

HDR Efex Pro 2 Tutorial

HDR stands for High Dynamic Range. HDR works to balance the shadows and highlights of a photo so that neither are too dark or too bright. This is done by combining three different exposures into a single shot.

1. Start this tutorial near the beginning of the class hour.
2. Open Photoshop and lock the software to the left or right with Windows button & arrow button left or right.
3. Open Chrome and lock it to the other left or right with the Windows button & arrow button.
4. While in Photoshop, click File/Automate/Merge to HDR Efex Pro 2
5. Click the Open button and select the 3 images found in the following folder. S:\Team Drives\01 Murphy DD Common\02 Textbooks\Adobe CC\Photoshop 2018\Lesson Files\HDR_ExtraCredit
6. Click Merge Dialog
7. Check the Ghost Reduction box on the right, click through the 3 photos at the top and watch how the image changes. Since the cars move, you want to remove "ghosts" of the moving objects. Choose the middle photo (Street B)
8. Leave Alignment checked so it aligns the 3 images and leave Chromatic Aberration checked.
9. Click on the CREATE HDR button at the bottom right.
10. Go to this video <https://youtu.be/RZWSppelSFc> and start watching at the 10:02 minute mark.
11. Using the video as a guide make changes to your HDR photo in the order that he takes you through all of the options. Stop watching at 28:00 minutes
12. At the bottom of the preset library on the left, click on Custom and then click on the plus. Name your preset "yournamepreset.np" While hovering over your new preset thumbnail on the left click on the arrow in the upper right corner to export your preset. Export it to your To Be Graded Folder.
13. Click ok in the bottom right hand corner. Save your finished photo with the file name "yournamehdr.psd" in the To Be Graded folder.