

# Fix Dynamic Range

## Description:

Find a picture with a dynamic range problem. Good candidates are outdoor pictures where you have a very bright sky and a dark foreground. Fix the problem using Lightroom. If you have bracketed photos, use one of the HDR techniques from the lesson to fix it.

## Keys to Success:

- Rely on Lightroom for most changes. Often simply pulling down Highlights and increasing Shadows will fix the problem.
- Decreasing the Blacks a little bit is the “secret sauce” that adds contrast and realism to your changes.
- If you are looking for the most realistic HDR, use Photoshop.
- Be careful with your HDR. Some photographers get unreasonably upset about pictures with an “HDR look.”

## Upon Completion of this Assignment:

You can now fix a problem that has plagued photographers for a long time. Ever since film photographers went to small film this has been a problem – and it was exacerbated by the move to digital. These tools are simple and powerful – and getting more so all the time. Use them wisely.