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## Tech Note

## How to Create a New Settings Group

### First Step: Create a Settings File

The recording and analysis parameters for an experimental setup can be saved for use again and again in a settings file. To create a settings file.

1. Configure the LabScribe2 program to do the experiment you want to do.

For example, go to the Channels page in the Preferences dialog window and select the number of channels needed, their titles and any Functions that are needed to display or interpret the data. You can also assign an aim and a difficulty level to each settings file by using the Document Properties command under the File Menu.

2. Click on the File menu and choose Save As. A Choose a file dialogue window appears.
3. Pull down the Save as Type menu at the bottom of the window. Select Settings (\*.iwxset).
4. Use the file browser to select a location on your computer where you want to save the settings file. We recommend that you create a My Settings folder in a location where you have permission to create and save files, like the My Documents folder.
5. Name the settings file and click the Save button.

### Second Step: Create a Settings Group

Settings files covering a specific topic, or a course of instruction, can be organized into groupings. To create a settings group:

1. Choose the Manage Settings command from the Settings menu to launch the Settings Manager.
2. The available settings are listed in a tree in the left hand settings library window. By default, LabScribe2 will try to load the Settings folder in the LabScribe2 folder. If you have created your own settings, you can add your settings folder to the settings library by clicking on the Add Folder to Library button and navigating to the desired folder location.
3. Each setting can have a difficulty level and an aim associated with it. The difficulty level for each setting is visible in the Difficulty column. If you select a settings file, the aim of the setting is visible under the settings library window.
4. To create a new group, click the New button in the Current Settings Group area. This will remove the current group and clear the Group Display window.
5. To load an existing group, click on the Load button in the Current Settings Group area. This will remove the current group and replace it with the loaded group in the Group Display window.

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### Third Step: Create a Settings Category

Settings files can be organized into categories within a group. To create a new category in the settings group:

1. Click on the Add Category button and name the category.
2. Select a settings file from the list on the left side of the library window.
3. Highlight the category to which the file is to be added in the list on the right side of the library window.
4. Click in the arrow button in the center of the window to send the settings file to the highlighted category.
5. Click the Save button to save the changes to the settings group.

### Fourth Step: Add Helper Files

Helper files are documents with experimental instructions, diagrams and illustrations that can be linked to settings files and displayed on the computer screen when a settings file is selected. To associate helper files with any settings file: Place your helper files in the same location as the settings file and give the helper file the same name as the settings file name, but with the appropriate extension.

For example, to associate a pdf, a html, and a jpg file with the Tutorial.iwxset settings file, copy the pdf, html and jpg file to the same folder as the Tutorial.iwxset settings file. Name the pdf file Tutorial.pdf, the html file as Tutorial.html, and the jpg file as Tutorial.jpg. Now when the Tutorial settings file is chosen from the Settings menu, the Tutorial.pdf, the Tutorial.html, and the Tutorial.jpg files will all open automatically.