



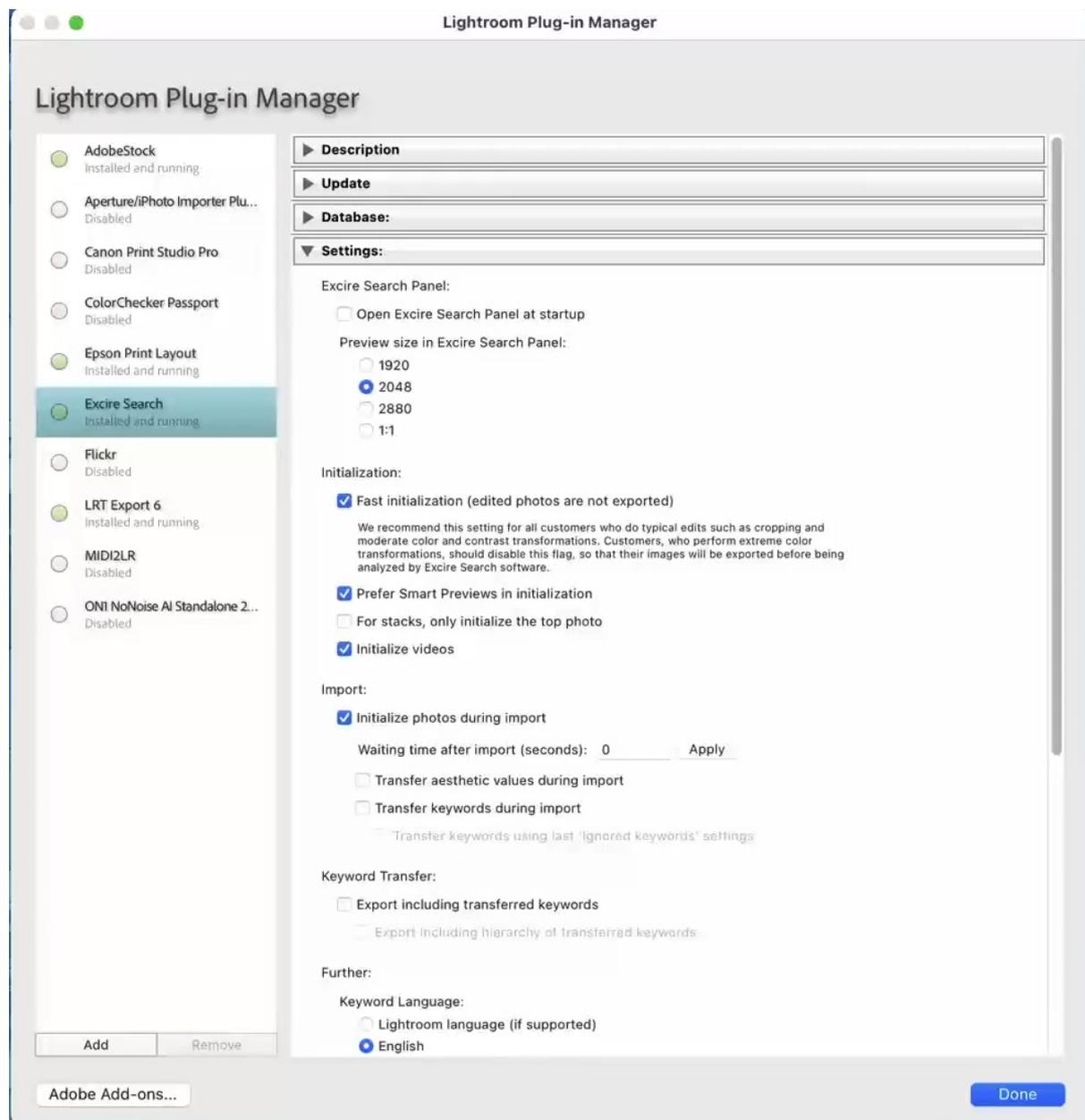
Excire Search LRC Plug-In

Introduction to Excire Search

The Excire Search plugin utilizes AI to keyword images in Lightroom Classic, addressing the common issue of neglecting keyword organization. This plugin offers local processing, eliminating the need for an internet connection and ensuring user privacy. Excire Search is a paid plugin with a 14-day trial. There are two versions, the 2024 version and the 2026 version that includes more features. After the trial, it requires a one-time purchase. A discount code "BENW" should get you 15% off.

Installation and Plugin Manager

To install Excire Search, download and double-click the installation file. Then, access the Plugin Manager in Lightroom Classic via *File > Plugin Manager*. The Plugin Manager lists installed plugins and provides access to their settings.



Initialization Settings

- **Fast Initialization:** Uses Smart Previews for faster processing. However, virtual copies may be ignored.
- **Initialize Videos:** Enables searching for videos within Lightroom.
- **Initialize Photos During Import:** Automatically initializes newly imported photos. Enabling this ensures new images are searchable without manual re-initialization.

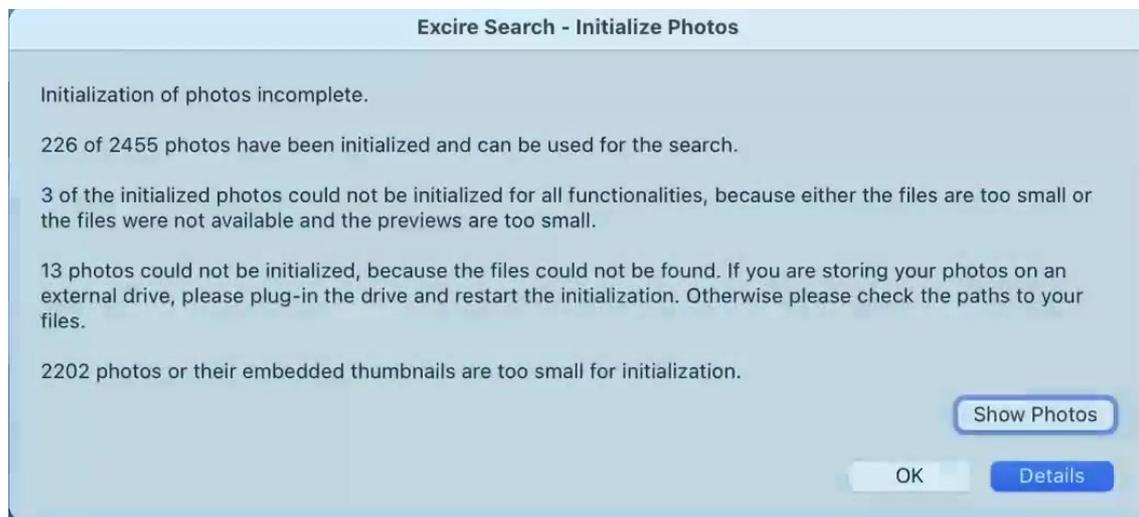
Initializing Photos

To start the initialization process, go to *Library > Plugin Extras > Initialize Photos*. This process analyzes image previews to determine their content. For large catalogs, it's recommended to run the initialization overnight.

Handling Initialization Errors

After initialization, a screen displays any images that could not be initialized, along with reasons for the failure. Common errors include:

- **File Unavailable:** Originals are on disconnected drives or lack previews. Connect the drive, select the images, and generate smart previews via *Library > Previews > Generate Smart Previews*. Then, re-initialize.
- **Other Errors:** Click "Details" to view a list of problematic files and reasons for failure. Large panorama files may require smaller Smart Previews. Corrupted files may need to be replaced.
- The plugin may not work well with extremely small images.



Accessing Excire Search

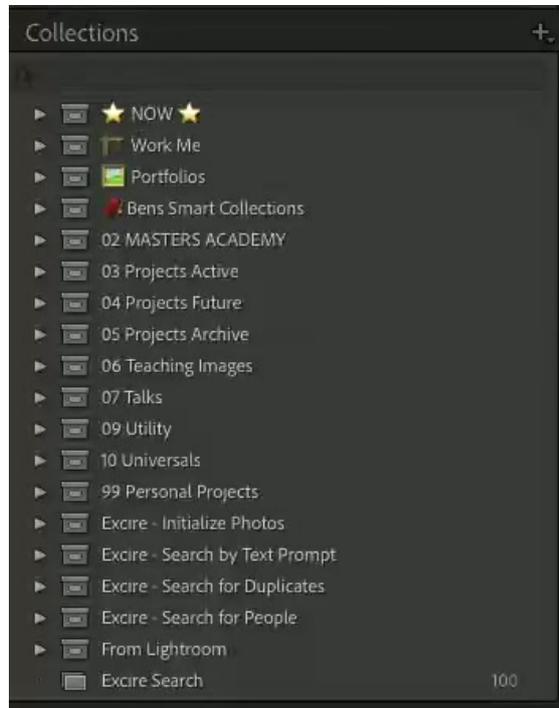
The plugin can be accessed via *Library > Plugin Extras*, or by using the keyboard shortcut *Option+X* (Mac) or *Alt+X* (Windows). The interface has a compact and expanded mode. Hover over the icons in the expanded mode to see tooltips.

Searching with Text Prompts

Click the top icon to search using plain English descriptions. Use the slider to adjust the restrictiveness of the search. Choose to search the current filmstrip or the entire catalog. Specify the maximum number of results. The plugin creates a collection named "Excire Search" containing the results.

Example: Searching for "House in the Mountains of Colorado".

Multiple searches create nested collections if you disable "Overwrite" to create new collections for each search.



Searching by Keywords

Select the key icon to search by keywords. Choose keywords from the list or search for specific ones. Use the plus and minus signs to include or exclude keywords. Specify dominant colors.

Example: Searching for "Farm Animal" without "Bird," including "Green" and "Red" colors.



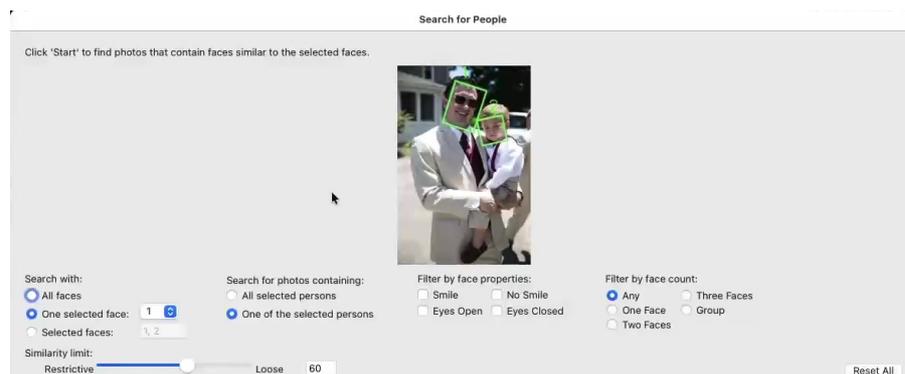
Searching for Faces

Click the face icon to search for people. Specify the number of faces, age, and whether they are smiling.



Searching for Similar Faces

Select a photo, then click the icon with the face on it. The plugin identifies faces in the selected image. Select a face to find similar faces in your catalog. Adjust the similarity limit to refine results.



Searching for Similar Photos

Select a photo and click the magnifying glass icon to find similar images. Choose to search by photo content or colors. Adjust the restrictiveness slider.



Searching with External Example Photos

Go to *Library > Plugin Extras > Search by External Example Photos*. Provide a URL or browse for a local file. The plugin searches for similar images based on content or color.

Finding Duplicate Images

Click the duplicate image icon to search for duplicates. Choose to search the entire catalog, filmstrip, or specific images. Select "Exact Duplicates" or "Near Duplicates". Duplicate images are listed in the collection list with the number of duplicates.

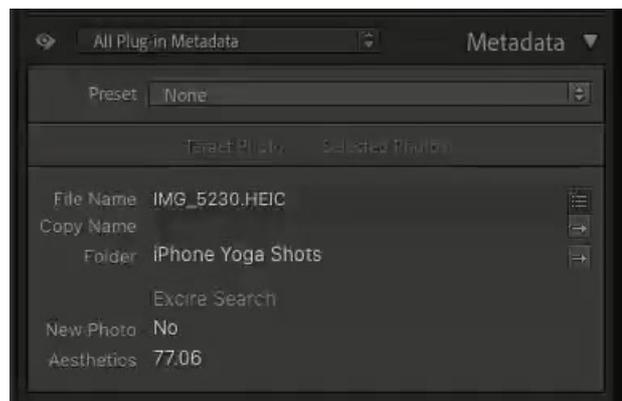


Searching by Aesthetics

Go to *Library > Plugin Extras > Search by Aesthetics*. The plugin rates each photo aesthetically. Choose to find the most or least aesthetically pleasing images.

Transferring Aesthetic Values

Go to *Library > Plugin Extras > Transfer Aesthetics*. Choose to apply to the filmstrip or the entire catalog. Aesthetic ratings are added to the image metadata, accessible via the "All Plugin Metadata" option in the Metadata panel.



Transferring Keywords

Go to *Library > Plugin Extras > Transfer Keywords*.

- **Transfer Keywords:** Allows individual review of keywords before transfer.
- **Transfer Keywords Batched:** Transfers keywords in bulk.
 - Select "Filmstrip" to transfer keywords for currently viewed images, or select "Entire Catalog" to transfer keywords for the whole catalog.

Newly transferred keywords are added to the keyword list, often within a designated folder. To remove transferred keywords, right-click the Excire Search keyword folder and select "Delete".

In conclusion, the Excire Search plugin offers powerful AI-driven search capabilities within Lightroom Classic. By following these steps, you can effectively install, initialize, and use the plugin to improve image organization, keyword assignment, and overall search efficiency. Remember to utilize the plugin settings and transfer options to integrate AI-generated metadata seamlessly into your Lightroom workflow.