

Curves Adjustment Layer

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Goal is to Enhance images by:

- ◆ *Adjusting brightness*
- ◆ *Adjusting contrast*
- ◆ *Performing color corrections*

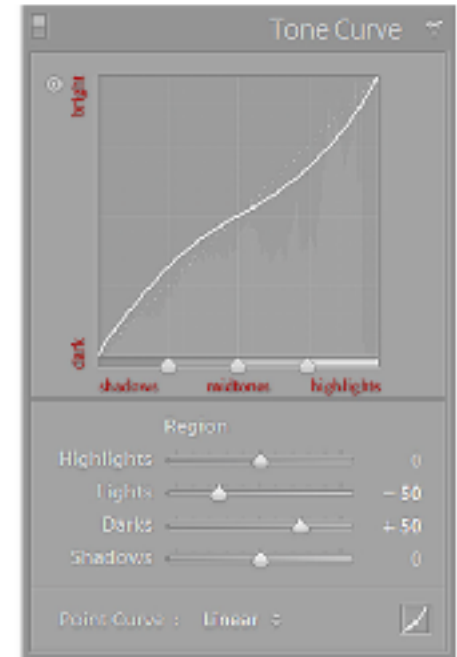
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3 Methods to Accomplish Tasks

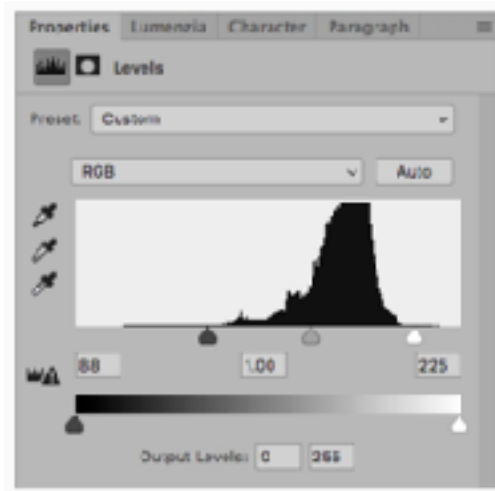
- ◆ *Lightroom Tone Curve Adjustment Tool*
- ◆ *Photoshop Levels Adjustment Tool*
- ◆ *Photoshop Curves Adjustment Tool*

Lightroom Tone Curve

- ◆ Adjustments to increase/decrease dark and white tones
- ◆ Targets changes to smaller areas
- ◆ Adjust by dragging the curve itself or sliders
- ◆ Adjust by using the Automated Lightroom tool - click little dot at the top left and then click-and-drag on a particular tone range or area of image.
- ◆ Works with Color Channels
- ◆ Aids by keeping a smooth tonal transition - prevents drastic change



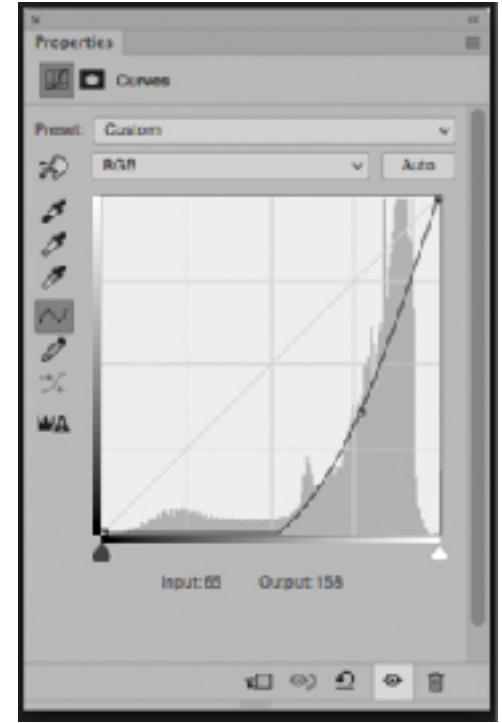
Photoshop Levels Adjustment



- ◆ *Adjust intensity levels of image shadows, midtones and highlights*
- ◆ *Adjust Output Levels - Not Recommended for use*
- ◆ *Changes are global*
- ◆ *Great for making broader changes to image*

Preferably Use Photoshop Curves Tool

- ◆ *Custom lightening-brightening*
- ◆ *Provides 256 levels of tone color controls on each color channel and Master channel*
- ◆ *Place control points anywhere along the Master (RGB) Curve*
- ◆ *Quantitative control*
- ◆ *Accurate color corrections - Specific key areas of an image*
- ◆ *Apply Dramatic Creative Changes*
- ◆ *Summary: Curves is Levels on Steroids*



uTube References

Go into Google and search for the following names:

- ◆ *Photoshop - Curves Adjustment 101 by Helen Bradley*
- 21 minutes
- ◆ *Working with Curves Adjustment Layer for Creative Editing by Photo Tom*
- 7 minutes