



CHAPTER 1

STORE, TAG, CREATE

In this chapter, we're going to outline the elements of an organized Photo Library, and how those elements relate to each other. We'll break the process into three pieces: storing the photos, organizing the photos, and creating projects. Seeing each of these processes as a separate operation can add simplicity and clarity to your work in Lightroom.

In the last part of this chapter, we'll look at some strategies to bring order out of chaos, and to do so without going crazy. You can use some simple techniques to make your life easier now, while at the same time you make your Photo Library much easier to manage in the long term. And at the end of this chapter, we'll see a sample workflow that puts these principles into action.

Let's start by looking at the three layers of an organized library and see how each one works.