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# Introduction

XPression's Project Server is a storage and retrieval system that allows XPression users to publish and deploy projects from a server. Larger facilities which support multiple production groups may share resources such as a Project Server.

The **XPression Project Server Manager** is a software application that allows you to connect to a project server and perform administrative functions, like setting up user accounts and user groups to determine role-based access, publishing, and deployment of XPression project files on the project servers. You can also use the Project Server Manager to synchronize a project server with other projects servers in order to transfer and share XPression projects and files.



**Notice** — Do not use the Project Server as a back-up server.

[About This Guide](#)

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# About This Guide

This guide covers the use of the XPression Project Server system.

If, at any time, you have questions pertaining to the operation of XPression Project Server, please contact us at the numbers listed in the section [Getting Help](#). Our technical staff is always available for consultation, training, or service.

## Documentation Conventions

Special text formats are used in this guide to identify parts of the user interface, text that a user must enter, or a sequence of menus and sub-menus that must be followed to reach a particular command.

### **Bold text**

Bold text identifies a user interface element such as a dialog box, menu item, or button.

For example:

In the **Slug** column, type a slug name for the story.

### *Italic text*

Italic text is used to identify the titles of referenced guides, manuals, or documents.

For example:

For more information, refer to the *DashBoard User Guide*.

### `Courier text`

Courier text identifies text that a user must type.

For example:

In the **Username** box, type `postgres`.

### Menu Sequences

Menu arrows are used in procedures to identify a sequence of menu items that you must follow.

For example:

If a step reads **Server > Save As**, you would select the **Server** menu and then select **Save As**.

### [Hypertext](#)

Identifies a hyperlink to a related topic.

## Getting Help

XPression Project Server documentation is available online at [Product Documentation](#) and is also accessible on the product USB key and by selecting the **Help** icon in the user interface.

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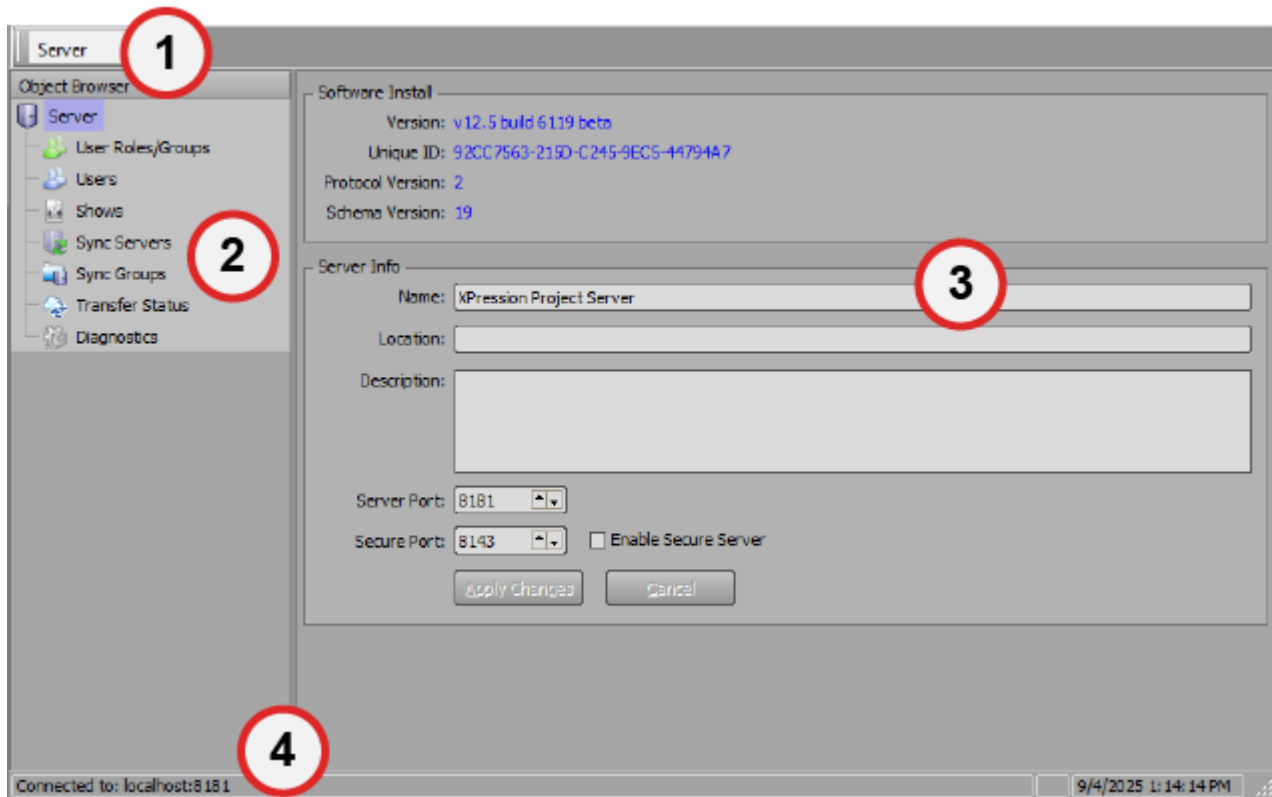
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# User Interface Overview

The XPression Project Server Manager interface is used to configure and edit the project server settings.

The following screen capture displays the main elements of the Project Server Manager user interface. Descriptions of individual elements are contained in the legend below the diagram.



- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. <b>Menu Bar</b> — use this menu bar to access the <b>Server</b> menu.                                      | 3. <b>Main Window</b> — use this window to configure the project server details.   |
| 2. <b>Object Browser</b> — use this area to browse and select objects in the list to view in the Main Window. | 4. <b>Status Area</b> — displays the current status of the Project Server Manager. |

# Project Server Manager

Before you start using the project server, you need to start the project server and log in to the Project Server Manager. This section describes how to start and stop the project server and access the Project Server Manager.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

[Starting and Stopping the Project Server](#)

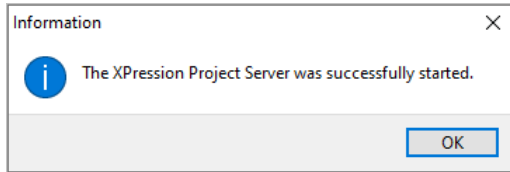
[Connecting to the Server](#)

# Starting and Stopping the Project Server

## To start the Project Server:

1. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Start Project Server**.

An information box indicates that the project server was successfully started.



*Project Server - Successfully Started*

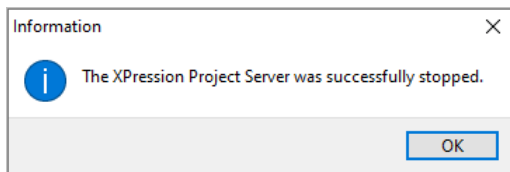
★ **Start Project Server** can be pinned to the **Start** menu.

2. Select **OK** to close the information box.

## To stop the Project Server:

1. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Stop Project Server**.

An information box indicates that the project server was successfully stopped.



*Project Server - Successfully Stopped*

★ **Stop Project Server** can be pinned to the **Start** menu.

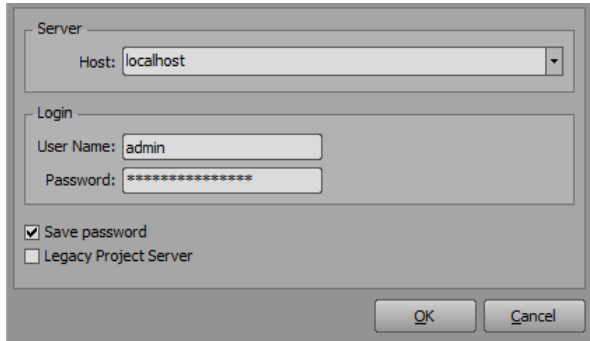
2. Select **OK** to close the information box.

# Connecting to the Server

## To connect to the server:

1. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Project Server Manager**.

The **Connect to server** dialog box opens.



*Project Server - Connect to Server*

★ **Project Server Manager** can be pinned to the **Start** menu.

2. In the **Connect to server** dialog, enter the following information:
  - In the **Server** section, from the **Host** drop-down, select the host server.
  - In the **Login** section, in the **User Name** field, enter the login username.

The default username is admin.

- In the **Password** field, enter the login password for the username.
- Select the **Save password** checkbox to save the password.

The default password is admin.

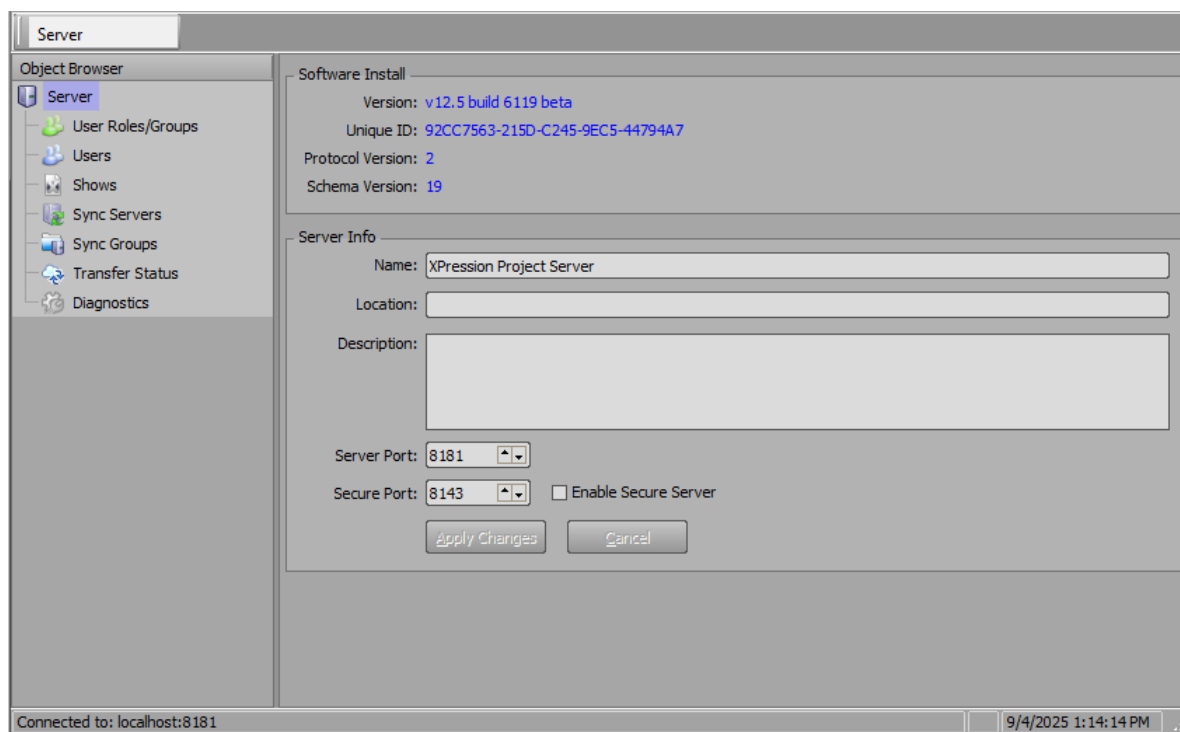
- Select **Legacy Project Server** if you have updated your XPression software, but are still using an older version of the Project Server (v11.1\_5764 or earlier).

You may need to reset the password when using the **Legacy Project Server** checkbox. Follow the on-screen instructions.

3. Select **OK**.



The **XPression Project Server Manager** opens.



*Project Server Manager*

Continue with [setting up](#) the Project Server.

# Setup

Before you start using the project server, the server needs to be configured and the users and roles need to be defined. This section describes how to configure the server and the users and roles.



**Notice** — Do not use the Project Server as a back-up server.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

[Configuring the Server Info](#)

[Adding a User Role or Group](#)

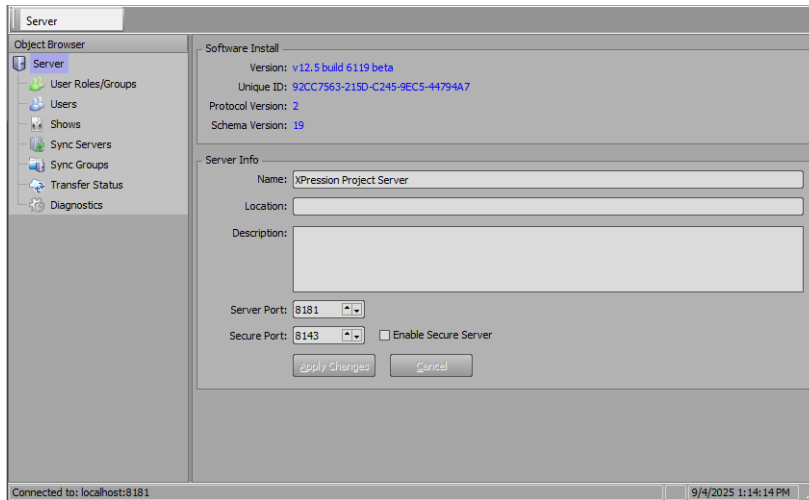
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# Configuring the Server Info

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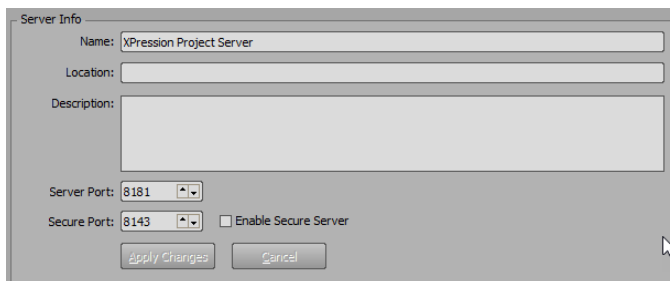
## To configure the Server Info:

1. Open the **XPression Project Server Manager**.



*Project Server Manager*

2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Server**.



*Project Server Manager - Server Info Section*

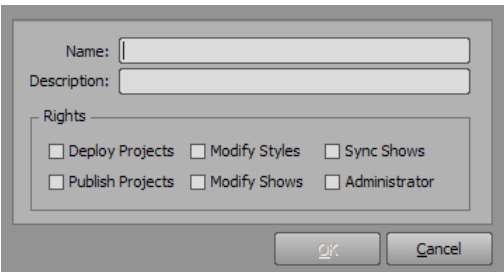
3. In the **Server Info** section, enter the following information:
  - a. In the **Name** field, enter the name of the server.
  - b. In the **Location** field, enter specific location information for the server.
  - c. In the **Description** field, enter a unique descriptor for the server.
  - d. In the **Server Port** field, enter or select the port number of the project server.
  - e. To enable the project server to perform file synchronization transfers with a sync server via Transport Layer Security (TLS), select **Enable Secure Server** and set the **Secure Port** field to the same port number as the sync server.
- ★ The **Secure Connection** settings must also be enabled and the **Port** numbers match in the sync server's **New/Edit Sync Server** dialog. See [Synchronizing Shows with the Project Server Database](#) for more information.
4. Select **Apply Changes** to commit any changes.

# Adding a User Role or Group

To add a user role or group:

- 1. Launch the **XPression Project Server Manager**.
- 2. In the **Object Browser**, select **User Roles/Groups**.
- 3. Right-click in the adjacent section and from the shortcut menu, select **New**.

The **New User Role** dialog opens.



The dialog box for creating a new user role. It contains fields for 'Name' and 'Description'. Below these is a 'Rights' section with six checkboxes: 'Deploy Projects', 'Modify Styles', 'Sync Shows', 'Publish Projects', 'Modify Shows', and 'Administrator'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

*Project Server Manager - New User Role*

- 4. In the **Name** field, enter the name of the role or group.
- 5. In the **Description** field, enter a description of the role (optional) or group.
- 6. In the **Rights** section, select the checkbox or checkboxes of the rights to be assigned to that role or group.
- 7. Select **OK**.

The new user role or group is added to the list of user roles and the rights assigned to that role or group are indicated in the columns.

#	Name	Deploy	Publish	Styles	Shows	Sync	Admin	Description
1	Administrators	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Built-in administrator role
2	Publish	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	Ability to publish

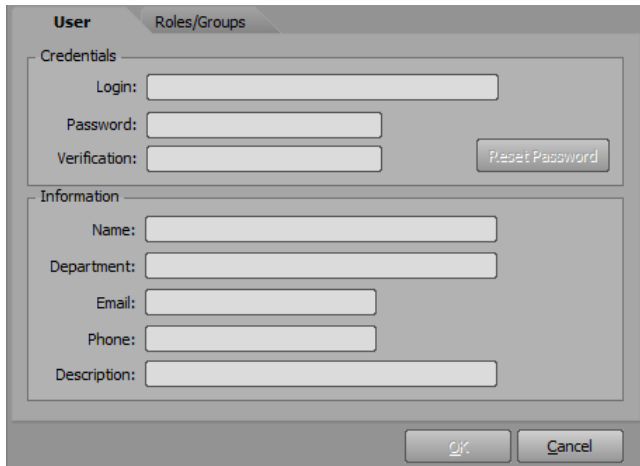
*Project Server Manager - User Role Added*

# Adding Users

## To create a new user:

1. Launch the **XPression Project Server Manager**.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Users**.
3. Right-click in the adjacent section and from the menu, select **New**.

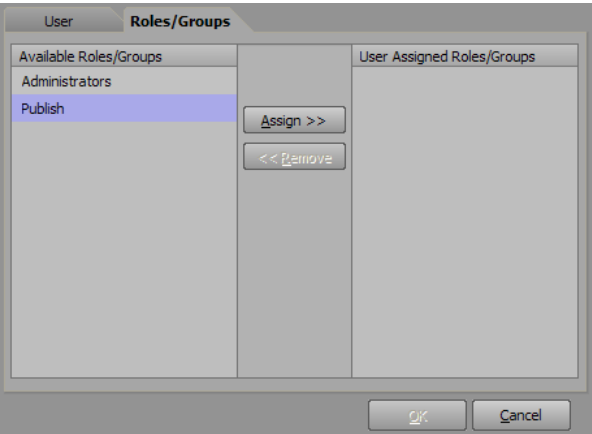
The **New User** dialog opens.



*Project Server Manager - New User*

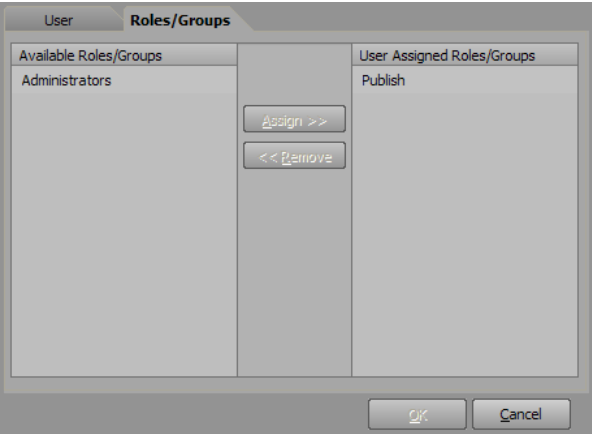
4. In the **User** tab, in the **Credentials** section, do the following:
  - In the **Login** field, enter the user name of the new user.
  - In the **Password** field, enter a password for the new user.
  - In the **Verification** field, re-enter the password for the new user.
5. In the **Information** section, do the following:
  - In the **Name** field, enter the full name of the user.
  - In the **Department** field, enter the department or group to which the user belongs.
  - In the **Email** field, enter the email address of the user.
  - In the **Phone** field, enter the phone number of the user.
  - In the **Description** field, enter a description of the user, e.g., job title.
6. Select the **Roles/Groups** tab.

7. In the **Available Roles** column, select the role or roles to be assigned to the user.  
Use **Ctrl-click** and **Shift-click** to select multiple roles.



*Project Server Manager - Select Roles*

8. Select **Assign** to assign the selected role or roles to the user.  
The assigned role or roles appear in the **User Assigned Roles** column.



*Project Server Manager - New Role Added*

9. Select **OK**.  
The new user is displayed in the **Users** list.

#	Login	Name	Department	Email	Phone	Description
1	admin	Administrator				Built-in administrator account
2	Publish	Mike	News	Mike@RossVideo.com	555-5555	Publisher

*Project Server Manager - New User Added*

# Shows

In the **Object Browser**, use the **Shows** section to create and manage shows and use the **Synchronization** section to synchronize the shows with the project server database. If you are publishing a project and the file upload is interrupted, the Project Server will resume the upload when relaunched.



**Notice** — Do not use the Project Server as a back-up server.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

[Adding a Show](#)

[Adding Categories and Styles](#)

[Synchronizing Shows with the Project Server Database](#)

## Adding a Show

This section covers the following procedures:

[To add a show](#)

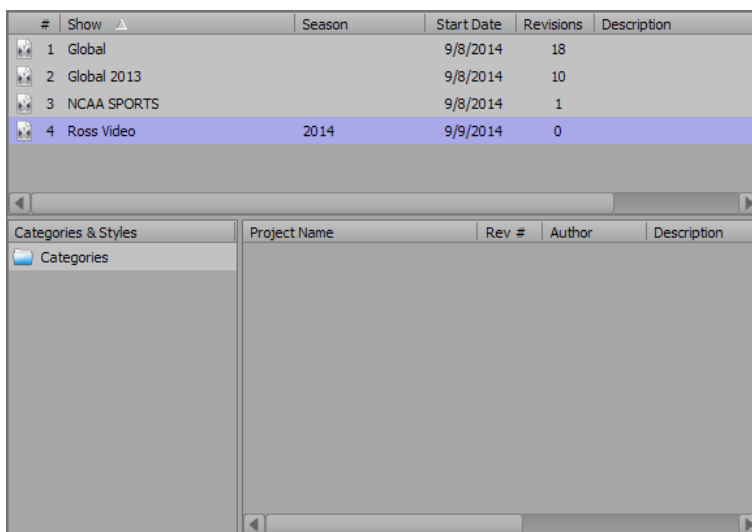
[To delete a show](#)

[To edit a show](#)

### To create a show:

1. Open the **XPression Project Server Manager**.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Shows**.

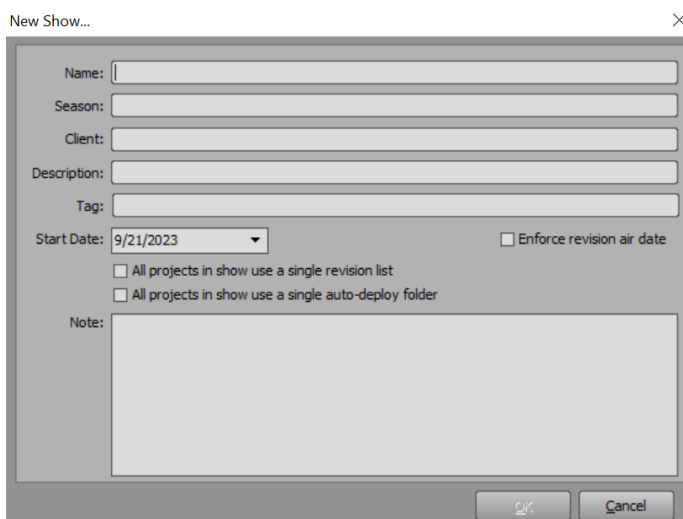
The **Shows** section opens in the main window.



*Project Server Manager - Shows*

3. In the **Shows** section, right-click inside the **Shows** list and select **New** from the shortcut list.

The **New Show** dialog box opens.



*Project Server Manager - New Show*

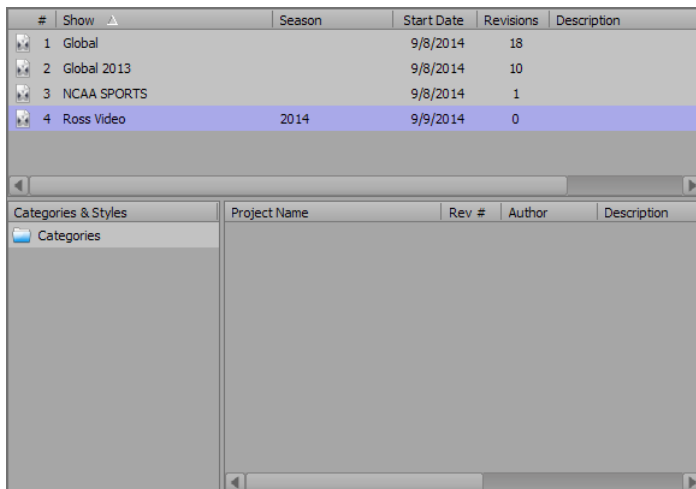


4. In the **New Show** dialog, enter the following:

- **Name** — enter the name of the show.
- **Season** — enter the season number or information.
- **Client** — enter the client name or information.
- **Description** — enter a brief description for the show.
- **Tag** — enter tags, separated by commas, to automatically add the selected show to the tag configured sync group.
- **Start Date** — enter an air date for the show or select the drop-down arrow and use the calendar to select an air date.
- Select the **Enforce revision air date** checkbox to ignore any revision with a future air date when getting the latest revision of the show in the MOS and NLE plugins or through autonomous deployment.
- Select the **All projects in show use a single revision list** checkbox to use a single incrementing revision list, regardless of the project being published, so that different projects do not get overlapping revision IDs.
- Select the **All projects in show use a single auto-deploy folder** checkbox to use a single folder to auto-deploy all products in the show.
- **Notes** box, enter any other information or notes about the show.

5. Select **OK**.

The **New Show** dialog closes and the new show appears in the **Shows** list.

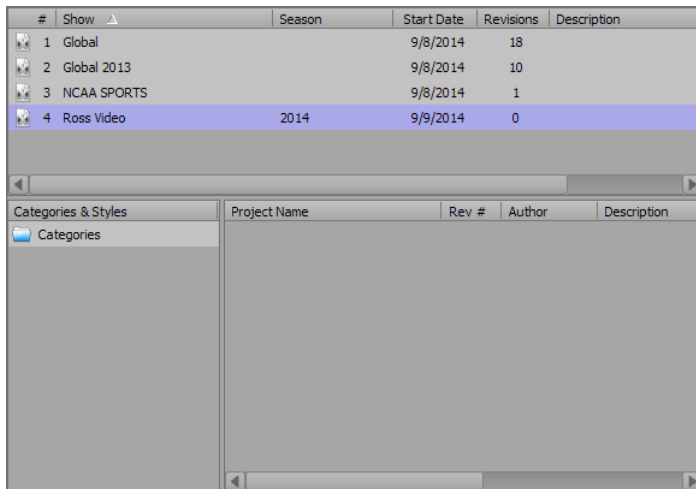


*Project Server Manager - New Show Added*

## To delete a show:

1. In the **Object Browser**, select **Shows**.

The **Shows** section opens in the main window.



*Project Server Manager - Shows*

2. Select the show you want to delete.

Additionally, you can select multiple shows to delete at the same time by selecting a show and doing one of the following:

- Press and hold the **CTRL** key to select additional shows.
- Press and hold the left-mouse button and drag to select multiple shows.

3. Right-click on the selected show(s) and select **Delete** from the shortcut menu.

A **Warning** dialog opens.

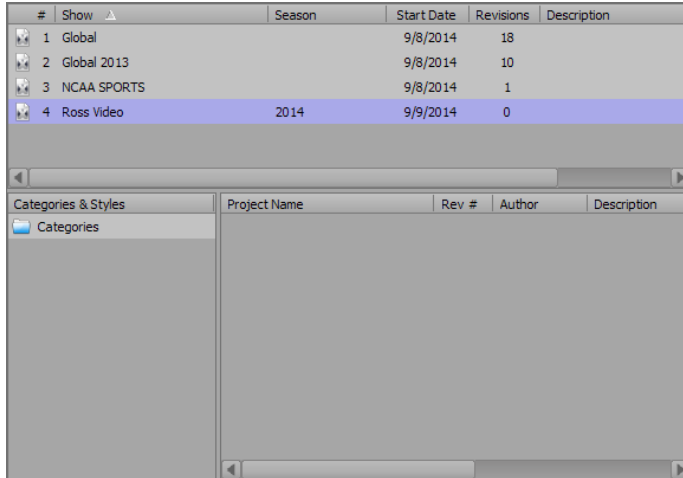
4. Select **Yes**.

The show is deleted from the **Shows** list.

## To edit a show:

1. In the **Object Browser**, select **Shows** from the **Server** menu tree.

The **Shows** section opens in the main window.



*Project Server Manager - Shows*

2. Select the show you want to edit.
3. Right-click on the selected show and select **Edit** from the shortcut menu.

The **Edit Show** dialog opens.

Name:

Season:

Client:

Description:

Tag:

Start Date:  ☐ Enforce revision air date

☐ All projects in show use a single revision list

☐ All projects in show use a single auto-deploy folder

Note:

*Project Server Manager - Edit Show Dialog*

4. Edit any of the details as necessary.
5. Select **OK** to save your changes and close the dialog.

## Adding Categories and Styles

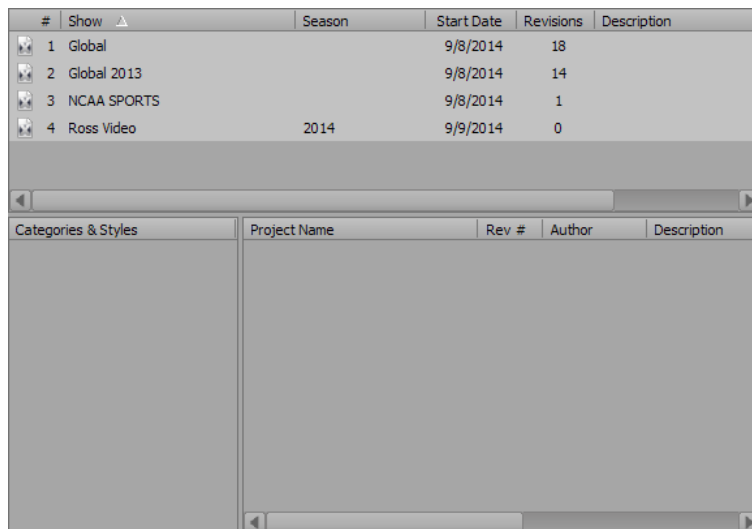
Categories are used to create individual folders for different parts of a show like weather, sports, etc.

Styles are used to create particular graphical appearances for different times and parts of a show, e.g., morning news style and evening news style.

### To create a category and/or style:

1. Open the **XPression Project Server Manager**.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Shows** from the **Server** menu tree.

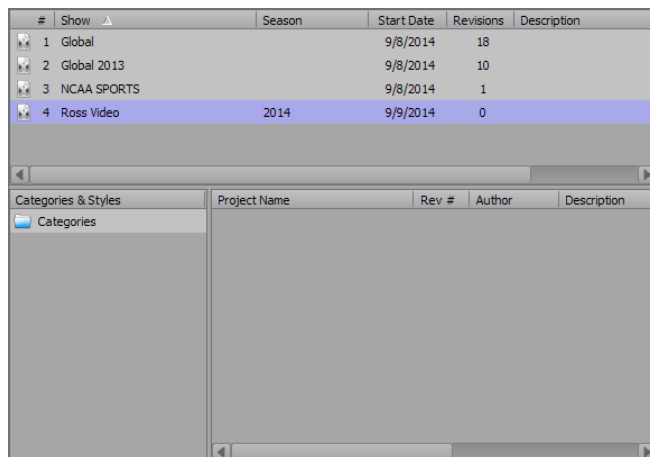
The **Shows** section opens in the main window.



*Project Server Manager - Shows*

3. Select a show from the **Shows** list.

The selected show is highlighted in the **Shows** list and the **Categories** folder displays in the **Categories & Styles** section.



*Project Server Manager - Select Show*

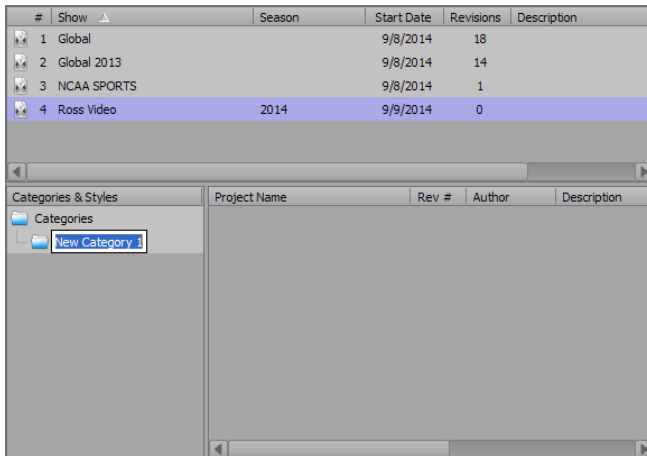
4. In the **Categories & Styles** section, right-click on the **Categories** folder and select one of the following from the shortcut menu:

- **New Category**
- **New Style**

The new category or style appears as a node in the **Categories** folder structure.

★ The **Rev #** is updated when a revision has changed for projects that have no category or style assigned.

5. In the new category or style field, enter a name for the category or style.



*Project Server Manager - New Category*

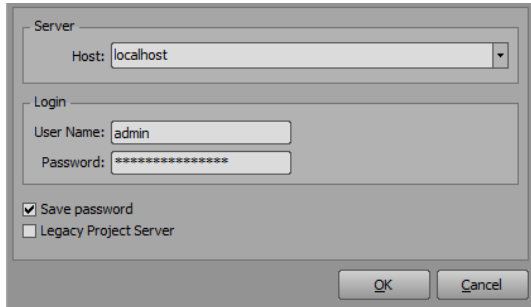
6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to add other categories and styles.

# Synchronizing Shows with the Project Server Database

## To set up the server:

1. Open the **XPression Project Server Manager**.

The **Connect to server** dialog box opens.



*Project Server - Connect to Server Dialog Box*

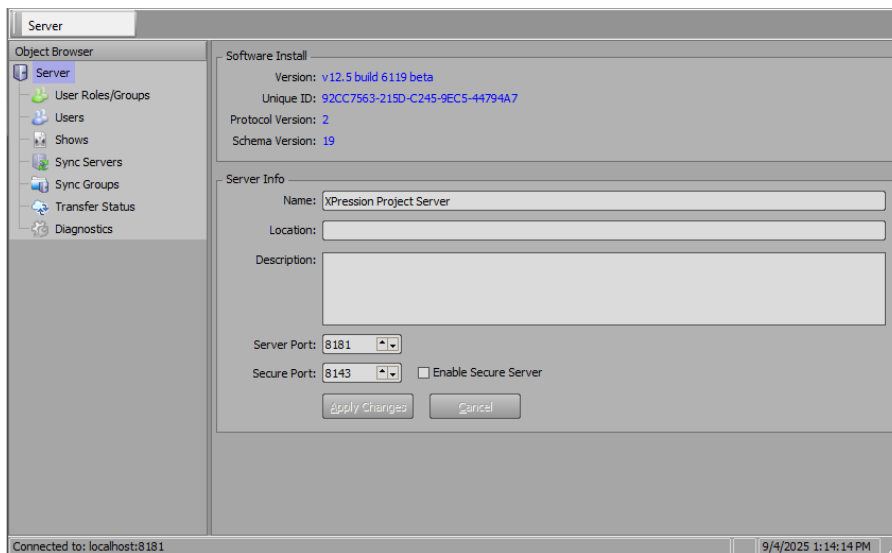
2. Set up the server from which the project will be synchronized:

In the **Connect to server** dialog, enter the following information:

- **Server** — from the drop-down, select the host server.
- **Login** — enter the login username.
- **Password** — enter the login password for the username.
- Select the **Save password** checkbox to save the password.
- **Legacy Project Server** — select only if you have updated your XPression software, but are still using an older version of the Project Server (v11.1\_5764 or earlier).

3. Select **OK**.

The **XPression Project Server Manager** opens.



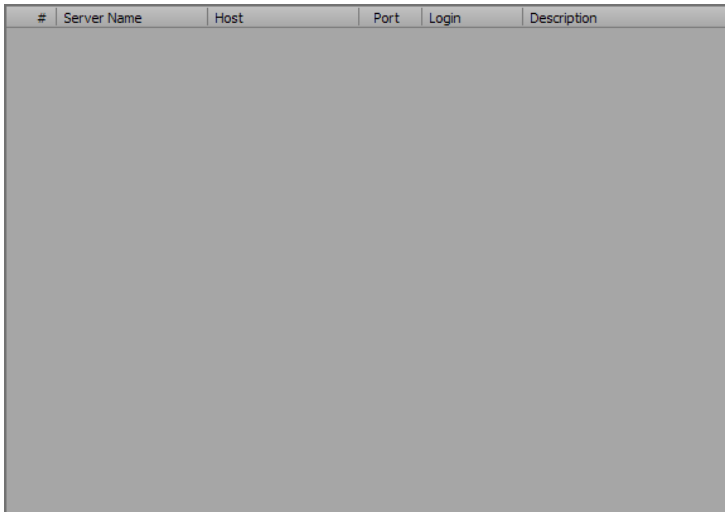
*Project Server Manager*

4. If there are no existing shows, select **Shows** from the **Object Browser** and add a new show or shows.

5. Set up the server to which shows will be synchronized:

- a. In the **Object Browser**, select **Sync Servers**.

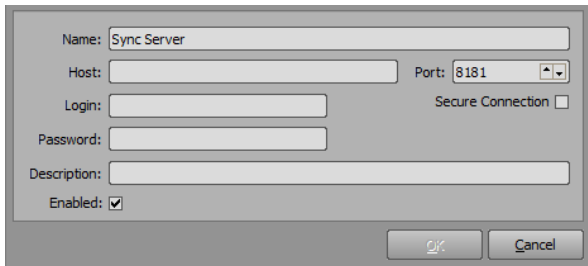
The **Sync Servers** section opens in the main window.



*Project Server Manager - Sync Servers*

- b. Right-click inside the **Sync Servers** section and select **New** from the shortcut menu.

The **New Sync Server** dialog opens.



*Project Server Manager - New Sync Server Dialog Box*

- c. In the **New Sync Server** dialog, enter the following information:

- **Name** — enter the name of the sync server.
- **Host** — enter the IP address of the sync server.
- **Port** — enter the port number of the sync server.
- **Secure Connection** — Select to enable the ability to perform file synchronization transfers with the project server via Transport Layer Security (TLS).
  - ★ The **Enable Secure Server** and **Secure Port** fields in the **Server Info** section of the **Object Browser - Server** window must also be enabled and match. See [Configuring the Server Info](#) for more information.
- **Login** — enter the login username.
- **Password** — enter the login password.
- **Description** — enter a brief descriptor for the sync server.
- **Enabled** — select this checkbox to activate the individual sync server. This is enabled by default.

- d. Select **OK**.

The **New Sync Server** dialog closes and the new sync server is added to the **Sync Servers** section.

#	Server Name	Host	Port	Login	Description
1	Sync Server 1	10.62.104.178	8181	admin	

*Project Server Manager - New Sync Server Added*

6. Repeat step 5 to synchronize other Project Servers if necessary.

★ Multiple sync servers can be enabled or disabled by selecting the necessary sync servers, right-clicking and selecting **Enable** or **Disable** from the shortcut menu.

### To create a sync group:

1. In the **Object Browser**, select **Sync Groups**.

The **Sync Groups** section opens in the main window.

#	Sync Group Name	Description

#	Synchronized Shows

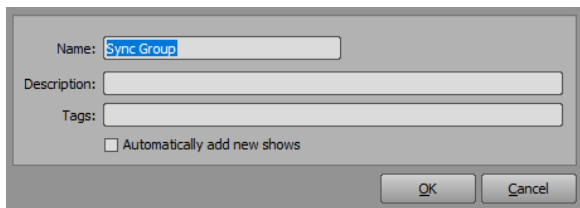
#	Server Name	Host	Port	Login	Des

*Project Server Manager - Sync Groups*



2. Right-click inside the **Sync Group** list and select **New** from the shortcut list.

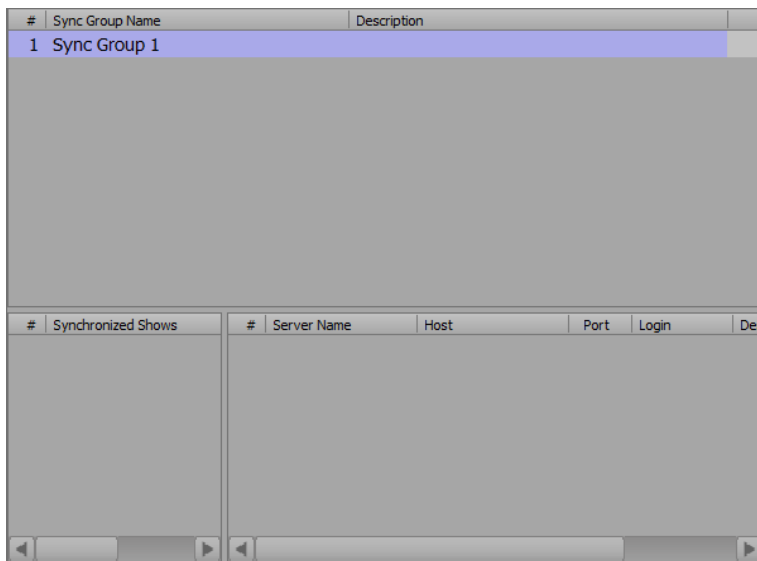
The **New Sync Group** dialog opens.

A dialog box titled "New Sync Group" with a light gray background. It contains three text input fields: "Name:" with "Sync Group" entered, "Description:", and "Tags:". Below the "Tags:" field is a checkbox labeled "Automatically add new shows" which is currently unchecked. At the bottom right are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

*Project Server Manager - New Sync Group Dialog*

3. Enter the following information for the new sync group:
  - **Name** — enter a name for the sync group.
  - **Description** — enter a brief descriptor for the sync group.
  - **Tags** — enter tags, separated by commas, to automatically add tagged shows to the sync group.
  - **Automatically add new shows** — select to automatically add new shows to the sync group.
4. Select **OK**.

The **New Sync Group** dialog box and the new sync group is added to the **Sync Group** list.

A screenshot of the "Sync Group Added" dialog box. It features a table with two columns: "# Sync Group Name" and "Description". The first row contains "1 Sync Group 1" and is highlighted in blue. Below this table is another section with a table header: "# Synchronized Shows", "# Server Name", "Host", "Port", "Login", and "Des". The main area below the header is empty. At the bottom, there are two horizontal scroll bars.

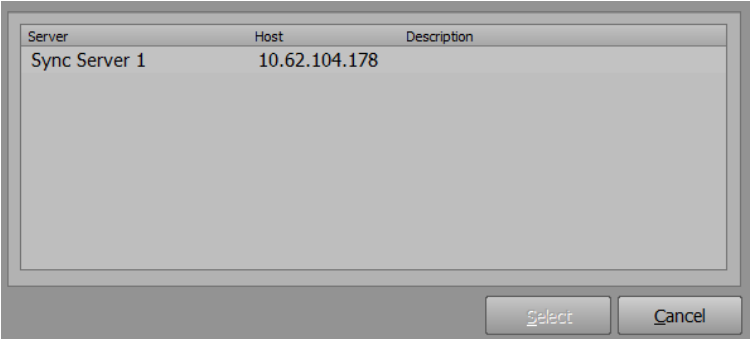
*Project Server Manager - Sync Group Added*

5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to add more sync groups if necessary.

**To add a sync server as the destination for a sync group:**

- 1. Select a sync group from the **Sync Group** list.
- 2. In the **Server** list of the **Sync Groups** section, right-click and select **Add** from the shortcut menu.

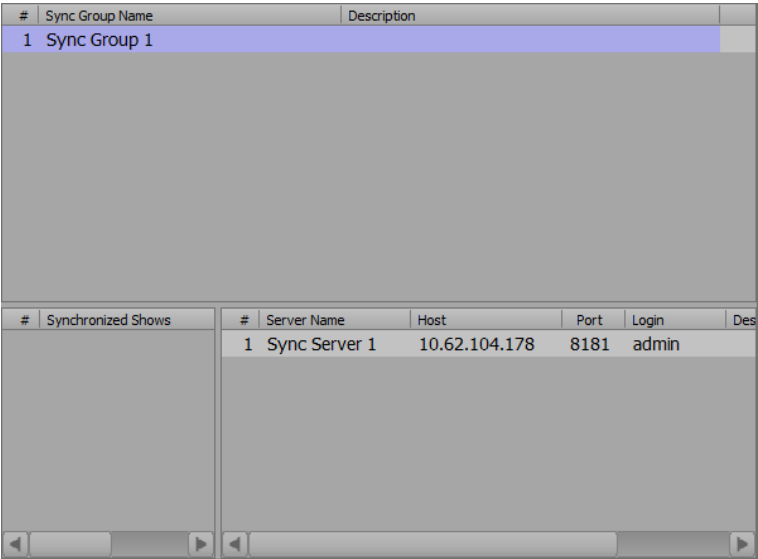
The **Select Sync Server** dialog opens.



*Project Server Manager - Select Sync Server Dialog*

- 3. In the **Server** list, select a sync server to which the selected sync group will be synchronized.
- 4. Select the **Select** button.

The **Select Sync Server** dialog closes and the selected sync server is added to the **Server** list.



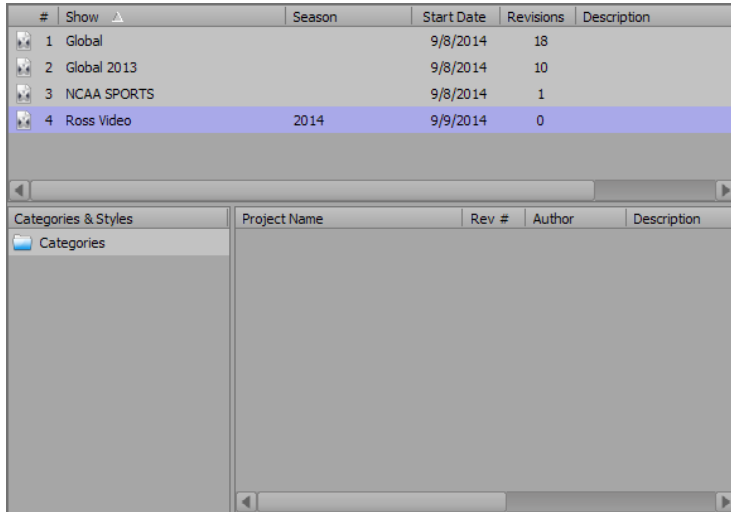
*Project Server Manager - Sync Server Added*

- 5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to add more sync servers to the selected sync group if necessary.

**To add a show (or shows) to be synchronized to the sync group:**

1. In the **Object Browser**, select **Shows**.

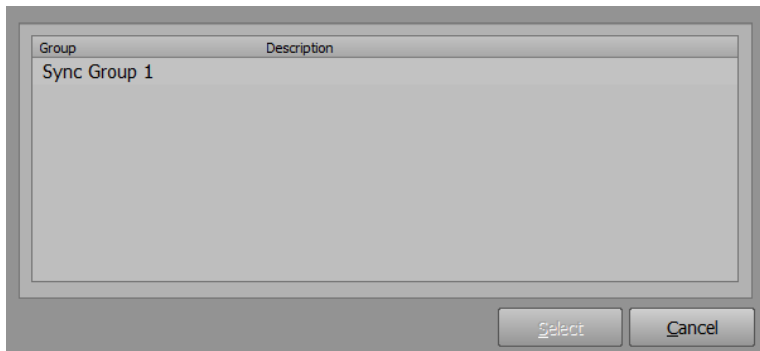
The **Shows** section opens in the main window.



Project Server Manager - Shows Section

2. Select the show(s) you want to add.
3. Select multiple shows to add at the same time by selecting a show and doing one of the following:
  - Press and hold the **CTRL** key to select additional shows.
  - Press and hold the left-mouse button and drag to select multiple shows.
4. Right-click and select **Add to Sync Group** from the shortcut menu.

The **Select Sync Group** dialog opens.



Project Server Manager - Select Sync Group

5. Select a sync group from the **Group** list.
6. Select the **Select** button.

The **Select Sync Group** dialog closes.

If you select **Sync Groups** in the **Object Browser** and then, from the **Sync Groups** list, select the **Sync Group** to which the show was added, you will see that the show has been added to the **Synchronized Shows** list.

#	Sync Group Name	Description
1	Sync Group 1	

#	Synchronized Shows	#	Server Name	Host	Port	Login	Des
1	Ross Video	1	Sync Server 1	10.62.104.178	8181	admin	

*Project Server Manager - Synchronized Shows List*

7. Launch the Project Server being used as the sync server and connect to the server.

#### To configure a sync user role:

1. In the **Object Browser**, select **User Roles/Groups**.

The **User Roles** section opens in the main window.

Server

Object Browser

Server

User Roles/Groups

Users

Shows

Sync Servers

Sync Groups

Transfer Status

Diagnostics

#	Name	Deploy	Publish	Styles	Shows	Sync	Admin	Description
1	Administrators	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Built-in administrator role

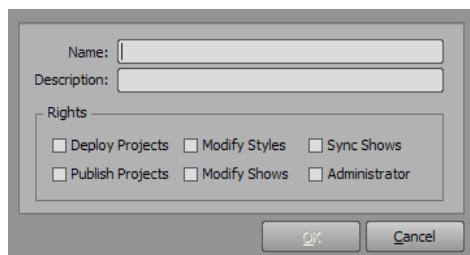
Connected to: localhost:8181

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*Project Server Manager - User Roles*

2. Right-click inside the **User Roles** list and select **New** from the shortcut menu.

The **New User Role** dialog opens.

The image shows a 'New User Role' dialog box. It has a 'Name' text field at the top, followed by a 'Description' text field. Below these is a 'Rights' section containing a grid of checkboxes: 'Deploy Projects', 'Modify Styles', 'Sync Shows', 'Publish Projects', 'Modify Shows', and 'Administrator'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

*Project Server Manager - New User Role*

3. In the **New User Role** dialog, enter or select the following information:

- In the **Name** field, enter a name for the user role.

Since this is for a sync user role, it is recommended the name be something in line with the role, for example, 'Sync User'.

- In the **Description** field, enter a descriptor for the user role.

4. In the **Rights** section, select the **Sync Shows** checkbox.

5. Select **OK**.

The new sync user role is added to the **User Roles** list.

6. Add users for the sync user role as needed.

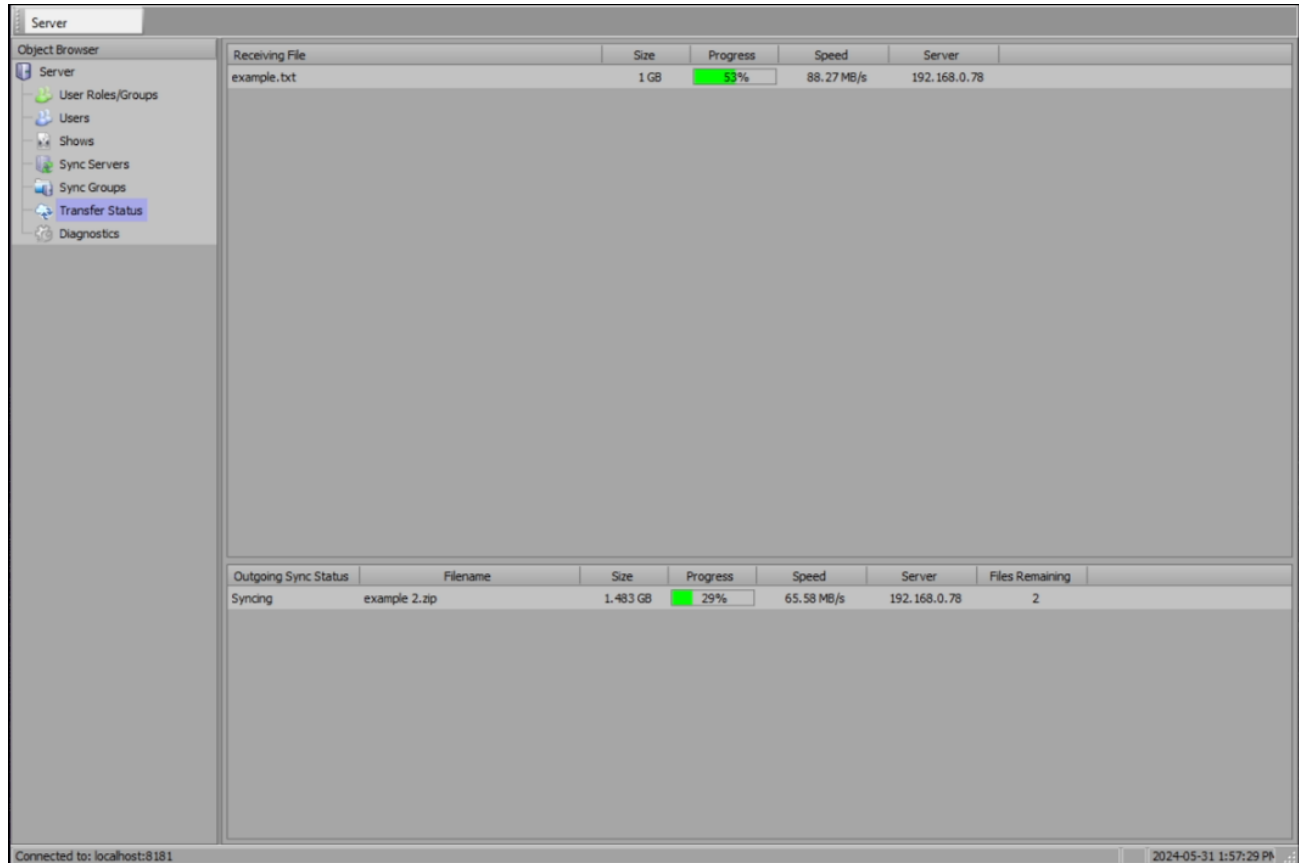
See [Adding Users](#) for instructions.

# Monitoring File Transfers

The XPression Project Server can handle many file transfers in busy stations. For station groups with a central XPression Project Server that share XPression Projects to multiple locations for breaking news and other critical productions, the Project Server Manager's **Transfer Status** window allows you to monitor the progress of file transfers in either direction.

**To monitor the status of file transfers:**

- In the **Object Browser**, select **Transfer Status**.



When a project is being published to the server that's being managed or when projects are being synchronized to and from other project servers, the top section of the **Transfer Status** window lists the files being received from the project to the current server.

Each row provides the following information about the files being received:

- **Receiving File** — the filename of the file
- **Size** — the total size of the file
- **Progress** — a progress bar of the transfer
- **Speed** — the current speed of the transfer
- **Server** — the IP address of the sender

The bottom section of the **Transfer Status** window lists each server that is currently receiving files and provides the following information about the servers:

- **Outgoing Sync Status** — the status of the sync, which can be **Idle**, **Connecting**, or **Syncing**
- **Filename** — the filename of the outgoing file
- **Size** — the total size of the file
- **Progress** — a progress bar of the transfer
- **Speed** — the current speed of the transfer
- **Server** — the IP Address of the recipient server
- **File Remaining** — the number of files remaining to be sent

# Running File Diagnostics

If you are logged in to the **Project Server Manager** as an administrator, you can access a **Diagnostics** tool to verify and replace files in the storage folder.

The tool contains 2 buttons:

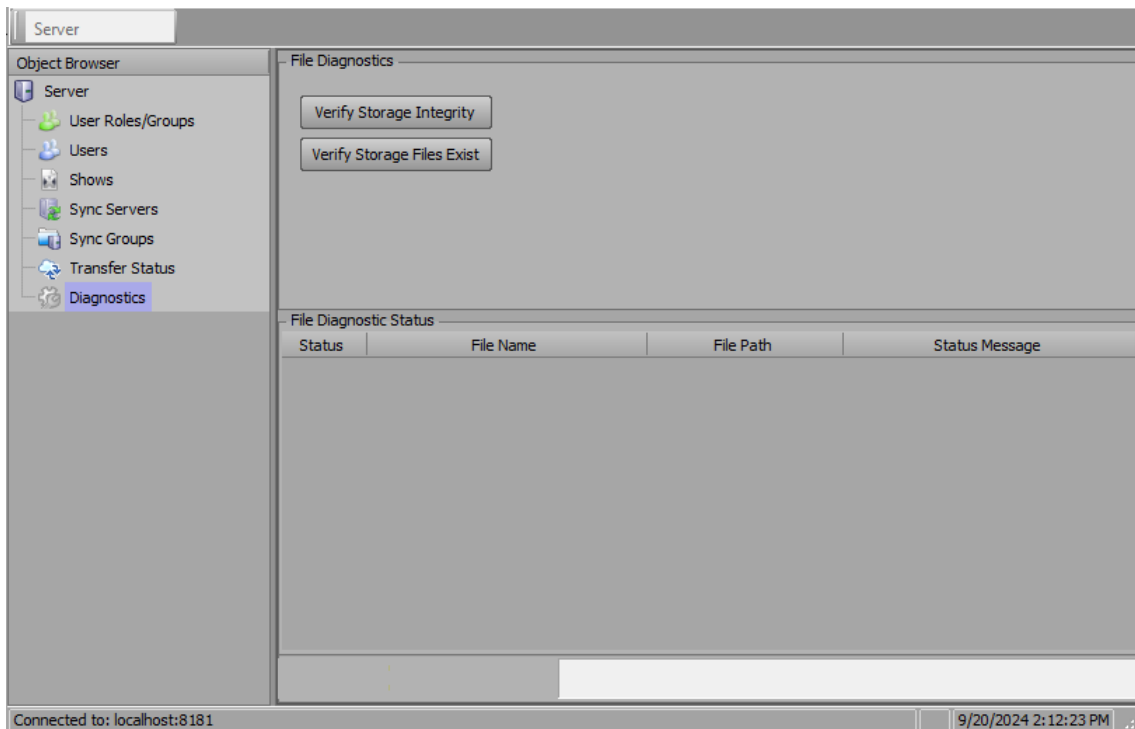
**Verify Storage Integrity** — checks if the files exist and ensures that they match what is in the database. This option can take a long time and requires a lot of CPU power.

**Verify Storage Files Exist** — checks if the files exist. This option is faster and requires little CPU power.

## To verify storage integrity:

1. Launch the **XPression Project Server Manager**.
2. In the **Object Browser**, select **Diagnostics**.

The **Diagnostics** window opens.



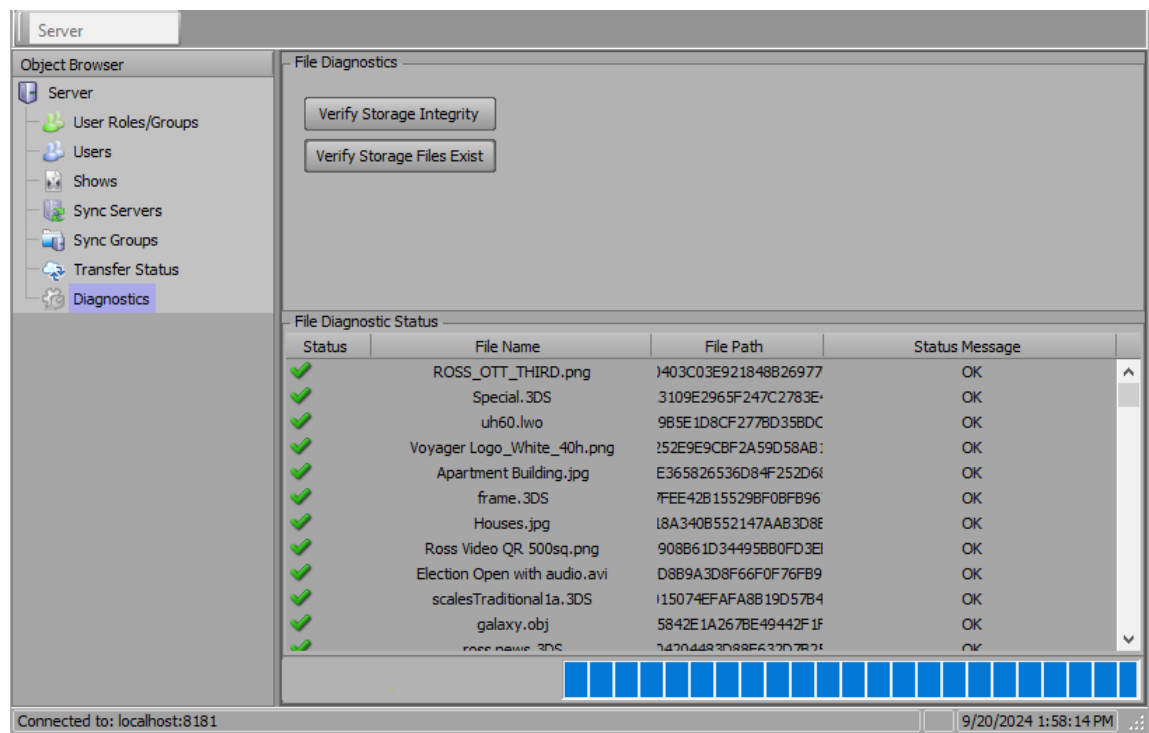
3. Select **Verify Storage Integrity** to check that all files exist in the database and that the files match.

**OR**

Select **Verify Storage Files Exist** to quickly determine that all the files in the project exist in the database.



The diagnostics are run and the status of the files is indicated in the results in the **File Diagnostic Status** section.



If the file is found, there will be a green check mark in the **Status** column and no further action is needed.

If the file is not found, there will be a red X in the **Status** column and the **Status Message** will say **not found**.

- If the file is not found, right-click on the file and from the shortcut menu, select **Replace File**.
- In the **File Browser** that opens, locate the file on your local disk and select the missing file.

The missing file will be restored to the database and a green check mark will be displayed beside the file.

**To view the file name or file path of a file:**

- Right-click on a file and select **Copy File Name** or **Copy File Path** to copy and paste the name or path into a text editor.

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