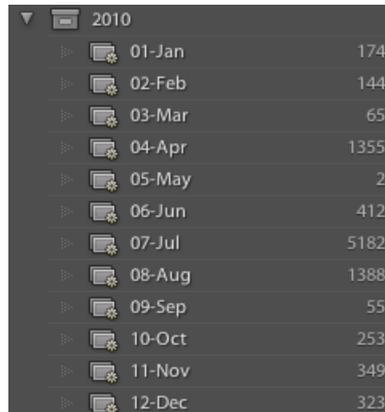


The Create Annual Smart Collections Plugin User Guide

Introduction

Create Annual Smart Collections (CASC) is a simple plugin designed to create a smart collection set containing all images with a capture date in a given calendar year and, within the collection set, smart collections for each month of the given year.



Month	Image Count
01-Jan	174
02-Feb	144
03-Mar	65
04-Apr	1355
05-May	2
06-Jun	412
07-Jul	5182
08-Aug	1388
09-Sep	55
10-Oct	253
11-Nov	349
12-Dec	323

Figure 1: A smart collection set created by CASC

Installation

Installation of the CASC is straightforward and follows the usual procedure for Lightroom plugins: either:

- copy the plugin to the Lightroom plugins folder (**Library/Application Support/Adobe/Lightroom/Modules** in OSX, **C:/Documents and Settings/{your_username}/Application Data/Adobe/Lightroom/Modules/** in Windows XP or **C:/Users/{your_username}/AppData/Roaming/Adobe/Lightroom/Modules/** in Windows 7) or
- open the Plugin Manager (**File > Plugin Manager...**), click on **Add** and then navigate to the plugin folder.

CASC creates a single new menu item on the **Library > Plugin Extras...** sub-menu.



Figure 2: The CASC menu item

Use

Selecting the Create Annual Smart Collections menu item displays the following dialog:



Figure 3: The CASC definition dialog

You can use the **Parent collection set** combo box to choose the collection set within which CASC will do its work. By default, the new collection set will be placed within the **Smart Collections** collection set.

Set the **Collection set** text field to the name of the collection set you wish to create. The default value for this field is the current four digit year number plus one.

The **Is leap year?** tick box will be checked if CASC believes next year is a leap year. (I believe the calculation will be accurate for the expected life of the plugin – to 2400, if my logic is correct!) You may over ride the default value if CASC is inaccurate or if you're creating a collection set for a year other than CASC's default.

When you're ready, click the **OK** button and the annual collection set will be created for you. The smart collection set will have the name you provided. The constituent monthly smart collections will be named **nn-*mmm***, where **nn** is the month number, with a leading zero, and ***mmm*** is the three letter short month name in the language specified by the locale in which Lightroom is running.

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