

Final Cut Pro: Trashing Corrupted Preferences

If Final Cut Pro will not open or shows a green background in the Canvas or Viewer, then most likely your preferences are corrupted. You will need to trash your preferences.

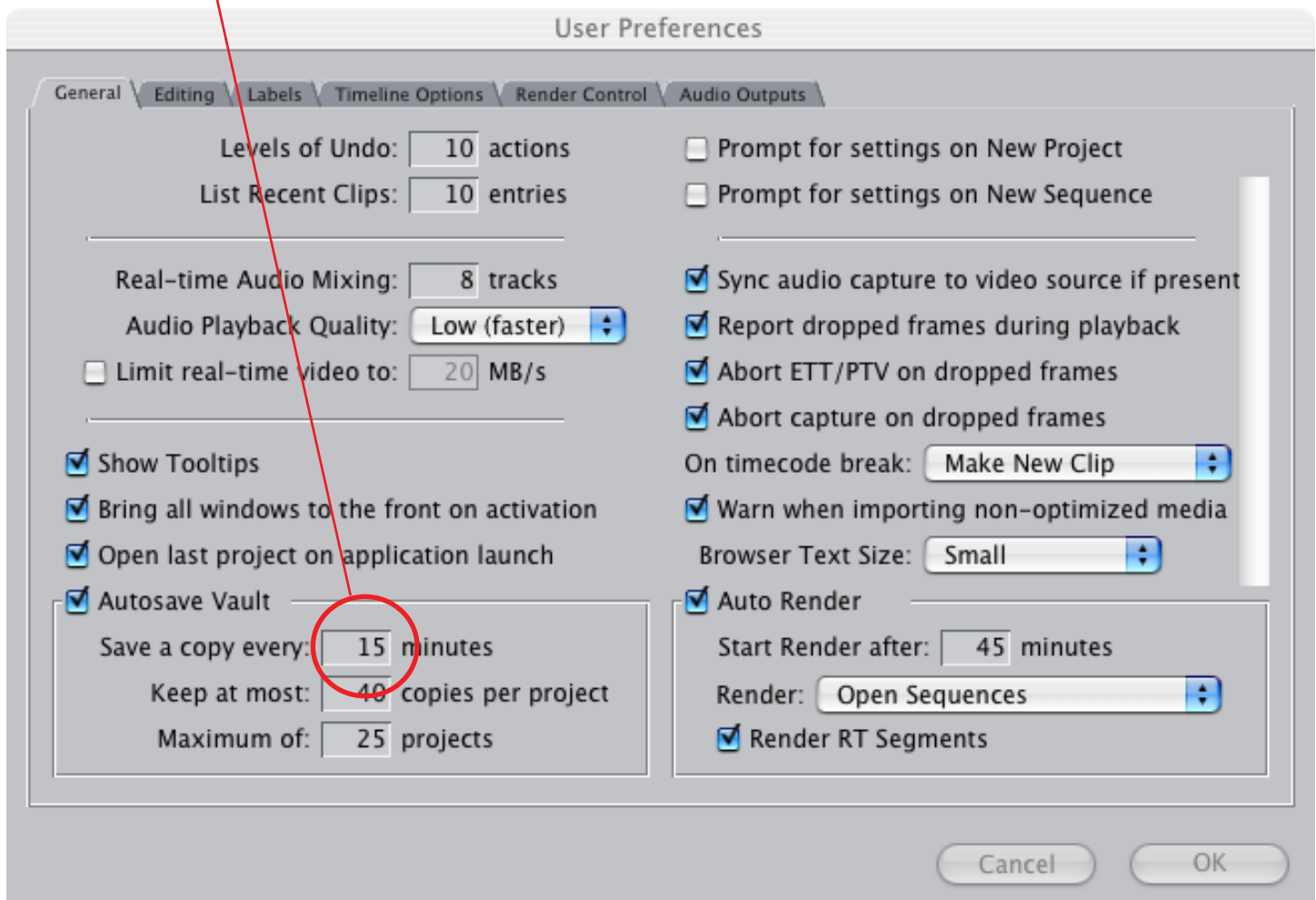
- 1) Navigate to MacData/Library/Preferences.
- 2) Move the following files and folders to the trash:
 - com.apple.FinalCutPro.plist
 - Final Cut Pro User Data [folder]
 - Final Cut Pro User Settings [folder]

If you don't have all of these files and folders, then trash the ones you do have.

- 3) Empty your trash.
- 4) Open Final Cut Pro.
- 5) When the "Choose Setup" window opens, click the "Primary Scratch Disk pop-up menu and select "Choose Folder..." and select your scratch folder, either on the Scratch## drive or your Firewire drive.
- 5) Once Final Cut Pro is open, you should reset the following preferences found in the Final Cut Pro menu:
 - User Preferences --> "Save a copy every: ## Minutes" dialogue box.
 - System Settings --> Scratch Disks tab
 - Audio/Video Settings --> AV Devices tab

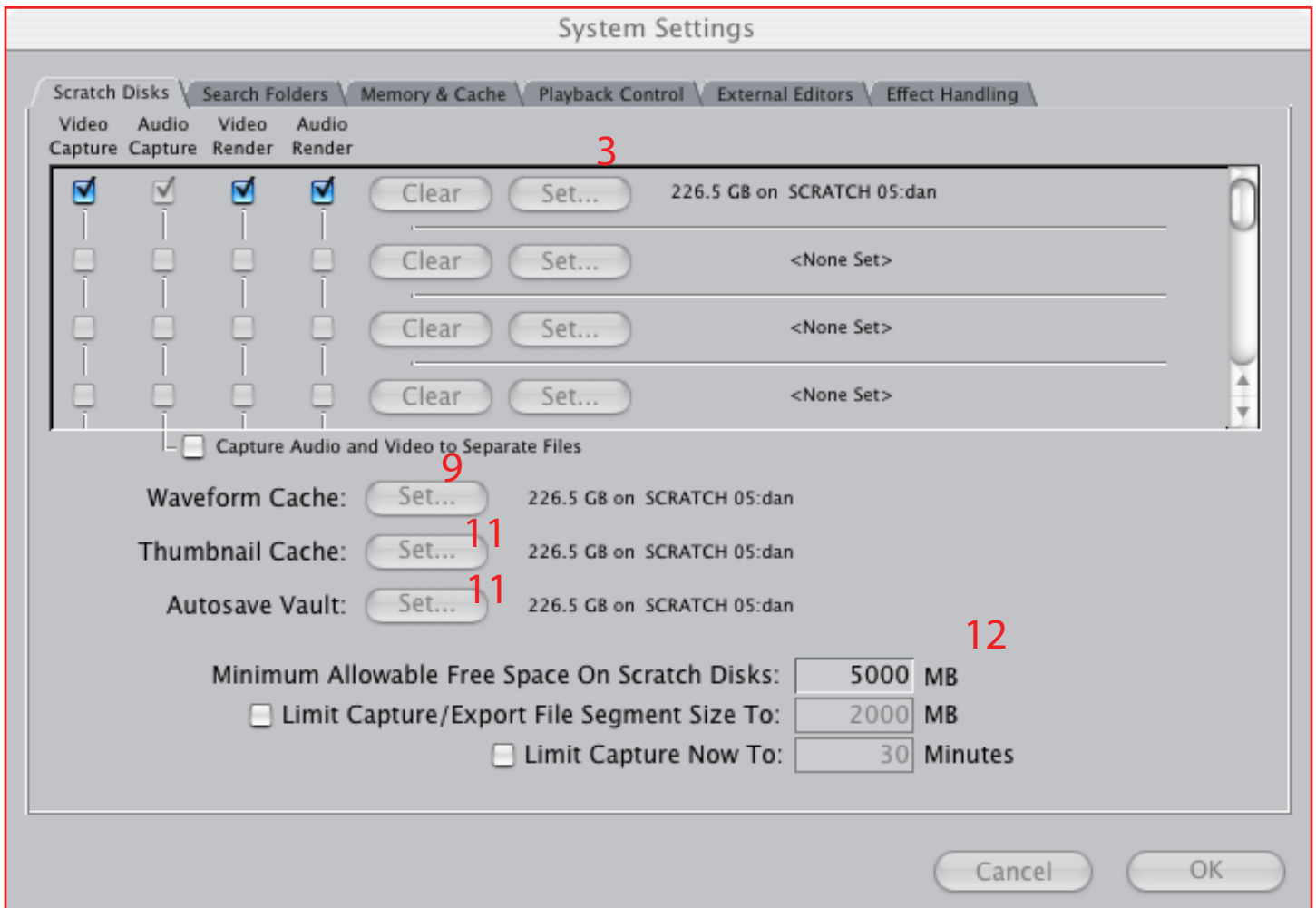
USER PREFERENCES

1. Save a copy every: 15 minutes



SYSTEM SETTINGS: SCRATCH DISKS

- 1) Go to the "Final Cut Pro" menu, and choose "System Settings".
- 2) The "Scratch Disks" tab opens at the top of the "System Settings" window
- 3) Click the top "Set" button located to the right of the blue check boxes.
- 4) In the "Choose a Folder" window, click on the hard drive icon called "SCRATCH ##" or your external firewire drive, located in the left hand column.
- 5) Click the "New Folder" button in the lower left corner.
- 6) Name your folder using some form of your name, but don't use your Athena name.
- 7) Click the "Create" button.
- 8) With your new folder highlighted, click the "Choose" button.
- 9) Back in the "System Settings" window, click the "Set" button next to "Waveform Cache:"
- 10) In the "Choose a Folder" window, click on the pop-up menu at the top middle of the window and choose the folder that you created in step 7.
- 11) Repeat steps 9 and 10 for the "Thumbnail Cache: Set" and "Autosave Vault Set" buttons.
- 12) Set the "Minimum Allowable Free Space On Scratch Disks:" dialogue box to 5000MB.
- 13) Click "OK" at the bottom right of the "System Settings" window.



AUDIO/VIDEO SETTINGS: A/V DEVICES

- 1) Go to the "Final Cut Pro" menu, and choose "Audio/Video Settings".
- 2) Click the "A/V Devices" tab in the "Audio/Video Settings" window
- 3) Check the box for "Different Output for Edit to Tape/Print to Video".
- 4) In the "Different Output for Edit to Tape/Print to Video" section, uncheck the box for "Mirror on desktop". Make sure you're in the correct section. There are 2 of these boxes in this window.
- 5) In the "Different Output for Edit to Tape/Print to Video" section, click the "Audio:" pop-up menu and choose FireWire DV.
- 6) Click "OK" at the bottom right of the "Audio/Video Settings" window.

