



# Synchronize! X Plus Basic Guide



## Introduction

'Synchronize X Plus' is a file synchronising software package which compares the contents of 2 folders or volumes and copy across what is needed so that both folders are the same or 'synchronised'. This makes a very useful backup system by comparing the master session folder on your audio drive with the backup copy on a backup drive and within a few moments update the backup drive to match the session folder on your audio drive.

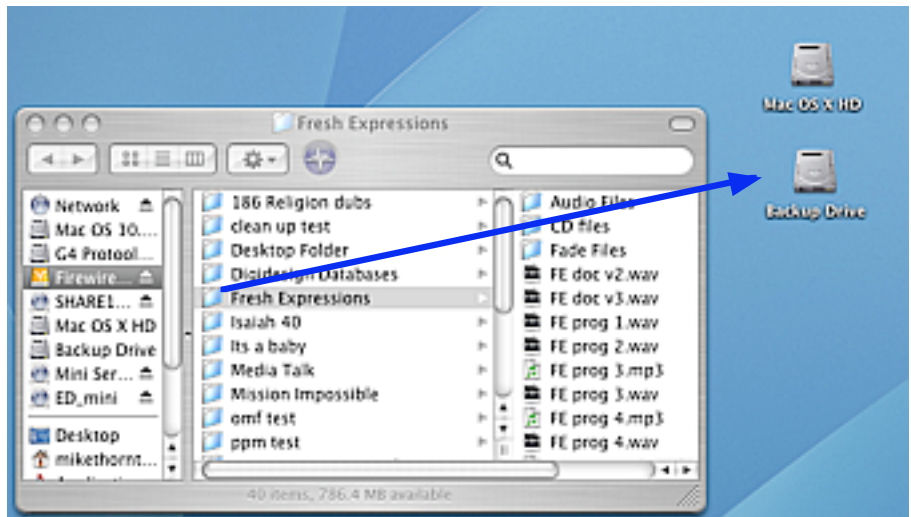
### To use Sync X Plus to backup your Pro Tools Session

#### Stage 1

Create your Pro Tools session as normal and after loading some audio either from flash cards or playing it in from minidisc, DAT etc, and maybe done some work, stop and Quit Pro Tools.

Locate your session folder on your audio drive and drag it to the backup drive. This will cause the computer to copy the session folder with all its audio files etc onto the backup drive.

Once this 'copy stage' has completed you can continue working on your Pro Tools session.



## Stage 2

At your next break - Quit Pro Tools

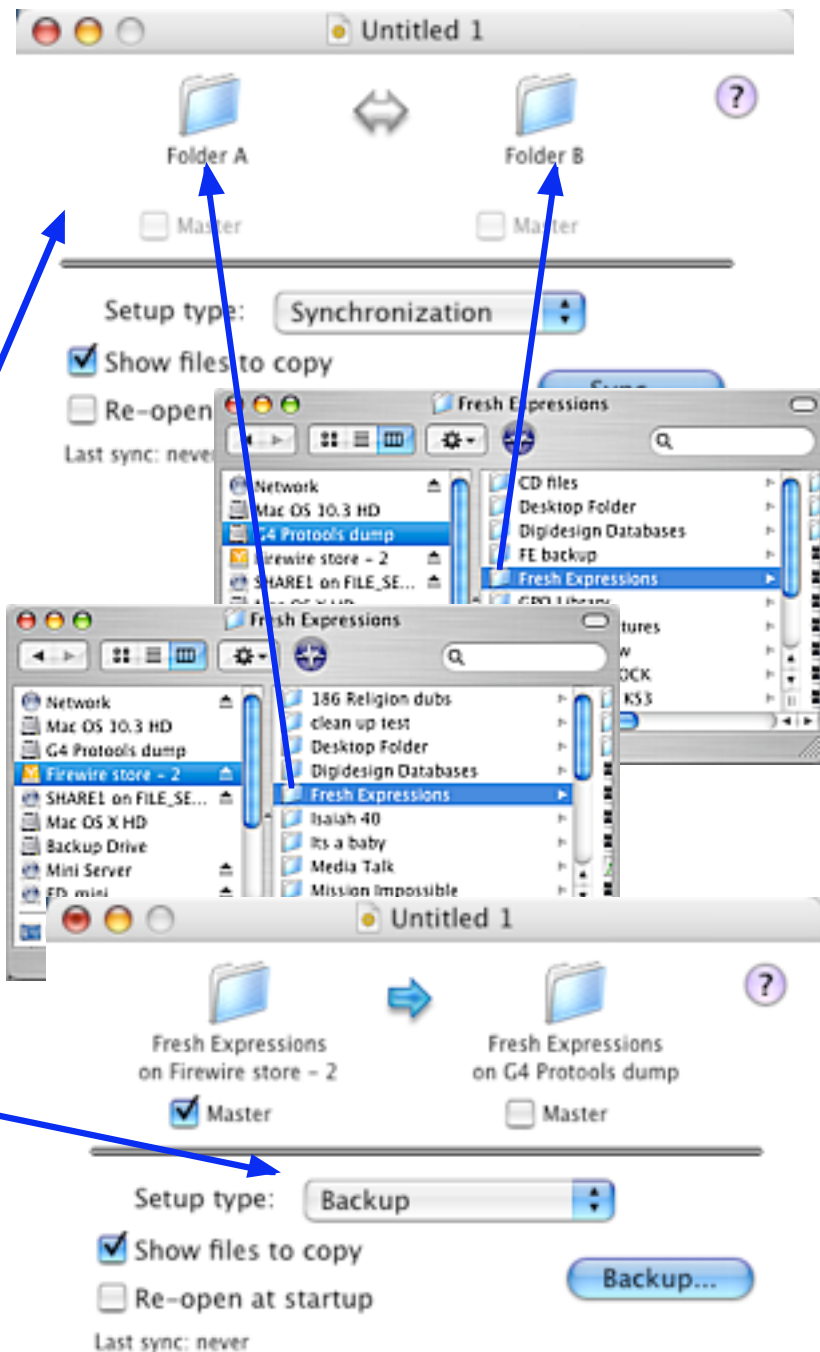
Then run 'Sync X' - its the yellow gear wheel icon should be in the Dock or find it in the Applications Folder.

A blank Sync X window will open like this one.

Drag the session folder from the users firewire drive and drop it onto Folder A.

Drag the session folder copy from the backup drive and drop it onto folder B

Make sure 'Setup type' is set to Backup and then click on the Backup button.

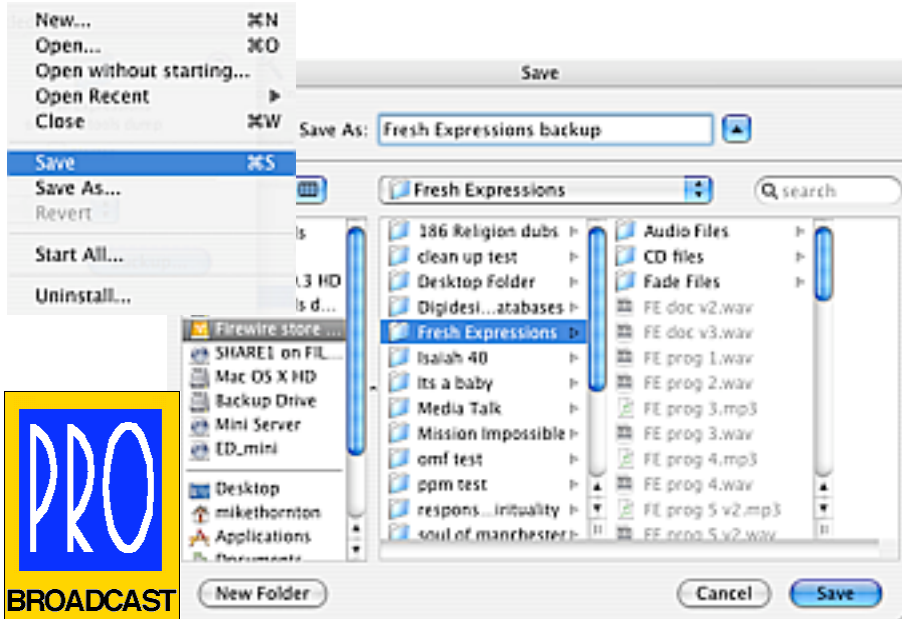




A window will then open like this one showing what files will be copied.

Double check that the left hand list is files on your audio drive and the right hand list is files on your backup drive and all the arrows are going left to right.

When you are happy then click on the Start button and a progress window will open and in a few seconds Sync X will have updated the backup folder.



Finally select Save from Sync X's File menu and name the Sync X document 'session name backup' where session name is replaced by your session name and save it inside the session folder on your audio drive.



### Stage 3

From now on to keep the backup up to date, all you need to do is to quit Pro Tools.

Then double click on the session name backup document in the session folder on your audio drive.

Click Backup , check the list as before and then Start as above and again the session will be fully backed up in seconds.

No waiting hours whilst a tape drive works slowly through your session.

Another advantage is that the 'backup' is ready to go. No restoring off a tape drive and having to wait before you can use the backup. The session is 'ready to go' on your backup drive if your audio drive where ever to fail completely.

