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Studio: StudioDB Team

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<u>Script</u> #3 StudioDB - How To - Q&A

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Project StudioDB Docs

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Genres BIOGRAPHY, DOCUMENTARY

> <u>Type</u> Movie

<u>Status</u> Started

Version 1.1

<u>Scenes</u> **《5》** 

Characters **(2)** 

Locations 0

No Script Plot:

FADE-IN

User and Guide are meeting on a deck at a restaurantwaiting for a table - they are about to watch Dallas Maverick Basketball game

User got his iPad (or iPhone) - he is looking at the recent free download of StudioDB

MEDIUM SHOT

USER

Explain StudioDB - not technically - explain to me why I should use it?

Guide thinks for a second- and says

GUIDE

To put it simply - I see it as the future of writing screen plays

USER Why did you create it?

GUIDE

I created this - because this is what I wanted as a Screen writer

USER

What did you want as a screen writer?

### GUIDE

I wanted to cast my Charactershave a visual image of them as I a writing - I wanted to know how and where each of my Characters were used - how many Scenes they were in - Locations for my Scenes- how many time I visit that Location in the Script

<u>USER</u>

And it's on iPad and iPhone

GUIDE Yes - I wanted something that will let me write - anywhere any time User is looking at the app - thinking of what he wants to ask next - then says

### USER

(curious) Explain versoning

**GUIDE** I Wanted a saved version at different stages of my creation process

User is thinking

GUIDE (CONT'D) It let's me see how the script/story evolves over time

### USER (O.S.) Go on

Guide is thinking

GUIDE

If you are writing a trilogy or a Saga - you can see how each Character is being used in all 3 or 7 Scripts from one View

USER

(looking at ipad) Give me high level on how it's set up

GUIDE

Create a Project- create Scripts , Characters , Locations within a Project - and start writing

#### USER

(little smile) That's it

### GUIDE

Use it - and either you will see its potential - Or go back to using a computer or type writer

#### USER

I will give it a try

#### GUIDE

(little smile) Once you start using Import/Export - Copy-Cut-Paste - let your fingers do the writing - see all that StudioDB is capable off

> USER Copy-Cut-Paste (import)

### GUIDE

Characters-Locations-Scenes-Elements can be copied and pasted into another Projects , Scripts or Scenes- they can also be exported/imported/saved in file format

#### <u>USER</u>

Give me an example when I would use it?

### GUIDE

Let's say you have a Script written in StudioDB called 'The One' in the Project 'The One'

### USER

# All right

### GUIDE

Lets say you wanted to write another Script a sequel - and decided you did not want to do it in the same Project (hypothetical scenario)

# USER

# Ok

### GUIDE

You create a new Project 'The Two' create a Script called 'The Two'

#### <u>USER</u>

So at this point - I can copy Character and Scenes from 'The One'

### GUIDE

Yes - Characters are created in a Project - so you can select the Characters that you would want to copy - and then paste them in the Project 'The Two'

### <u>USER</u>

All right

# GUIDE

You could also save it to a file which can be imported back at future point in time - or on another device

### USER

Scenes

# GUIDE

Let's say you want the first five Scenes to also exist in the script 'The Two '

<u>USER</u>

Copy and Paste (import)

### GUIDE

Yes - Scenes are copied and pasted (imported) from Script to Script

### USER

Can also be exported/imported/saved to file

### GUIDE

(little smile) Yes - start using it - and see all its potential #2 HEADING - XPROJECT, XSCRIPT AND VERSION CONTROL (19) Elements

As the User is looking over the App - and asks

USER Explain XScript and XProject?

GUIDE Simply put - history or saved versions of your Script or Project at a given time

#### USER

XProject?

#### GUIDE

If you are writing a Trilogy - you may want to save a Project version - it will create a XScript for all the Scripts and tie it to a saved Project version XProject

As User notices the Version number

USER

Explain how version number is set up?

#### GUIDE

If your Script says 3.4 - it suggest you have created XProject twice - version 1 and version 2

**User** is thinking

GUIDE (CONT'D)

And since you created XProject twice - you must have created XScript Once at some point in time

### <u>USER</u>

Every time you create XProject or XScript - version number changes

### GUIDE

Yes - Script will start with 1.1 then 1.2 1.3 every time you save Script- and if you save XProject at this point - Script will become 2.4 Note - first number will indicate how may times XProject were created- and second number indicates how may times XScript were created - either as XProject or XScript

### <u>USER</u>

This will be stored on your device

### GUIDE

Yes - but you can keep a back up of all your Scripts in file format outside the App

> USER How?

# GUIDE

Simply create and move your StudioDB JSON files - to your iCloud or your device folders

### USER

Or share your Script that way

# GUIDE

Yes - you can import your exported file into another device As the User is just looking over the App - will attempt to add some objects - as he curious about one of the options - and ask

#### USER

What's the deal with the order numbers?

### GUIDE

Almost all objects you add - have order numbers - ranging from 1-9 - Scripts have Order Number 1-30 - indicating the order in the trilogy or saga - if writing a television series - the season and episode number

### USER (O.S.) Go on

GUIDE (CONT'D) Project Group, Character Group, Location Group, Character, Location all contain Order number 1-9 - all table view are sorted by Order number in some form so the important or main ones you want to see first - have a low number

CLOSE-UP SHOT: USER

# USER

So it's used for sorting

MEDIUM SHOT: GUIDE

#### GUIDE

Yes - you can show the importance of your group - example you would want your misc Character in a group with higher level number so they will show up at the bottom and your main Characters with lower number

User is thinking

<u>GUIDE</u> (CONT'D) It's useful when you have many Characters and Locations- if you have only few - you can use the default value - Once it starts getting bigger - then you can play around with order numbers

WIDE SHOT

USER Mainly used for sorts and grouping

> <u>GUIDE</u> Yes

Now User notices there are picture of Lock over Project and Script headers - and ask

#### USER

(thinking) Locks?

### GUIDE

Just wanted to give the user way to lock a Project and Script from being edited?

As user is trying to figure out - how do you lock it - and ask

USER

How do you lock a project?

### GUIDE

Studio Tab - Projects option and Projects tab - Sidebar - are the only place that will allow you to lock a Project - Once a project is locked - Scripts within the project will not be able to edit

<u>USER</u>

# What about Script?

### GUIDE

Projects Tab - Scripts and Scripts Tab - sidebar- are the only place you can lock and unlock Script

User is thinking

GUIDE (CONT'D) Locking just disables Edit buttons

USER

(little smile) Can you still read a Script when it's locked?

> GUIDE Yes

User will seem like he has seen enough- and say

CLOSE-UP SHOT: USER

USER Let's write a Script

GUIDE (O.S.) Ok - first create a Project

USER

(on ipad) Ok - done

MEDIUM WIDE SHOT

GUIDE

Select that Project - Select Script option on segment control

<u>USER</u>

(thinking) Add a Script?

GUIDE

Yes - set Script settings at this point - or later in the Scripts tab

User is curious about the other options- and ask

Characters, Locations , Artists

GUIDE Now - if you know what you want or after you start writing your

Script

User is not sure what that means- and say

USER Explain what you mean?

### GUIDE

You can create your Character in the Project at any time - just refresh every time you create new Characters - if you have already created a dialogue with that Character name - refresh will sink that Character name to the Character Object

MEDIUM CLOSE-UP SHOT: USER

USER Little confusing

GUIDE (O.S.)

Let's try it this way - the Script you just created - select that Script in the Script tab - and add a Scene - in content view in Scene detail - add dialogue between John and Jack

<u>USER</u>

(on ipad) Ok - added that

GUIDE (O.S.) Now go to the Projects tab -Characters segment - create John and Jack as Characters

> USER Ok

#### GUIDE

At this point they are not connected to any Scenes- while you are there - add 2 actors in the Artist segment - any two

> USER Ok

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### GUIDE

From the Characters Segment - go to the Character detail view cast John and Jack to the Actors

#### USER

Ok - still it says they are in no Scenes

MEDIUM SHOT: GUIDE

#### GUIDE

Yes - because we haven't refreshed the Characters in the Script

### USER (0.S.)

Go on

### GUIDE (CONT'D)

Go to the Scripts tab - Character segment - Sync menu button press it - it will go through all the Characters in the Scenes and if that Character exist in your script - it will link it

### <u>USER</u>

# Got it

### GUIDE

Also if you add a new Scene- you can add Characters to the Sceneif you already know what Characters are going to be in the Scene or don't

USER

Or Don't?

### GUIDE

When you type a Character name in dialogue - and return - if that Character exist in the Script- it will add it to the Scene and link it to the current dialogue- and will be available as a tap option going forward

Note - if you're one of the few people that used XStudioScripts - you would have noticed few additions- including the auto check for the Character name you manually type - and adding it to the Scene if the Character exist in the Script

> USER (little surprised) Wow

#### GUIDE

(little smile) Just have to get used to it

FADE-OUT