

Projects

One document that contains everything

What is a Project?

Looking to the real-world for a metaphor, a Curio project can be a simple notebook or a stuffed binder, depending on the complexity of your project.

For example, you may create a relatively simple project for a family vacation trip containing itineraries, flight and hotel details, maps, photos, web clippings, reviews, and notes.

Or, you may have a complex client design project with a project dossier and multiple sections each containing hundreds of idea spaces organized within dozens of folders.

Your project is represented in the Finder as a package file. A package file is a special type of file in Mac OS X which can contain any number of files within it. It's technically a folder or subdirectory but the Mac shows it as a normal file.

This means that your Curio project file can be stored anywhere on your hard disk or network server. The usual spot is your personal Documents folder. However, you may have a user folder on a shared network server. Or you may want to store your project in a automatically synced folder such as a Dropbox folder (see www.dropbox.com) so all changes to the project are instantly synced between multiple Macs (if so we have some important tips regarding Dropbox in Appendix B).

A real-world project is your class, your thesis, your ad campaign, your next product release, your lab experiment, or your next sermon. Your Curio project is the same thing on your Mac. It contains everything related to your project including notes, sketches, files, web links, images, brainstormings, ..., everything!

With a Curio project you keep all that *stuff* in one easy-to-manage file in the Finder. *Everything* is stored within that file package. This means backups are a piece of cake and you don't have to hunt all of your hard disk looking for all the related items.