

## Converting Photos to DNG

DNG (Digital Negative Format) is a file format created by Adobe. It was developed with the intention of standardizing a raw file capture format that can be read by a much wider variety of software applications. If you plan to share your raw image files across complex workflows, then converting them to DNG will ensure their compatibility.

### Convert to DNG at Import

1. At the top of the Import dialog box, click Copy as DNG. Proceed to choose the preferred import dialog box settings.
2. Click the Import button.

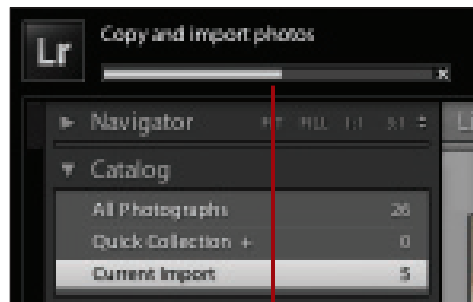
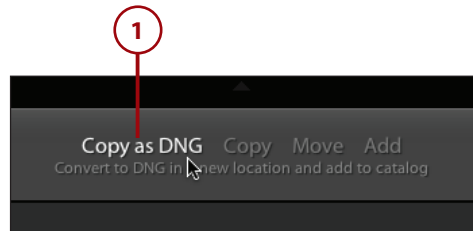
### Raw Files Only!

Only raw files are converted to DNG at import. Non-raw files are left in their original file format.

The photos are converted to DNG as they are imported into the current Lightroom catalog. As the photos import, their respective thumbnails appear in the library Content area. The status indicator in the upper-left corner of the module displays the import progress.

### File Size Alert!

It is important to note that choosing certain DNG conversion options can cause an image's file size to increase dramatically.



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## Convert to DNG After Import

1. Select the photos from the Library module Content area or the Filmstrip.

### Keyboard Shortcuts

Shift+click to select multiple adjacent photos; Cmd+click (Mac) or Ctrl+click (Win) to select multiple non-adjacent photos

2. Choose Library, Convert Photos to DNG.
3. Lightroom displays the Convert Photos to DNG dialog box. Choose an option from the Source Files section of the dialog box.

Only Convert Raw Files ensures that only Raw files are converted to DNG, whereas non-Raw file formats, such as TIFF, JPEG, or PSD, are left in their current file format.

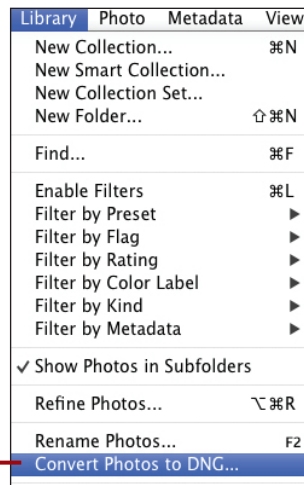
Delete Originals After Successful Conversion removes the original images from the catalog after they are converted to DNG.

4. Choose an option from the DNG Creation section of the Convert Photos to DNG dialog box.

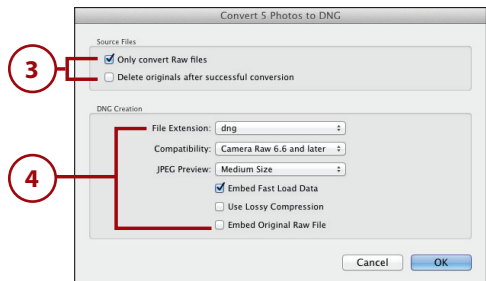
File Extension determines whether to display the file extension in lowercase or uppercase letters.



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Compatibility determines the version of Adobe Camera Raw to make the DNG files compatible with. Refer to the tooltip for more info.

JPEG Preview determines the size of JPEG to use for the embedded preview (not the Lightroom catalog preview). Options include None, Medium Size, and Full Size.

Embed Fast Load Data allows images to load quicker in the Develop module, but also increases the file size slightly.

Use Lossy Compression reduces the overall file size, but also results in a significant decrease in image quality.

Embed Original Raw File enables you to embed a copy of the original raw file inside the DNG. Doing so ensures access to the original raw image data, some of which can only be edited using the camera's proprietary software, but also increases the file size dramatically.

**5.** Click OK.

The selected catalog photos are converted to DNG file format.

