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.250 8 Chapter 3 -- Table of Contents Chapter 4 Introduction Capture NX 2 contains a wide range of improvements designed to make it an even more complete and powerful photo editing application specifically designed for photography. The interface and tools in Capture NX 2 provide you with a new intuitive approach to the art and science of image editing that saves you valuable time and effort. Capture NX 2 is the latest version in a long line of quality tools from Nikon designed to speed up workflow for photographers. With Capture NX 2 you will work with industry leading tools that deliver quality and performance you expect from a photo editing application. RAW File Format Benefits Unique among image editing software, Capture NX 2 provides you with the ability to achieve the highest quality results for processing NEF (Nikon Electronic Format) RAW files as well as powerful tools that can enhance any image. Shooting RAW has a number of distinct advantages over shooting and saving processed files such as JPEG and TIFF files. The RAW format records important archival information about the conditions under which the image was captured. This information can be used by Capture NX 2 to make unique adjustments to enhance the image after capture. The following are some of the camera settings and RAW adjustments that can be controlled within the Develop section of the Edit List palette: · Color mode or Picture control (depending on the camera model) · White balance · Tone compensation · Saturation · Sharpening · Exposure compensation · Hue adjustment · Color moiré reduction · Image Dust Off · Auto color aberration · Active D-Lighting (depending on the camera model) Chapter 4 -- Introduction \ RAW File Format Benefits 9 Camera Relationship Capture NX 2 was designed to support JPEG and TIFF files and to provide unique features that fully support Nikon digital cameras, allowing you to change many of the settings selected in your camera.

After opening a NEF RAW file within Capture NX 2, you can view the shooting, camera, and exposure information of the file within the Metadata palette. U Point® Technology A key feature in Capture NX 2 is U Point technology. The controls powered by U Point technology enable you to modify sections of a

photograph directly or control where an enhancement is being applied selectively, all without having to go through the time-consuming process of creating a selection normally required in other software applications.



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U Point technology has been widely recognized as one of the most revolutionary technologies in the market today and now that technology powers even more tools in Capture NX 2. U Point technology provides precise and direct control to a variety of tools within Capture NX 2, providing powerful yet simple photographic manipulation. U Point technology powers Capture NX 2's series of control points: the color control point, the black, neutral, and white control points, the red-eye control point, and the new selection control point. These control points provide you with the ability to create color and tonal enhancements, fix issues, or selectively apply photographic enhancements within any image, all being applied directly to the image and with immediate feedback. The U Point-powered control points found within Capture NX 2 enable you to work with your images without the need to perform a complicated series of operations in a particular order. Control points work by identifying an object based on a number of criteria. When you place your first control point, U Point technology identifies the unique elements of the object on which you place a control point, including its position, color, saturation, and texture. By identifying these elements, and in conjunction with the Size slider, the control point can determine the boundaries of the object in order to affect only that object and objects with like elements. With every control point that you apply to the image comes greater control over specific objects in the image. The additional control points ensure that the adjustments you make are being applied to the current object only, and placing a control point on an object with default settings prevents other control points from affecting that object. Through a unique mixing function, the effects of the control points are applied throughout the image so as to create a natural-looking, professional result. U Point technology powered tools are designed to make enhancements fast, professional, and of the highest quality.

The results will be nothing short of amazing. 10 Chapter 4 -- Introduction \ Camera Relationship Chapter 5 System Requirements & Installation System Requirements Windows OS Processor RAM Hard-disk space Screen resolution Preinstalled versions of Windows Vista 32-bit Home Basic/Home Premium/Business/Enterprise/Ultimate editions (Service Pack 1) or Windows XP Home Edition/Professional (Service Pack 2) Pentium 4 or better 768 MB minimum (1 GB recommended) 200 MB required for installation 1024 x 768 pixels (1280 x 1024 or higher recommended) with 16-bit color (32-bit color recommended) Macintosh Mac OS X (version 10.4.11 or 10.5.

2) OS Processor RAM Hard-disk space Screen resolution A Please note: Capture NX 2 is not compatible with the Case Sensitive or Case Sensitive, Journaled disk formats. PowerPC G4, PowerPC G5, Intel Core Duo, Intel Core 2 Duo, Intel Xeon, or better 768 MB minimum (1 GB recommended) 200 MB required for installation 1024 x 768 pixels (1280 x 1024 or higher recommended) with 16-bit color (32-bit color recommended) For the latest information on this application, visit the following sites: For users in the U.S.A.: <http://www.nikonusa.com> For users in Europe and Africa: <http://www.europe-nikon.com/support> For users in Asia, Oceania and the Middle East: <http://www.nikon-asia.com>

com Chapter 5 -- System Requirements & Installation \ System Requirements 11 Installation Windows To install Capture NX 2 into the Windows operating system, follow these steps: 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 Place the Capture NX 2 setup CD into your computer's CD or DVD drive. Open the CD through the My Computer icon on your desktop, and double-click on the setup icon that appears within the window that is displayed to begin the setup wizard. If you downloaded Capture NX 2, locate and double-click on the setup file that was saved to your computer to begin the setup wizard. (Product keys can only be purchased over the Internet in some countries and regions.) Capture NX 2 will check to see if the Microsoft .NET Framework is installed and available on your computer. If not, the Capture NX 2 setup wizard will attempt to download and install the appropriate version of the .NET Framework, which is required for Capture NX 2. Follow the steps in the installer to select the appropriate location to install Capture NX 2 to. Once the software has been installed, follow the steps for color management found in the "Color Management Options" section later in this chapter.

At the last screen, select which file types to associate with Capture NX 2. Those file types associated with Capture NX 2 that are then opened from within the Windows Explorer will be opened directly into Capture NX 2. Macintosh To install Capture NX 2 into the Macintosh operating system, follow these steps: Place the Capture NX 2 setup CD into your computer's CD or DVD drive. Double-click on the CD icon that appears on your desktop and double-click on the setup icon that appears within the window that is displayed to begin the setup wizard. If you downloaded Capture NX 2, locate and double-click on the setup file that was saved to your computer to begin the setup wizard.

(Product keys can only be purchased over the Internet in some countries and regions.) Follow the steps in the installer to select the appropriate location to install Capture NX 2 to. Once the software has been installed, follow the steps for color management found in the "Color Management Options" section later in this chapter. Complete the installation process. 12 Chapter 5 -- System Requirements & Installation \ Installation Color Management Options Once the setup wizard has installed the files onto your computer, you will be provided with options to set up your color management preferences.

The color management settings provided within the setup wizard enables you to set the default functionality for Capture NX 2 and can be later changed within the "Preferences" dialog. To determine how Capture NX 2 manages the color of opened images, follow these steps: 1 Select how the working color space is determined when a file is opened in Capture NX 2. You are provided with two options to set the working color space: Use the color space of the file to be opened as the working color space When selected, Capture NX 2 will always use the profile embedded in the image that is opened as the working color space. If Capture NX 2 cannot determine the profile of the embedded image, the profile identified as the default RGB color space will be used as the working space for that image. Always use the default RGB color space as the working color space When selected, Capture NX 2 will automatically convert the image from the color profile embedded in the image to the color profile selected in the Default RGB Color Space pull-down menu. 2 Select the color space to be used as the default working color space.



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Click on the Default RGB Color Space pull-down menu and select the desired color space to be used either if Capture NX 2 cannot determine the embedded profile or if the Always use the default RGB color space as the working color space option is selected. Complete the installation process of Capture NX 2. Running Capture NX 2 in Trial Mode or Activating Product Upon first launching Capture NX 2 after completing the setup process, you are presented with the Capture NX 2 splash screen. The Capture NX 2 splash screen presents you with the options of either running Capture NX 2 for 60 days with full functionality in trial mode or entering your product key.

To run Capture NX 2 in trial mode, click on the Continue Trial button from the Capture NX 2 splash screen. The Continue Trial button will be accessible for the entire 60 days of the trial mode. At the end of the 60 day trial, you will only be able to access the Purchase Product Key, Enter Product Key, and Exit buttons. To activate Capture NX 2, click on Enter Product Key and enter your name, company (optional), and product key. You may enter a product key and activate Capture NX 2 at any point. If you purchased Capture NX 2 from a camera store or retailer, the product key may be found on the CDROM case. If you purchased Capture NX 2 as an electronic download, the product key will be found in the email you received as a receipt of the purchase. Do not lose this key.

It is required when installing or upgrading this software and cannot be replaced if lost. (Product keys can only be purchased over the Internet in some countries and regions.

) Chapter 5 -- System Requirements & Installation \ Installation 13 Upgrading From Capture NX Version 1 When upgrading from Capture NX version 1, follow the installation instructions as listed previously in this chapter. Both Capture NX version 1 and Capture NX 2 can be installed on the same computer at the same time. When activating an upgrade version, your Capture NX version 1 product key will be requested. First, enter your name, company (optional), and Capture NX 2 product key. You will then be prompted to enter your Capture NX version 1 product key.

After entering both the Capture NX 2 and Capture NX version 1 product keys, your copy of Capture NX 2 will be activated and the application will open.

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14 Chapter 5 -- System Requirements & Installation \ Nikon User Support Information (U.S.A.) Chapter 6 Getting Started Launching Capture NX 2 In the Windows operating system, Capture NX 2 can be opened by navigating to the start menu, selecting the programs menu, rolling over the Capture NX 2 menu item, and selecting Capture NX 2. In the Macintosh operating system, double-click on the Macintosh HD icon on your desktop and navigate to the "Applications" folder.

Double-click on the Capture NX 2 folder, and then double-click on the Capture NX 2 application icon. Convert Capture NX Version 1 Labels If you labeled images on your computer using Capture NX version 1, Capture NX 2 provides you with the opportunity to convert those labels to the system used by Capture NX 2 and ViewNX. When Capture NX 2 is launched, it will check for any existing Capture NX version 1 labels stored on your system. If Capture NX version 1 labels are found, the Convert Labels dialog is displayed. Click on Yes to begin converting the labels used by Capture NX version 1 into labels compatible with Capture NX 2 and ViewNX.

Selecting this option will not remove the labels from your system and images labeled by Capture NX version 1 will continue to be accessible within Capture NX version 1. A Please note: If you have many images labeled by Capture NX version 1, this process may take some time. Click on No to prevent Capture NX 2 from converting your labels. If you do not wish to see the Convert Labels dialog the next time Capture NX 2 is launched, check the Don't Show Again checkbox. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Launching Capture NX 2 15 Welcome Screen Upon launching, Capture NX 2 will display the "Welcome" screen, which lists the last files and folders that you accessed. Windows q w Macintosh q w r e e The Open Recent Image section contains a list of the most recent images that were opened within Capture NX 2. The last image edited can be found at the top of the list, with the remaining images you have edited listed in chronological order. Click on the image name to open the image within Capture NX 2. The Open Recent Folder section contains a list of the most recent folders accessed within the Browser palette, with the most recent folder displayed at the top. Click on one of the displayed folders to open that folder within the Browser palette.

The Don't show again checkbox enables you to prevent the "Welcome" screen from being displayed after launching Capture NX 2. Check this box to prevent the "Welcome" screen from appearing when Capture NX 2 is launched. To access the "Welcome" screen again, navigate to the Help menu and select Show Welcome Screen. You can then uncheck the Don't show again checkbox in order to display the "Welcome" screen whenever Capture NX 2 is launched. q Open Recent Image w Open Recent Folder e Don't Show Again The Drag an image here to open it section is available only in the Macintosh version and enables you to open an image by dragging it from the Macintosh r Drag an image here to open it Finder onto this section.



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In the Windows operating system, you can drag an image (Macintosh Only) from the Windows Explorer into the Capture NX 2 window to open the image within Capture NX 2. 16 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Welcome Screen Browsing and Opening Images Capture NX 2 provides you with a number of ways of locating and opening images in order to enhance them. Using the Browser To open an image using the browser, follow these steps: 1 Open the Folders palette, the Browser palette will automatically open. Click on the folder within the Folders palette that you wish to display within the browser. 2 1 Locate and double-click on the image that you wish to open.

Using Open Image To open an image using Open Image..., follow these steps: Navigate to the File menu and select Open Image..

.. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Browsing and Opening Images 17 2 Within the dialog that is displayed, locate an image to open, and click on the Open button. Using ViewNX To open an image from ViewNX, follow these steps: 1 2 1 2 3 4 Select one or more images to open into Capture NX 2. Click on the Open with Capture NX button within the ViewNX interface.

Using Nikon Transfer To open a folder of images transferred to your computer using Nikon Transfer, follow these steps: Within Nikon Transfer, navigate to the "Preferences" tab. Click on the pull-down menu for the Open destination folder with other application after transfer option. Select Browse.... Select Capture NX 2 from the displayed "Select program" window and click OK. After the next transfer is completed, the folder identified in the primary destination folder will be displayed within the Capture NX 2 browser. You can then open one or more images by double-clicking on them within the browser. 18 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Browsing and Opening Images File Format Differences Capture NX 2 supports three different file formats: NEF, TIFF, and JPEG.

NEF The NEF, or Nikon Electronic Format, was designed as the archive file format for your images. The NEF file format saves the complete contents of the Edit List palette along with the original image. All changes made to the image are stored separately within the file, enabling a non-destructive image editing workflow. NEF allows for relatively small file sizes with no loss in image quality. Within Capture NX 2, NEF images remain nearly the same size as the original image file, regardless of the number of enhancements that are applied within the image. A Please note: The file size of NEF files may increase slightly after being saved in Capture NX 2 due to the inclusion of a full resolution, high quality JPEG preview. This JPEG preview ensures that other applications can accurately display the current state of the image. This file size increase will occur only after the first save within Capture NX 2, while subsequent saves may cause small file size variations due to the inherent nature of the JPEG compression used on the embedded JPEG preview or due to the size of the JPEG preview having been changed with the Crop or Size / Resolution tools. There are two different types of NEF files: NEF RAW files and converted NEF files. NEF RAW files are created by a camera using the RAW file type option.

Converted NEF files are files that started off as either TIFF or JPEG files, but were saved as NEF using Capture NX 2 or a previous Nikon Capture application. Both NEF RAW files and converted NEF files benefit from the ability to store enhancements separate from the original image details. A Please note: Only NEF RAW files support changes to settings made within the camera and other RAW specific enhancements. NEF RAW File Support NEF RAW files are generated by all Nikon Digital SLR cameras as well as some COOLPIX cameras. Capture NX 2 provides support for NEF RAW files from the entire line of Nikon digital cameras that produce NEF RAW files.

For the latest information on supported digital cameras, visit the Nikon website for your area. For users in the U.S.A.: <http://www.nikonusa.com> For users in Europe and Africa: <http://www.europe-nikon.com/support> For users in Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East: <http://www.nikon-asia.com> TIFF TIFF is commonly used as a standard for high-quality image reproduction. Saving your image in TIFF will result in a file that contains the final state of your image as shown within Capture NX 2, with full image quality. Once an image is saved in TIFF and closed, you will not be able to change the edits previously applied to the image within the Edit List palette. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ File Format Differences 19 JPEG The JPEG file format is one of the most widely used file formats. This file format enables you to save a greater number of images using the same amount of hard disk space as the other file formats.

To create such a small file size, a form of compression is used that irreversibly affects the quality of the image. Because of this compression, it is recommended that you only use the JPEG file format when a small file size is required. Workflow Suggestions While there is no single workflow optimized for every image, there are some basic guidelines to consider. When using Capture NX 2 to edit images, the following order is recommended: 1 Start with characteristics that affect the entire image, such as removing digital noise, fixing color casts, and reducing tonal issues (such as brightness of contrast issues). 20 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Workflow Suggestions 2 Next, modify elements that affect only localized areas, such as blemishes and small distracting elements. 3 Then, apply effects that add a style or mood to the image. 4 Finally, prepare the image for output by resizing and sharpening. Following these simple guidelines can help improve the quality of your images and provide a more structured approach to enhancing your images. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Workflow Suggestions 21 Printing Capture NX 2 provides you with a full range of printing options. The print function is both easy and powerful, enabling you to create high quality, fully color managed prints.

You can select Print... from the File menu at any time to print the current image, or you can select multiple images from within the Browser palette to create a print package. Print packages are essentially a collection of images printed at the same time, often with more than one image appearing on the same page. Print packages make the most of your printer and paper, enabling you to create proof sheets so that you can review and select images based on the output, rather than the computer screen. Printing a Single Image Capture NX 2 provides you with a variety of different printing options for a single image. Printing an Image to Fill the Current Page To print an image so that it fills the entire page, follow these steps: 1 Navigate to the File menu and select Print... . 2 Ensure the Use Output Resolution checkbox is unchecked.



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22 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Printing 3 Click on the Select Layout option and choose 1 Photo on Page. 4 If the image's orientation is different from the paper you will print to (such as when you print a landscape oriented picture), check the Rotate to Fit option. 5 If desired, check the Crop Photos to Fit option to ensure the entire printable surface is utilized. If the image's aspect ratio is different from that of the paper, some image detail may be cropped away. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Printing 23 6 Review the settings within the "Color Management" tab and then click Print. Printing an Image Using the Settings Found Within the Size / Resolution Dialog To print an image using the size and resolution settings made with the Size / Resolution tool, follow these steps: 1 Ensure that the appropriate size and resolution are set for the image by navigating to the Edit menu and selecting Size / Resolution...

. If necessary, modify the settings and click OK. 2 Navigate to the File menu and select Print.... 24 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Printing 3 Check the Use Output Resolution option. If the image is larger than the page, click on the Page Setup button and select the appropriate paper size that the image will fit upon. 4 If the image's orientation is different from the paper you will print to (such as when you print a landscape oriented picture), check the Rotate to Fit option. 5 Review the settings within the "Color Management" tab and then click Print.

Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Printing 25 Printing contact sheets To print a series of images as a contact sheet, follow these steps: 1 Open the Browser palette and select the images you would like to print. To select multiple files, hold either the Shift key and click on the first and last images of a range, or hold the Ctrl (Windows) or command (Macintosh) keys while single-clicking on each additional file you want to add. To select all of the images in the current folder, navigate to the Edit menu and click on the Select All option, or use the shortcut Ctrl + A (Windows) or command + A (Macintosh). 2 Navigate to the File menu and select Print..

.. 3 Ensure the Use Output Resolution option is not selected. 26 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Printing 4 Click on the Select Layout option, and then in the provided pull-down menu, choose the number of images you would like to display on a single page. Alternatively, you can use the Select Picture Size option and select the size of each picture.

Capture NX 2 will automatically tile the available images to fit onto one or more pages. 5 6 7 Click on the page backward or page forward buttons to review the available pages. To add information about each picture, such as the file name, shooting data, or date shot, click on the Metadata... button. Review the settings within the "Color Management" tab and then click Print. For more information on the various options available in the "Print layout" window, please see "Print..."

" in Chapter 18, "File Menu". Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Printing 27 Batch Processing Batch processing is the automatic application of one or more enhancements to a series of images. Typically, a photographer will use a batch process to apply a predefined series of adjustments to several images at once. Capture NX 2 contains even more methods of batch processing than before. You can select a folder of images and select a series of enhancements to apply to those images, you can add an XMP/IPTC preset to a series of images, you can set up a live edit batch process, or you can set up a watched folder. Applying a series of enhancements to a folder of images 1 2 Enhance an image that is representative of the images that you would like to apply a batch process to.

Navigate to the Batch menu and select Save Adjustments....

This will call up the "Save Adjustments" dialog and let you create a settings file. 3 Check each of the checkboxes for the enhancements that you would like to apply in the batch process and provide a name for the settings file. Click OK. 28 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Batch Processing 4 Navigate to the Batch menu and select Run Batch Process..

.. You will then be presented with the Batch Process dialog. 5 Click on the Browse..

. button in the Source section and locate the folder of images you wish to process. 6 Check the Apply Settings checkbox, ensure that Use Settings File is selected, and click on the Browse... button. Locate the settings file created in step 3 and click OK. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Batch Processing 29 7 8 9 Check the Rename box if you would like to change the name of the processed files. Click on the Edit..

. button to call up the File Naming dialog and determine the naming convention for the processed images. Use the Select File Format pull-down menu to select the file format for the processed images. In the Destination section, select the folder that the processed images should be placed in and click OK. The Processing Queue will be displayed and the batch process will start. To pause the batch process, click on the Pause button within the Processing Queue. To prevent an image from being processed, highlight the image in the queue and then click on the Clear from list button under the queue. To cancel the process, click on the button to stop the batch process and close the Processing Queue. 30 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Batch Processing Adding XMP/IPTC data to a series of images using an XMP/IPTC preset 1 Open an image within Capture NX 2, open the Metadata palette, and add the desired XMP/IPTC data to an image. 2 Navigate to the Batch menu and select Save XMP/ IPTC Preset.

... Within the dialog that is displayed, select the checkboxes for each of the XMP/IPTC fields that you would like to apply to additional images, add a name for the XMP/IPTC preset, and click OK. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Batch Processing 31 3 Open the Browser palette and select the images you would like to apply the XMP/IPTC information to.

To select all of the images in the current folder, navigate to the Edit menu and choose Select All. 4 Navigate to the Batch menu, click on the Load XMP/ IPTC Preset menu, and then locate the XMP/IPTC preset that you saved in step 2. The XMP/IPTC information you added to the XMP/IPTC preset will then be added to all of the selected images. 32 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Batch Processing Converting NEF RAW files into JPEG or TIFF files Capture NX 2 can quickly and easily convert NEF RAW files that are produced by your Nikon digital camera into JPEG or TIFF files, which can then be opened and used by other applications. To convert your NEF RAW files into JPEG or TIFF files, follow these steps: To convert a folder of files from NEF RAW to JPEG or TIFF 1 Navigate to the Batch menu and select Run Batch Process.



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... 2 Within the Source section, click on the Browse... button to select the folder you wish to convert from NEF into JPEG or TIFF. 3 4 Next, ensure that the Apply settings checkbox is not checked. Check the Rename box if you would like change the name of the files as they are converted from NEF to JPEG or TIFF. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Converting NEF RAW files into JPEG or TIFF files 33 5 6 7 8 From the Select File Format pull-down menu, select the file format to convert the images to, either TIFF or JPEG.

Click on the Advanced show/hide triangle to control the options for the selected file format. For the Destination option, choose where the new JPEG or TIFF files should be placed by using the Select folder option to place them in a new folder or using the Use source folder option to place them in the same folder as the original NEF files. Click OK to add the files into the Processing Queue and start converting the files. You can check the status of the conversion process in the Processing Queue and you can pause the process by clicking on the Details show/hide triangle in the Processing Queue and clicking on the Pause button.

To cancel the process, click on the button to stop the batch process and close the Processing Queue. 34 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Converting NEF RAW files into JPEG or TIFF files To convert selected files from the Browser 1 Open the Browser palette and select the files you want to convert from NEF RAW to JPEG or TIFF. To select multiple files, either hold the Shift key and click on the first and last images of a range, or hold the Ctrl key (Windows) or command key (Macintosh) while single-clicking on each additional file you want to add. Navigate to the File menu and select Save As...

. Alternatively, you can use the keyboard shortcut of Ctrl + Shift + S (Windows) or command + shift + S (Macintosh). 2 3 In the Destination section, select either the Select folder option to choose a new folder to place the converted image files into or Use source folder to place the image files into the same folder as the original NEF files. Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Converting NEF RAW files into JPEG or TIFF files 35 4 In the File name section, select the file format to convert the images to, either TIFF or JPEG. 5 The Advanced section provides you with options for the selected file format.

Click Start to begin converting the files. 36 Chapter 6 -- Getting Started \ Converting NEF RAW files into JPEG or TIFF files Chapter 7 Preferences Preferences modify the default behavior of Capture NX 2. Preferences can be found either under the Edit menu in Windows or the Capture NX 2 menu in Macintosh. There are nine different categories of preferences: · General · Color Management · Levels & Sampling · Display · Cache Settings · XMP/IPTC Presets · Labels · Manage Settings · Workspaces Shortcut Ctrl + K (Windows) command + K (Macintosh) If Capture NX 2 displays unexpected behavior, the preferences may be damaged. Restoring preferences to their defaults may resolve this issue.

To restore the preferences to the default settings, click on the Reset button within the Preferences dialog. Chapter 7 -- Preferences 37 General Open With Application Choose this option to select the application you wish to use when opening files with the Open With... command in the File menu. Place Open With TIFF File In The Place Open With TIFF file in option allows you to determine where to place the TIFF files created by the Open With... command in the File menu. Check the Same as File checkbox to place the TIFF file created by the Open With.

.. command in the same folder as the source file. DIX RAW Default Use this option to set the default size of NEF RAW images taken with the DIX. This option utilizes a unique resizing algorithm to resize DIX images to a 10 megapixel equivalent image. Default Units Choose from inches and millimeters. 38 Chapter 7 -- Preferences \ General Default Save As Use this option to determine the default file type in the "Save As..." dialog.

The following options are available: · Same as original file Select the Same as original file option to set the default file type in the "Save As" dialog to the file type of the image being saved. · Previous file format Select the Previous file format option to set the default file type in the "Save As" dialog to the file type of the image that was last saved. · NEF · TIFF · JPEG Keep all Steps Active in Edit List Use this option to control how the editing of steps in the Edit List palette is handled. When this option is turned off, the editing of a step in the Edit List palette causes any following step to be temporarily disabled. When this option is turned on, steps will not be temporarily disabled, and you will be able to see the impact of the changes made with all steps being considered.

Please note, when this option is turned on, additional processing will be required as all enhancements will be processed in real time. Turning this option on is only recommended for computers with powerful processors. Folder for Temporary Data This option enables you to set the location where temporary data is stored. If possible, set this option to use a folder on a disk other than the primary startup disk. Chapter 7 -- Preferences \ General 39 Color Management

Default RGB Color Space Use this option to set the default RGB space that is used for your images.

Use This Instead of Embedded Profile This option causes Capture NX 2 to automatically convert the image from the embedded profile to the profile as defined in the Default RGB Color Space option. This option is automatically enabled if you selected the Always use the default RGB color space as the working color space option during installation. CMYK Separation profile This preference enables you to set the default separation profile to be used when saving CMYK

TIFF files. Printer Profile This preference enables you to set the default profile to use for your printer as well as within the soft proof feature. Use This Profile when printing Check this option to automatically change the color profile within the color management section of the print dialog to the profile set with the Printer Profile option. 40 Chapter 7 -- Preferences \ Color Management Intent Use this preference to set the default rendering intent for the various color management features throughout Capture NX 2. The different rendering intents control how colors from your image are made to fit into the colors that your printer can produce as indicated by the printer profile. A Please note: different printer and paper combinations, as well as the different software used to create printer profiles, benefit from different rendering intents. Experiment with the different rendering intents within your workflow to find the option that works best.



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