didn't have Lightroom installed on their computer yet. Install Lightroom and these files will show up fine.

Problem: The menu items are all greyed out so I can't do anything

Solution: This means you either don't have photos uploaded to Lightroom, or you don't have an image selected. Either upload a photo or click an image at the bottom of the screen to select it. Now that you have an image selected the menu items will be available.

Problem: I'm getting an encryption message/prompt, what do I do? (this is a Windows issue)

Solution: Click 'yes' to save