Smart Synch between
PC Desktop ⇔ PC Laptop ⇔ iPad ⇔ Mac Laptop ⇔ Mac Desktop

We have redesigned the Synchronization logic so you have complete control. This article will demonstrate Synchronization between all platforms supported by WBid. The Mac version of WBidMax will be available on Jan 1.

Executive Summary

You can send the local bid state to the WBid Server or you can take a previously saved bid state from the server. It is that simple.

If you are interested in more detail, continue reading below.

IMPORTANT!

Version 4 (original WBidMax) will synchronize between the PC desktop and the PC laptop. Version 4 will **NOT** synchronize with the iPad or Mac version.

Only version 5 of WBidMax will synchronize between the iPad and the PC desktop and the PC laptop.

Why is there a completely new version of WBidMax for the PC?

As most have noticed, the iPad version of WBidMax has enhanced weights and constraints, the allow for much more detail in constraining and weighting. As a result, to Synchronize between the PC and the iPad, we had to create a new version of WBidMax so that the "state" files would be the same for both the iPad and the PC (also the Mac).
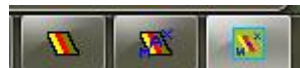
Version 5 of WBidMax is a completely new version. It has a different ICON and a slightly different user interface. WBid Classic, WBidMax, and WBidMax5 can be run at the same .

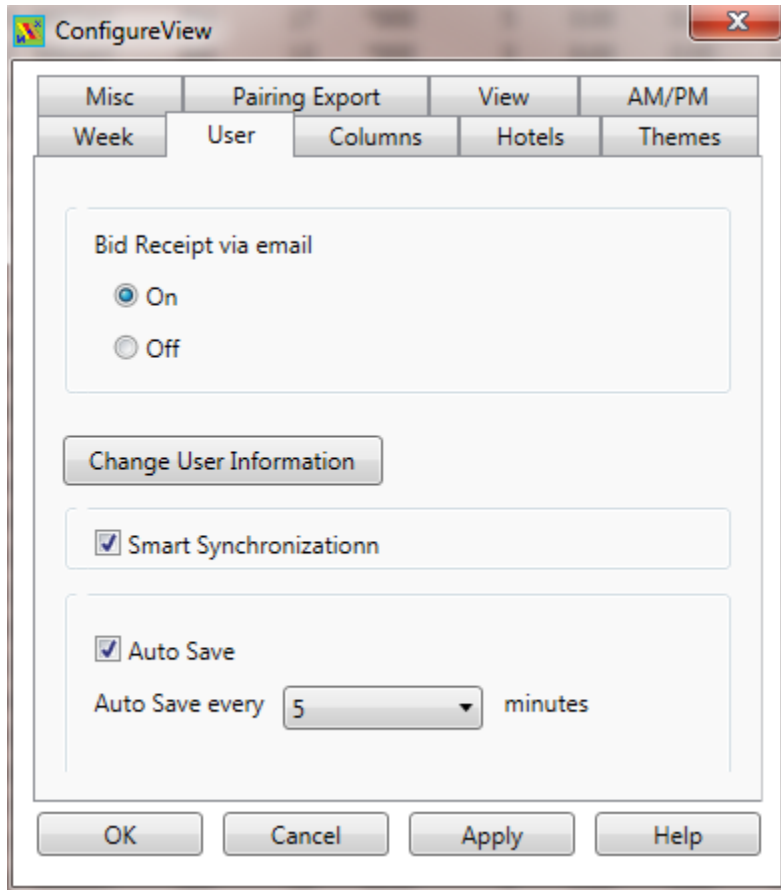Here is a screen shot showing the different icons

Shortcuts on the Desktop:

Icons in the Task Bar when running:

As shown above, if your computer is capable (Windows 7 or higher) , you can run all 3 versions of WBid at the same time.

Turning ON Smart Synchronization - PC

Smart Synch is turned off when version 5 is installed, if you want to synchronize, you will have to turn it on via the Miscellaneous => Configure view and then click on the User Tab.

Note: this configure view allow to customize your version of WBidMax. Note, on this User tab, I have also set "Bid Receipt via email" to on, and "Auto Save" on with 5 minutes. After you change anything in this dialog, be sure to click the "Apply" button at the bottom so the changes take effect.

Side Note

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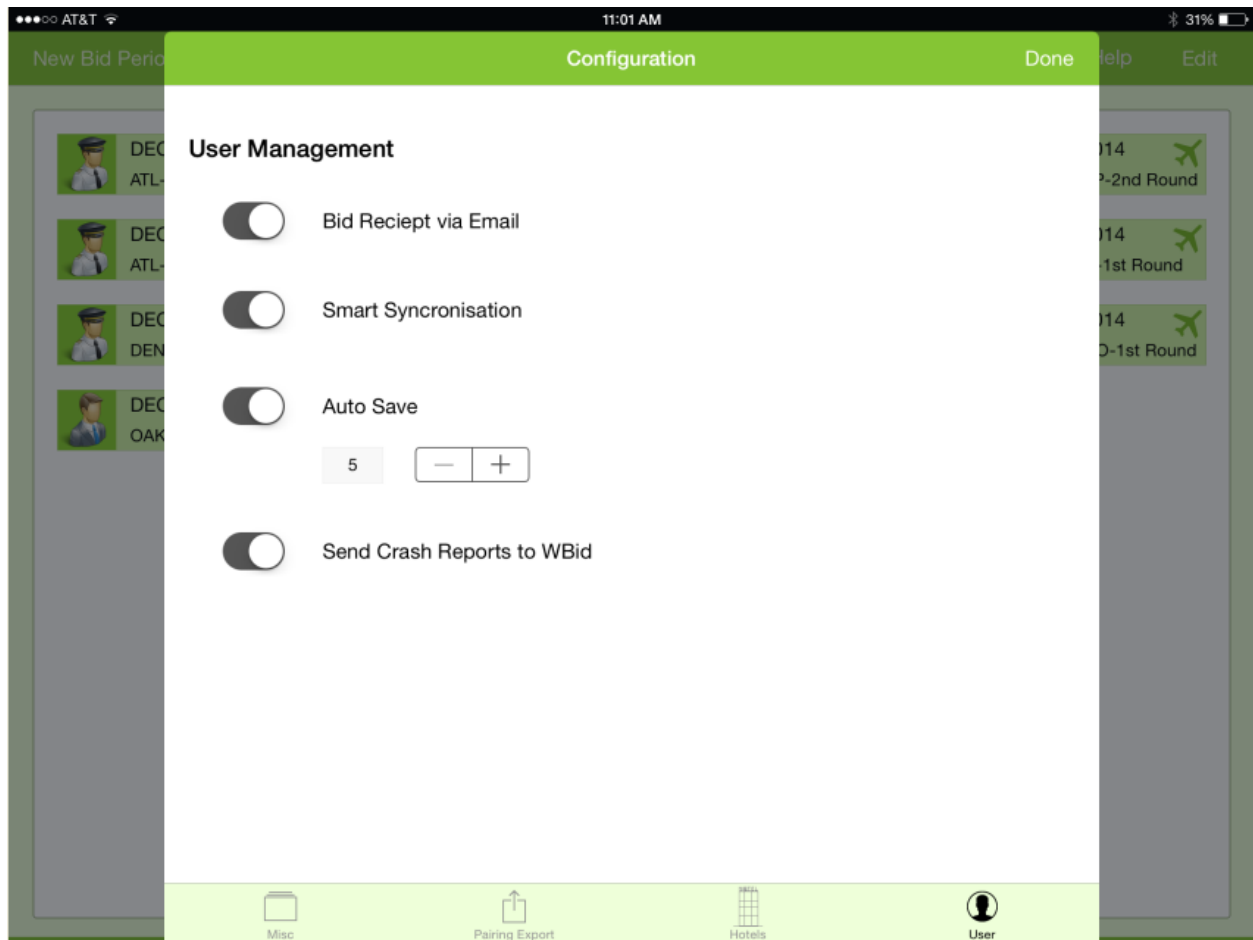
Now that Smart Sych is turned on, we can begin the process of saving State Files to the WBid server so that we can Synchronize between platforms (PC, iPad, Mac). After I show you how to turn on Smart Synch on the iPad,I describe what the heck is a state file.

Turn on Smart Synch on – iPad

Smart Synch is turned off when WBidMax for iPad is installed, if you want to synchronize, you will have to turn it on and then click on the User Tab.

To get to the ConfigureView on the iPad, touch **Misc**, and then touch **Configuration** in the sub menu.

Here are all the configuration tabs. Touch the **User** tab.

Note: this Configuration view allows you the user to customize your version of WBidMax. Note on this User tab, I have also set "Bid Receipt via email" to on, and "Auto Save" on with 5 minutes. After you change anything in this dialog, click the "Apply" button at the bottom so the changes take effect.

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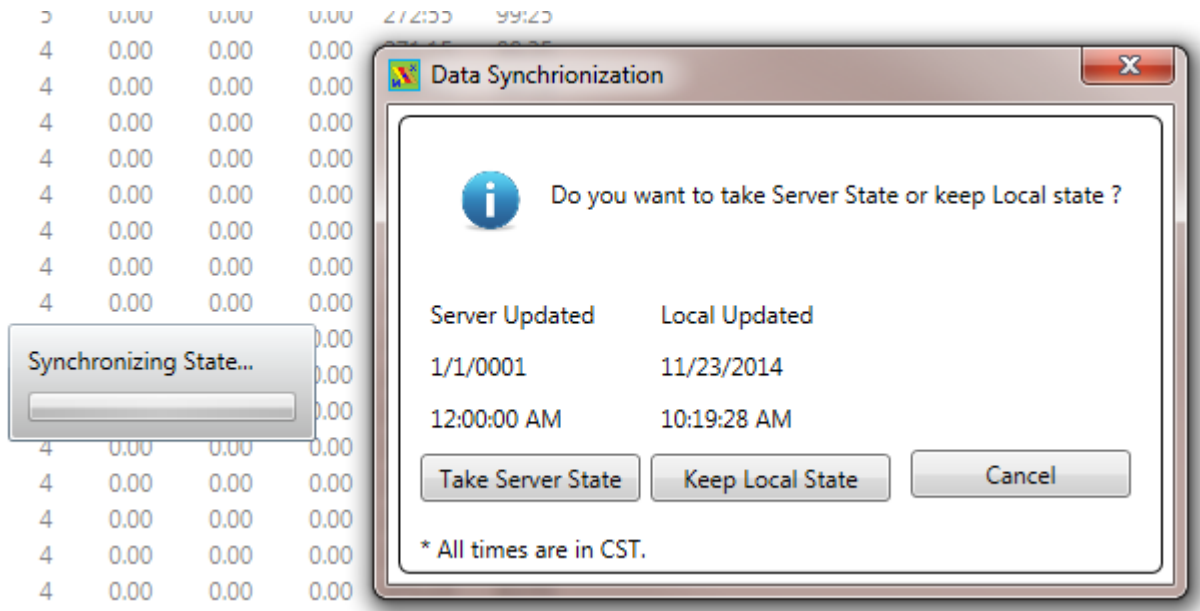Don't be afraid to look around at all of the tabs to see what you can customize in WBid.

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What is a State File?

A "State File" contains all your Constraints, Sorts, Weights, Top Locks, Bottom Locks and Line Order. This state file allows us to Synchronize between platforms (PC, iPad, Mac).

Two State Files

With regards to Synchronizing, you will always have two choices: "**Take Server State**" or "**Keep Local State**". Also note that the date and time for each state is in HERB time.
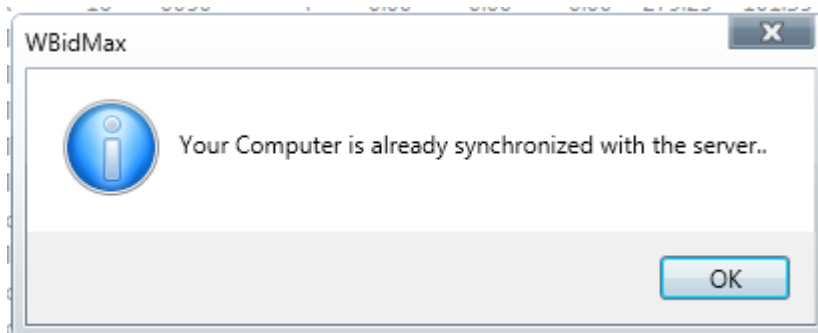

You should NOTE above the date of the Server state is 1/1/0001. This means no state file for this bid data has been sent to the server.
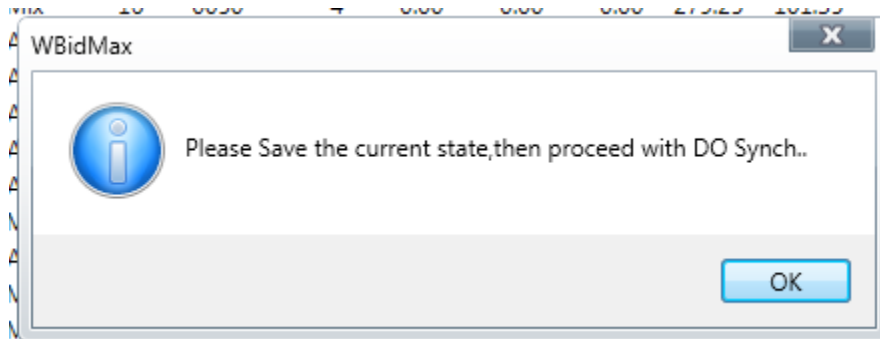
Clicking on "Take Server State" would make no sense, since no server state exists.

To send this current local state to the Server, you would click on "Keep Local State".
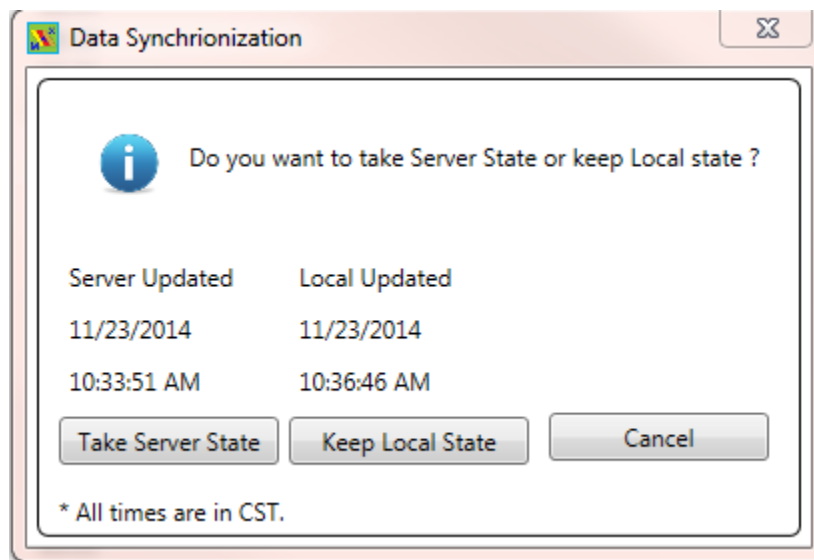
If you wanted to check the date and time of the new server state and you click on Do Synch, you will get this dialog. This means your local state is also the server state.

However, if you change any Constraint, Sort, Weight, Top Lock, Bottom Lock or manually move a line, your local state will change. If you click on Do Synch, you will now be prompted to save the current state. Easiest way is to simply click the SAVE icon (which is red, indicating your local state has changed and has not been saved).

After SAVING the current local state, you can now click on Do Synch and you will get the Data Synchronization dialog:

From this dialog you can now see that at 10:33 you synchronized with the Server, and your local state was saved at 10:36.
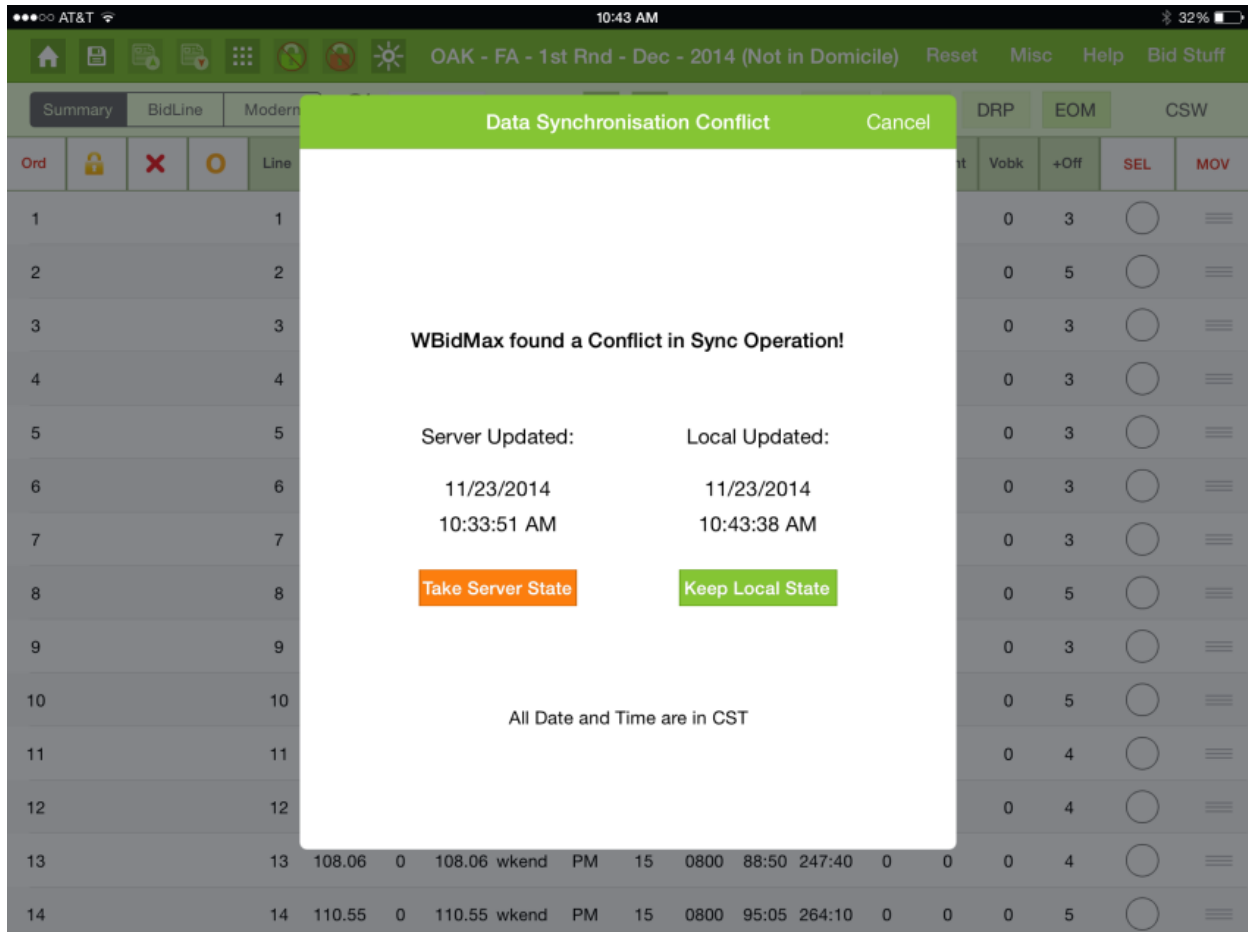
If you want to revert back to the server state, you would click on "Take Server State".

If you want to make the current local state the new serer state, you would click on "Keep Local State" and the local state would be sent to the server and now become both the local state and the server state.

On the next page we will Synch with the iPad.

I now download the same bid data on the iPad. After the latest news and cover letter are displayed, the App will check with the WBid server to see if any state file exists for this bid data.

In this case, a server state does exist. In the dialog below, you can see that the server state was updated at 10:33, and your iPad local state (new data download) was updated at 10:43.

If you want to continue were you left off with this bid data, you would click on "Take Server State". After doing so, you will get a popup that says: "Successfully Synchronized your computer with the server" and an OK button.

If you wanted to start new on this bid, then you can either click on "Keep Local State" or click the "Cancel" button at the top of the dialog.

That is it!

The process is really simple and you have full control. You can change your local state to the server state by "Take Server State", or you can update the server state by "Keep Local State".