

Nikon Capture NX "How To..." Series

Article 17: How to use the "Labels" option.

Purpose: Attaching labels to image thumbnails using different methods to best organize and manage photos.

Option 1 - Categorizing images using labels.

Option 2 - Attaching labels.

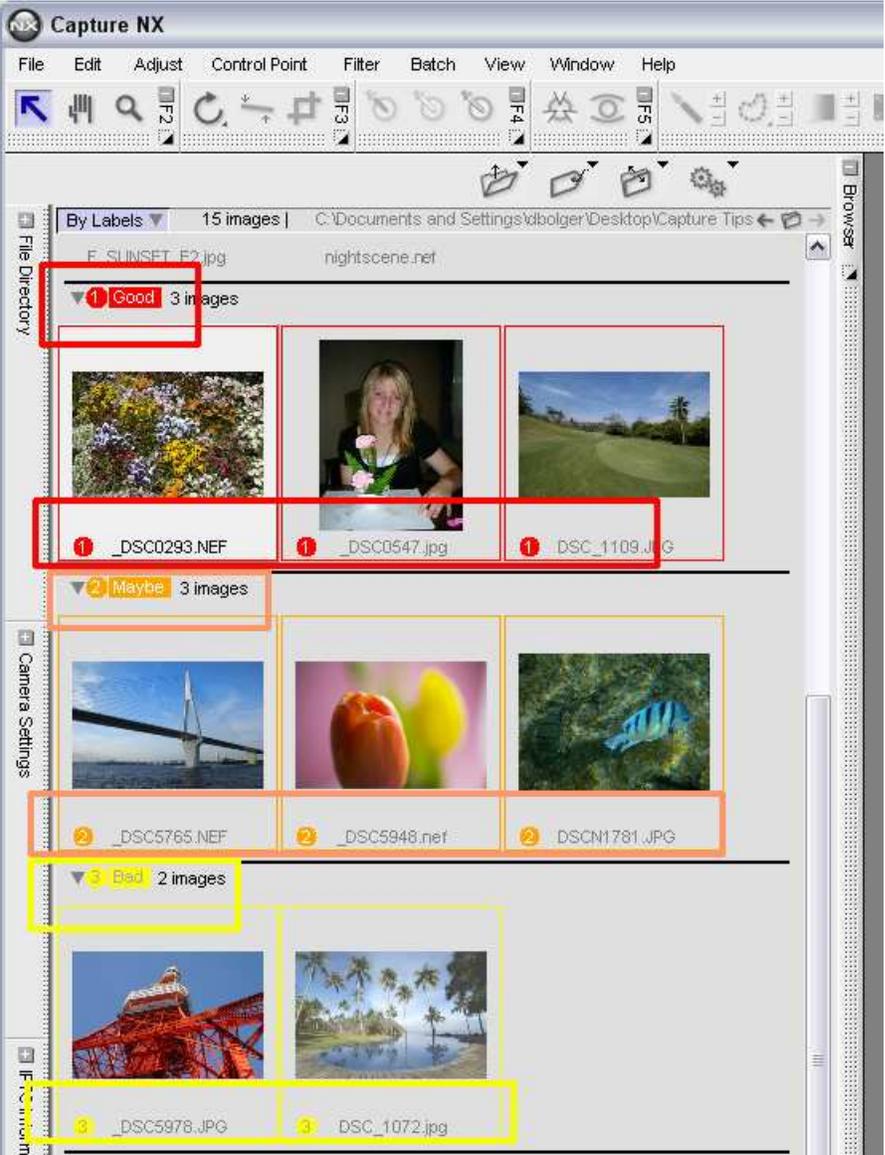
Option 3 - Moving and sorting images by labels.

Option 4 - Customizing and changing the number of labels.

Option 1 - Attach labels to easily categorize images.

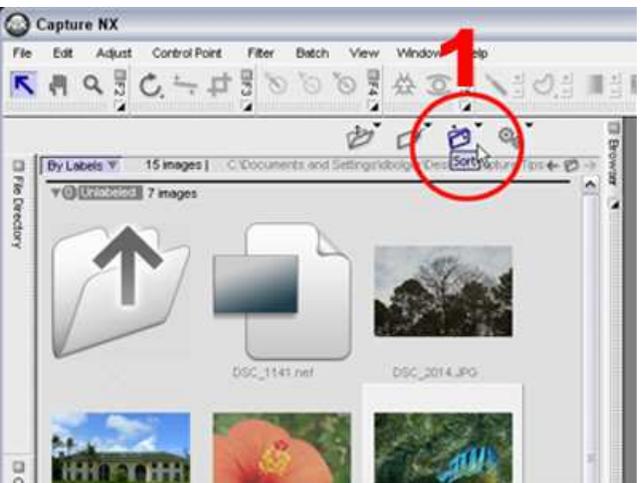
Initially, 4 types of labels are available, with the default names Good, Maybe, Bad, and Unlabeled. When images to which labels have been attached are sorted, they will be grouped and displayed by their labels. This makes it easier to find and manage your images. (See "Option 2 - Attaching labels" for details attaching labels.)

The image below shows how the labeled images may be grouped into Color, Number, and Name for easy recognition and sorting.

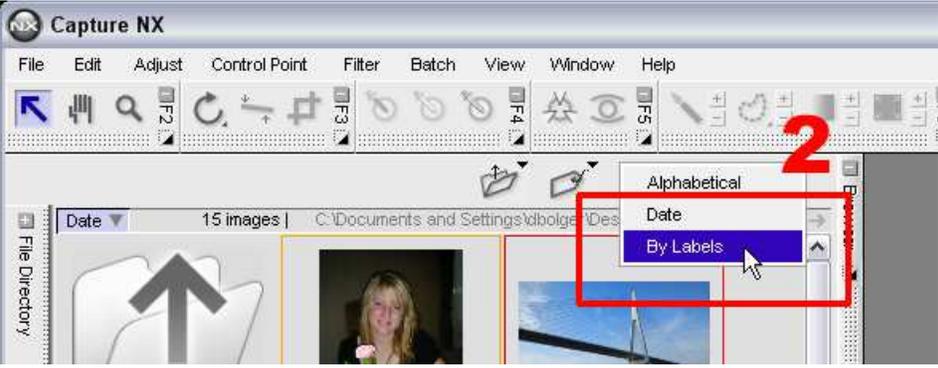


Sort by labels:

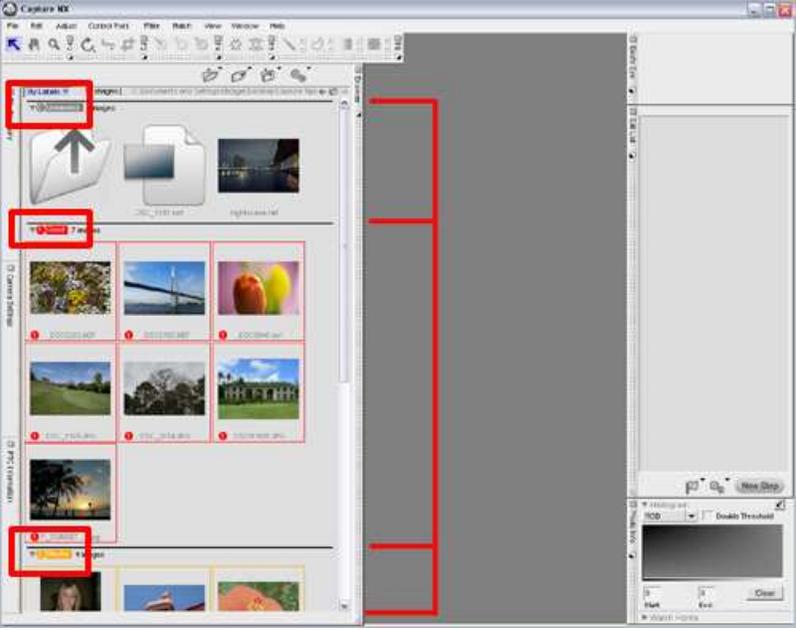
1) Open your Browser to view your thumbnail images in any given folder. Click the "Sort" folder



2) Select "By Labels".



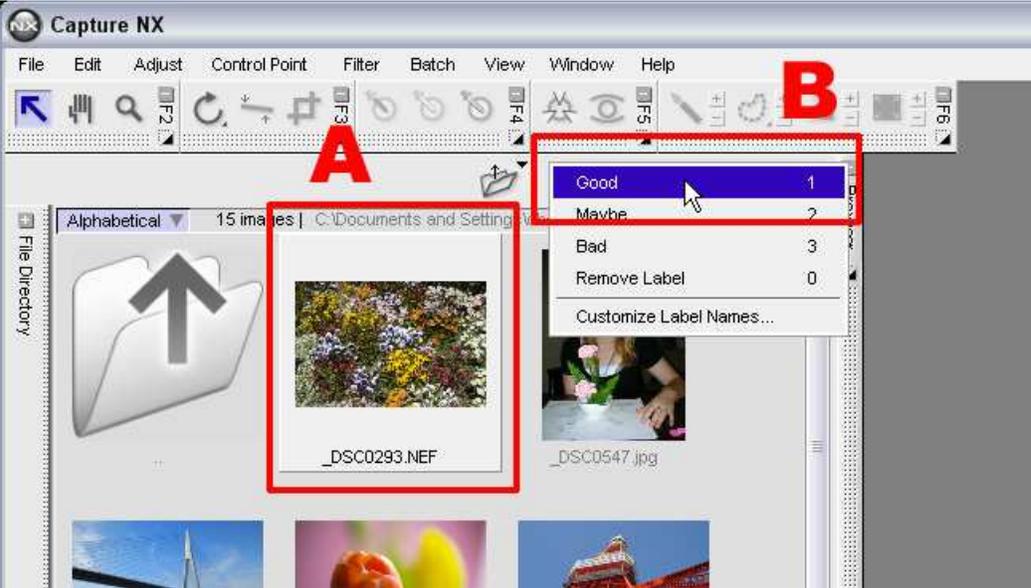
The thumbnails are grouped initially as "Unlabeled" (top), "Good", "Maybe", and "Bad" (bottom). The rest of the 9 categories are just numbered, you can add whatever names you like. The image below shows I have moved 7 thumbnail images into the "Good" category, and 3 thumbnails into the "Maybe" category using the 'drag and drop' method.



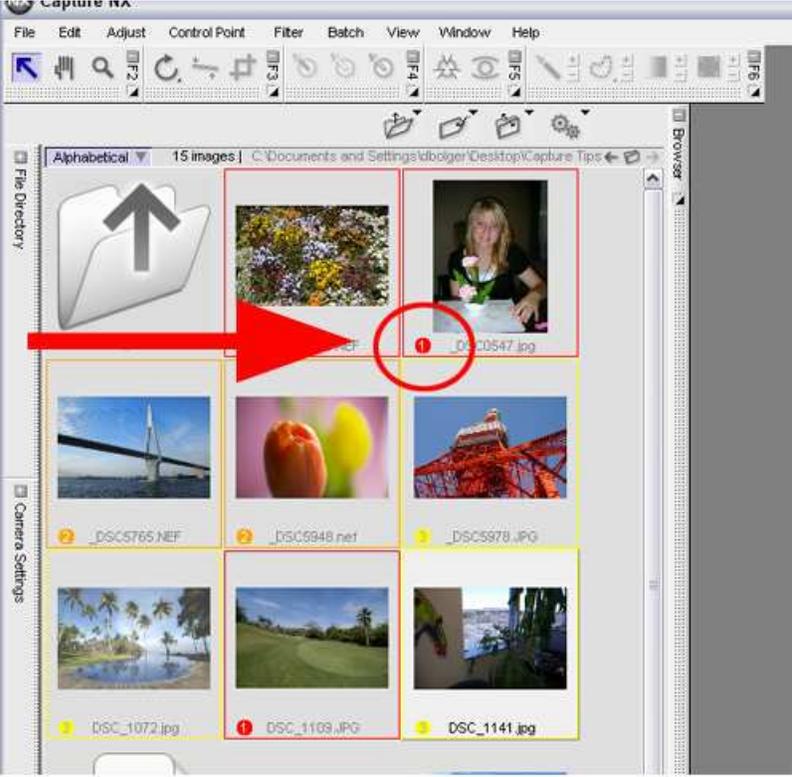
Option 2 - Attaching labels.

There are 3 ways to attach labels. All 3 methods are applied in the browser.

- (1) Select one or more images (A) and choose the desired label from the Sort folder / Label menu (B). (See Sort by Labels above.)
- (2) Select one or more images (A). Right-click on one of the selected images (A) and choose the desired label from the "Label" menu (B).
- (3) Select one or more images and press 0, 1, 2, or 3, corresponding to the desired label, on the keyboard, up to a total of nine.



When any of the 3 operations described above are performed, labels are applied to images as indicated below.

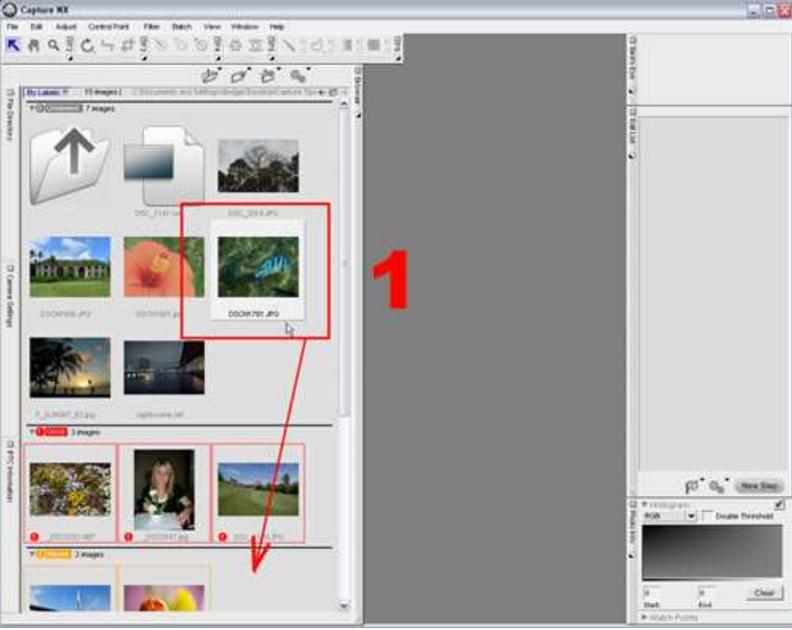


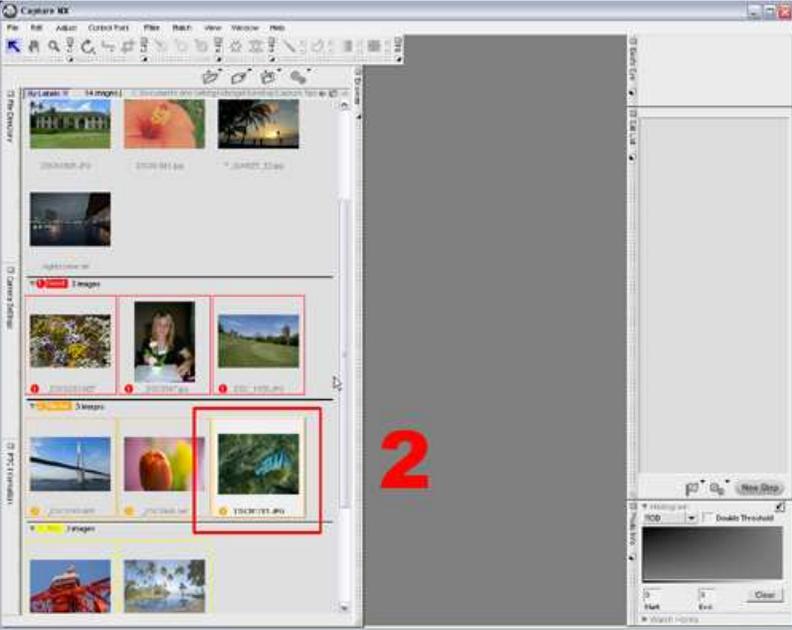
Changing and Removing labels: The same operations described above can be used to change the labels attached to images. Similarly, labels can be removed by selecting images and choosing "Remove Label" from the "Label" menus with operations (A) and (B) above, or by pressing "0" on the keyboard's number pad.

Option 3 - Moving images sorted by label.

When images are sorted by label, they are displayed in groups with the same labels attached. When images are moved from one group to another, the labels attached to the images are automatically changed to the label corresponding to the group to which they were moved.

- 1) Click on a thumbnail and hold, drag to a different label category, and let go,
- 2) (Drop) thumbnail anywhere in the new category.



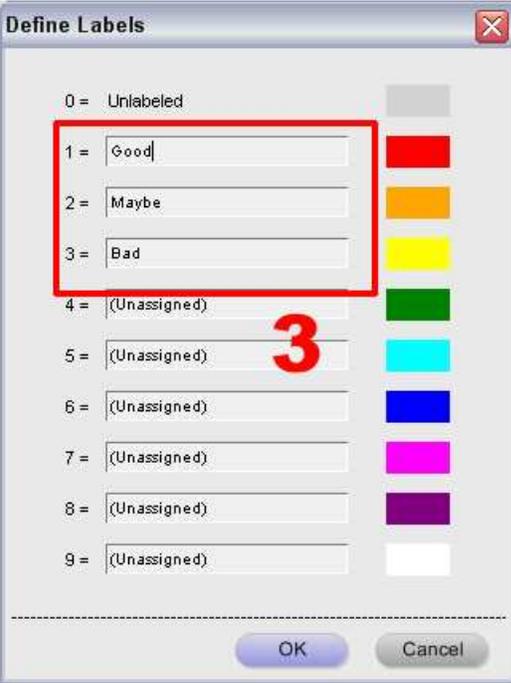


Automatic Sorting: When "By Labels" is selected for the sorting method, images are automatically and immediately re-sorted to their new groups whenever labels are attached to previously unlabeled images or the labels attached to images are changed.

Option 4 - Customizing labels and changing the number of labels.

- 1) Select the Label menu.
- 2) Select Customize Label Names.
- 3) Modify label names in the "Define Labels" dialog. When "Unassigned" is specified, that label is not displayed in the Label menu.
- 4) When changes are complete, click OK.
- 5) Contents of the Label Menu will change accordingly.
- 6) New category names appear in the "Label" menu.





Landscape	1
Flowers	2
Still Life	3
Portrait	4
Friends	5
Family	6
Remove Label	0
Customize Label Names...	

Label default settings are as shown above left. The screenshot above right shows customized labels. A maximum of 9 labels can be used.