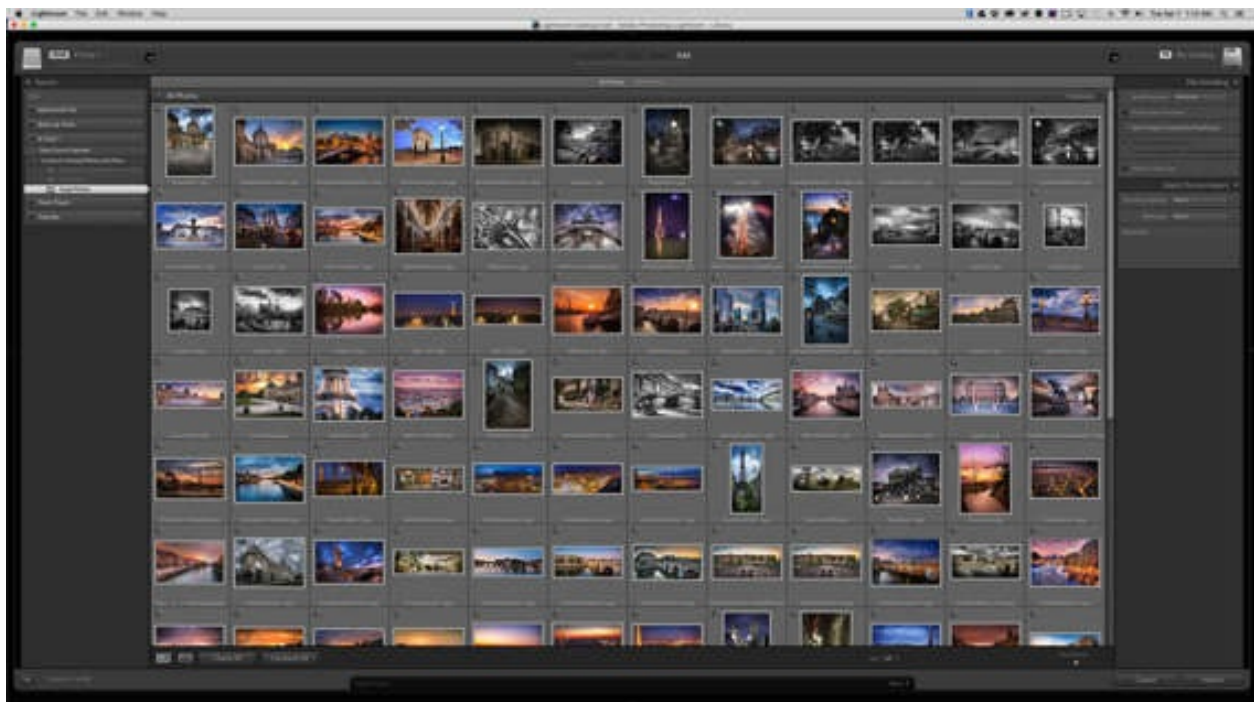# What are the Modules?

1. The Import Module

The Import Window/Module is designed to get your photos imported into Lightroom so they can be worked with. You use this when accessing photos directly from a camera card for the first time or photos already stored on your hard drive. As a note, the Import Module is really just a window that is part of the Library module, but it is so important I separate it from this in my descriptions as its own module.



2. The Library Module

The Library Module is where all your photos are cataloged, sorted, compared, grouped, categorized, rated and referenced. It's important to understand that

grouped, categorized, rated and referenced. It's important to understand that copies of your photos are never stored inside the program itself, but only referenced and linked to their actual location on your hard drive.



3. The Develop Module

The Develop Module is where you retouch and develop your photos. Here is where you can remove blemishes, add colorized looks, change color photos to black and white and a million other options that are available to you through Adobe Lightroom.
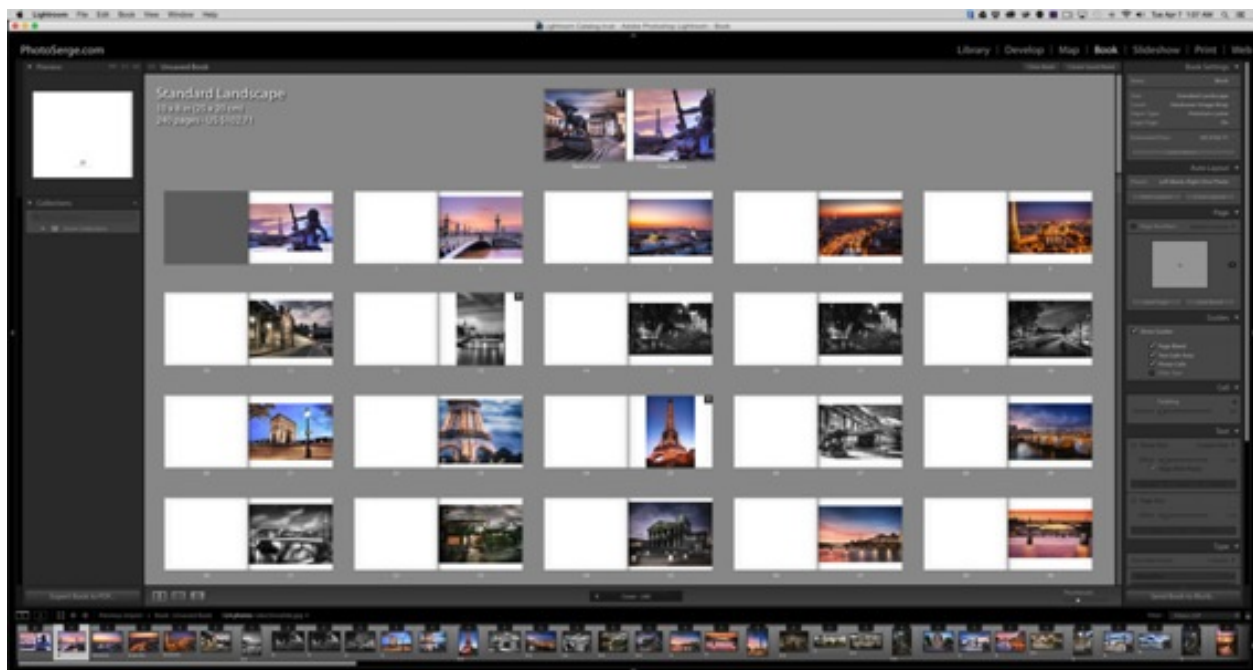
## 4. The Map Module

The Map Module allows you to geotag your photos (<u>geotagging means to assign a GPS coordinate in the information of the photo so people can find it on a map</u>). This can be incredibly useful for travel photos enabling you to find photos by specific locations all over the world. Of note is that many cameras, and almost all smartphones, now actually store geotagging information in the metadata of the photo and it can be seen here.

## 5. The Book Module

The Book Module allows you to take your photos and conveniently turn them into photobooks either of your own design or using existing templates. Not only that, you can send them straight out for printing directly from Lightroom.



## 6. The Slideshow Module

The Slideshow Module allows you to take your photos and easily create slideshows with them including adding titles, transitions and even music. This is crazy to me! How far this software has come in the last few years.



7. The Print Module

The Print Module allows you to prepare your photos for printing on your own printer or for sending directly to a lab, a printing facility or an on-line printing service to have your photos printed.
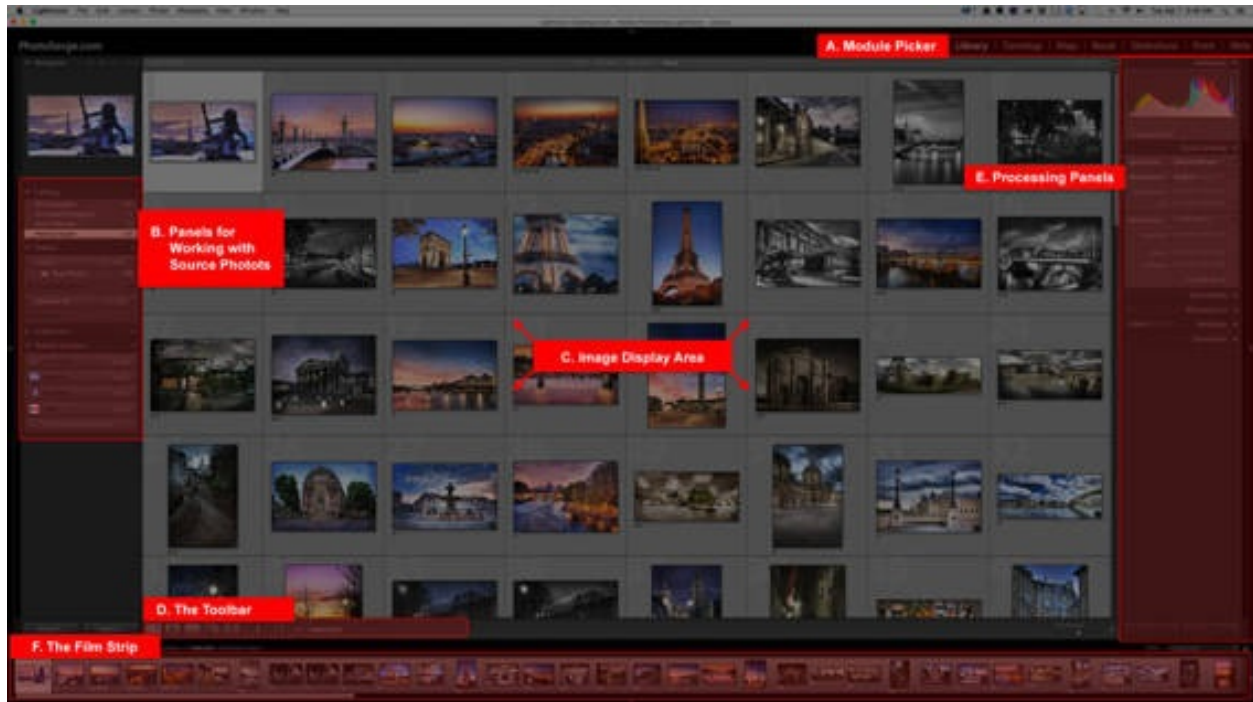
8. The Web Module

The Web Module allows you to create web-ready photo galleries choosing from templates that are simple and grid based or with more complex layouts and functions.



# What Are Panels?

On all sides of the interface you will see expandable boxes with options and controls for working on your photos, these are called **Panels**. These options and controls change depending on the **Module** that you are working in. These can be resized, hidden and removed to suit your taste. The general layout of Panels is similar in all Modules.



A. Module Picker

Navigate between the different Lightroom Modules: Library, Develop, Map, Book, Slideshow, Print, Web B. Panels for Working with Source Photos

Photos to be worked on can be selected from this area and initial looks and presets can be applied. The main panels on the left of the interface are Catalogs, Folders, Collections and Publish Services.

C. Image Display Area

This will be the primary area for looking at and working on your images in each of the modules.

D. The Toolbar

A selection of tools for viewing, arranging and organizing the photos you work with.

E. Processing Panels

These are panels for adjusting your photos and working with metadata, keywords and adjusting your images as well as exporting.

F. The Film Strip

The Film Strip is constant in all modules and gives you a rapid view of what photos are currently selected to be worked on. Selecting any photo in it will select it in the **Display Area**.

# Working With Panels

I don't want to burden you down with a lot of insignificant details right at the start. So let me keep this brief.

As I said, the options in your Panels are going to change depending on what Module you are in so there is no sense in going through each of these now. But you should know a few things: 1. Resizing the Panels

You can resize panels to suit your preference by clicking and dragging on the edge closest to the photo display area. (The pointer will change when you are right on the borderline).