

Customizing Lightroom 2's Web Gallery

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Select the photos in Library. Then click on the Web Module.

Scroll down through the Template Browser on the left. These are HTML and Flash templates that come with LR. Click on one and it will create a gallery using that style.

You can also create your own web gallery templates. (See below)

But first, customize the gallery text.

For simplicity's sake select HTML gallery (default)

On the right you will see a column with options.

Site Info

Fill in the Site Title with your job or client's name.

Collection Title can hold anything. I use it to describe the assignment and list the usage agreement if any. "For examination only, no usages allowed without permission from photographer," for example.

Collection Description: I put my copyright information here or a link to my website.

Contact Info: My name

Web or Mail Link: My email

Appearance

Keep the first two under "common settings" checked.

Select the grid depending on how many photos you want to be seen on each page. Try to keep the pages to a minimum.

I prefer not to check the "Show Cell Numbers" box. It often confuses clients when I ask them to tell me the number of the photo.

Instead, under Image Info check title. Then go to the right and select filename instead of title. This means your clients will have to tell you the filename instead of the big number on the cells.

If you don't have that option go to edit. When the window comes up clear the "example box." Click on "insert" after Filename. Go up to the preset and click on "save current settings as new preset" Type in filename. Click Done. The preset should be loaded in the Image Info options.

I don't check caption.

You can change the color of the web gallery by playing with it under the Color Palette. Double click on the boxes to the right of the words text, detail text, etc. to bring up the color picker. The slider on the right side of that box will bring in colors.

After you've customized your template click on the + sign next to Template Browser on the left column. It will be saved under your User Templates located under the Lightroom Templates.

Output Settings I leave the image quality at 70. For Metadata I usually have copyright only. I check the box for "Add Copyright Watermark" I check Sharpening and standard.

Upload Settings:

While you can upload directly to your server I prefer to export to a folder within my job/client folder on my computer. That way I can easily upload the gallery again after a few months if the client needs to look at it again. Don't check anything here.

Then click Export. You will be prompted to name the folder and choose a location for it. Put your last name here. Click Save.

Put this folder into my dropbox.