

AutoPlot Tools for SpotLight

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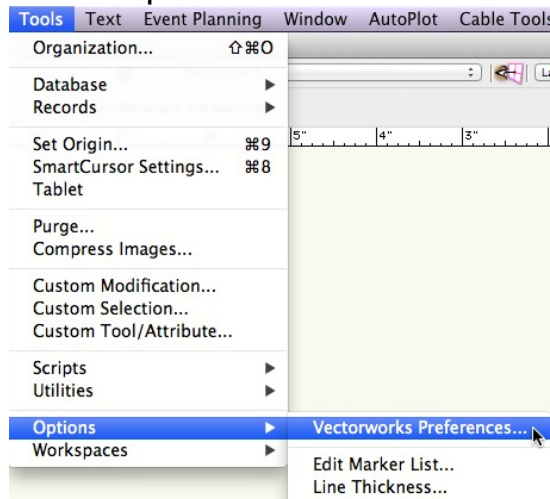
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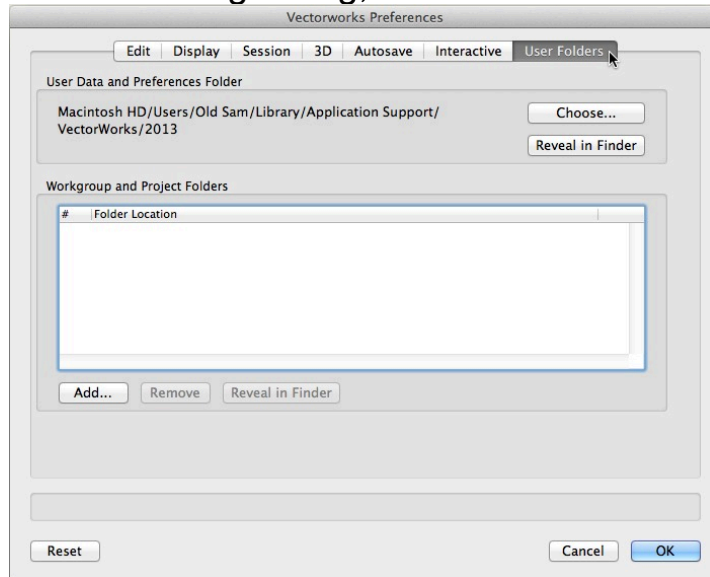
While I have enjoyed creating AutoPlot, and using it in my day to day work at UCLA, I find creating the documentation required to share this work to be tedious in the extreme. The necessity of creating that documentation does not go away. Should you find this documentation wanting please feel to contact me in any manner to help with your questions. My cell phone is (310) 993-4172 and my home phone is (310) 207-0392. Hopefully, if you are stuck in a hotel room at midnight, you are in New York, not Anchorage, but the appropriate hours to call are the hours appropriate to the urgency of your need. Any overseas users, if you're desperate enough to spend the money, I'll answer the phone. My Skype ID is AutoPlotVW. I can always be reached by email at sjones@autoplotvw.com. If I'm backpacking or diving, I won't be collecting mail or answering the phone, but an "out of office" response will be sent back to you by my email program.

Installing AutoPlot SpotLight Tools

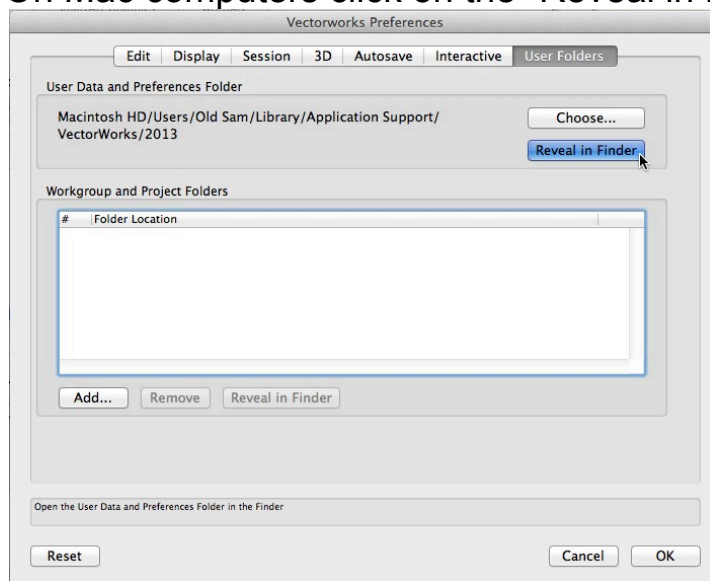
1. After expanding the downloaded file, locate and open the folder:
"AutoPlot Tools v2019".
2. Go to and open the Plug-ins folder located in the Vectorworks User folder.
The easiest way to locate the VW User Folder is to open Vectorworks and select Tools>Options>Vectorworks Preferences



In the resulting dialog, click on the "User Folders" tab



On Windows computer click on the "Reveal in Explorer" button
On Mac computers click on the "Reveal in Finder" button



This will immediately open a window showing a folder named "2019". This is the user folder. Open it and place the window where you have easy access to it.

3. Open the highlighted "2019" folder
4. In the "2019" folder, there is a "Plug-Ins" Folder. Open that folder and put it aside where you can find it easily.

5. Locate and enter the downloaded " AutoPlot Tools v2019" folder, **Select** but **Do Not Open** the folder named "APS_Plug-ins".
6. In the downloaded " AutoPlot Tools v2019" folder, **Select** but **Do Not Open** the 4 folders named:
 - "AP Cable Inventories"
 - "AP Cable Tools"
 - "AP Cable Tool Symbols"
 - "APS_Plug-Ins".
7. Copy or Move all 4 folders **to inside** the "Plug-ins" folder located in the 2019 Folder.
8. In the downloaded, "AutoPlot Tools v2019" folder, **Open** the folder named "Workspace."
9. Copy the file named "AutoPlot 2019" into the "Workspaces" folder located in the "2019 " user folder.

To Use AutoPlot SpotLight Tools

Close Vectorworks if it is running.

1. Start VectorWorks SpotLight with either a new or old file.
2. Select "AutoPlot 2019" from the "Tools / Workspaces" menu
3. Select the AutoPlot tools as needed from under the "AutoPlot" and "Cable Tools" menus.
4. If you desire, you may modify the "AutoPlot Tools" workspace anyway you wish using the Workspace editor item in the "Tools" : "Workspace" menu item.