

Connecting to the Sound Effects Library

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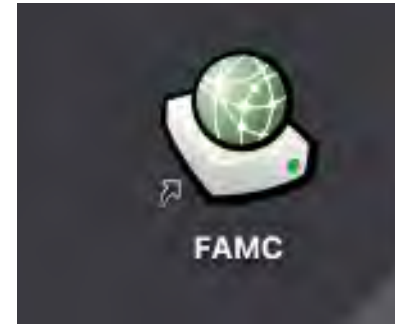
What is the sound effects library?

The sound effects library is an archive of thousands of royalty free sound effects that can be used by Concordia Fine Arts students in any type of audio production. Fine Arts students have the permission to use these sound effects in an artwork for the general public.

The sound effects have been purchased from the Toronto based company Sound Ideas. The sound quality is high and the files are free of pops and clicks that plague files from free internet sound effects libraries. Those little errors can drive sound mixers crazy!

Connect to the SFX library from a CDA computer

Log into a CDA computer using your account credentials. Look for the FAMC icon on the desktop. Click on the icon to connect.

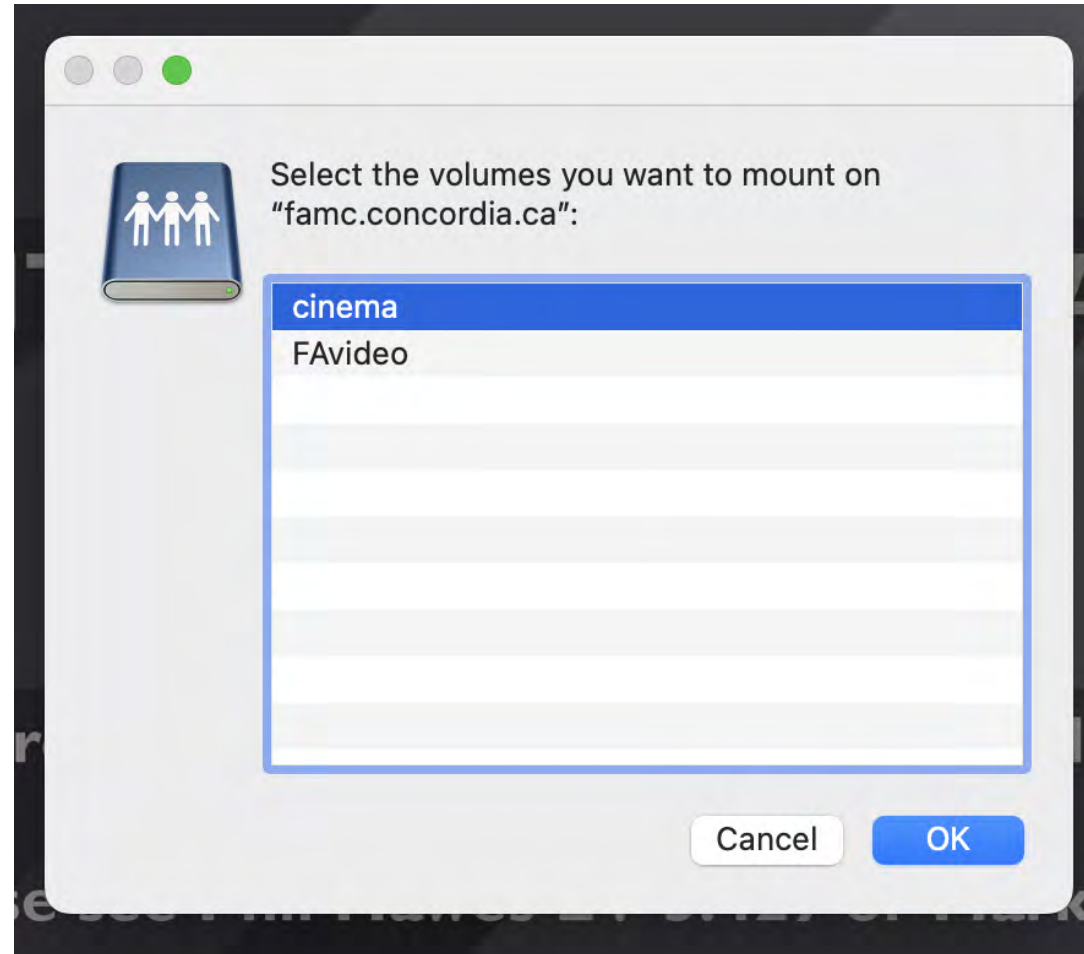


[The FAMC is the Fine Arts Media Cluster. In the EV building, to work with video media from the cluster you must work in the CDA (or FAR) AV suites. But any computer in the open access lab or classrooms will suffice for browsing the SFX library. See this page to learn more about the FAMC and how to request space]:

www.concordia.ca/finearts/cda/support/networking-connecting.html

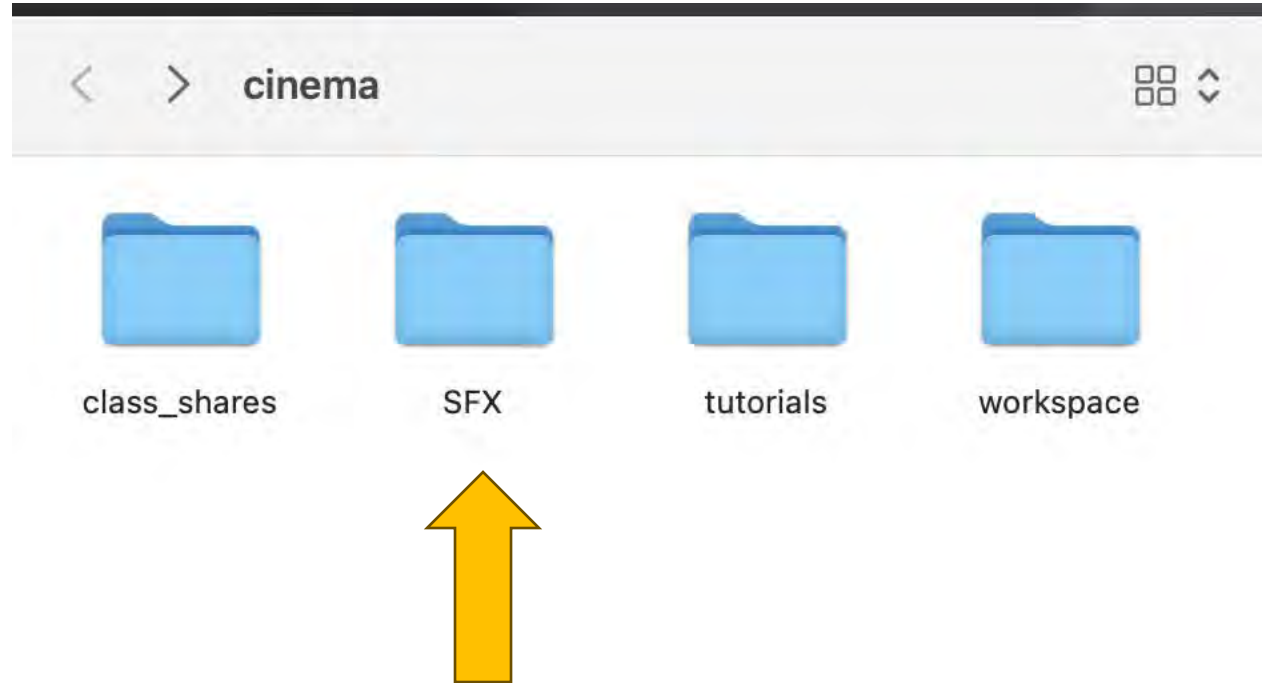
Mount the cinema volume on the FAMC

The cinema volume contains the SFX library.



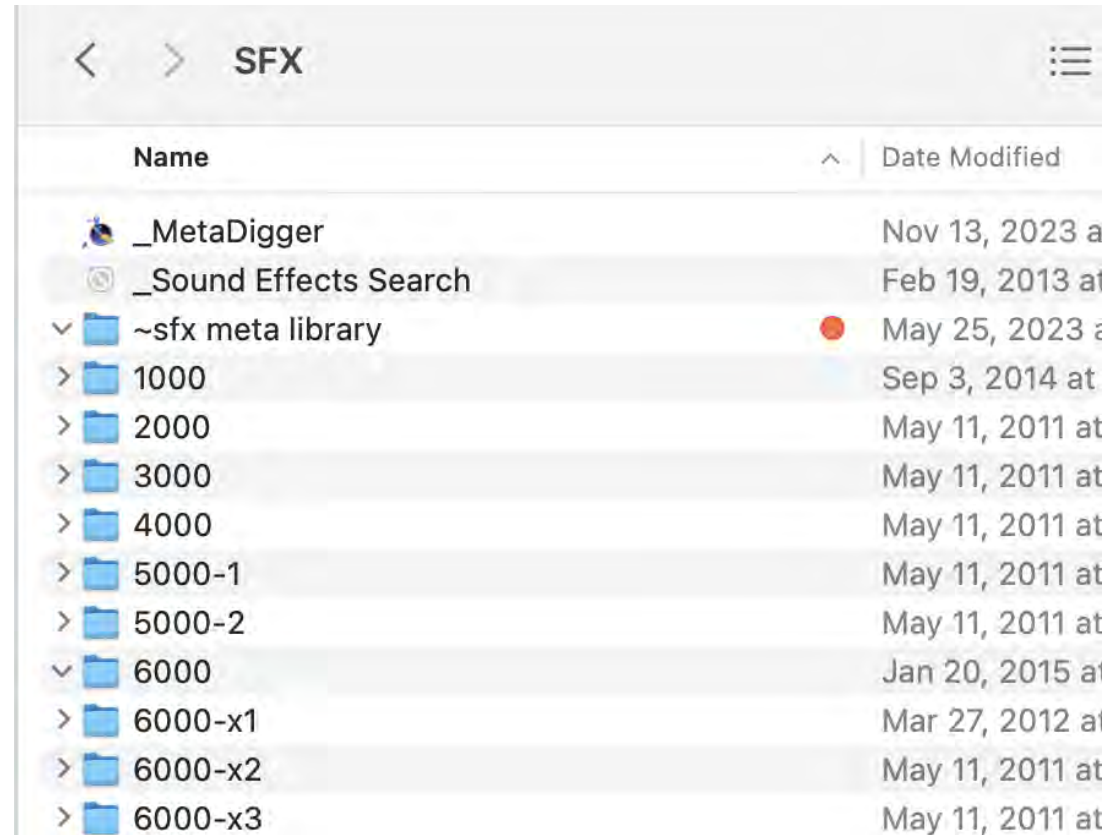
Choose the SFX folder.

Click on the mounted cinema volume on the desktop to access the different folders within. Choose the SFX folder.



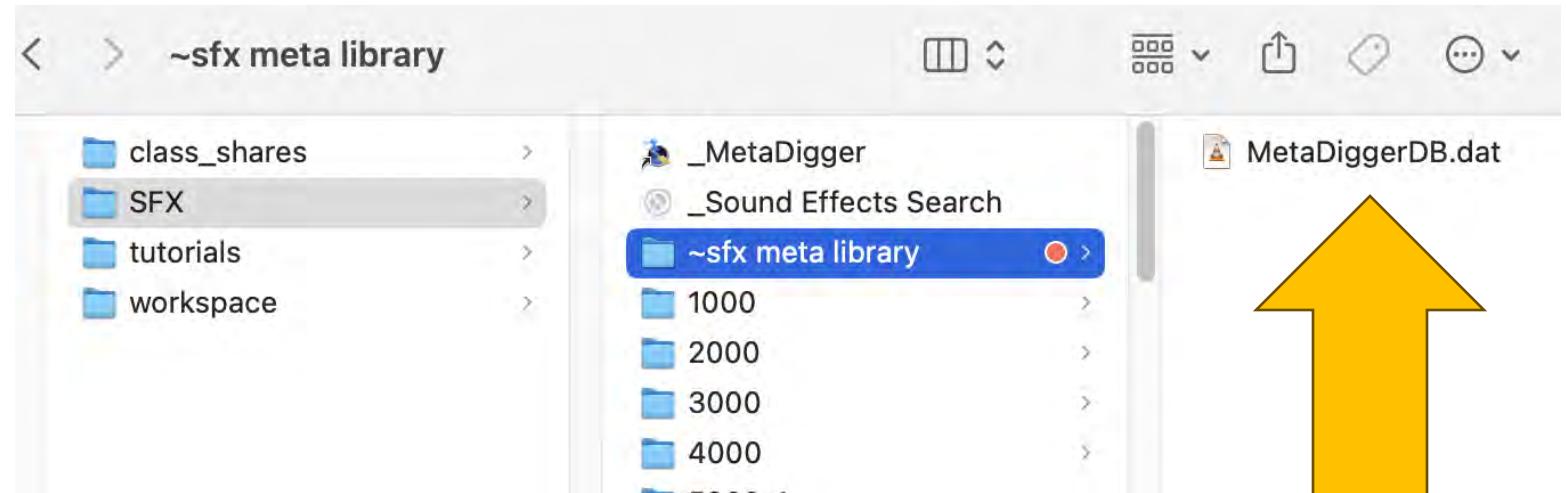
You can now see the entire SFX library.

To search the library you will need to take some extra steps.



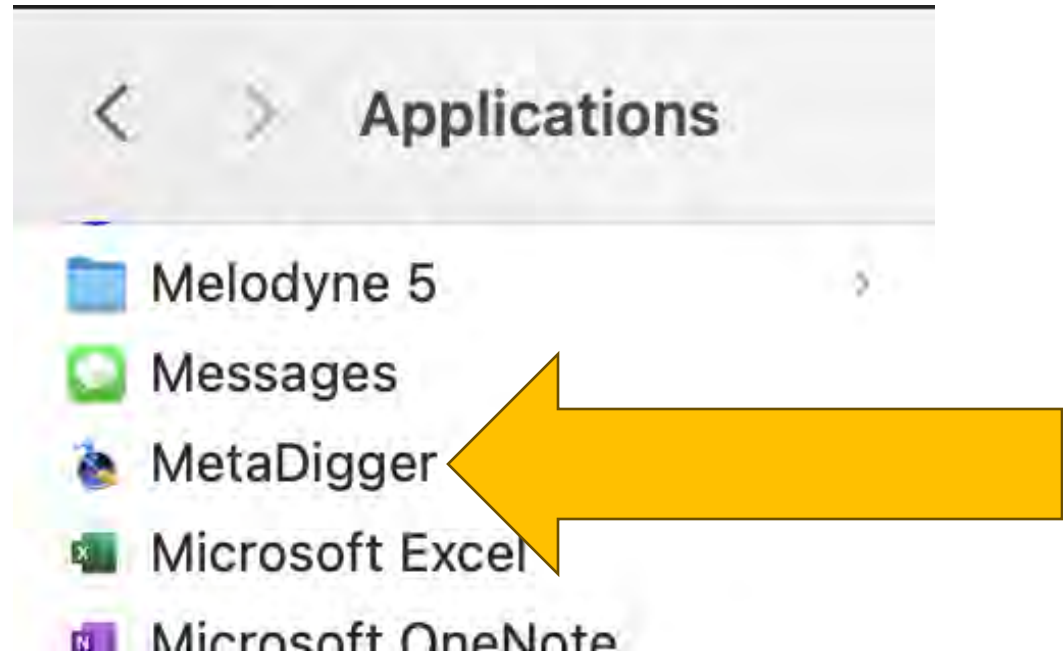
Copy the MetaDiggerDB.dat file to the desktop.

This file can be found in the “~sfx meta library” folder in the “SFX” folder.



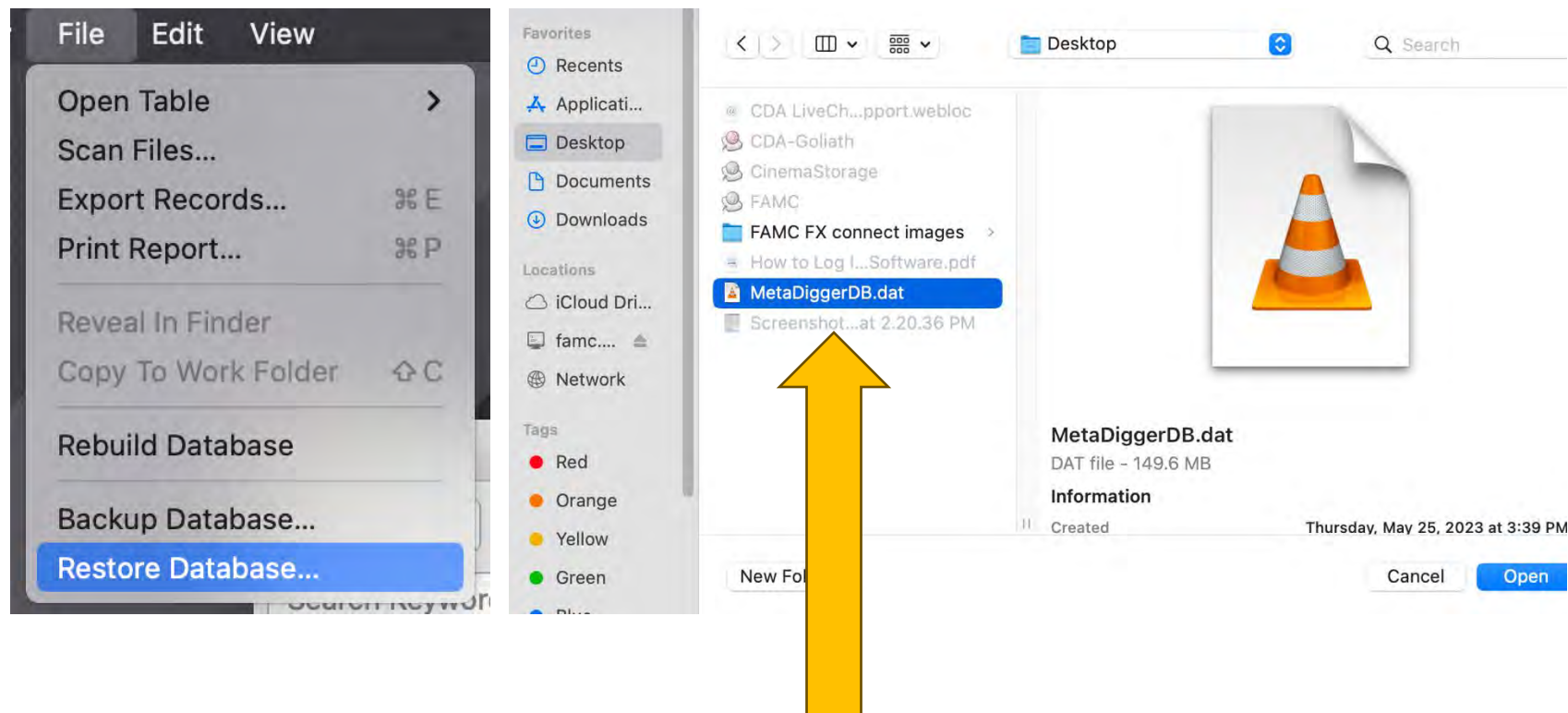
Open up the Metadigger application on the computer.

You can use the shortcut in the FAMC SFX folder but it will be quicker to go directly to the application on the computer.



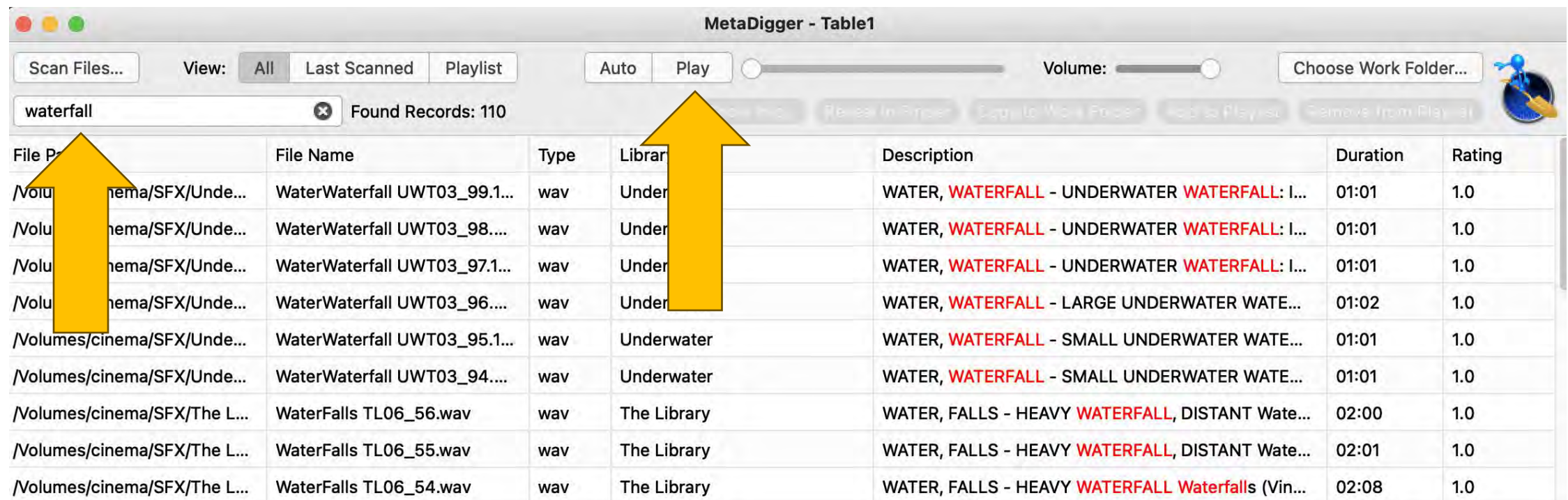
In Metadigger, go to File/ Restore Database.

Then open the MetadiggerDB.dat file on the desktop.



Search the database.

Once the database is restored, you will see a list of sound files in Metadigger. Type your desired sound in the search field. Press Play to hear.



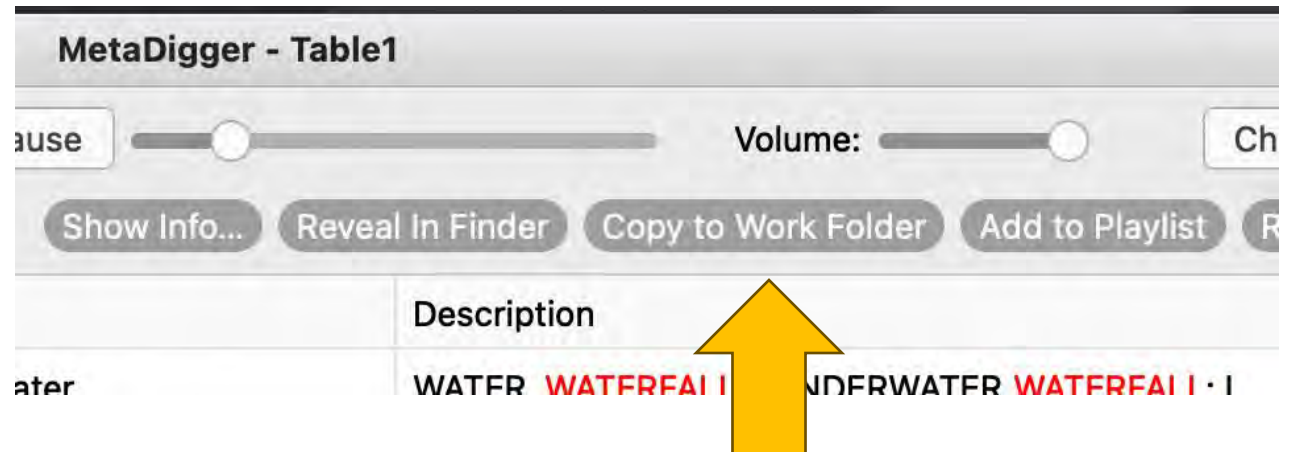
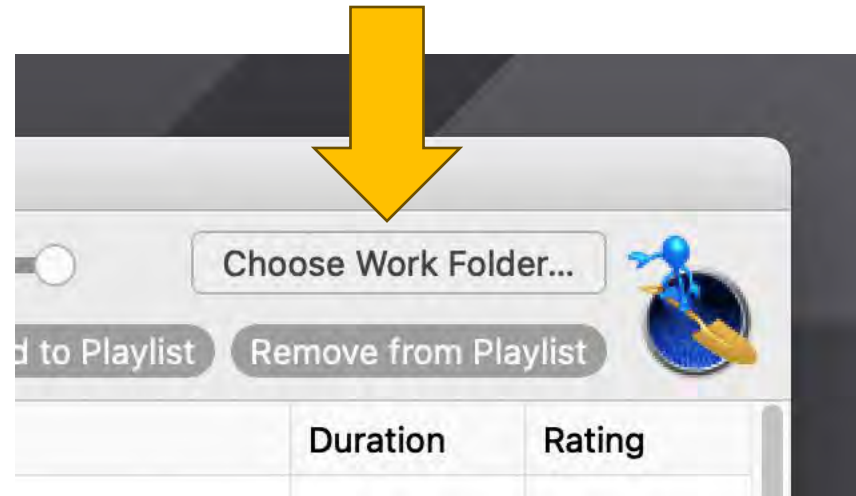
The screenshot shows the Metadigger application window titled "MetaDigger - Table1". The search bar contains the text "waterfall" and indicates "Found Records: 110". The "View" menu is set to "All". The "Auto" and "Play" buttons are visible, with a yellow arrow pointing to the "Play" button. The table below displays the search results.

File Path	File Name	Type	Library	Description	Duration	Rating
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/Under...	WaterWaterfall UWT03_99.1...	wav	Under	WATER, WATERFALL - UNDERWATER WATERFALL: I...	01:01	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/Under...	WaterWaterfall UWT03_98....	wav	Under	WATER, WATERFALL - UNDERWATER WATERFALL: I...	01:01	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/Under...	WaterWaterfall UWT03_97.1...	wav	Under	WATER, WATERFALL - UNDERWATER WATERFALL: I...	01:01	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/Under...	WaterWaterfall UWT03_96....	wav	Under	WATER, WATERFALL - LARGE UNDERWATER WATE...	01:02	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/Under...	WaterWaterfall UWT03_95.1...	wav	Underwater	WATER, WATERFALL - SMALL UNDERWATER WATE...	01:01	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/Under...	WaterWaterfall UWT03_94....	wav	Underwater	WATER, WATERFALL - SMALL UNDERWATER WATE...	01:01	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/The L...	WaterFalls TL06_56.wav	wav	The Library	WATER, FALLS - HEAVY WATERFALL, DISTANT Wate...	02:00	1.0
/Volumes/cinema/SFX/The L...	WaterFalls TL06_55.wav	wav	The Library	WATER, FALLS - HEAVY WATERFALL, DISTANT Wate...	02:01	1.0
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Choose a work folder.

The work folder is where your sound files will be copied. Make a folder on the computer desktop or on your external drive.

Choose "copy to work folder" to save the file.



Have a great time browsing the library.

Good luck with
your search!

