Entagged: Script for Sony Cameras

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How to Preserve Metadata When Editing Sony Camera Images

SCRIPT INFORMATION

On Sony Cameras, the only available field for tracking is a non-standard EXIF field called "ImageID," identified by the EXIF Tag 0x2043. GotPhoto detects this field in JPEGs uploaded directly from the camera. However, when exporting images from Lightroom, converting RAW files, or otherwise editing the images, this field often gets stripped from the metadata. This is particularly important to note if you plan to shoot in RAW.

To address this issue, we have a script that copies the code from the ImageID field to the UserComment field. This remains intact after editing in Lightroom and can be viewed in the Metadata view within Lightroom and many other image editing tools. Additionally, the script can (optionally) rename the filenames to include the code that Entagged saves to the metadata. The script has been recently updated and simplified for faster performance.

MAC VERSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Download ExifTool:

Visit ExifTool and download the latest "MacOS Package."

The current version is available at ExifTool-12.78.dmg.

2. Install ExifTool:

- Double-click the downloaded .dmg file.
- Run the installer by double-clicking on ExifTool-12.78.pkg.

If you receive a warning about the developer, control-click (or right-click) the file and select
"Open," then confirm by selecting "Open" again.

3. Download the Script:

Download the script from EntaggedCopyToUserCommentAndRename.zip.

4. Unpack the Script:

Double-click the .zip file to unpack it.

5. Move the Application:

Optionally, move the EntaggedCopyToUserCommentAndRename.app to your /Applications folder.

6. Run the Script:

- Start the app by double-clicking it.
- If you encounter a warning about the developer, control-click (or right-click) the app and select "Open," then confirm by selecting "Open" again.
- Select a folder containing your images (ensure you have a backup of your originals before running the script).

7. Verify the Changes:

Once the script is complete, open one of the images in Preview, press CMD+I to open the inspector, click the (i) tab, and then the EXIF tab. You should see the User Comment field now contains the relevant data.

WINDOWS VERSION INSTRUCTIONS

The Windows version of the script is available <u>here</u>. This version works slightly differently from the Mac version. Detailed instructions are included in the zip file. Remember to run the script on the

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image folder directly from the camera before importing it into Lightroom or other editing tools, and always make a backup first.