



February 2026 Lightroom Classic Update

In this lesson, we will explore the new features introduced in Adobe Lightroom Classic version 15.2.

Newly Supported Cameras and Lenses

Lightroom Classic updates its software to support newly released cameras and lenses. This is important so Lightroom can support the RAW format that new cameras might use. It also allows for lens corrections to counteract distortion from wide angle or telephoto lenses.

Keeping Adobe Camera Raw Up to Date

Anytime Lightroom is updated, Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) is usually updated as well. This is because the actual image processing happens in ACR when you edit an image in Photoshop from Lightroom. To avoid any warnings or dialogues about processing versions, keep ACR updated.

Assisted Culling Feature

The assisted culling feature has been improved, especially for group photos. It's now better at determining if people's eyes are in focus.

WebP File Format Support

Lightroom Classic now supports the WebP file format. WebP, developed by Google, allows for smaller file sizes without significant quality loss and is commonly used on websites. You can now import and edit WebP images in Lightroom, and they can sync with mobile devices. However, you cannot export in WebP format.

Integrating Lightroom Classic with Adobe Firefly

The most significant new feature is the integration with Adobe Firefly, Adobe's generative AI website. This allows you to send images directly from Lightroom to Firefly for AI-powered editing.

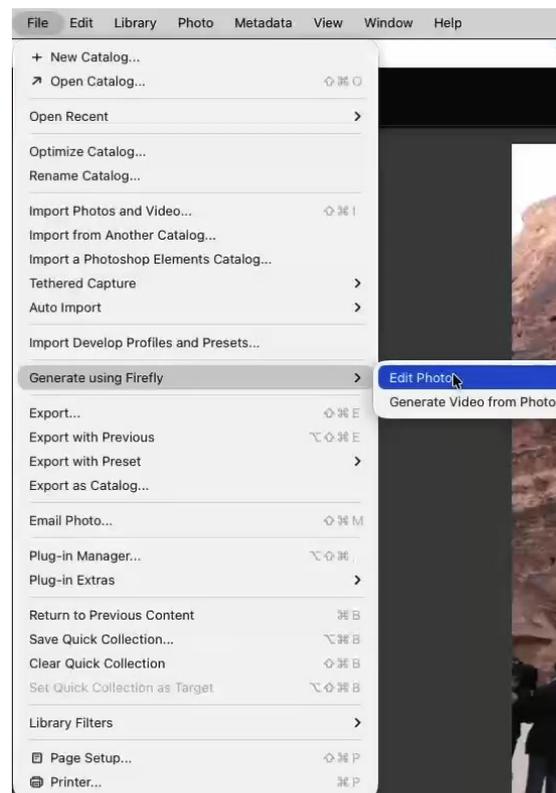
To access this feature, select an image in Lightroom and go to File > Generate Using Firefly. You'll have two options:

- **Edit Photo:** Creates a still photograph.
- **Generate Video from Photo:** Turns your image into a video.

Editing Photos with Firefly

1. With a single image selected in Lightroom Classic, **select File>Generate using Firefly>Edit Photo**: This will export the image and upload it to Firefly.
2. **Provide a Prompt:** Use the text box at the bottom to describe the desired edits.

Tip: You can use the voice dictation feature of your computer's operating system for convenience. For example, "Remove all of the people in this photograph with the exception of the one person who is taking a photograph of the camel using their cell phone".



3. Adjust Settings:

- **Model:** Choose the AI model to use. Higher numbers usually mean better quality but may consume more credits.
- **Aspect Ratio:** Select the desired aspect ratio. It should automatically choose one close to the original.

4. Generate: Click the "Generate" button to start the AI processing.

Gallery Generate Edit



Gemini 2.5 (w/ Nano Banana) | Tall (2:3)

Remove all of the tourist in the scene with the exception of the one person who is taking a photograph with her phone

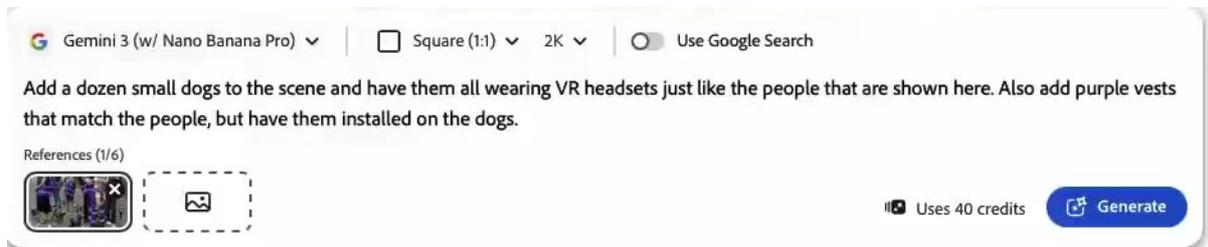
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Example: Adding Dogs with VR Headsets

Another example involved adding dogs wearing VR headsets to a photo of people wearing similar headsets. The prompt was "Add a dozen small dogs wearing VR headsets just like these people and add purple vests as well to them". Firefly added nine dogs with purple vests and headsets.



Important Considerations

- **Resolution:** Firefly currently generates images with a maximum width of 2048 pixels, which may be lower than the original image resolution. This makes it suitable for online use but not for high-resolution printing.
- **Consistency:** AI models like Google Gemini Nano Banana tend to keep the details in the scene consistent.
- **Prompt Engineering:** More complex transformations may require a well-crafted prompt. Consider using AI tools like Grok.com, ChatGPT, or others to refine your prompts for better results.

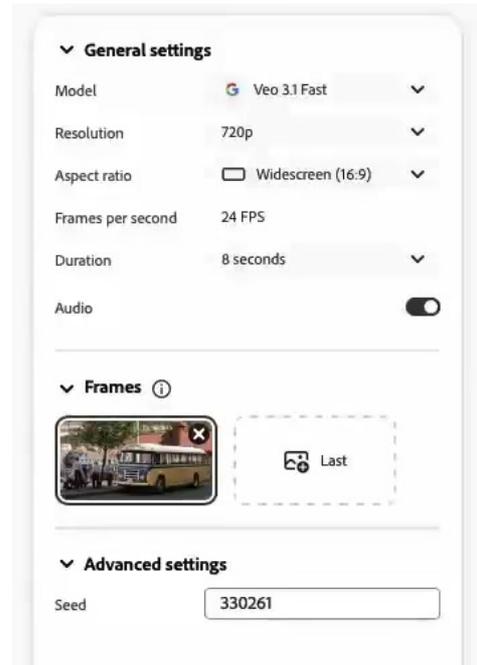
Transforming Photos with Refined Prompts

1. **Develop a Basic Prompt:** Start with your initial idea for transforming the image.
2. **Use an AI Tool for Refinement:** Input your prompt into an AI tool like Grok.com or ChatGPT and ask it to rewrite the prompt to make the image "amazing" or more "luxurious".
3. **Copy and Paste:** Copy the refined prompt from the AI tool.
4. **Paste into Firefly:** Paste the refined prompt into Firefly and generate the image.

Generating Videos with Firefly

You can also generate videos from still photographs using Firefly.

1. **Select "File > Generate Using Firefly > Generate Video from Photo"**
2. **Specify Settings:** Choose the resolution, aspect ratio and other settings from the options on the left side of the window.
3. **Enter a Prompt:** Describe the desired video action.
 - *Example:* "Have the people on the street get into the vintage bus, then have the bus start up and drive out of the left side of the frame".
4. **Enhance Prompt (Optional):** Firefly has a built-in "Enhance Prompt" feature at the bottom of the window that will utilize AI to rewrite your prompt. 
5. **Generate Video:** Firefly will generate a short video based on your prompt.



Workflow Inconveniences

The integration between Lightroom and Firefly feels incomplete. The workflow requires manual steps:

1. **Sending to Firefly:** Why not specify the prompt directly in Lightroom and record that text in the metadata of the image?
2. **Generating in Firefly:** Why send me to my browser. I can generate an image in Photoshop without using a browser.
3. **Downloading Manually:** You must manually download the resulting image from Firefly. The downloaded image is limited to 2K resolution. 
4. **Importing Back to Lightroom:** Finally, you must manually import the downloaded image back into Lightroom. If you let us send it to Firefly directly from LRC, then why not automatically download the result into the same folder as the source image and import it into Lightroom Classic and have the option to stack it with the original?

It would make more sense if the entire process could occur within Lightroom.

Concerns About Adobe's Focus on AI

Ultimately, I find these features less compelling than other potential AI applications that could directly address photographers' core needs and streamline our workflow within Lightroom.