

Finding original files

Show Media File (Toolbar) reveals the location of the selected media item(s) on the desktop.

Find Duplicate Items (Find menu) searches for similar or duplicate files, allowing you to set the level of similarity (tight or loose). Additional options: *Ignore brightness* is good if you want to exclude image brightness quality. *Compare items with similar names* is useful for imports of images from digital cameras that reuse file names, which can conflict with a previous import.

Duplicate results are presented in the open catalog, hiding all other items. This allows you to identify and compare items, side by side, and rename or discard them. Afterward, use *Show All* in the Find menu to reveal hidden items.

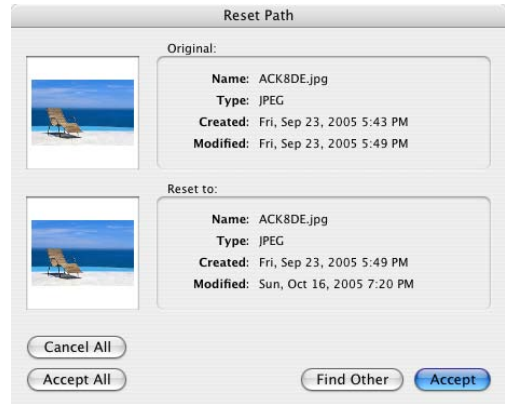
Find Missing Items (Find menu) searches for broken links to media files and highlights all unmounted or missing items in the catalog. You can then remove them from the catalog or search for them in a specific directory.

MediaPro stores the path of the original file and can detect if the file has moved in a relative path. If the file name has changed, the file or folder has moved, or the file, folder or volume is no longer mounted, the full size image in Media View will no longer be available and an error message appears in red text in the Header bar.

The thumbnail and annotation data is kept in the catalog but the path to the full size image, movie, or sound is no longer correct. To rectify this, you can use the *Reset Paths* dialog (Find menu) to amend the file paths.



Restoring the catalog: After you sort a catalog, use the *Show All Items* icon in your toolbar to reveal hidden files.



Reset Paths dialog, once results have been found.

Reset Paths (Find menu) allows you to reassign or modify the path, for one or more items. Using the dialog, navigate to and select the folder or directory where the file(s) now reside. MediaPro will display each file in a window for you to confirm each file's path restoration. If you have a group of files, and you are certain that all the new paths are correct, you can use the *Accept All* button in to avoid having to confirm each to new path.

However, if you have simply moved or renamed an entire folder or disk, it is much faster to use the *Reset folder path* command in Catalog Folders pane of the Organize panel (see page 83).