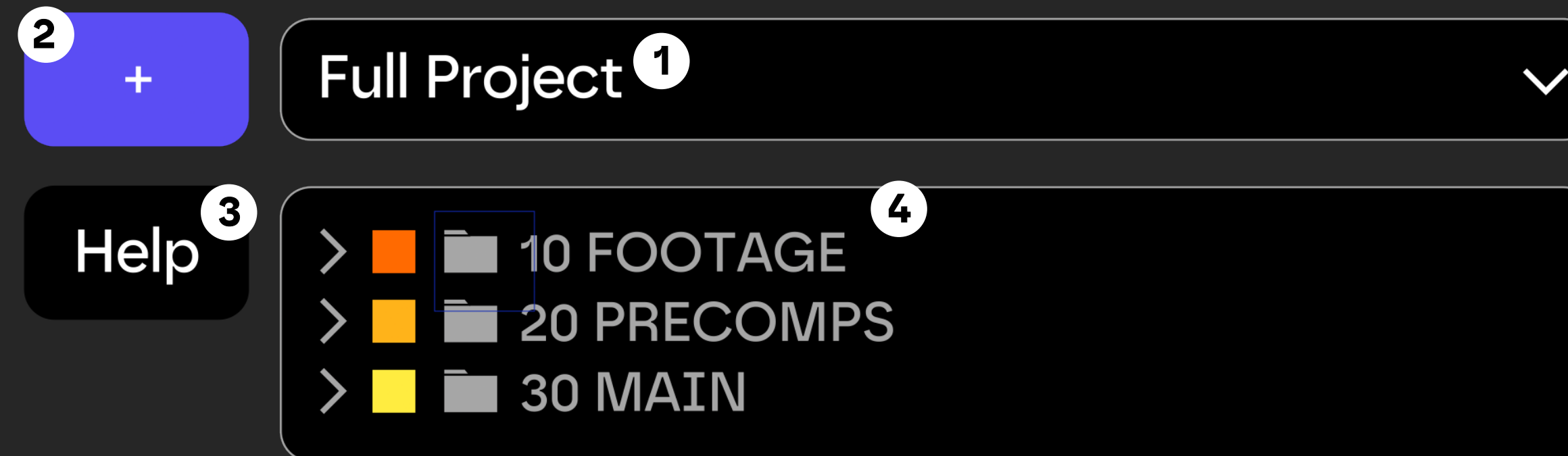


Add Folders

Add Folders is an After Effects Extension that adds a folder structure to your After Effects project.

Installation

- Download the ZXP Installer and install AddFolders.zxp with it. <https://aescripts.com/learn/zxp-installer/>
If it doesn't work, rename .ZXP to .ZIP, extract the folder and copy it to Adobe's Extension folder.
- Open the AE Preferences, navigate to "Scripting & Expressions", check the first box to allow the script to read, write, and access the network.
- You can see the Add Folders extension in the Window > Extensions menu at the top of the software.



Presets

- ① Select a preset
- ② Add the selected folder structure to your project manager
- ③ Help
- ④ Preview of the folder structure.
To change the structure edit the XML File.
(See next page)

The presets are defined in the XML File [folders.xml](#).
It is located in the extensions main folder.

You can edit, delete and add as many presets as you want.
You just have to stick to the given structure and the XML syntax rules. If there is something wrong with your XML-File the presets will not be shown in the extension. By default the folders.xml file is write protected. Change the write permissions by right clicking the file.

In the „Help“ window of the extension, you'll find the button [Go to folders.xml](#) which takes you directly to the XML file.

Add a block like this to the XML-structure to add a new preset:

```
<preset name="Full Project">
  <folder name="10 FOOTAGE" label="2">
    <folder name="10 AUDIO" label="2"/>
    <folder name="20 VIDEO" label="2"/>
    <folder name="30 PSD" label="2"/>
  </folder>
  <folder name="20 PRECOMPS" label="3">
    <folder name="10 ATTIC" label="3"/>
    <folder name="20 IMPORT" label="3"/>
  </folder>
</preset>
```

XML File

`<presets>` Don't change this and its end tag.

`<preset name="Name">` Start of a new preset. The presets name as it is shown in the dropdown menu.

Copy the whole preset block ending with `</preset>` to add a new preset.

`<folder name="Footage" label="6">` The Name of the Folder and the label color.

Nr. 1-16 represents the label colours defined in your AE preferences.

If the folder has no child folder don't forget to end the line with `/>`

`<folder name="Project" label="1" type="comp" width="1080" height="1080" framerate="25" duration="10"/>`

If you add `type="comp"` the folder will be a composition. Set the width, height, fps and duration (in seconds) of the comp. Remember not to nest any folders under a composition. This is not possible and therefore will not show up in the project manager.

After you add the folder structure to the project manager the names will be sorted alphabetically.

It is good practice to add numbers before folder names to have control over it.

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