

## What are FCP Preference Files?

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## What kind of information is stored in the preference files?

Final Cut Pro 5.1 preference files contains user preferences for scratch disk settings, capture settings, window layouts, and so forth.

## How often should you trash the preferences?

Usually you should only trash the preferences if FCP begins to not function correctly.

## how to **Delete FCP Preferences**

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Step 1: Make sure all programs are closed.

Step 2: Double click your Macintosh HD.

Step 3: Select the user of the machine. (from example 1 listed below, I would choose **itvloaner**)

Step 4: Open the Library folder, and scroll down to the preferences folder.

Step 5: Drag the following file to the trash can: **com.apple.FinalCutPrp.plist**.

Step 6: Next, look further down in the folder list for the Final Cut Pro user Data Folder.

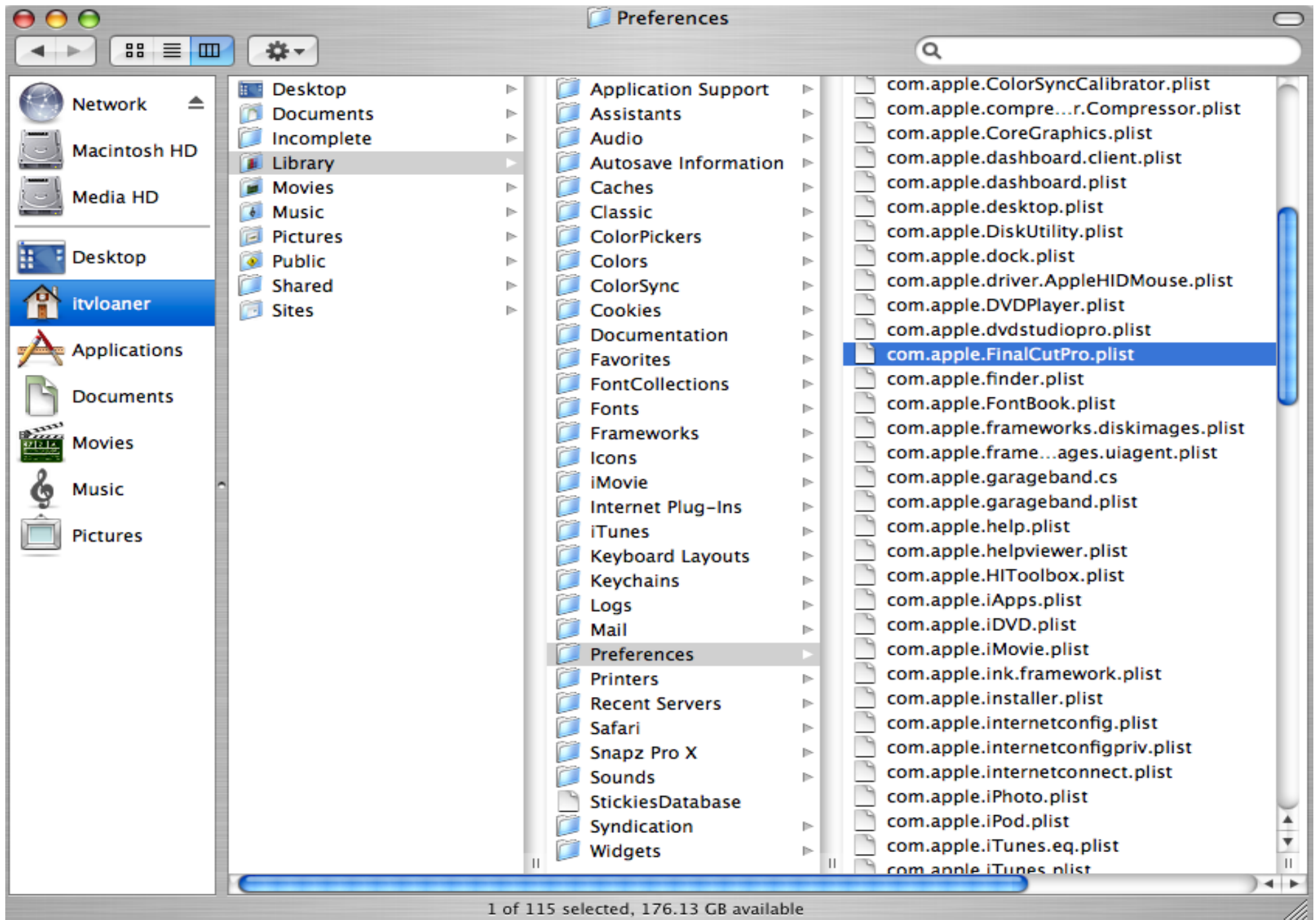
Step 7: Open the Final Cut Pro User Data folder, select the 3 files, then drag those files to the trash.

(see example 2 listed below)

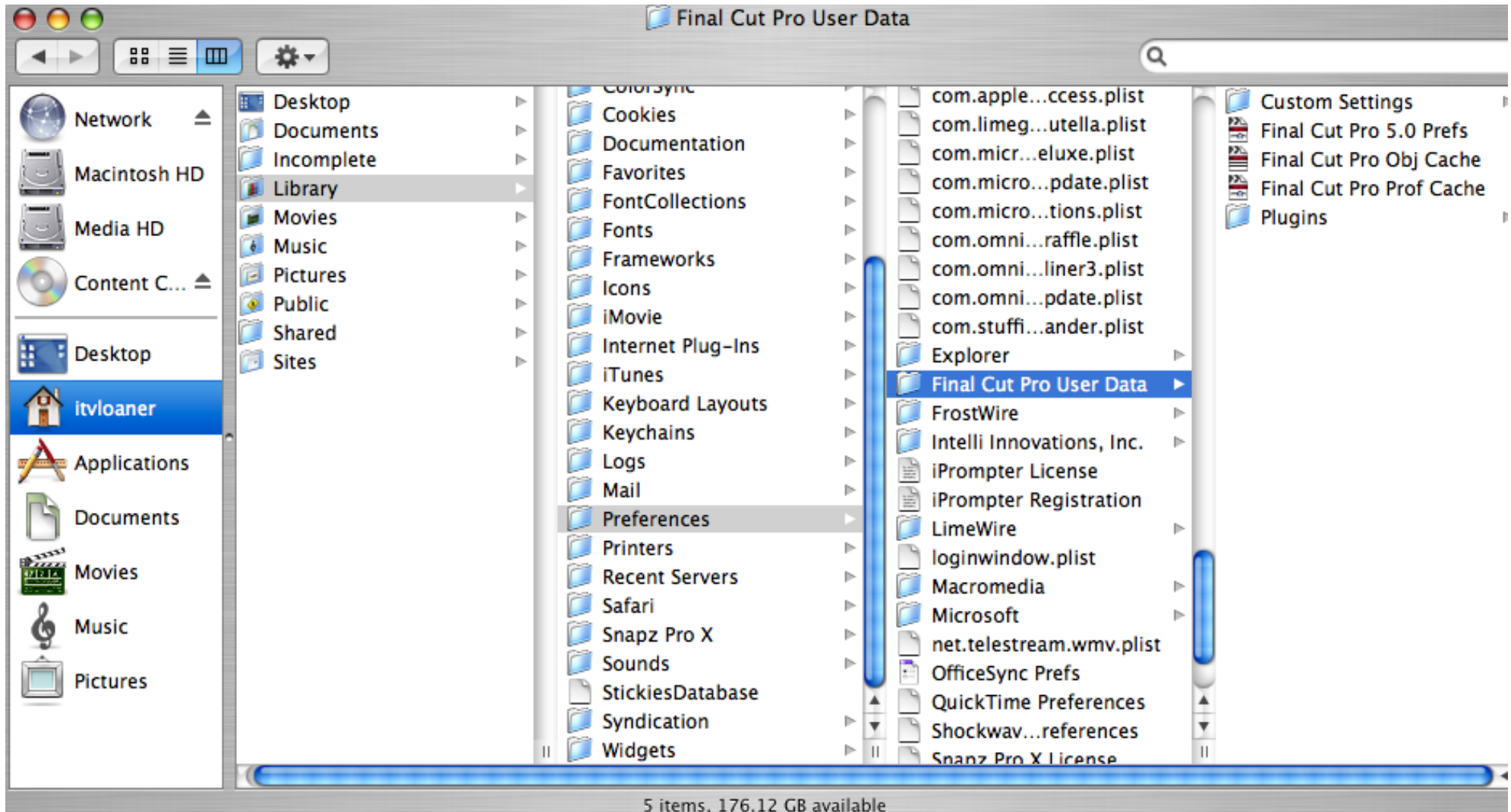
Step 8: Empty the trash.

Step 9: Restart Final Cut Pro.

(example 1)



(example 2)



Once this process is completed, Final Cut Pro reverts to its installed defaults. Reset all of your desired application preferences to match what they were before--in particular your Scratch Disk Preferences, keyboard mappings, and the selected Sequence Settings.