

Support Folder Syncing

Syncing your Curio support folders

Syncing of App Support Folders

Here are the steps to follow if you want to sync your personal Curio application support folder or personal repository folder between your Macs via Dropbox.

The Curio *application support folder* contains all support files for Curio including your personal repository (which includes your styles, tags, idea space templates, and stencils), as well as Sleuth sites, keyboard shortcuts, and other items. By default this is ~/Library/Application Support/Curio/Version XX.

The Curio *personal repository folder* is normally a subfolder within the application support folder. As mentioned above, it contains your styles, tags, idea space templates, and stencils. By default this is ~/Library/Application Support/Curio/Version XX/Repository.

Note the Version XX subfolders are used to compartmentalize all the support files for a specific major release of Curio. Files will automatically be migrated from an earlier release to the newest release when it is first launched. That way you can trial a new Curio without worrying about modifications to support files that earlier versions of Curio may need.

After following these steps adding a new personal figure style, for example, will instantly appear on your other machines for use in Curio. It's definitely pretty cool and lots of fun.

Please be mindful of the syncing issues mentioned above. If you make changes to your personal application support folder then wait for all changes to sync up to the Dropbox cloud before sleeping or turning off your Mac. Likewise, on your other Macs, wait for all sync changes to be downloaded so you don't end up with a partial repository hierarchy.

As always, backups are a great idea to make sure you don't lose any repository information due to a bad sync.

Syncing Your Personal Repository Folder

1. Quit Curio on all of your Macs that you intend to sync.
2. On Your Main Mac:
 - a. In the Finder, choose Go > Go to Folder and paste this in: ~/Library/Application Support/Curio.
 - b. Open another Finder window and go to your Dropbox folder.
 - c. Create a folder in Dropbox named "Curio", thus its path is ~/Dropbox/Curio.
 - d. Drag-and-drop the Repository folder from within the ~/Library/Application Support/Curio/Version XX/ folder to the Dropbox's Curio folder, thereby creating "~/Dropbox/Curio/Repository".
 - e. Launch Applications > Utilities > Terminal and type this:
defaults write com.zengobi.curio "Personal Repository Folder" -string "~/Dropbox/Curio/Repository"
 - f. When you relaunch Curio it will automatically migrate your repository files into a Version XX subfolder within the Repository folder then connect to the files.
3. On your other Macs launch Applications > Utilities > Terminal and type this:
defaults write com.zengobi.curio "Personal Repository Folder" -string "~/Dropbox/Curio/Repository"
4. That's it! Now all your Macs are pointing to the same personal repository folder which exists on Dropbox instead of the default location.
5. Note that the repository override should point to the Repository folder itself, not a Version XX subfolder. Curio will look for and manage the Version XX folder automatically so that Curio 11 looks within Version 11 and Curio 12 will look within Version 12.

Sharing Your Personal Repository Folder with Others

1. Follow the steps above to relocate your personal repository folder to Dropbox.
2. In the Finder, right-click on the Repository folder in Dropbox and choose Share. You will be taken to Dropbox's website where you can invite others to have access to that folder.
3. When others accept your share invitation they will see a new shared folder titled "Repository" appear within their Dropbox folder.
4. They are able to rename and even move this folder elsewhere within their Dropbox folder hierarchy. For example, if your name is Tom then perhaps they rename "Repository" to "Tom" and move it into a ~/Dropbox/Shared Repositories folder. Even though the folder has been renamed and moved it is still connected to and syncing with with Tom's original Repository folder.
5. Next, they launch Curio and bring up the Preferences window and add a new external repository by choosing the ~/Dropbox/Shared Repositories/Tom folder.
6. When they relaunch Curio, your styles, stencils, and templates will now be available on your friend's machine. As you add new styles and stencils they will sync to everyone sharing your repository.

Syncing the Entire Application Support Folder

1. Quit Curio on all of your Macs that you intend to sync.
2. On Your Main Mac:
 - a. In the Finder, choose Go > Go to Folder and paste this in: ~/Library/Application Support.
 - b. Open another Finder window and go to your Dropbox folder.
 - c. Create a folder in Dropbox named "Application Support", thus its path is ~/Dropbox/Application Support.
 - d. Drag-and-drop the Curio folder from Library's Application Support folder to the Dropbox's Application Support folder, thereby creating "~/Dropbox/Application Support/Curio".
 - e. Launch Applications > Utilities > Terminal and type this:
defaults write com.zengobi.curio "Application Support Folder" -string "~/Dropbox/Application Support/Curio"
3. On your other Macs launch Applications > Utilities > Terminal and type this:
defaults write com.zengobi.curio "Application Support Folder" -string "~/Dropbox/Application Support/Curio"
4. That's it! Now all your Macs are pointing to the same application support folder which exists on Dropbox instead of the default location.
5. Note that the application support override should point to the Curio folder itself, not a Version XX subfolder. Curio will look for and manage the Version XX folder automatically so that Curio 11 looks within Version 11 and Curio 12 will look within Version 12.