



## Lightroom Bitesize: Changing the default settings

Most of the slider settings in Lightroom's Develop module are just set in relation to the exposure of the image itself and so there is no 'default' setting. However some of them, such as Sharpening and Noise Reduction, have a default setting already applied because it is assumed that all digital images require a bit of sharpening, and hence a bit of noise reduction.

This is fine if you are exporting the final version of the image from Lightroom but there are some post-processing techniques where sharpening in particular can create some unwanted side effects such as chromatic aberration and artifacting. Indeed, some prefer to do some final post processing in other programs such as Photoshop and therefore want to sharpen right at the end.

In this instance you either have to remember to adjust the sliders to zero before exporting them – or you can change the default value so that it becomes zero for all images.

Here's how to do it:

Open up the Detail panel.

Slide the Sharpening 'Amount' slider and the Noise Reduction 'Colour' slider to the left until they read zero.

Press and hold the 'Alt' key

You will see that the 'Reset' button now changes to 'Set Default'

Click on that button.

Done.

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