

Plugins LightroomToolbox - Installation and Activation

This document explains, in simple language, how to install and activate the LightroomToolbox plugins.

This guide explains how to install and activate the plugins in Lightroom Classic. Each phone app will have its own guide inside its folder.

Important:

- These plugins are for Lightroom Classic only.
- Currently they work only on Windows.

You will normally receive two files:

- `LightroomToolbox.zip` : contains the plugins.
- A `<package-name>.lightroomtoolbox` file (only if you purchased the license). This file contains information about the type of license you purchased and is required for the activation process; do not confuse it with the license file that will be generated, which will have the `.lic` extension.

Without activation, the plugins work in demo mode (with limited functionality).

When you activate a plugin, it will be verified against the sales platform that the license code exists and has not been used previously (the license file can only be generated once). License files work only on the computer where they were generated; to remain valid, at least the Hardware or the Windows installation must be preserved.

License files are valid for the current version of each plugin and for future versions.

Plugin Installation

1) Decompress LightroomToolbox.zip

When you decompress, you will see a structure similar to this:

```
LightroomToolbox
  lic
```

```
Plugin1.lrplugin
Plugin2.lrplugin
Plugin3.lrplugin
shortcuts
App1.app
App2.app
...
```

What each folder means:

- Each folder with .lrplugin extension is a plugin.
- Each folder with .app extension is a phone application.
- The lic folder will store the license files (.lic).
- The shortcuts folder contains the files required to manage keyboard shortcuts. It is shared by all plugins and must always be present.

Recommendations:

- If this is your first installation, decompress everything into an easy-to-access folder.
- Keep the folder structure exactly as it comes in the zip. (Mandatory if you are going to use a Combo license)
- If you are going to update a plugin, delete the previous .lrplugin folder and copy the new one.
- If you are going to add a new plugin, only copy its .lrplugin folder inside LightroomToolbox.

If you don't know how to decompress a zip file, search the internet for:

- how to decompress a zip file in Windows

2) Add each plugin to Lightroom Classic

1. Open Lightroom Classic.
2. Go to File > Plugin Manager.
3. Press Add.
4. Search for and select the plugin folder (the one ending in .lrplugin).
5. Repeat these steps for each plugin you want to use.

At this point the plugin is already installed. While it is not activated, it will run in demo mode.

3) View plugin help

In Lightroom Classic go to Help > Plugin Extras. There you will find the usage help for the installed plugins.

Activation

Before You Start

The activator will ask for:

- Email address used in the purchase.
- License Key provided by the sales platform.
- The file with the `lightroomtoolbox` extension specific to the purchase made

In all cases, enter both pieces of information exactly as provided (respecting uppercase, lowercase, and spaces).

License types:

- Combo license: activates all LightroomToolbox plugins.
- Plugin-specific license: activates only that plugin.

Important:

- Each license can be generated only once.
- Keep a backup copy of the .lic files that will be created.
- Activation is for a single computer only.

1) Generate License Files

1. Open Lightroom Classic.
2. Go to File > Plugin Manager.
3. Select the LightroomToolbox plugin you want to activate, or any one of them if you are going to use the "Combo" license.
4. In the Activation section, use the **Generate activation file** button.
5. Enter the form data and press the **Generate** button. You will be asked to select the `.lightroomtoolbox` file of this purchase. Wait for the process to finish; it may take some time, during which you will not receive any feedback.

Repeat the procedure for each plugin you want to activate. If you used the "Combo" license, you don't need to repeat the generation, but you do need to open each plugin in the Plugin

Manager and fill in the field with the email address used for the purchase.

2) Verify That the License Was Generated

To verify the correct activation of each plugin:

1. Open Lightroom Classic.
2. Go to File > Plugin Manager.
3. Select the LightroomToolbox plugin for which you want to verify the license.
4. Make sure the email you used during the purchase is entered.
5. Press the **Check activation status** button.
6. It will show whether the plugin is activated.

Note: This check is performed automatically when using the plugin. It needs the email address to be entered in order to verify.

Save Your License Files

License files can only be generated once. Once you have generated a license file for a purchase, you will not be able to generate it again. It is your responsibility to back up these files in case you need to reinstall. The files have the .lic extension and are located in the `LightroomToolbox\bin` folder. To find that folder easily, go to the Lightroom Plugin Manager, select one of the LightroomToolbox plugins, and press the **Open LightroomToolbox folder** button. You will also need the email address used for the purchase of each plugin, so save that information as well.

If you ever need to reinstall the plugins, place the .lic files in the folder mentioned above to reactivate them, and enter the purchase email for each plugin in the Plugin Manager.

Uninstalling Plugins

To uninstall a plugin:

1. Open Lightroom Classic.
2. Go to File > Plugin Manager.
3. Select the plugin.
4. Press Remove.
5. Optional: delete the .lrplugin folder from the disk.

6. If you plan to continue using other LightroomToolbox plugins, keep the `shortcuts` folder, as it may be required by the other plugins. Likewise, keep the `lic` folder.

Recommendation: keep your .lic files in case you need to reinstall in the future.