

LightroomToolbox

Comments in Collections Plugin (V 2.4.4)

for Lightroom Classic (Windows Only)

User Manual

Installation

Please refer to the LightroomToolbox plugins installation guide that comes with your downloaded files.

In *Demo* mode, the total amount of collections that can have comments will be limited to 5.

Overview

This plugin allows you to add comments to the collections in your Lightroom catalog in three different ways: using plain text, `.docx` document files, and `.xlsx` spreadsheets.

Lightroom Classic allows you to add plain text comments to photographs in the metadata section, which is useful for organizing and documenting your work. However, these photographs are organized within collections, and it would be beneficial to have a general description of each collection's content. *Lightroom* does not offer this functionality natively.

This plugin solves that problem. It allows you to add general descriptions to your collections, such as summaries of photo sessions, travel itineraries in `.docx` documents, or budgets in `.xlsx` spreadsheets directly associated with your collections.

Associated Files

Comments are saved in files within a subfolder called `__ComentariosEnColecciones` located inside your catalog folder. This folder stores `.txt` (plain text), `.docx`, and `.xlsx` files. This subfolder is not monitored by the catalog and does not affect its operation; the plugin is solely responsible for saving and reading data in it.

Important: Since *Lightroom* does not monitor this folder, it is not included in its backups. You must make your own backup of the `__ComentariosEnColecciones` folder content whenever you consider it necessary.

Do not:

- Modify file names or move files to different locations (the plugin will not be able to find them).
- Add new files to this folder (they will be deleted automatically or cause conflicts).
- Modify files directly; always use the plugin to do so.

About the files: Each file has a number in its name that identifies the corresponding collection. `.txt` files contain plain text comments and the collection name appears on the first line. `.docx` and `.xlsx` files share the same identification number of the collection.

"deleted" folder: This subfolder (explained later) is only accessible from Windows File Explorer for manual review or editing. The plugin does not monitor its content. Except for backing up or deleting files from the `deleted` folder, you should not need to access the `__ComentariosEnColecciones` folder.

Configuration

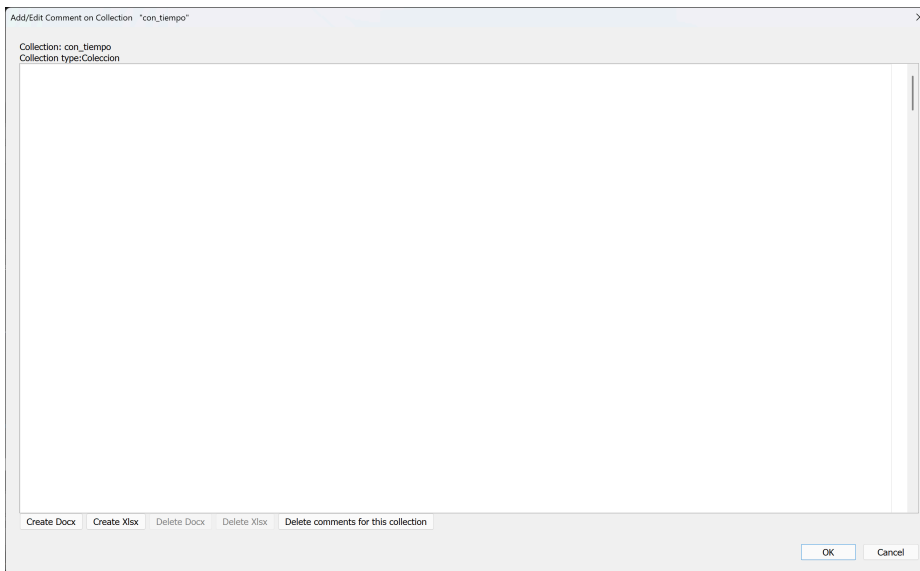
In Lightroom, open the **File** menu > **Plugin Manager**, select **Comments in Collections**, and then go to **Config**. The plugin is designed to not interfere with the *Lightroom* database or its normal operation.

When you delete a collection, *Lightroom* does not notify the plugin, so the associated comment files are not automatically deleted. In the configuration, you can choose:

- **Automatically purge comments of deleted collections on plugin startup:** When you enable this option, the first time you use the **Comments in Collections** plugin after starting *Lightroom*, deleted collections will be checked and their associated comment files will be automatically deleted.
- **Purgue action on comments of deleted collections:** Choose whether you want to permanently delete the files or move them to the `deleted` subfolder.

Usage

Select a collection and go to **Library** > **Plugin Extras**. You will find this plugin's section there; select **Add/Edit Comment to Collection**. The following screen will open:



At the top you will see the collection name and type. Use the text box to write your comments. Below it you will find the **Create Docx** and **Create Xlsx** buttons to generate associated documents. If these files already exist, the buttons will show **Edit** instead of **Create**, and the delete option will be enabled. The **Delete comments for this collection** button removes both the associated files and the plain text comments.

If you delete a collection, its associated comments (plain text `.txt`, text document `.docx`, and spreadsheet `.xlsx`) are not automatically deleted. You can use the configuration to delete them on plugin startup, or do a manual purge. To manually purge, go to **Library > Plugin Extras** and select **Delete comments of deleted collections**. Depending on your configuration, the purge will either delete or move files to the `deleted` folder.

Recommendation

We recommend assigning color labels to collections that have comments. To do this, select the collection, right-click, and choose **Add color label to collection....** This makes it easy to visually identify collections that have associated comments.

Note: Lightroom does not allow plugins to modify collections color tags. If you prefer to have those tags, you have to do it manually.

External Software

The plugin creates `.xlsx` and `.docx` files and opens them with *Windows'* default application. You must have the necessary software installed to open these files, such as *Microsoft Word* and *Microsoft Excel*, or compatible alternatives.