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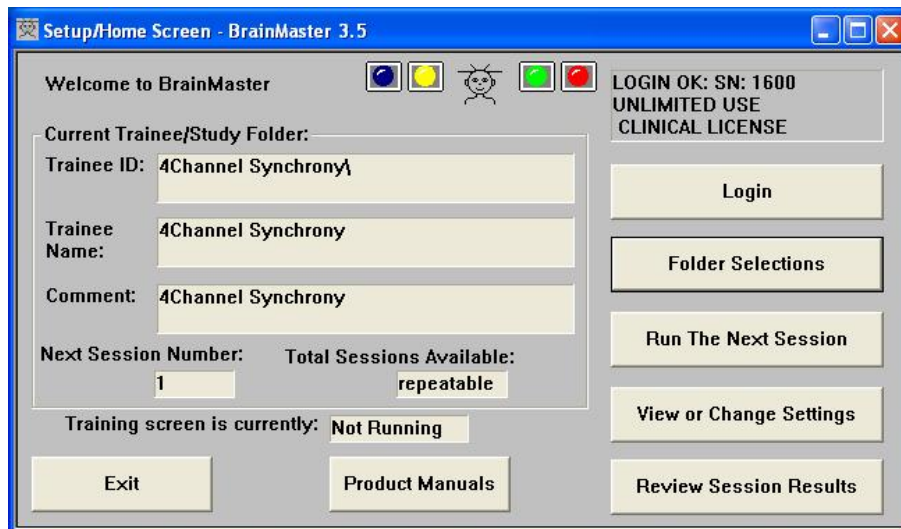
New simplified method to create Settings Files from Trainee/Study folders

BrainMaster protocol designs are distributed in the form of ".bmz" (or ".bmzd"" for Discovery) files. These are easy to email or distribute via the web, memory stick, etc., and automatically expand to create a Trainee/Study folder when they are "opened". These folders can be used for training or practice, but have the disadvantage that if you fill them with study data, you will soon want another folder to work in. To do this, the procedure is to first make a "Settings File", one that can be used to load settings into new Trainee/Study Folders when they are newly created.

So it is a very common practice, when receiving a new Trainee/Study Folder with useful settings, to want to create a new Settings File right away. The procedure to do this has been a bit complicated in the past, but is now greatly simplified, as described below. This capability is built into the 3.5 software, dated December 3, 2009, or later.
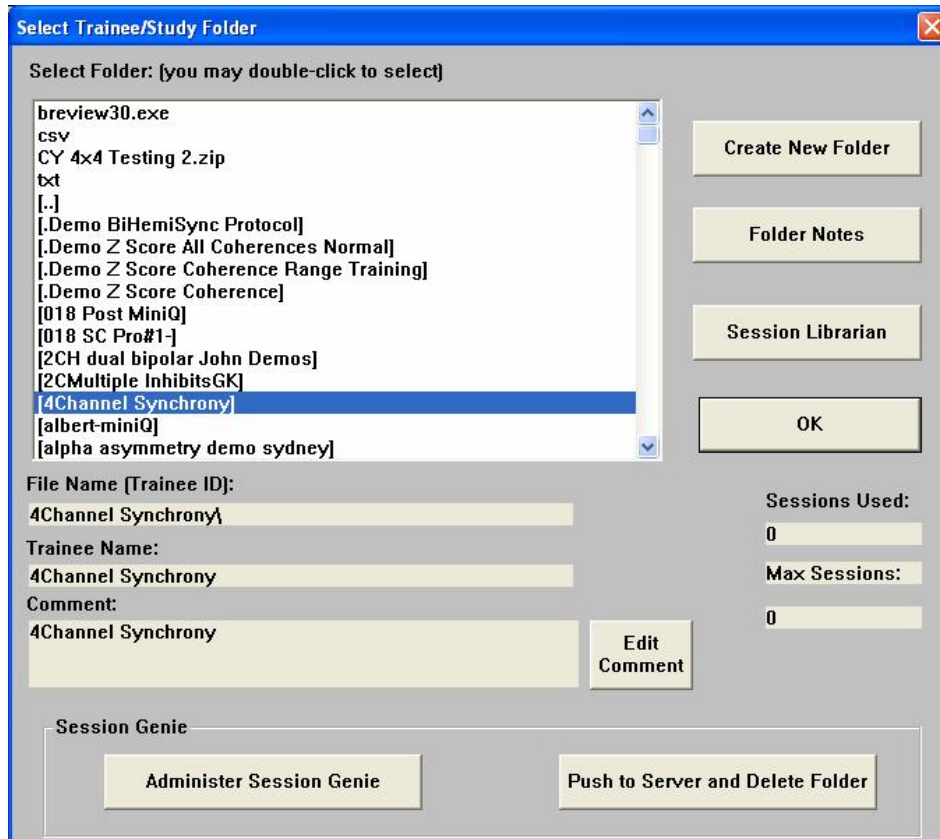
If you have a trainee/study folder with settings you would like to save off as a separate settings file, use the following the procedure.

Start the software, and if necessary, use Folder Selections to select the Trainee/Study folder you want to use. Then press OK and you will see the folder selected on the Setup/Control Home Screen. Let's say you want to make a Settings File from the Folder "4Channel Synchrony" that you downloaded and expanded previously:
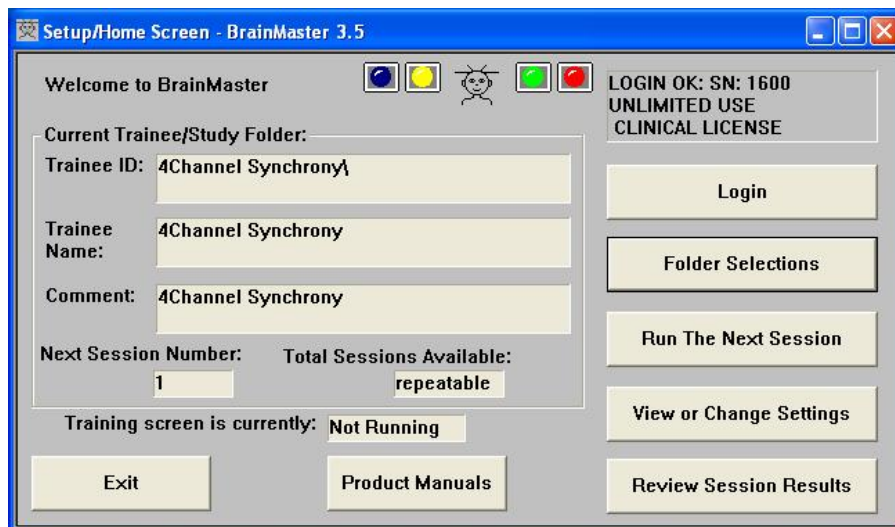

If you press Folder Selections, this is the Folder Selections control panel from which you can select the Trainee/Study Folder:

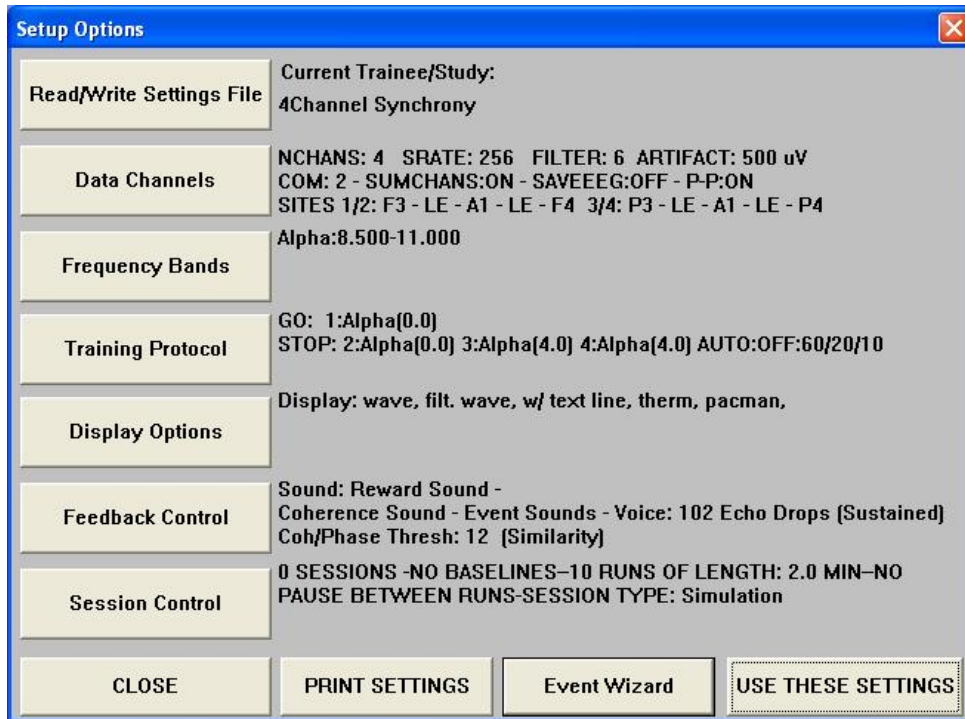Saving settings from a Trainee/Study Folder into a Settings File
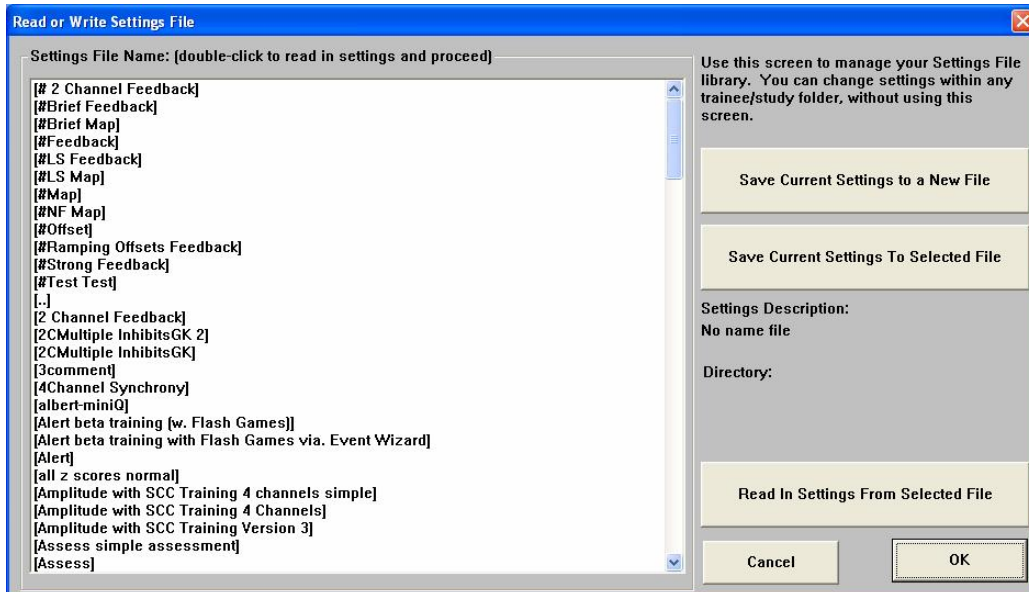

From the Setup/Control Home Screen:

Press View or Change Settings. You will see the Setup Options control panel.

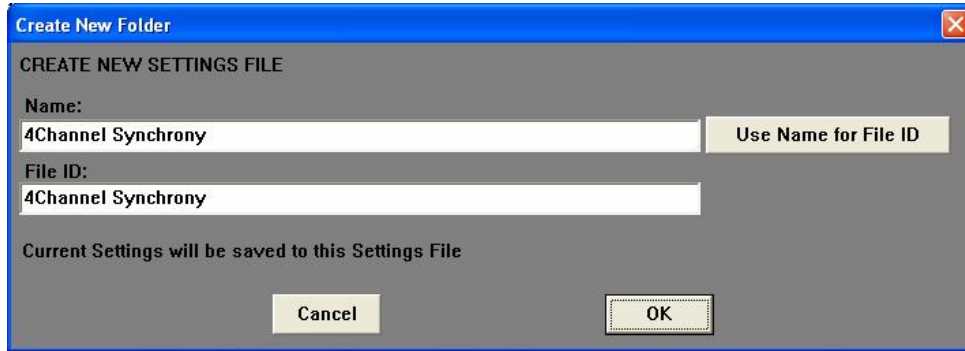Saving settings from a Trainee/Study Folder into a Settings File

Press Read/Write a Settings File, at the top of the control panel. You will see the Read or Write Settings File control panel. Simply press "Save Current Settings to a New File". You do NOT have to select a settings file at this point, the system will automatically create a new file with a new name as you proceed as follows.

Once you press "Save Current Settings to a New File," you will see the CREATE NEW SETTINGS FILE Dialog box shown below. It will be pre-filled with the name of the current trainee/study folder. This should provide a good start for the settings file name,
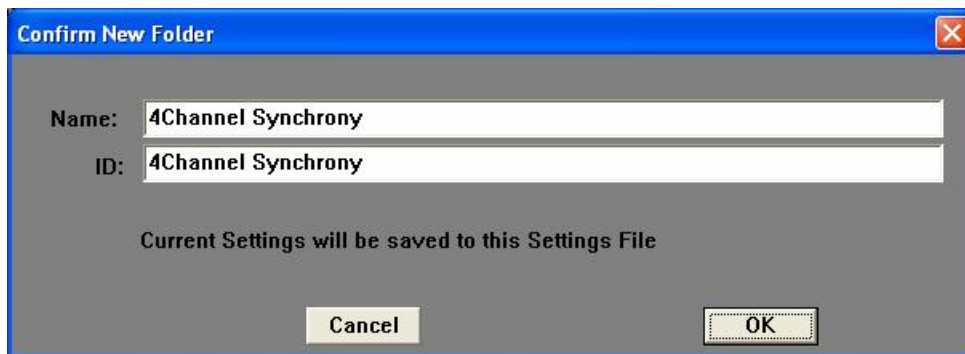
and may be all that you need. In this case, we do not need to edit the new settings file name, and will simply leave it as is.

If the settings file name is already in use, you will see the following box. Do not worry, you can still proceed to save settings. Just press OK but remember that the settings file name has already been used.
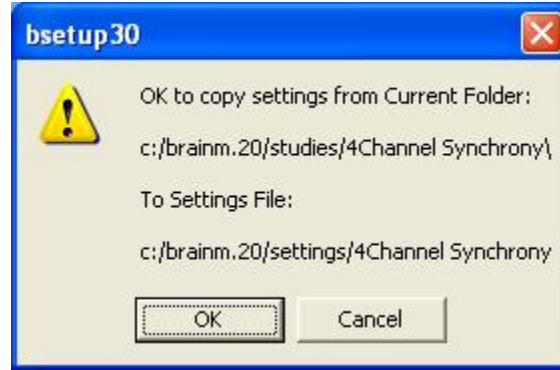

You will now see the Confirm New Folder box, for the new settings file. You can either accept this name, by pressing "OK", or you can first edit the name by changing it in any way you want. This becomes the name of the new Settings File that will be created. If for example you already had a Settings File with this name, you could rename it to something like "4Channel Synchrony revised" or "4Channel Synchrony with SCP" or "4Channel Synchrony version 2."

When you press "OK", you will see the following notice, explaining where the settings are coming from (a Trainee/Study Folder), and where they will be written (a Settings File).

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When you press "OK", the current settings will automatically be saved to the new Settings File, and you will see a confirming prompt.

That's all there is to it! You now have a new Settings File, named "4Channel Synchrony" that you can use when setting up or modifying any of your Trainee/Study Folders.

In summary, to create a Settings File from a Trainee/Study Folder, you need only do the following:

1. Start the Software
2. Use Folder Selections to select the Trainee/Study Folder
3. Use View or Change Settings to see the Setup Options control
4. Press "Read/Write a Settings File"
5. Press "Save Current Settings to a New File"
6. Press "OK" confirming desired Settings File name
7. Press "OK" confirming Settings File name again
8. Press "OK" confirming that settings should be saved.
9. The settings are now saved. Press "OK" once more.