

Flowify Saver Pro Documentation

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Support: github.com/Beragragui/flowify-saver-pro

Flowify Saver Pro is a Blender add-on that makes saving and managing `.blend` files straightforward. It offers auto-save, versioned or timestamped backups, and quick access to projects and recent files. Designed for animators, modelers, and other Blender users, it integrates into the 3D View header or N-panel for a smooth workflow

Installation

Download `flowify_saver_pro.zip` from extensions.blender.org (pending approval)

In Blender 4.3 or later, go to **Edit > Preferences > Extensions**

Click **Install**, select the zip file, and enable "System: Flowify Saver Pro"

Find the Flowify icon (● or ○) in the 3D View header or the "Flowify" tab in the N-panel

Note: The add-on creates a small database file in a Blender-approved user directory to track backup versions securely

Features

- Auto-Save:** Automatically saves your project at set intervals, either overwriting the current file or creating versioned (`_v001`) or timestamped (`_backup_DDMMYYYY_HH-MM-SS`) backups
- Manual Backups:** Generates backups instantly with versioned or timestamped filenames
- Save As:** Saves files with a `.blend` extension, even if you omit it
- File Access:** Opens projects, recent `.blend` files, or project folders directly from the 3D View
- Notifications:** Displays brief, non-intrusive alerts in the 3D View for save actions or errors

Usage

Access Flowify Saver Pro via the 3D View header (click the ●/○ icon for a popover menu) or the N-panel (N key > "Flowify" tab)

Save As

- . Click **Save As** (icon: **FILE_TICK**) in the header or N-panel .1
- . (Select a directory and enter a filename (e.g., **my_project** .2
- Click **Save As**. The file saves as **my_project.blend**, and a notification confirms .3
- . ("Project saved: my_project.blend

Auto-Save

- . (Toggle **Auto-Save** on in the header or N-panel (default: off .1
- . (Set **Interval** (e.g., 5 minutes, adjustable from 1 to 60 .2
- . Choose **Mode** .3
 - . **Overwrite**: Updates the current file ○
 - . **Suffix**: Creates a new file with a versioned or timestamped name ○
 - . Select **Pattern** for Suffix mode .4
 - . **Versioned**: Adds **_v001**, **_v002**, etc ○
 - . **Timestamped**: Adds **_backup_DDMMYYYY_HH-MM-SS** (e.g., ○
 - . (**_backup_08052025_14-30-00**
- Auto-save runs at the set interval, showing a notification (e.g., "Auto-saved in .5
- . ("my_project_v001.blend

Manual Backup

- . (Click **Create Manual Backup** (icon: **FILE_BACKUP** .1
- A backup is created with a versioned or timestamped name, based on your **Pattern** .2
- . setting
- . ("A notification confirms (e.g., "Backup created: my_project_v001.blend .3

Open Project

- . (Click **Open** (icon: **FILE** .1
- . Select a **.blend** file .2
- . ("The file opens, with a notification (e.g., "Opened: my_project.blend .3

Open Recent

- . (Click **Open Recent** (icon: **FILE_REFRESH** .1
- . Choose a file from the list of recent **.blend** files .2
- . The file opens, with a notification .3

Open Backup Folder

- . (Click **Open Backup Folder** (icon: **FILE_FOLDER** .1
- . The folder containing your current **.blend** file opens in your file explorer .2

Settings

:Adjust settings in the header popover or N-panel

- **.Auto-Save:** Enable or disable auto-saving
- **.(Interval:** Set how often auto-save runs (in minutes
- **.Mode:** Choose Overwrite or Suffix for auto-save behavior
- **.Pattern:** Select Versioned or Timestamped for backup filenames

Keymapping

:You can assign custom shortcuts to Flowify Saver Pro actions

- 1. Go to **Edit > Preferences > Keymap**
- 2. Search for “Flowify” or “wm.flowify” (e.g., **wm.flowify_save_project** for Save As)
- 3. (Add a keybinding (e.g., **Ctrl+Shift+S** for Save As)
- 4. Test the shortcut in the 3D View

Troubleshooting

- **Add-on Not Visible:** Ensure Blender is version 4.3 or later, reinstall the add-on, and check the 3D View header or N-panel
- **Auto-Save Not Working:** Verify the file is saved (has a filepath) and the project folder is writable. Check your **Interval** and **Mode** settings
- **Notifications Missing:** Confirm you’re in the 3D View, as notifications don’t appear in other editors
- **Permission Errors:** Save projects to a local folder (e.g., **C:\Users\YourName\Documents**) and ensure write access. Avoid cloud-synced folders (e.g., OneDrive) or pause syncing during use
- **Database Issues:** The backup database (**flowify_versions.db**) is stored in a safe user directory. If errors occur, delete the file (Blender recreates it) and report the issue

Support

:For bugs or questions, visit github.com/Beragragui/flowify-saver-pro/issues. Include

- (Blender version (e.g., 4.3.0
- (Operating system (e.g., Windows 11
- (Add-on version (0.9.1
- Steps to reproduce the issue
- Any error messages

Notes

- *Disable Blender's built-in auto-save (**Edit > Preferences > Save & Load > Auto** .**Save Timer = 0**) to avoid conflicts*
- *Backups are stored in the same folder as your **.blend** file. Regularly check for old .backups to manage disk space*
- *The add-on respects Blender's file handling, ensuring compatibility with existing .workflows*

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