

What is SwitchBack?

SwitchBack is a utility program that synchronises two folders, so that both folders have a copy of the most recent version of their files. The two folders can reside on the same volume, on two different volumes, or indeed on two different computers connected by a network.

It has been designed principally for those people with two computers (especially desktop and PowerBook) who need to ensure that they have the most recent version of their documents available to them.

It also functions well as a simple backup utility for people with one computer. For example, a folder residing on your main hard disk can be linked to a folder residing on a floppy disk.

SwitchBack has been designed to use many of the features of System 7, however, it can work with System 6.0.4 and later. Some of the dialogs may be different under System 6.0, and some features may only be available under System 7. It is recommended that you use SwitchBack with the most recent version of the System software (at the time of writing — System 7.1).

When synchronising machines over a network, you may notice that SwitchBack treats two identical files as having different modification dates. This occurs when the two machines are set to different time zones. Check the “Map” control panel if this is a problem, and set both machines to the same time zone.