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How to Stop Edge/Bing Opening

- I have Windows 10 running on a Dell Precision laptop
- What is the easiest way to stop Edge/Bing from opening when the PC wakes up from Sleep mode?
- This problem doesn't happen when the laptop starts normally





Quite a few possible solutions

- <https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoftedge/forum/all/prevent-edge-from-opening-when-ever-my-computer/7117d2d1-a5d8-4a9a-83bf-b03126e5fdaa>
- <https://www.makeuseof.com/windows-microsoft-edge-opens-automatically/#:~:text=Turn%20Off%20Startup%20Boost%20in%20Microsoft%20Edge&text=Open%20Microsoft%20Edge%20on%20your,option%20from%20the%20right%20pane>
- <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-edge/stop-microsoft-edge-from-starting-automatically-c341c879-799a-dccd-d6be-bc51ecdd5804>
- https://www.reddit.com/r/MicrosoftEdge/comments/10n04ov/edge_opens_when_waking_windows_11_pc_from_sleep/

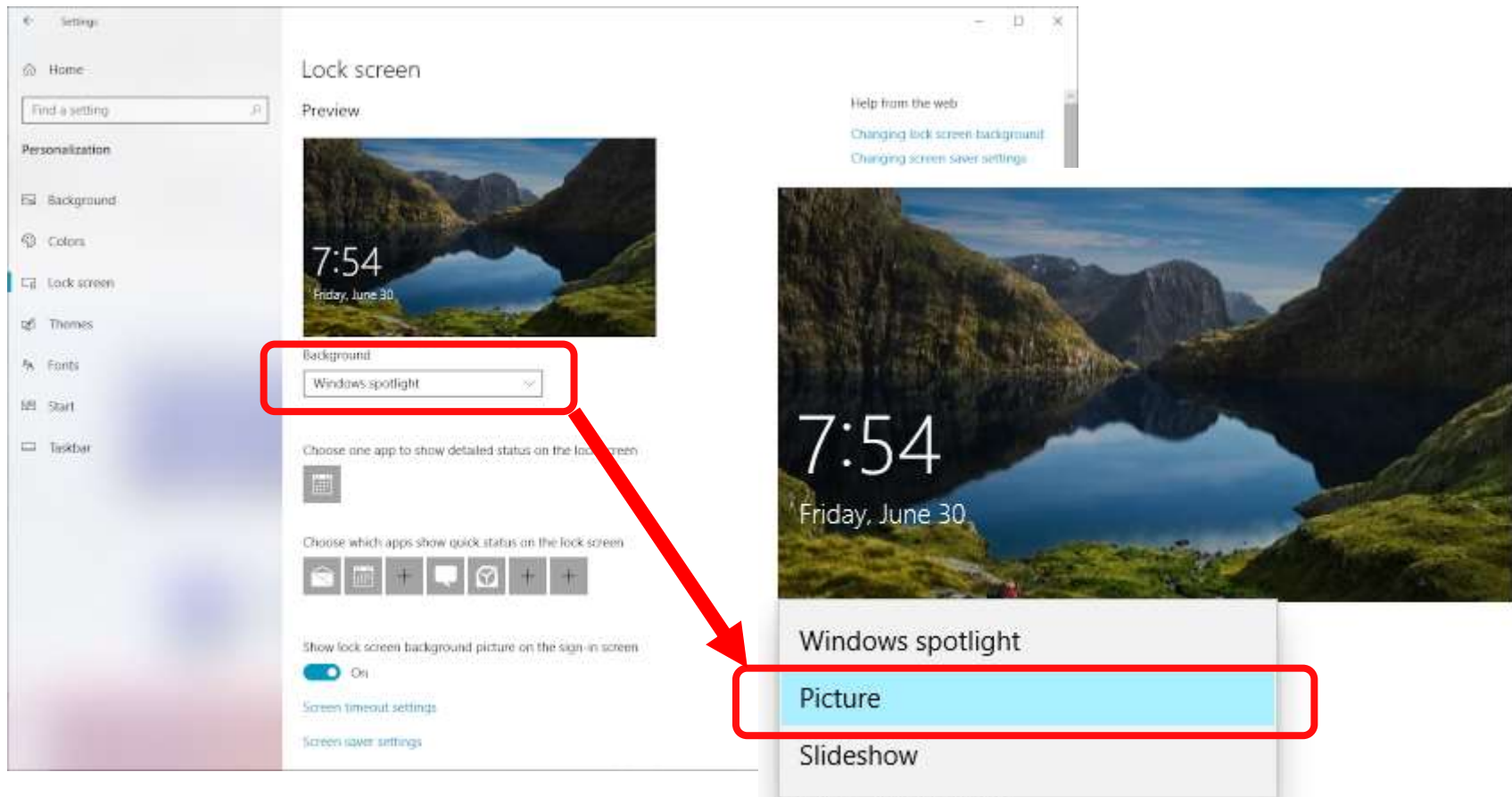
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- Make Sure Edge Is Not Your Default Browser
- Disable Spotlight Images on Lock Screen
- Stop Windows From Restarting Apps Automatically
- Disable Automatic Startup for the Microsoft Edge Update Service
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- Open Settings
- Select *Personalization* – Lock Screen
- Select *Personalize your lock screen (or Background)*
- Select *Picture or Slideshow* from drop-down menu



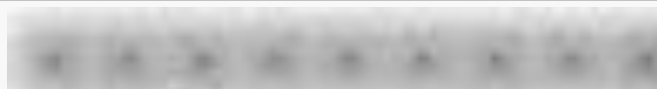


Another satisfied Q&A customer!

 Fwd: [opcug-announcements] Tonight's Q&A session - Reminder - Mozilla Thunderbird

File Edit View Go Message Tools Help

 Get Messages |   Write  Address Book  Previous  Next

From  

To Alan German 

Subject **Fwd: [opcug-announcements] Tonight's Q&A session - Reminder**

OMG!

I just did that and it worked!!!!

THANK YOU!!!!

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But maybe the solution is actually...

- Given the problem of Edge/Bing loading happens
 - when waking from sleep and...
 - the problem went away when Spotlight was disabled
- The problem *might* be in normal behaviour of Spotlight

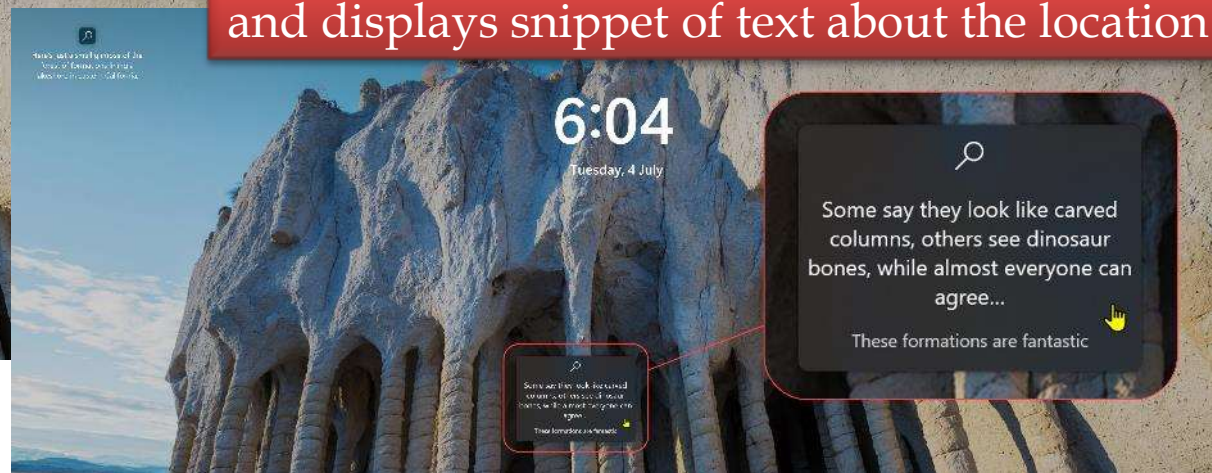


How Spotlight works

Spotlight shows places around the world on lock screen



and displays snippet of text about the location



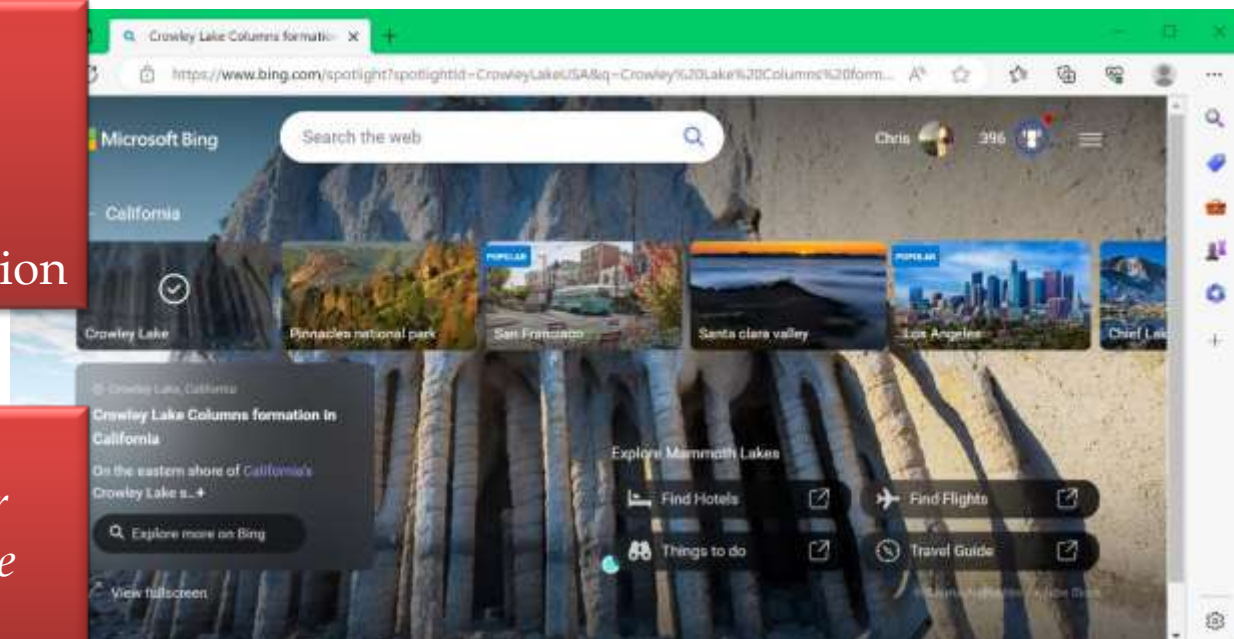
If you click on the text

- you get prompt for password and
- when desktop loads
 - Edge loads with Bing search giving more details about location

<sarcasm>

because who doesn't use Edge as their browser & Bing as their search engine

</sarcasm>





The solution is...

- Don't click the text on the Spotlight lock screen
- Hit space bar
 - get password prompt and
 - no Edge/Bing window at the desktop
- Benefit
 - Spotlight actually has some cool images
 - if you decide you really would like more info about the location in the Spotlight image
 - click the text on the lock screen
 - when desktop loads
 - Edge & Bing will load
 - no known way of making it use your choice of
 - browser/search engine

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FreeFileSync



- Very flexible program to back up files and folders
 - free & open source
 - 15-year long history
 - first released August 10, 2008
 - well maintained
 - updated 184 times
 - most recently June 20, 2023
 - available for Windows, Linux, and macOS
- Abilities that interested me *initially*
 - *this goes back a couple of years*
 - back up OPCUG's website over FTP
 - back up OPCUG's Shared Drive (a Google Drive)
 - only copying new or changed files
 - which are difficult to automate (for free)



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New interest in FreeFileSync

- My 3-pronged backup strategy
 - daily image backups *entire computer*
 - monthly off-site image backups *entire computer*
 - *File History* backups for important data files that change
- *File History*
 - maintain near real-time backup of new/changed data files
 - if I screw up on a file, image backup is up to a day old
 - version history
 - easily recover old versions of data files from months or years ago
 - if I screw up on a file, my image backups only provide daily backups for about 4 months

Microsoft seems hell-bent on destroying *File History*

- https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20230628_PowerPoint.pdf

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FreeFileSync

- Can *FreeFileSync* replace *File History*?
- Yes!
- Over the next few Q&A sessions
 - start with simple example
 - build to more complex situations

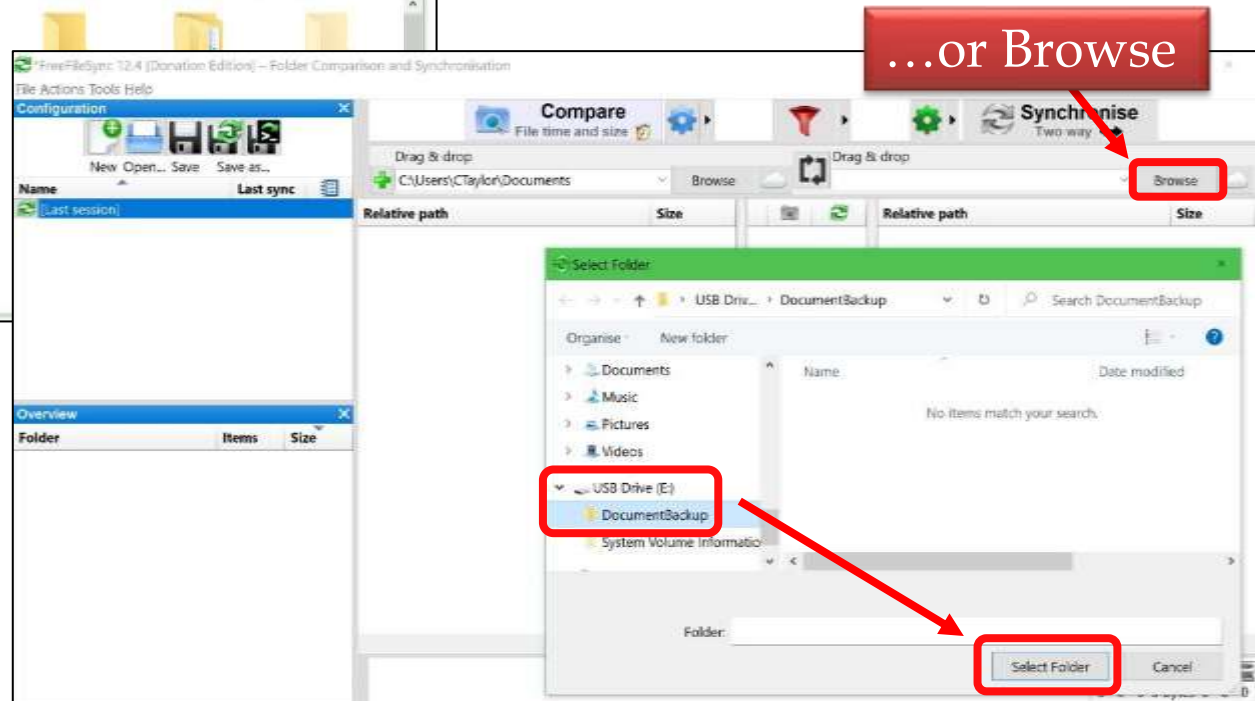
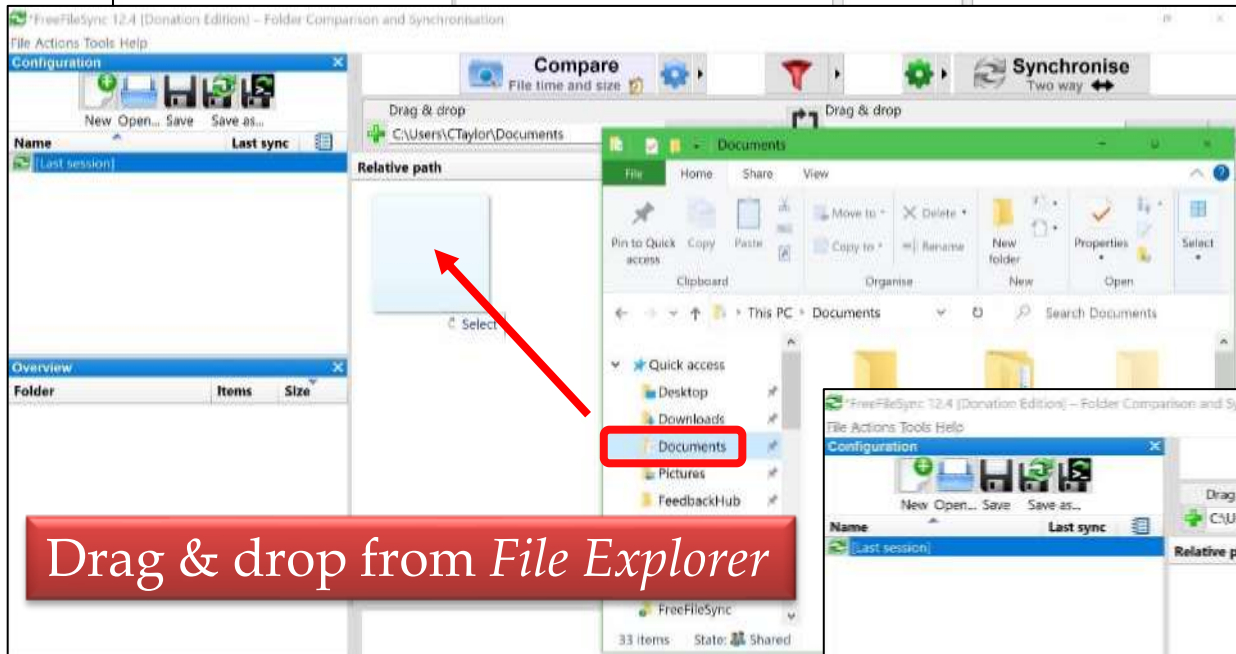
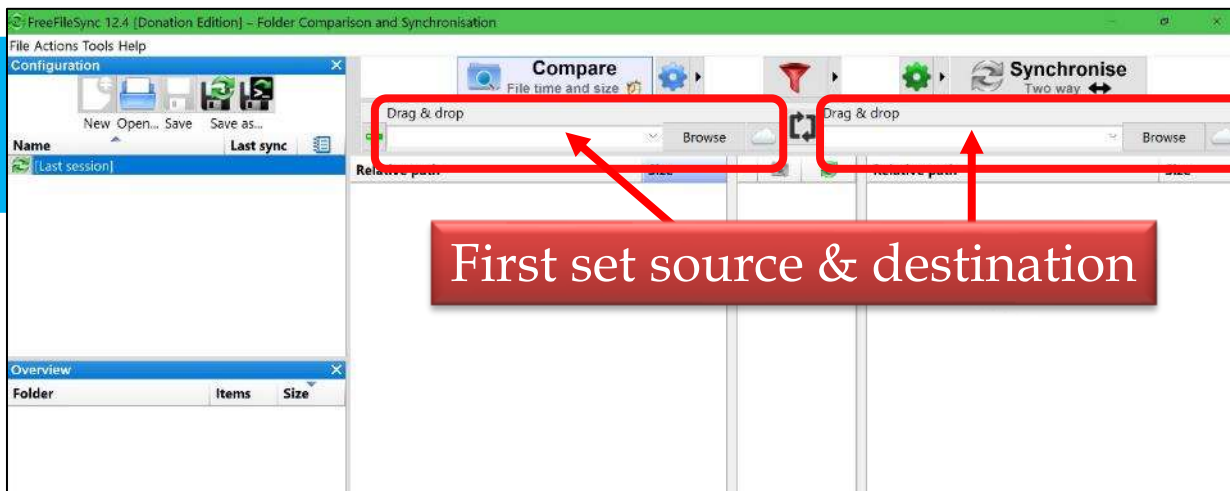
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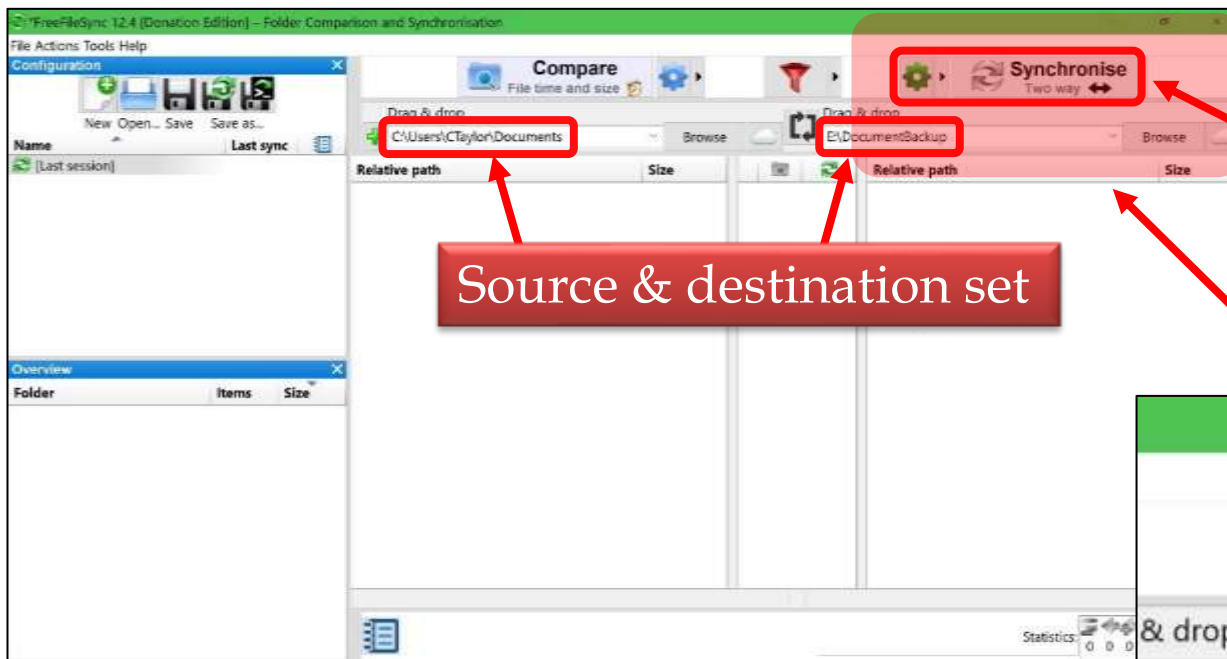


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Back up single folder to external hard drive

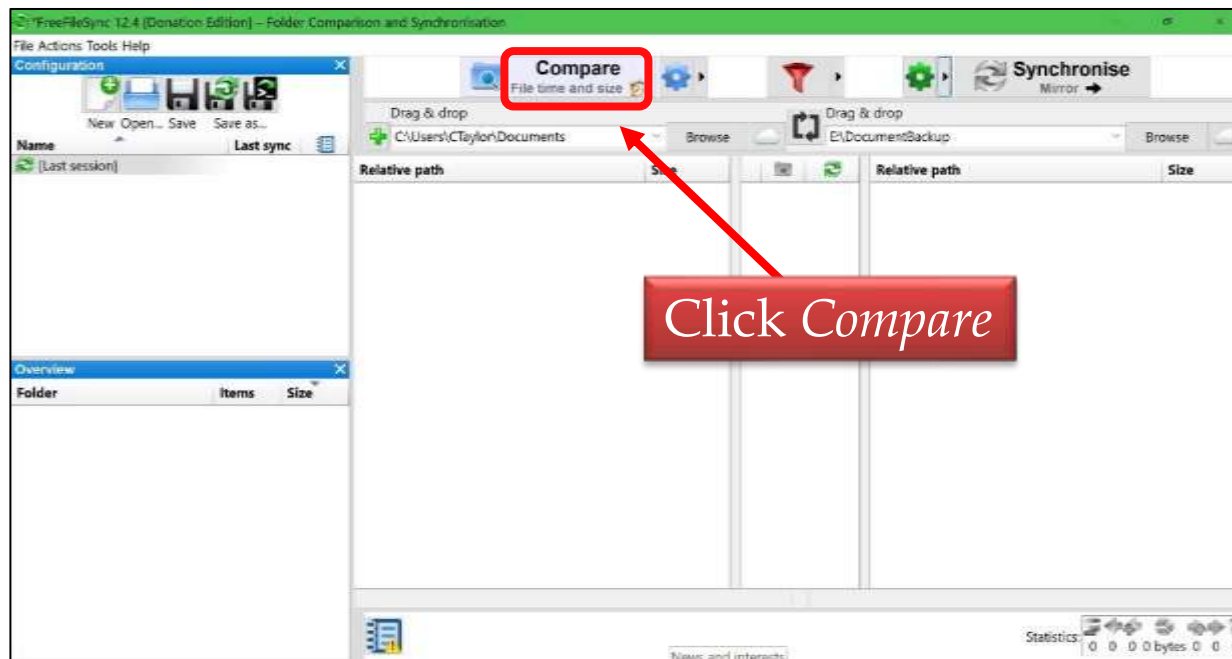
- Scenario
 - folder contains documents
 - C:\Users\CTaylor\Documents
 - maintain copy on external hard drive
 - E:\DocumentBackup
 - make E:\DocumentBackup *identical* to C:\Users\CTaylor\Documents
 - if files get added/changed in C:\Users\CTaylor\Documents
 - add them to E:\DocumentBackup
 - if files get removed in C:\Users\CTaylor\Documents
 - delete the copy in E:\DocumentBackup
- In FreeFileSync parlance, this is a *Mirror*

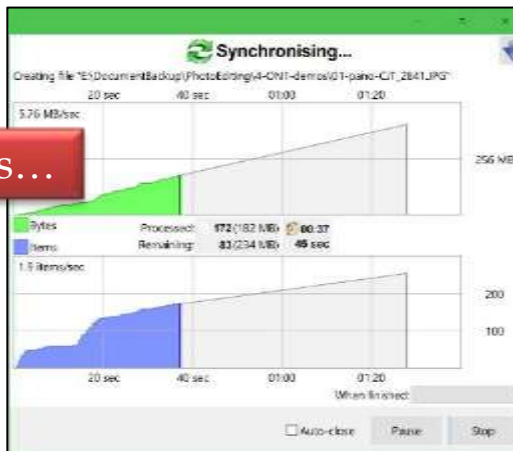
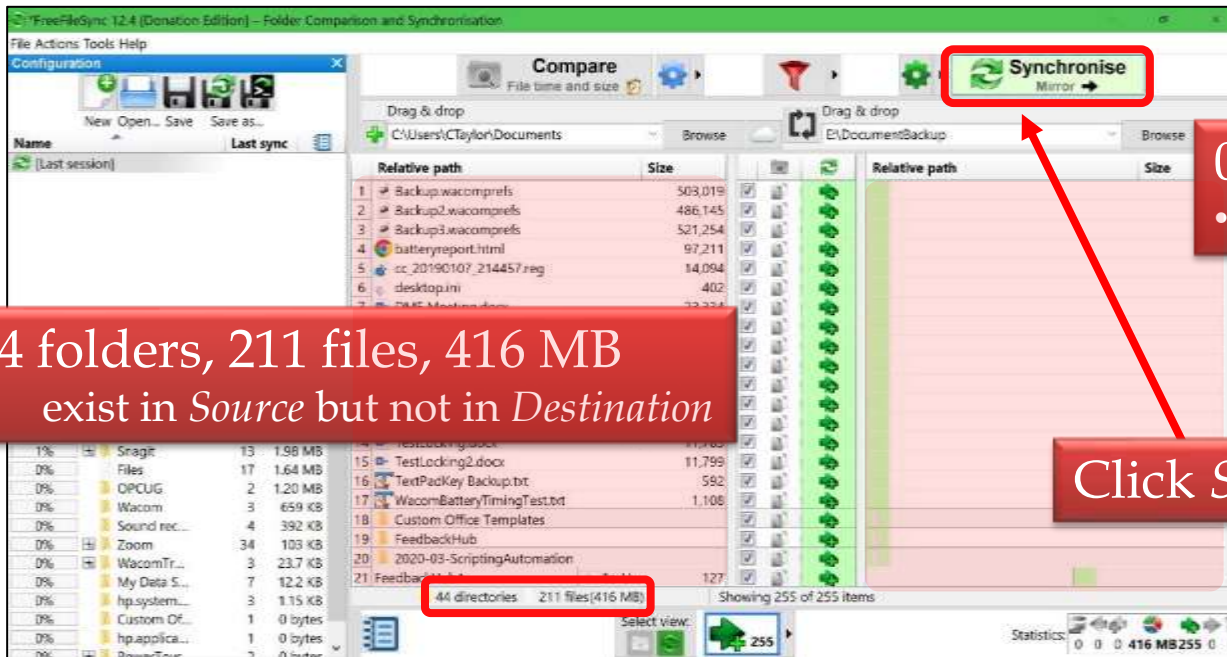




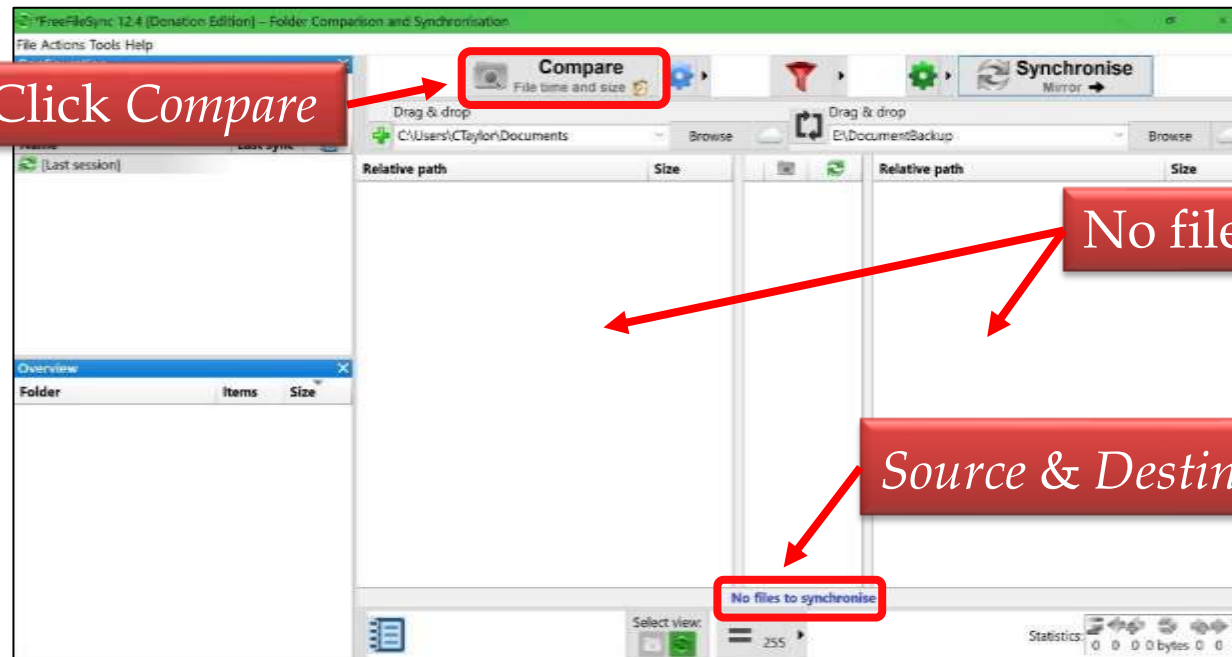
Default:

- Two way synchronisation
- we want one way - *Mirror*
 - we want destination to be made identical to source





Click Compare

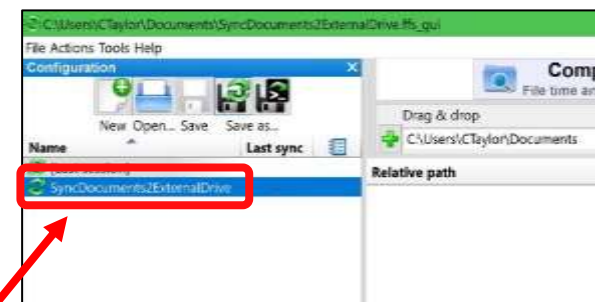
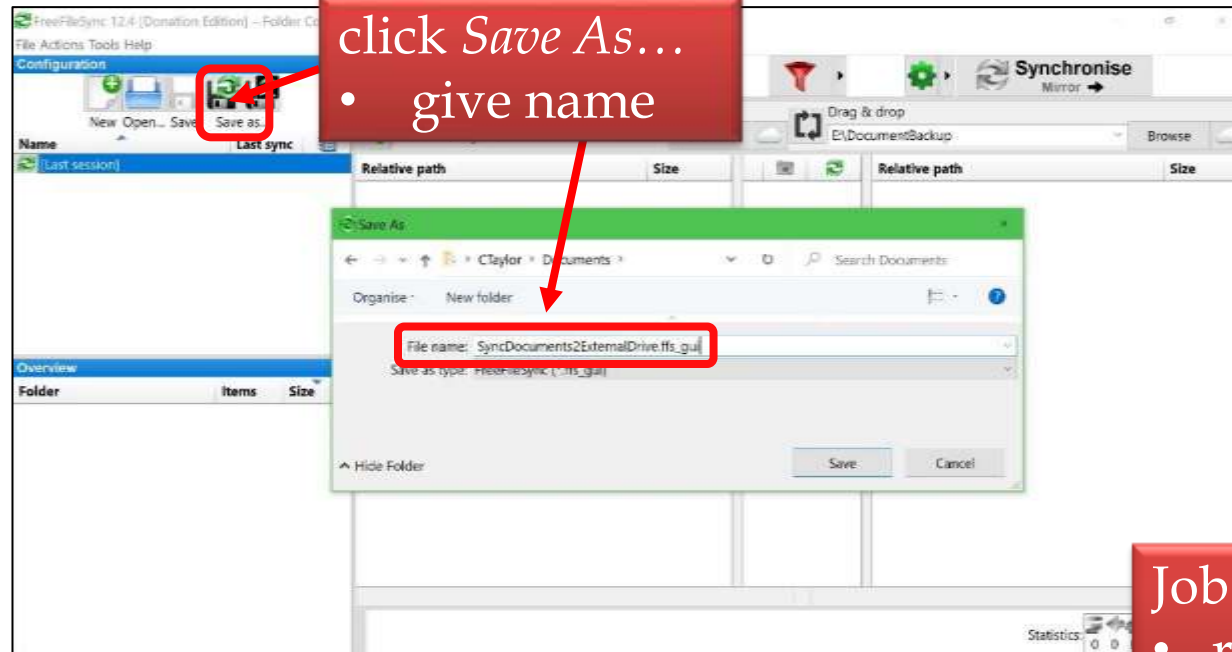


No files or folders listed

Source & Destination match 👍

Want to run the same job in future

click Save As...
• give name



Job listed in left panel
• run any time by
selecting > compare > synchronize

Run FreeFileSync a week later

Click Compare

Configuration

File Actions Tools Help

Drag & drop

C:\Users\CTaylor\Documents

Browse

Compare
File time and size

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- new to *Destination*, not in *Source*
- action > delete from *Destination*

FileExplorer2.jpg
QA_Poster.pdf
WindowsSandbox.pptx

- new to *Source*, not in *Destination*
- action > copy to destination

Restaurants.txt

- exists in both *Source* and *Destination*
- different file time or size
- action > copy from *Source* to *Destination*

4 files (1.31 MB)

Showing 5 of 259 items

2 files (1.79 MB)

Statistics: 0 0 0 1.31 MB 3 1 1

With Synchronisation mode set to *Mirror*

- *Destination* will always be made the same as *Source*

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Does it replace File History?

- Not yet!
- So far
 - manual process
 - run FreeFileSync, compare, synchronize
 - what about *history* part of *File History*
 - removes old versions of documents from external hard drive
- To truly replace *File History*, we need to
 - automate the process to run frequently
 - at least every 10 minutes
 - preserve old versions of documents

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Recycling



See the file: 20230705_Recycling.pdf

Bob Walker



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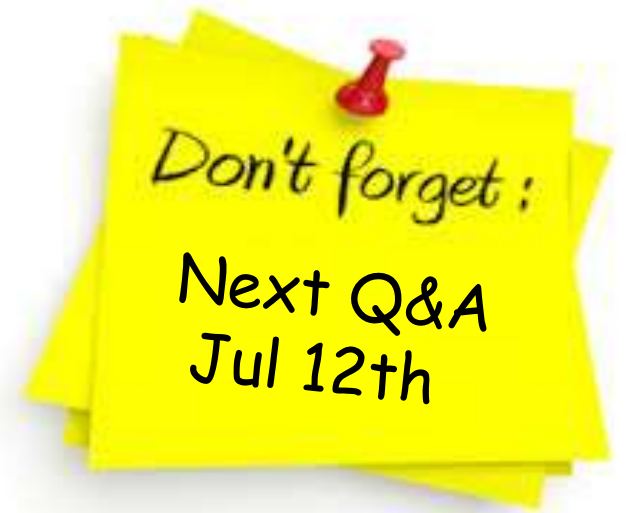
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