

Creating a Folder Action to Automatically Sort Screenshots into Dated Folders

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Creating the automation with Automator

Open the Automator app and set up the following automation. The script is an AppleScript variable.

set dateFolder to do shell script "echo \$(date '+%Y-%m-%d')"

tell application "Finder"

 set SSFolder to (path to desktop folder as text) & "Screenshots:"

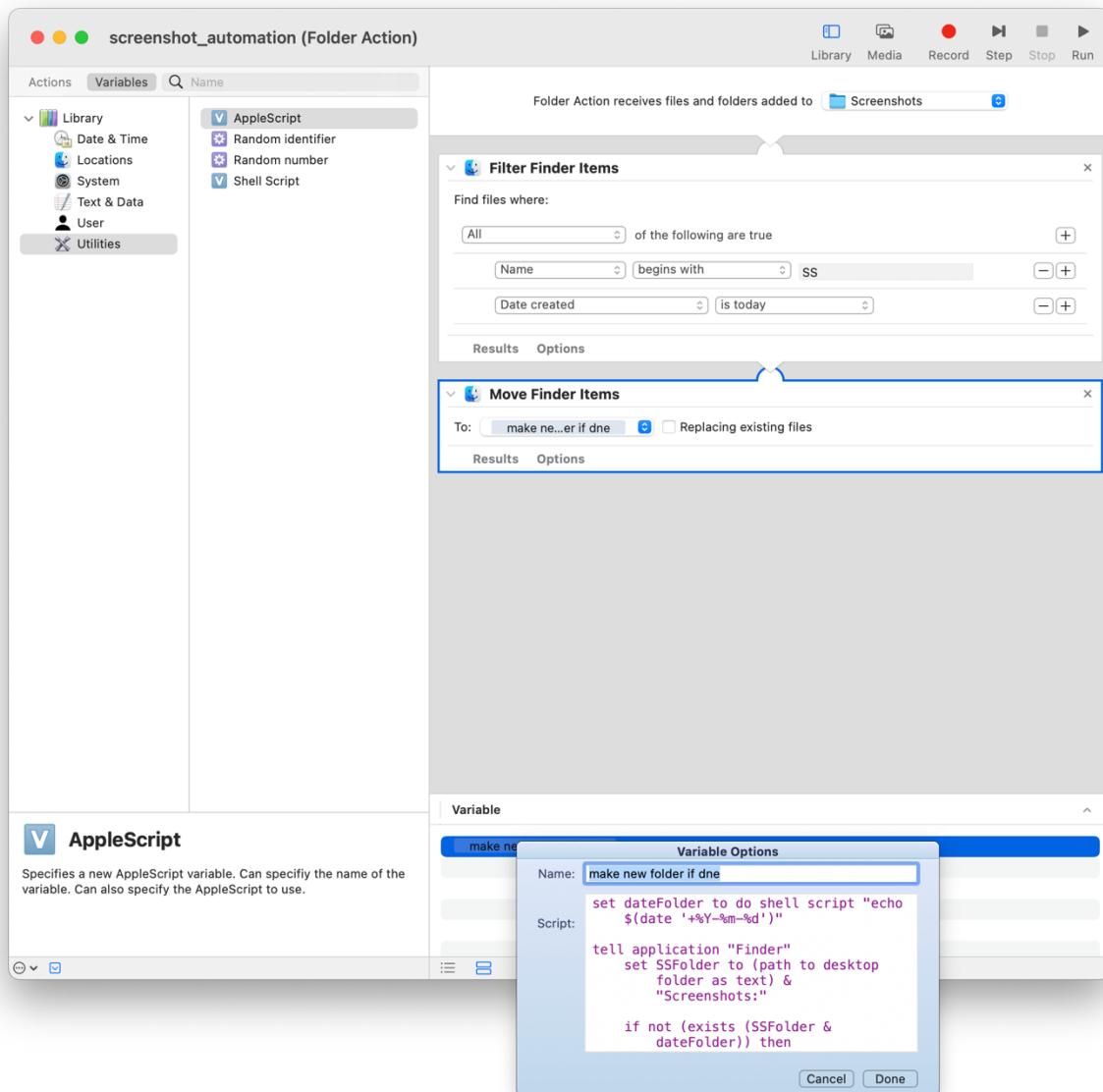
 if not (exists (SSFolder & dateFolder)) then

 make new folder at SSFolder with properties {name:dateFolder}

 end if

end tell

((path to desktop folder) as text) & "Screenshots" & ":" & dateFolder) as alias



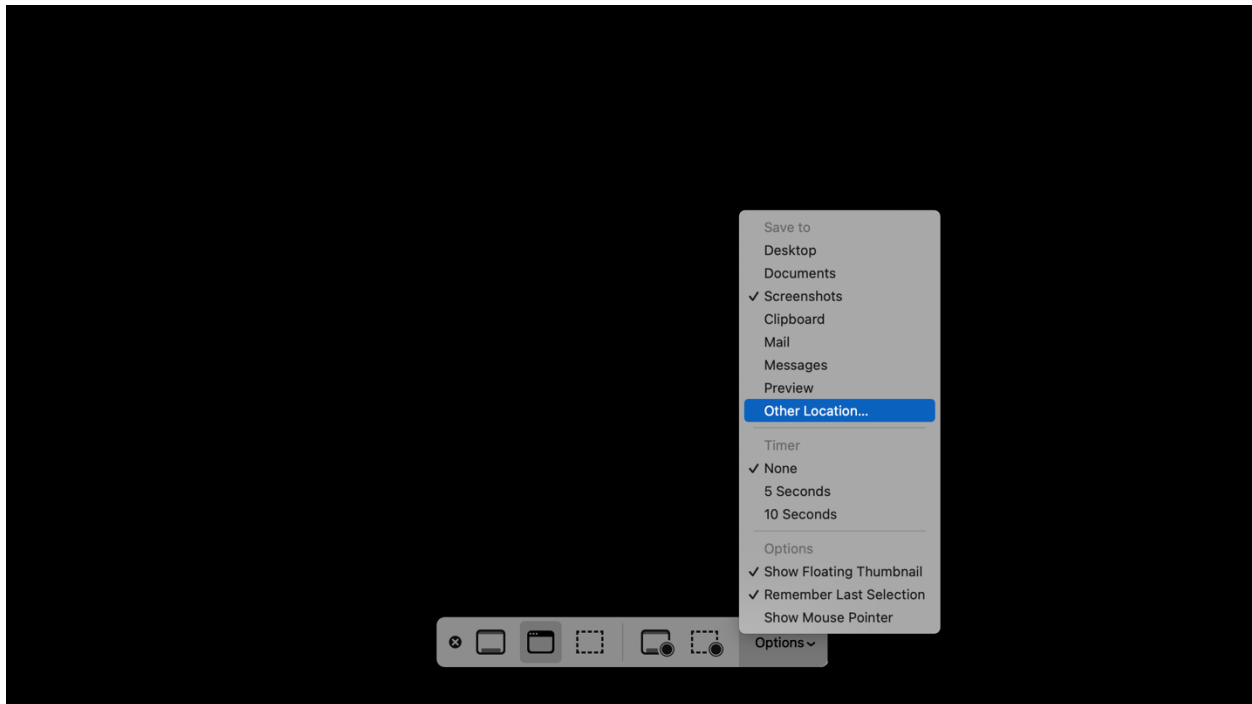
Changing the default name of the screenshot file

In a terminal type the following

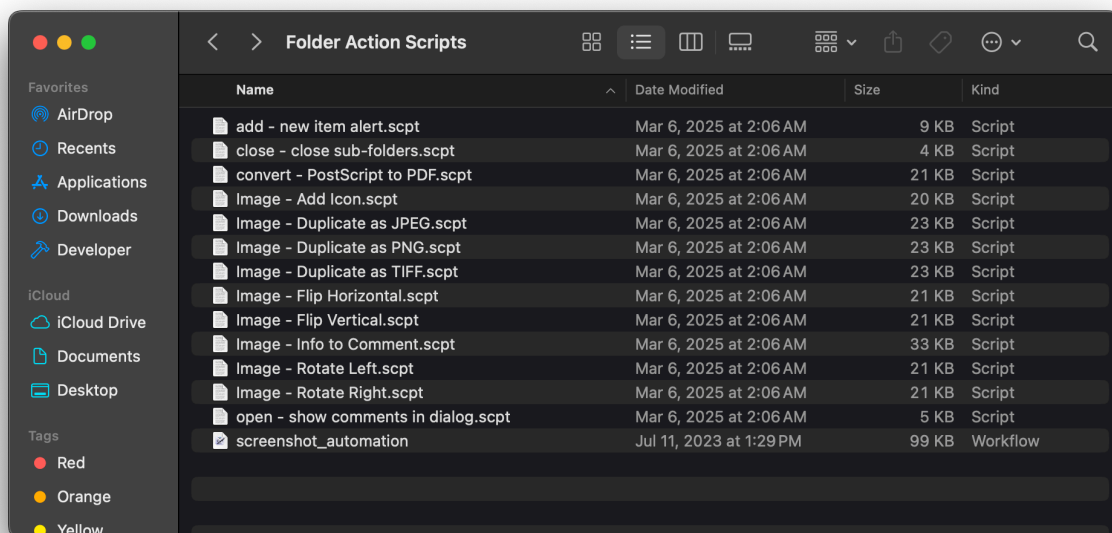
defaults write com.apple.screenshot name "SS"

Changing the default save directory for screenshots

Open the screenshots app by typing screenshots and then choose another location to save to



Copy the automation workflow to /Library/Scripts/Folder Actions Scripts/



Make sure the folder actions are set up

Right click the destination folder and select folder actions setup in the services menu

