

Adding COPYRIGHT to digital images

Adding copyright and your name and contact details is important for any image that you wish to post online, otherwise new “orphan images” legislation will allow anybody or company to download and use your image for any purpose they see fit. This document provides notes on how to do this in a number of software platforms.

[Photoshop Elements](#)

[Photoshop](#)

[Lightroom](#)

In Photoshop Elements 8 (should work in PE5-7)

Importing new images from camera or card reader

Organizer

File

Get Photos & Videos

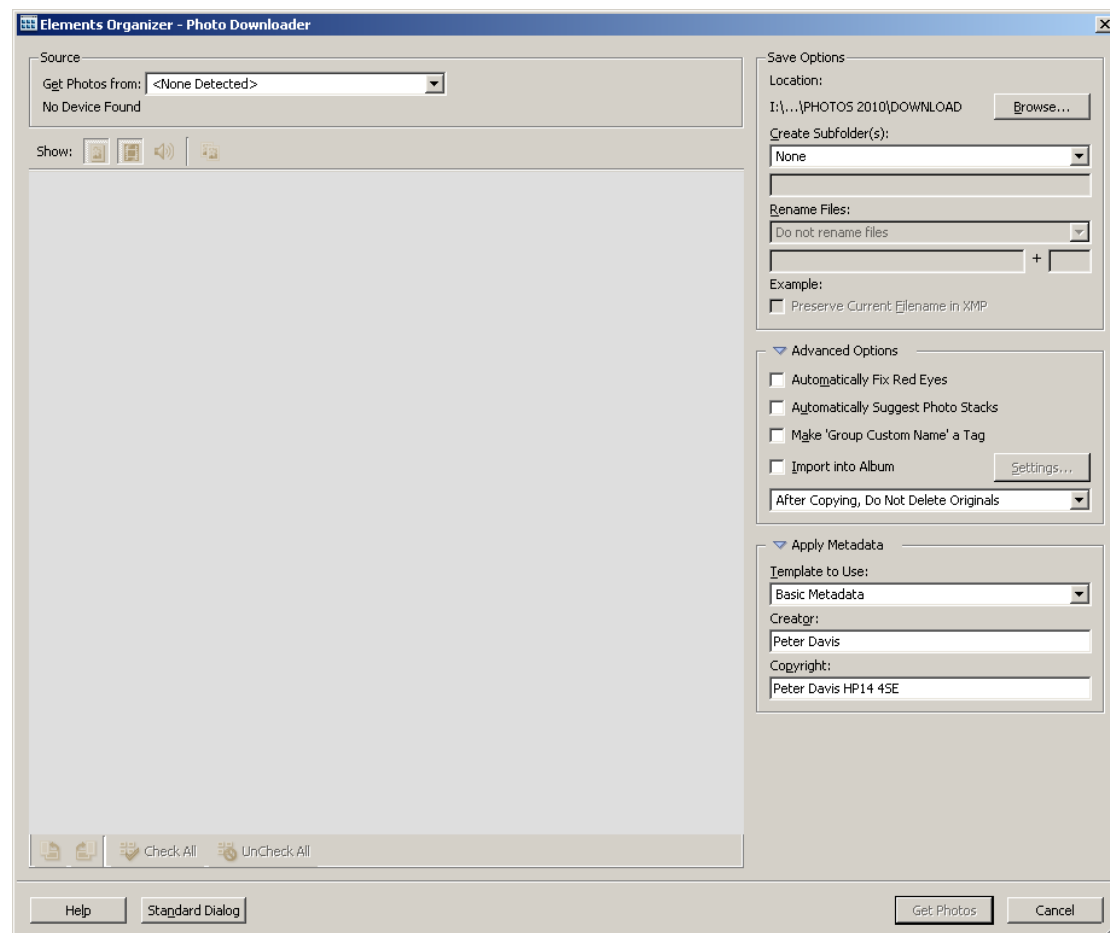
From Camera or Card Reader

Advanced Dialog

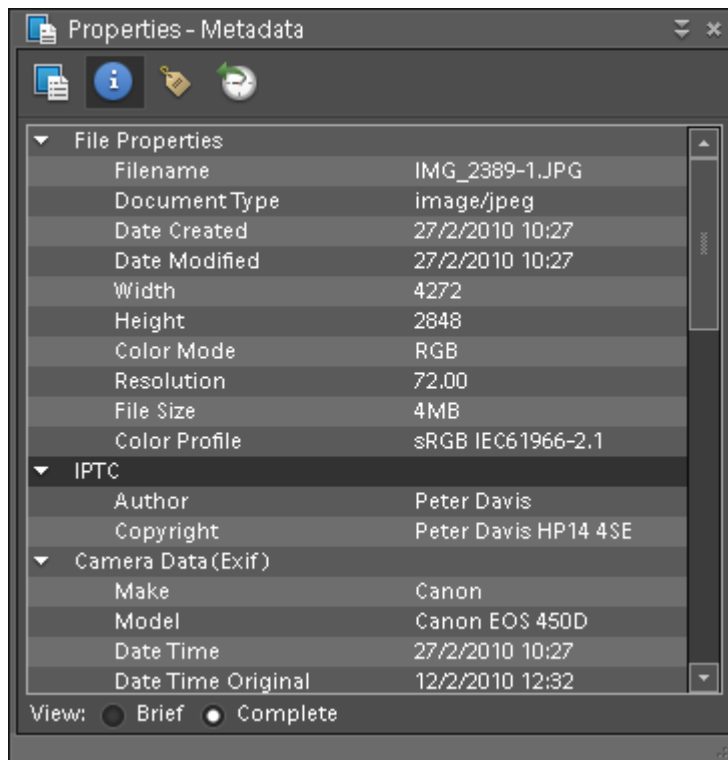
Enter your name under Creator and

Enter your name under Copyright (e.g. Name + Post Code)

Get Photos



Once loaded you can see if this has worked by
Organizer
Windows
Properties
Information (i)
Check View Complete
Scroll down to IPTC



or in Edit Mode
File
File Info
Description
Copyright Notice

Adding Copyright to existing images

Edit Mode

File

File Info

On Description Screen

Enter your name under Author

Copyright Status should be Copyright

Copyright Notice should contain your name and the phrase “All rights reserved”

Other information can also be added and viewed

On IPTC Status Screen

Enter your contact details (see screen dump below)

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Description IPTC Camera Data Video Data Audio Data Mobile SWF Categories Origin DIC ▶

Document Title:

Author: Peter Davis

Author Title:

Description:

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Description Writer:

Keywords:

ⓘ Semicolons or commas can be used to separate multiple values

Copyright Status: Copyrighted ▼

Copyright Notice: Peter Davis
All rights reserved

Copyright Info URL:

Created: 22/10/2009 – 13:53:50 Application: Adobe Photoshop Elements 5.0 (20060914.r.77) Windows
Modified: 22/10/2009 – 13:53:50 Format: image/jpeg

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Description IPTC Camera Data Video Data Audio Data Mobile SWF Categories Origin DIC ▶

— IPTC Contact —

Creator: Peter Davis

Creator's Job Title:

Address: 195 Main Road
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City: High Wycombe

State/Province: Buckinghamshire

Postal Code: HP14 4SE

Country/Territory: UK

Phone(s): 01494 569303

E-Mail(s): pj-davis@hotmail.co.uk

Website(s):

— IPTC Image —

Date Created:

Intellectual Genre:

IPTC Scene:

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In PHOTOSHOP

Select File – File Info (Alt+Cntrl+Shift+I)

On Description screen:

Author should contain your name

Copyright status should be Copyrighted

Copyright notice should contain your name and the phrase “All rights reserved”

If you have a website put the address in the Copyright Info URL

On the IPTC Contact screen:

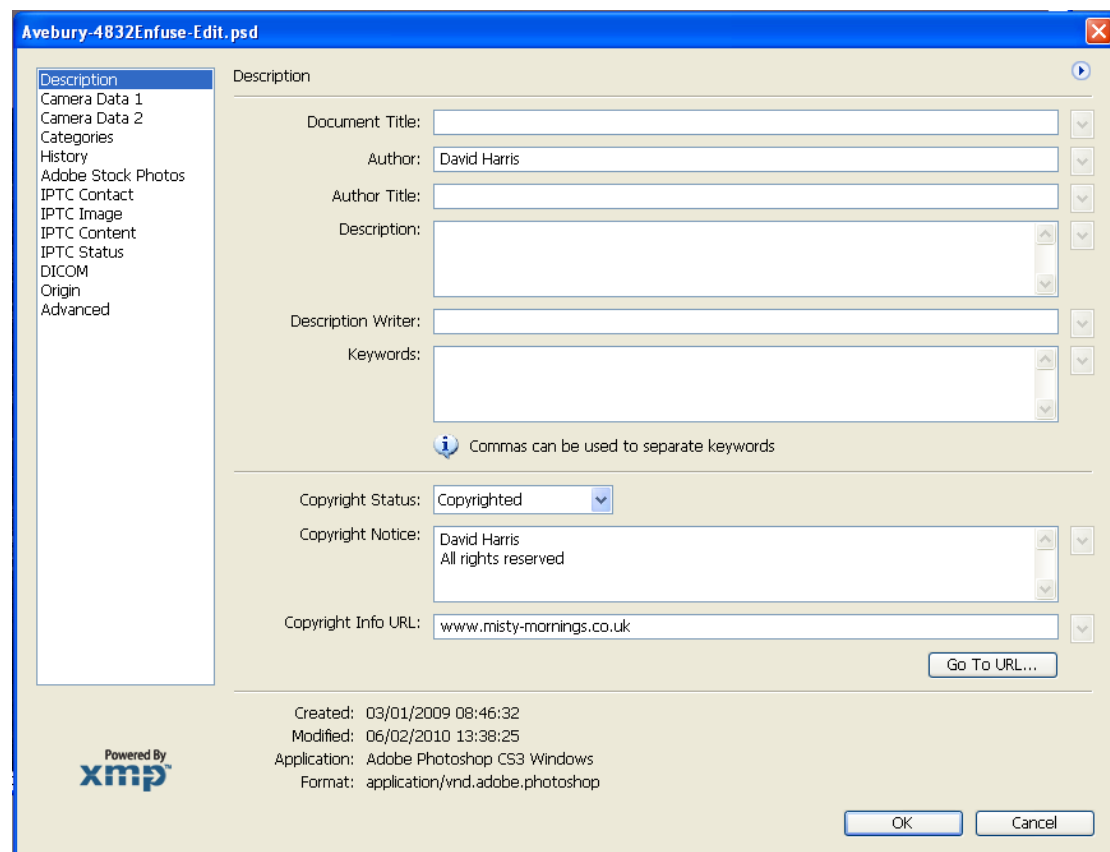
Add all your contact details

On the IPTC Status screen:

Complete the Copyright Notice as on the Description screen.

Enter “All rights reserved” in the Rights Usage Terms field.

See screen shots below.



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IPTC Contact

Use this panel to record the photographer's contact information.

Creator: David Harris

Creator's Job Title:

Address: 43 Carver Hill Road

City: High Wycombe

State/Province: Buckinghamshire

Postal Code: HP11 2TZ

Country: UK

Phone(s): 01494 637928

E-Mail(s): davidharris@misty-mornings.co.uk

Website(s): www.misty-mornings.co.uk

Metadata templates can populate multiple fields at once.
 Access metadata templates from the upper right corner of this dialog.
 Support and updates for these IPTC panels can be found at <http://www.iptc.org/iptc4xmp>

OK Cancel

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IPTC Status

Use this panel to record workflow and copyright information.

Title:

Job Identifier:

Instructions:

Provider:

Source:

Copyright Notice: David Harris

Rights Usage Terms: All rights reserved

OK Cancel

In LIGHTROOM

This is particularly easy in Lightroom. Set up a metadata preset which contains your contact and copyright details in the IPTC Copyright and IPTC Creator sections. See below for an example.

Edit Metadata Presets

Preset: Custom

Description Writer

Category

Other Categories

IPTC Copyright

Copyright

Copyright Status

Rights Usage Terms

Copyright Info URL

IPTC Creator

Creator

Creator Address

Creator City

Creator State / Province

Creator Postal Code

Creator Country

Creator Phone

Creator E-Mail

Creator Website

Creator Job Title

IPTC Image

Date Created

Check All Check None Check Filled Done

Then in the Import dialog ensure that your preset is always applied to all of your images (under Information to apply – Metadata – just select your named preset). You only need ever set this up once, and all your images will have the copyright metadata embedded! (Just one of the myriad time saving benefits of Lightroom).