CHAPTER 06 - EXIF

EXIF (Exchangeable Image File Format) files store important data about photographs. Almost all digital cameras create these data files each time you snap a new picture. An EXIF file holds all the information about the image itself — such as the exposure level, where you took the photo, and any settings you used.



LIBRARY STORAGE

→ The EXIF file format makes storing and retrieving your photos as easy as possible. EXIF's store metadata - or data about your photos' image data - so that you can group them based on certain criteria, like GPS location, time and date, or even specific camera settings.



ADVANTAGES OF EXIF FILES

- → Storing and retrieving information about your photos in your digital image library is easy with EXIFs.
- → You can learn techniques and tricks from other photographers
 by checking out the settings data in the EXIF files of photos you
 like.
- → They make it easy to recreate effects from photos you've taken
 in the past by giving you a record of the settings you used.



DISADVANTAGES OF EXIF FILES

- → Other photographers may be able to gain access to your EXIF
 data, which could allow them to produce similar-style photos
 themselves.
- → EXIFs store GPS location data, which might raise concerns if you're conscious of how your personal data is used.
- → EXIF data stored within images takes up space on a website. This can slow the site's speed, negatively impacting the user experience.



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Application		Adobe Photoshop CS5.1 Wi	
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Date File Modified		Today, 15:16:53	
File Size		123 KB	
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Dimensions (in inches)		1.3" x 2.0"	
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EXAMPLE OF AN EXIF FILE