

BEFORE YOU START...

Before you start any project in Mixcraft, you must tell the computer where to save anything related to the project that you record using the audio interface.

Any audio files that you are going to import into Mixcraft will also have to be put into the same location.

WHY?

By keeping your entire project in one folder on a flash drive or portable hard drive, you will be able to work on your project on any computer.

Should you not follow this procedure, you will have to locate the files recorded and move them – in doing so, many students have LOST work and had to re-record work.

WHY?

In addition, when you turn in projects – projects will ONLY be accepted within its own folder – the folder should include your name and the name of the project.

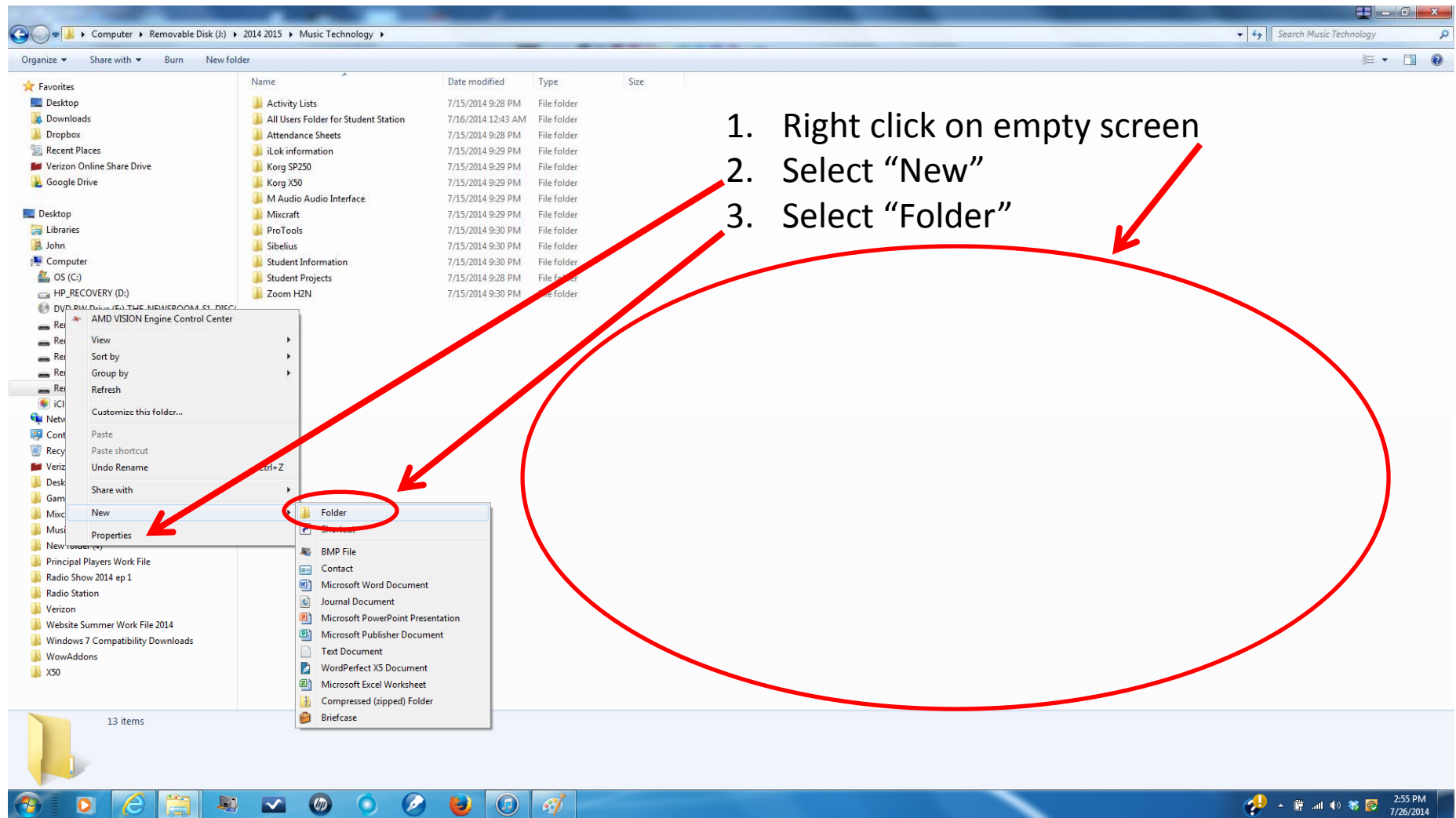
For example – if I were to start the project “Alphabet Soup”, I would title the folder holding everything “John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup”

Where should I save things?

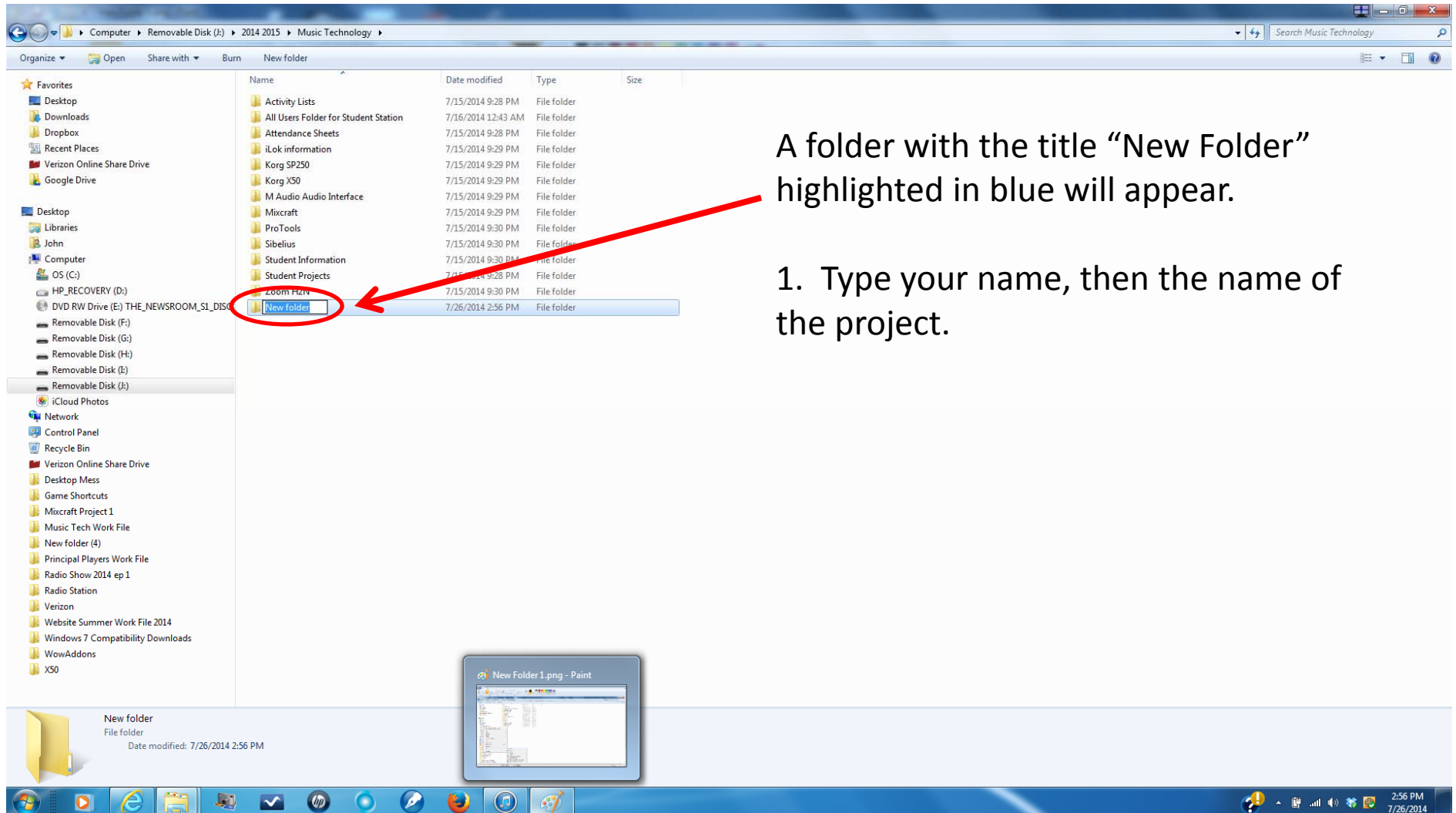
A flash drive or a portable hard drive are the best devices to use.

Although each student has their school network drive (H: drive), I would only save things as a backup to that drive. Audio files take up quite a bit of storage space and you may use up that space quickly.

How to create a New Folder



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1. Type your name, then the name of the project. Hit enter.

The screenshot shows a Windows Explorer window with the following table of folders:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Activity Lists	7/15/2014 9:28 PM	File folder	
All Users Folder for Student Station	7/16/2014 12:43 AM	File folder	
Attendance Sheets	7/15/2014 9:28 PM	File folder	
iLok information	7/15/2014 9:29 PM	File folder	
Korg SP250	7/15/2014 9:29 PM	File folder	
Korg X50	7/15/2014 9:29 PM	File folder	
M Audio Audio Interface	7/15/2014 9:29 PM	File folder	
Mixcraft	7/15/2014 9:29 PM	File folder	
NAME OF PROJECT	7/26/2014 2:56 PM	File folder	
ProTools	7/15/2014 9:30 PM	File folder	
Sibelius	7/15/2014 9:30 PM	File folder	
Student Information	7/15/2014 9:30 PM	File folder	
Student Projects	7/15/2014 9:28 PM	File folder	
7/28/2014	7/28/2014 9:30 PM	File folder	
John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup	7/28/2014 11:35 AM	File folder	

The taskbar at the bottom shows the taskbar with icons for Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Photoshop. The system tray on the right shows the time as 11:36 AM on 7/28/2014.

How to create a New Folder

1. Your newly created file should show as a regular file folder.

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Student Information	7/15/2014 9:30 PM	File folder	
Student Projects	7/15/2014 9:28 PM	File folder	
Zoom H2N	7/15/2014 9:30 PM	File folder	

Taskbar notification: John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup
File folder
Date modified: 7/28/2014 11:35 AM

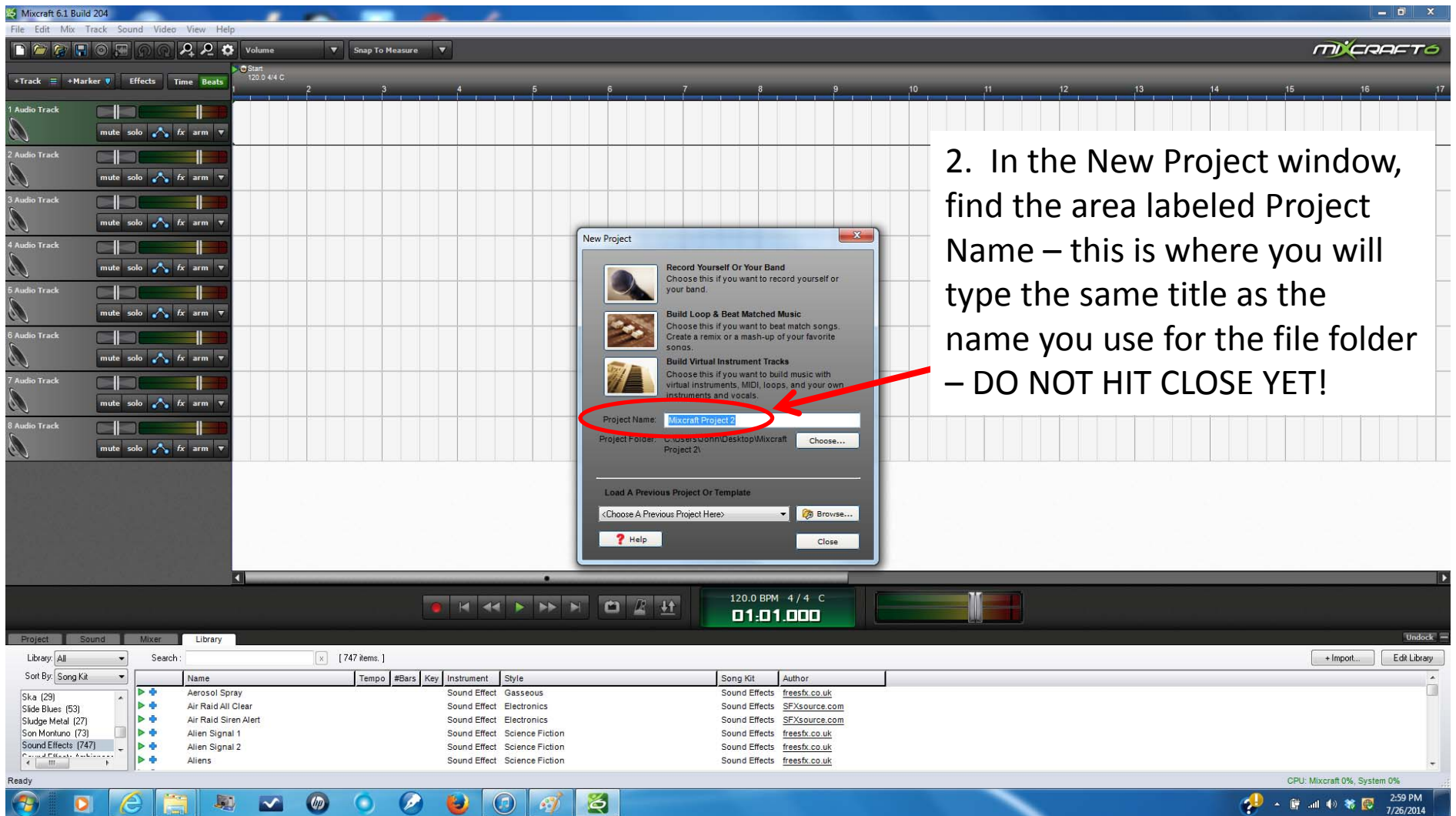
Project Name Pathway to Project Folder

1. When you start up Mixcraft, the New Project window will open center screen.

The screenshot shows the Mixcraft 6.1 Build 204 interface. The 'New Project' dialog box is centered on the screen, featuring three project templates: 'Record Yourself Or Your Band', 'Build Loop & Beat Matched Music', and 'Build Virtual Instrument Tracks'. Below these templates, there are fields for 'Project Name' (set to 'Mixcraft Project 2') and 'Project Folder' (set to 'C:\Users\John\Desktop\Mixcraft Project 2'). A red circle highlights the dialog box, and a red arrow points from the text box to it.

Name	Tempo	#Bars	Key	Instrument	Style	Song Kit	Author
Aerosol Spray				Sound Effect	Gaseous		freesfx.co.uk
Air Raid All Clear				Sound Effect	Electronics		SFXsource.com
Air Raid Siren Alert				Sound Effect	Electronics		SFXsource.com
Son Montuno (73)				Sound Effect	Science Fiction		freesfx.co.uk
Alien Signal 1				Sound Effect	Science Fiction		freesfx.co.uk
Alien Signal 2				Sound Effect	Science Fiction		freesfx.co.uk
Aliens				Sound Effect	Science Fiction		freesfx.co.uk

Set your project name!



2. In the New Project window, find the area labeled Project Name – this is where you will type the same title as the name you use for the file folder – DO NOT HIT CLOSE YET!

The screenshot shows the Mixcraft 6.1 Build 204 interface. The 'New Project' dialog box is open, and the 'Project Name' field is highlighted with a red circle. The text 'Mixcraft Project 2' is entered in this field. A red arrow points from the text box to the 'Project Name' field. The dialog box also shows options for 'Record Yourself Or Your Band', 'Build Loop & Beat Matched Music', and 'Build Virtual Instrument Tracks'. The 'Project Folder' is set to 'C:\Users\John\Desktop\Mixcraft Project 2\'. The 'Load A Previous Project Or Template' section has a dropdown menu set to '<Choose A Previous Project Here>' and a 'Browse...' button. The 'Help' and 'Close' buttons are at the bottom of the dialog box.

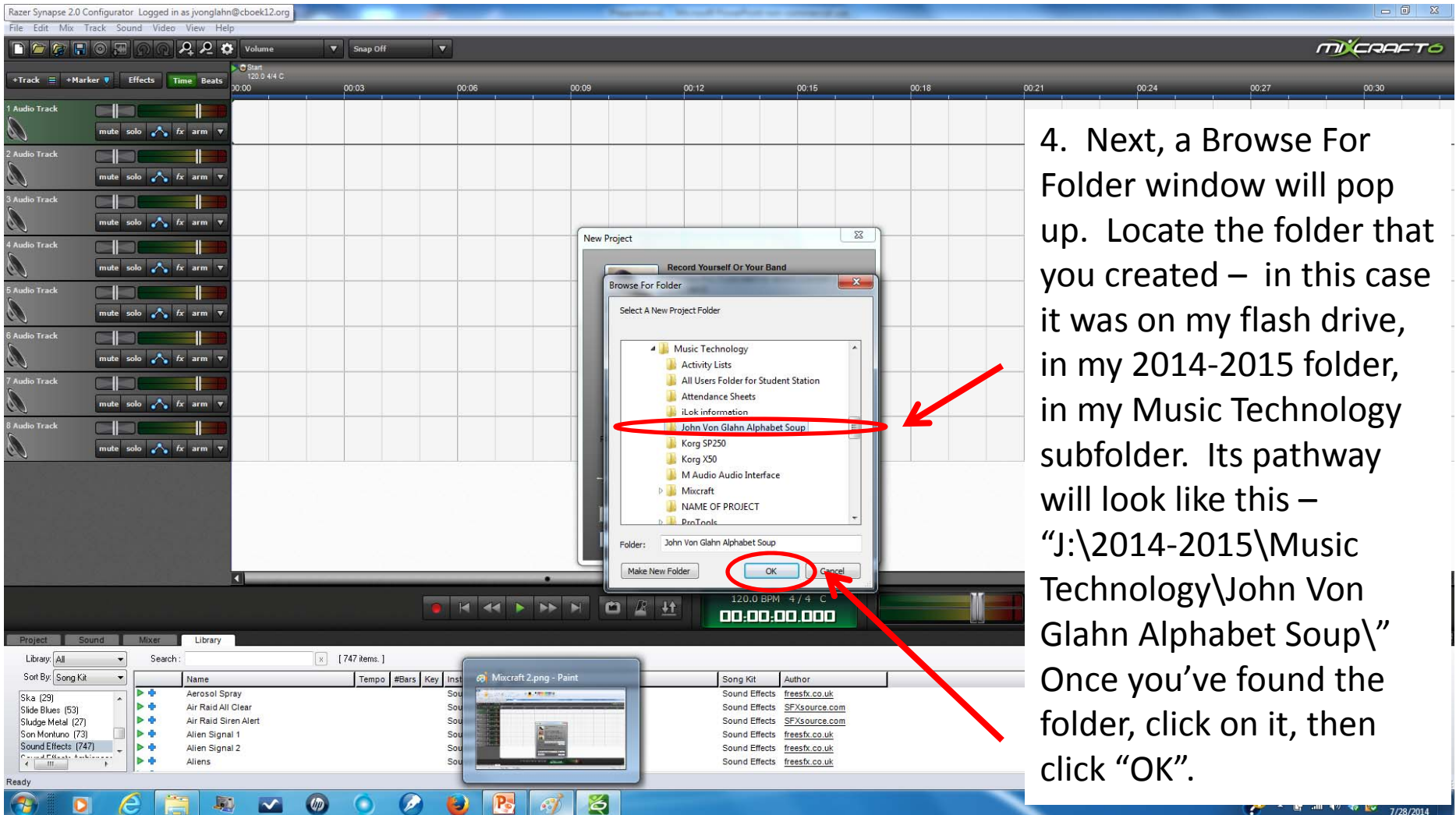
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Alien Signal 2				Sound Effect	Science Fiction	Sound Effects	freesfx.co.uk
Aliens				Sound Effect	Science Fiction	Sound Effects	freesfx.co.uk

Set your pathway to your project folder!

3. Next, in the New Project window, find the area labeled Project Folder – it presently displays the pathway that it will save the project file and any audio files imported or recorded. Click the “Choose...” button.

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4. Next, a Browse For Folder window will pop up. Locate the folder that you created – in this case it was on my flash drive, in my 2014-2015 folder, in my Music Technology subfolder. Its pathway will look like this – “J:\2014-2015\Music Technology\John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup\” Once you’ve found the folder, click on it, then click “OK”.

Double check your folder and project folder!

5. Be sure the Project Name and Project Folder is correct.

New Project

- Record Yourself Or Your Band**
Choose this if you want to record yourself or your band.
- Build Loop & Beat Matched Music**
Choose this if you want to beat match songs. Create a remix or a mash-up of your favorite songs.
- Build Virtual Instrument Tracks**
Choose this if you want to build music with virtual instruments, MIDI, loops, and your own instruments and vocals.

Project Name: John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup

Project Folder: J:\2014 2015\Music Technology\John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup

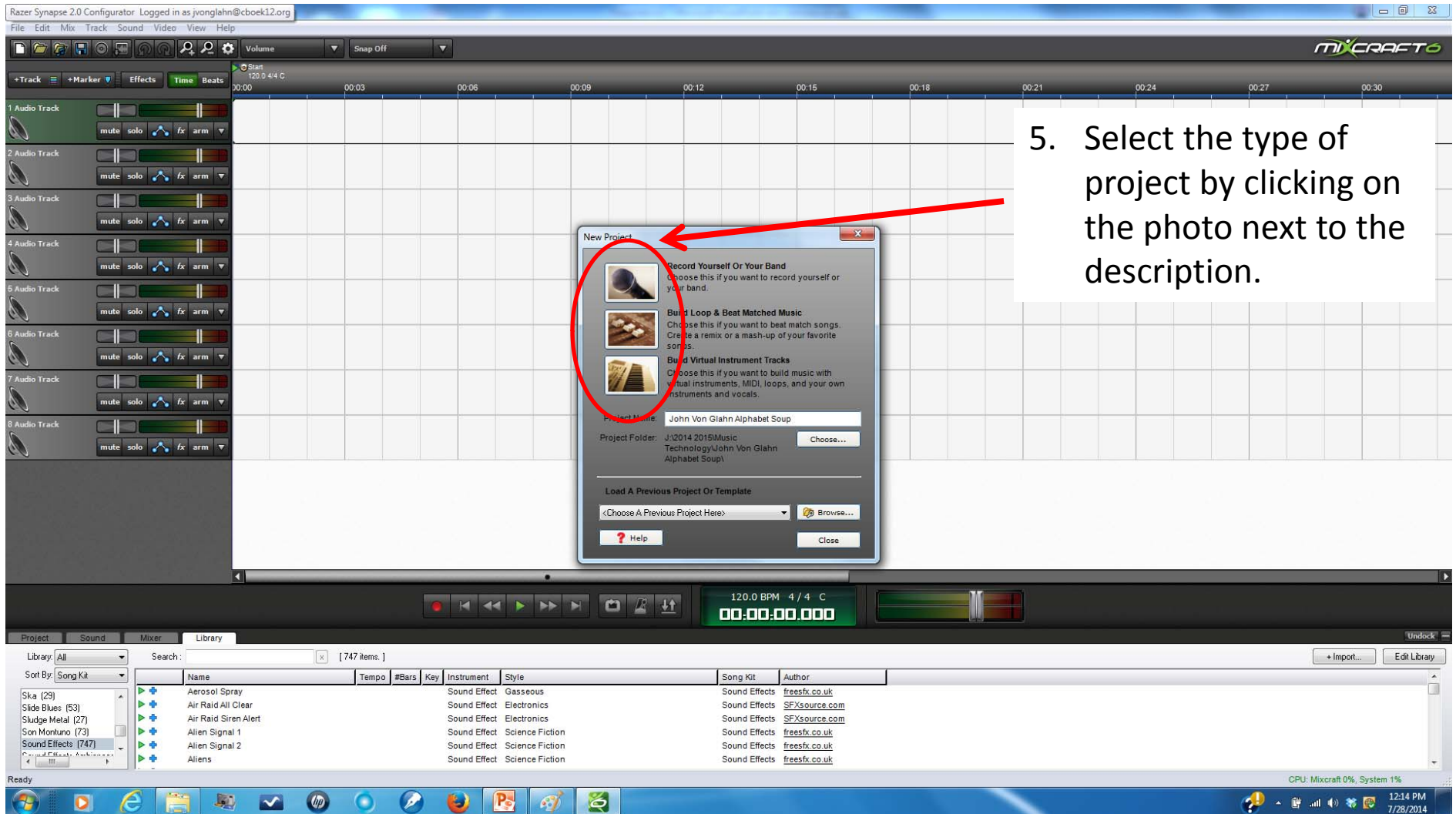
Load A Previous Project Or Template

<Choose A Previous Project Here> Browse...

Help Close

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Select the type of project.



5. Select the type of project by clicking on the photo next to the description.

The screenshot shows the Razer Synapse 2.0 Configurator interface. The 'New Project' dialog box is open, displaying three options for project creation:

- Record Yourself Or Your Band**: Choose this if you want to record yourself or your band. (This option is circled in red and pointed to by a red arrow.)
- Build Loop & Beat Matched Music**: Choose this if you want to beat match songs. Create a remix or a mash-up of your favorite songs.
- Build Virtual Instrument Tracks**: Choose this if you want to build music with virtual instruments, MIDI, loops, and your own instruments and vocals.

Below the options, the 'Project Name' field is set to 'John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup'. The 'Project Folder' is 'J:\2014 2015\Music\Technology\John Von Glahn Alphabet Soup'. There is a 'Load A Previous Project Or Template' section with a dropdown menu and a 'Browse...' button. The 'Help' and 'Close' buttons are at the bottom of the dialog.

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WARNING!

Mixcraft “accesses” audio files. When you record from your audio interface or headset, you create a wave file. If you have created the proper pathway, that wave will be in the file folder you created.

DO NOT RENAME AUDIO FILES!

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