



Project sharing made easy.

# User Guide

For Project Sync version 3.0

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# Installing Project Sync 3

Simply copy the provided **ProjectSync.jsxbin** into your "ScriptUI Panels" folder.

**Windows:** After Effects [ *version #* ]/Support Files/Scripts/ScriptUI Panels/

**Mac:** After Effects [ *version #* ]/Scripts/ScriptUI Panels/

You will need to restart After Effects if it was running when you installed the .jsxbin file.

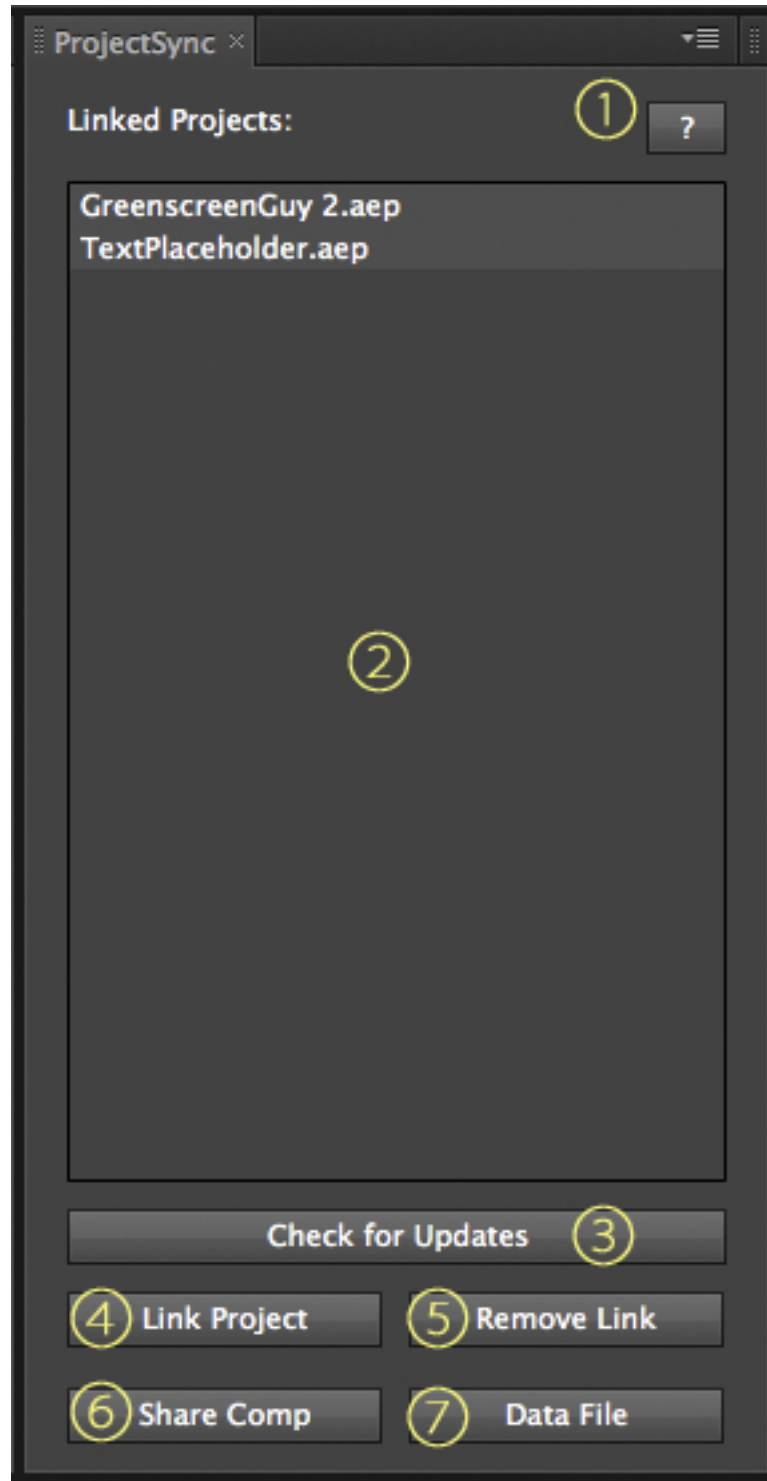
When correctly installed, you will find Project Sync under the Window menu in After Effects ( **ProjectSync.jsxbin** ).

## Quick Start Guide

See the “[Check for Updates](#)”, “[Link Project](#)”, and “[Share Comp](#)” sections to get up and running with Project Sync 3. And be sure to check out the “[Usage Limitations](#)” section before you get started.

**Recommended:** You can watch a video walk-thru here: <https://vimeo.com/68110133>

# User Interface



1.) “?” *button* :

Pressing this button will display the current version of Project Sync.

2.) “Linked Projects” *listbox* :

All of the currently linked project files will be displayed in this listbox. You will need to manually update the list display when you load a new project. To do this, simply press the “**Check for Updates**”(3) button.

3.) “Check for Updates” *button* :

Press this button to check for updates to all files located in your Watched Projects list. You will be notified if a **new version** or **increment** of the file is located. You can also press this button to refresh the “**Linked Projects**”(2) listbox if you have opened a new project.

4.) “Link Project” *button* :

You will use this option if you have already imported a project into your working project and want to watch it for updates.

1. Simply select the Imported Project's folder in the project panel.
2. Click “**Link Project**”(4) in your Project Sync panel.
3. Locate the .AEP that you imported and click “open”.
4. That's it! Your Project should now be displayed in the “**Linked Projects**”(2) list in the Project Sync panel. To check for updates, use the “**Check for Updates**”(3) button.

5.) “Remove Link” *button* :

This option will remove the selected item from the “**Linked Projects**”(2) listbox.

#### 6.) “[Share Comp](#)” button :

You will use this option if you have a **comp** that you would like to **export** to another user.

1. Simply select the comp that you'd like to share in the project panel.
2. Click “**Share Comp**”(6) in your Project Sync panel.
3. Click “ok” to save the current project.
4. You will now enter a name for the **new** project that has been created from your **comp**. By default it will be the same name as the selected composition.
5. Once saved, the new project will be imported into your project and replace the original comp.
6. That's it! Your Project should now be displayed in the “**Linked Projects**”(2) listbox in the Project Sync panel. You can check for updates with the “Check for Updates” button.

#### 7.) “[Data File](#)” button :

This option is for setting the location of an external text file that Project Sync will write your linked project information to. This is only used by the **Sync Assist** external application. Please see the “[Sync Assist](#)” section for more information.

*[ **Note:** The data file is a small text file that will only be updated when you perform an operation in Sync. ]*

# Sync Assist



*When run, Sync Assist adds an icon to your menu bar (mac), or system tray (win).*

**\*Recommended:** Watch a video walk-thru of Sync Assist here: <https://vimeo.com/68110132>

Sync Assist is an optional external application that can be used with Project Sync 3 to provide notifications to users when a watched file has been updated or a file increment has been discovered. The icon will become red and spin when a new update is available.

## To use Sync Assist with the Project Sync 3 script, just follow these steps :

1. In After Effects, click on the “**Data File**” button located on the Project Sync panel.
2. You will be asked to select a location for your data file to be created, this can be anywhere that you have access to. Make note of this location for the next step.
3. Click the “**Check for Updates**”(3) button located on the Project Sync panel, this will create the data file at the location you selected in the previous step. From this point all new Linked Project information will be stored In this file.
4. Open the Sync Assist external application. If you have not previously entered a data file location you will be prompted to find one.

## Notification Delivery Method

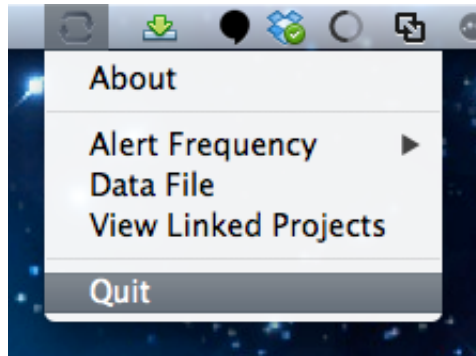
### Mac

- OSX 10.8 will use Notification Center
- OSX versions below 10.8 will attempt to use **Growl** ( <http://growl.info/downloads> )
- If Growl is unavailable notifications will be displayed as System Alert boxes.

### Win

- Standard Tooltip display above Sync Assist icon in the tray.

## Sync Assist Menu Options



“About” menu option :

Pressing this button will display the current version of Sync Assist.

“Alert Frequency” menu option(s) :

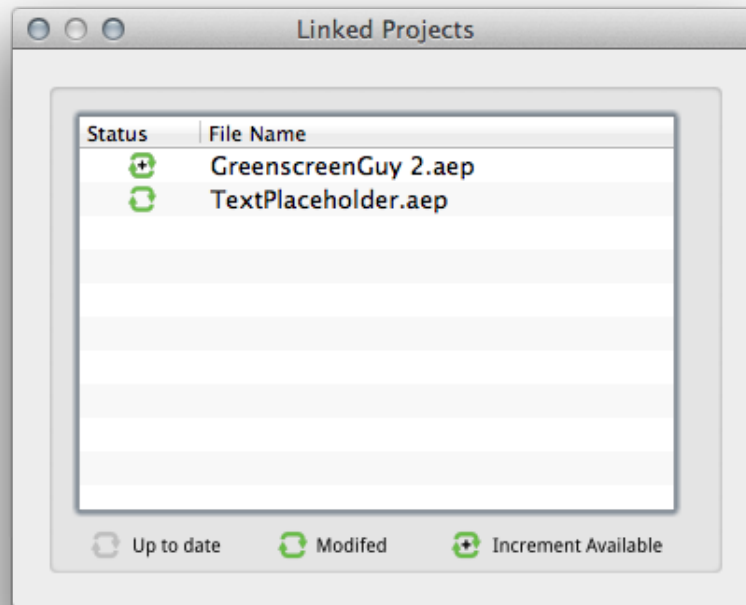
This sub-menu allows you to control how frequently Sync Assist will look for *increments* of the Linked Projects. You will always **immediately** be notified of updates to the files listed in your Linked Projects listbox, but locating increments requires an additional search. ( Example: You're watching Comp 1.aep and Comp 2.aep is created. You will receive a notification that Comp 2.aep may be available as an increment for Comp 1.aep. )

**Note:** You can use the **“Update Now”** option to force a search for increments and file updates.

“Data File” menu option :

Pressing this button will display the current location of the Data File that Sync Assist is using. You will also be given the option to change this location.

“View Linked Projects” menu option :



Pressing this button will display the Linked Projects window which provides the status of each linked project. The “Status” column will let you know if a file has been updated, or if an increment is available. If no changes have been made to the project, you will see a greyed out icon that represents an “Up to Date” project link.



# Usage Limitations

The only known limitation of Project Sync is that you **must not** remove the folder that is created when you import your project. Project Sync uses this folder as a guide to locate all of the content that was imported. You are free to move the files and folders around wherever you'd like, Project Sync will be able to find them.

## Find a bug? Have ideas for a new feature?

If you discover any bugs with Project Sync 3 or have an idea for additional functionality, please let me know. I love hearing about new concepts and ideas that could be implemented into Project Sync.

I am also actively looking to localize Project Sync 3. Please contact me if you are fluent in any language other than English. I will provide a free copy of Project Sync to anyone who can help.

You can contact me directly: [chris@roemedia.com](mailto:chris@roemedia.com) or in the Project Sync 3 forum on AEScripts.com