

# Auto Save

## Objectives:

At the end of this episode, I will be able to:

1. Describe the function and purpose of macOS Auto Save.
2. Configure Auto Save to save application data and window information.
3. Revert a document to its previous version using Auto Save.

Additional resources used during the episode can be obtained using the download link on the overview episode.

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- Auto Save
    - Feature built-in to macOS
    - Automatically saves a user's work
    - Maintains file revisions also
  - Application Support
    - Requires the app developer to support Apple's Auto Save extension
    - Easy test
      - `File -> Duplicate/Rename/Move To/Revert To`
    - If those options are present, auto save is supported
  - Disabling Auto Save
    - `System Preferences -> General -> Ask to keep changes when closing documents`
    - Enabled = No auto save
    - Disabled = Auto save
  - Application Resuming with Auto Save
    - Normally when you close an application, all of its associated windows close also
    - Upon re-opening an application, no windows are open
    - The *Resume* features allows previous windows to automatically re-open with the app
    - Auto save makes this possible
    - Can be toggled
    - `System Preferences -> General -> Close windows when quitting an app`
      - Disabled = Re-open windows when launching the app
      - Enabled = New window when launching the app