

FindrCat

OS X Mavericks (10.9) introduced Finder tags, which are like colored file labels on steroids. When importing files into Final Cut Pro X you can create a keyword for each Finder tag on the files you are importing.

Wouldn't it be great to go the other way, and turn your organized keywords in Final Cut Pro X into a catalog of tags for Finder? That's what FindrCat does!

Three easy steps

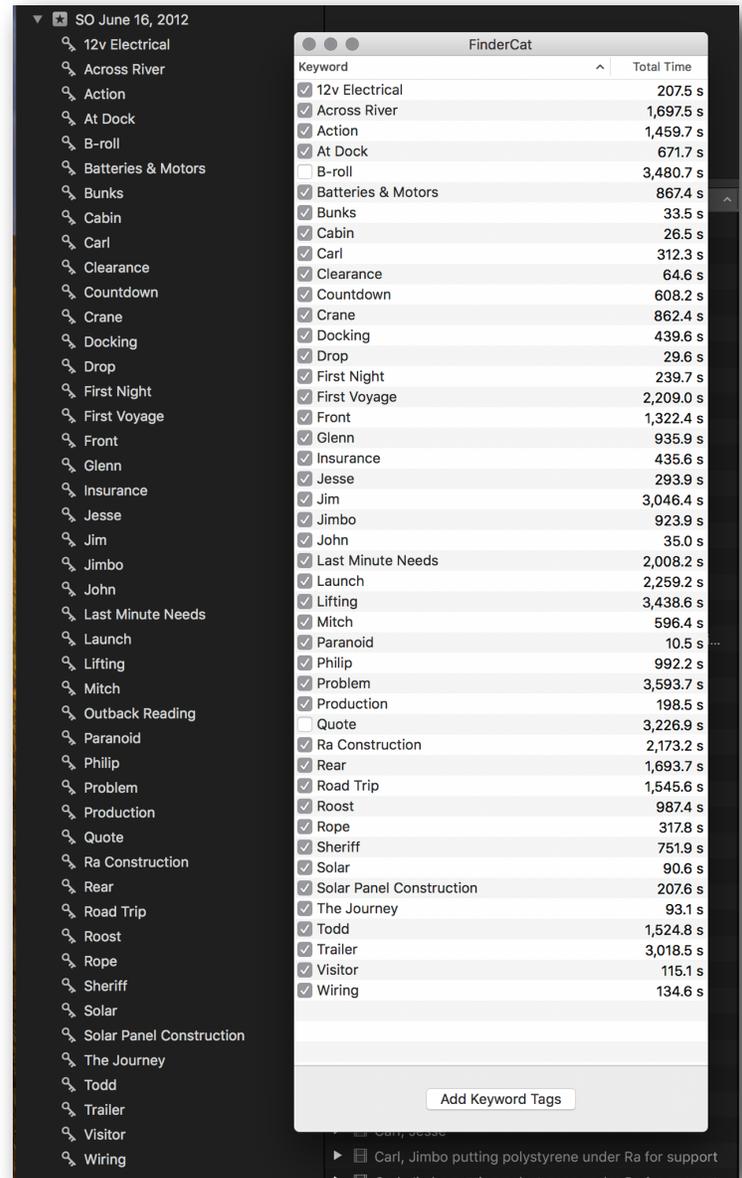
1. Run FindrCat or FindrCat (Pro).
2. Select an Event of clips (with external media outside the Library and no "files missing" warnings), then drag-and-drop onto the FindrCat window.
For Final Cut Pro X versions 10.1 and 10.2, choose **File > Export XML...**, save the Event .fcpxml file, then drag-and-drop that onto the FindrCat window, or choose **File > Open...** and navigate to the .fcpxml file.
3. Use the checkboxes to choose the keywords you want to become Finder tags and click **Add Keyword Tags**. You'll get an alert from FindrCat telling you how many keyword tags were added.

And now you have keyword tags on your media files with almost no effort. This also embeds metadata into the files that can be restored later by FindrCat (Pro).

Tip: Tags travel with their file when they are copied from one Mac to another.

IMPORTANT: If you get an error message saying "**Insufficient access privileges for operation**" it means that the files are on a read-only volume. FindrCat needs write privileges in order to add Finder tags to files; media files with read-only privileges can be used by Final Cut Pro X though. You can change permissions in Finder — see <https://support.apple.com/guide/mac-help/permission-files-a-mac-disk-mchlp1204/mac> for details.

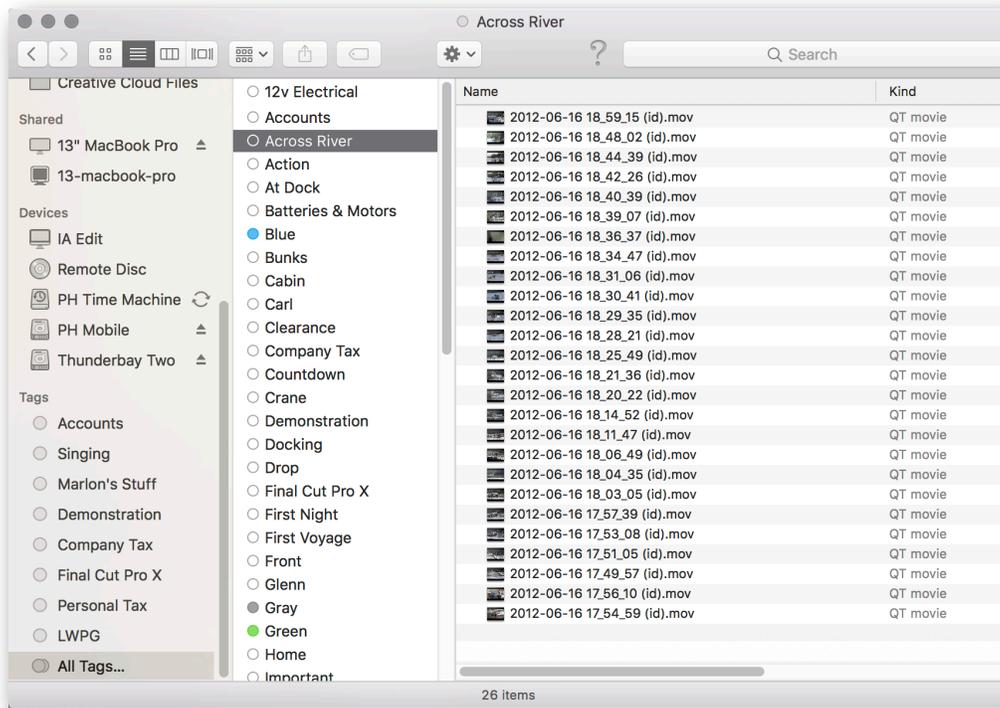
Please use **Provide Feedback...** under the application menu for bug reports, feature requests or support.



Using Tags

Tagged files are easier to find, turning Finder into a user-friendly media asset manager:

- Open a Finder window and show the **Tags** area in the sidebar. Click **All Tags...** at the bottom and a column shows you all your tags. Select a tag to see every media file tagged with this keyword.



- In Finder choose **File > Find** (Command-F) and start typing a keyword name into the search box and you'll be given the option to see all files with that tag.
- To search for clip Notes using the Finder window's search box, type "comment:" followed by the text you want to search for.
- To see which tags are on your media files, open a Finder window and choose **View > as List** (Command-2). Control-click on a list header and choose **Tags** from the contextual menu to add a column showing the tags on your files.

Important:

- Spotlight does not index files inside a Library bundle, so searching for tags will only work with external media.
- Spotlight will not index folders or volumes that have been excluded in Spotlight's Privacy pane: <https://support.apple.com/kb/PH25486>.

This Apple support document has more information about Finder tags (including how to set colors for your tags): <https://support.apple.com/HT202754>

To import your files back to Final Cut Pro X, select the media files resulting from your search or filtering in Finder and drag them to the Final Cut Pro X icon. The files will be imported to the currently selected Event. To import the Finder Tags as Keywords, be sure to turn on the checkbox to make keywords From Finder tags: <http://help.apple.com/finalcutpro/mac/#/ver392f50c2>.

FindrCat (Pro)

For more comprehensive importing of files into Final Cut Pro X, upgrade to FindrCat (Pro) through an in-app purchase. Choose **About FindrCat (Pro)**... from the app's main menu, and click the **Upgrade** button to buy FindrCat (Pro). This in-app purchase is handled by Apple's App Store.

Turning Finder Tags into Keywords during import into Final Cut Pro X is unfortunately limited to applying keywords to the entire clip. For more control, you can upgrade to FindrCat (Pro) which restores clips with their:

- Video and Audio Roles;
- Notes;
- Markers and Chapter Markers;
- Keyword ranges and Favorite/Reject ranges;
- "Excessive Shake" and "find people" analysis keywords;
- Video Inspector adjustments: Compositing, Transform, Crop, Distort, Stabilization, Rolling Shutter, Spatial Conform;
- Audio Inspector adjustments: Volume, Equalization, Loudness, Noise Removal, Hum Removal, Pan; and
- Metadata exported in the chosen Metadata View.

Restoring clips into Final Cut Pro X

1. In FindrCat or FindrCat (Pro) version 1.1 or later, follow the instructions in [Three easy steps](#). This embeds metadata into the files that can be restored later by FindrCat (Pro).
Tip: Choose a metadata view from the pop-up menu in the Inspector. Unless you have a specific set of metadata you want to use, we recommend Extended.
2. In Finder, search for or filter your tagged clips using the instructions in [Using Tags](#).
3. Drag the clips you want to import and drop them onto the FindrCat window. FindrCat (Pro) will import the clips into the Final Cut Pro X Library you choose, and will restore your clips with Roles, Notes, Markers, Keywords, ratings, video adjustments, audio adjustments and metadata that were previously added to the clips using either FindrCat or FindrCat (Pro).

Important: Embedded metadata is based on the version of Final Cut Pro X that contained the original clips. So clips from Final Cut Pro 10.1 or 10.2 can be restored into 10.1.2 or later, and clips from Final Cut Pro 10.3 can be restored into 10.3 or later. But clips from Final Cut Pro 10.3 can't be restored into 10.1 or 10.2.