

## **FCP Rescue 5 Review**

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Being a Final Cut Pro editor comes with many perks. From working with a very diverse program to using some amazing plug-ins...it really stands out in it's class. The one thing that Final Cut Pro is limited to, though, is that it is run on a computer...and when using a computer, eventually you're going to experience problems (if you haven't had any problems...quickly find a piece of wood to knock on).

No matter what lengths you go to sometimes fate just has it's way and you have a system crash (usually the day before a deadline) or some little gremlin sabotages FCP and the only means to fix it all is to re-install the program or go find the preference files and delete them. No big deal, right? You've got all your software install disks, all your capture scratch is on another disk and you've got the time to fool around, right?. So you get everything reset and FCP back up and running...your project looks intact, you're ready to go...but darn it...wouldn't you know...all your custom settings went out the window with the dump of your preferences.

To save yourself the hassle of having to redo everything, you could of course go hunting through your folders and save everything elsewhere as backup...but why do that when you can have an app do it for you? (Laziness is the mother of invention...not necessity)

I recently found a nice little app that helps you in slight moments of frustration. Anders Holck created a program called FCP Rescue and it does just what it's name implies. On first open, all you need to do is click "Backup" and it saves your current preference files for later use. Then if the 'little green men' attack FCP the day before your deadline and cause it to act more like a Windows app (sorry...couldn't resist), all you need to do is open FCP Rescue, click 'Trash' to dump the current preferences and then 'Restore' to copy the old ones in. All very simple. This can also come in handy if you have that one colleague who refuses to log-in under their own name and messes up all your preference settings.

The only downside to this app....uh....hmmm...it's free...so there is no downside!

You can find and download FCP Rescue at the Apple OSX downloads page. Just another handy tool for savvy FCP editors to have in their emergency tool box....and did I mention it's free?

<http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/video/fcprecue.html>