## **Catalogs**

- A catalog is what holds all the information you do to your photos
- Can have multi-catalogs
- New Catalog blank version of LR
  - o No Presets are carried over have to re-build them
  - Catalog extension is (.LRCAT file)
- Syncing Catalogs
  - Move information from Laptop to Desktop
  - Best to use LR on one computer and not to try to sync computers
  - To Sync Computers
    - Ex. Laptop to Desktop
    - On Laptop
      - Go to File Menu -> Export Catalog
      - Give the Catalog a Name
      - Tell where to store it
    - On Desktop
      - Go to File Menu -> Import from another Catalog
      - Find the Catalog file and click Import
  - Biggest Problem for me
    - The original files are stored in different folders on Laptop than on External HD
    - Lightroom may have a hard time finding the photos
    - This would cause extra time and work to correct the problem
    - One solution is create a Folder on Laptop like I have on my External HD
- Backing Up Catalogs
  - Backup to H:\Lightroom Folder (root directory)
  - o Only backups LR Catalogs and not your original photos
  - Should set it up to back up each time you leave LR
- Multi-Catalogs
  - File Menu -> New Catalog
    - Give a File Name
    - Tell it where to store it (Ex. H:/Lightroom/LR Catalogs)
    - Set to back up Catalog when LR closes
    - When you create a New Catalog
      - It has Nothing in it
      - No Presets are carried over