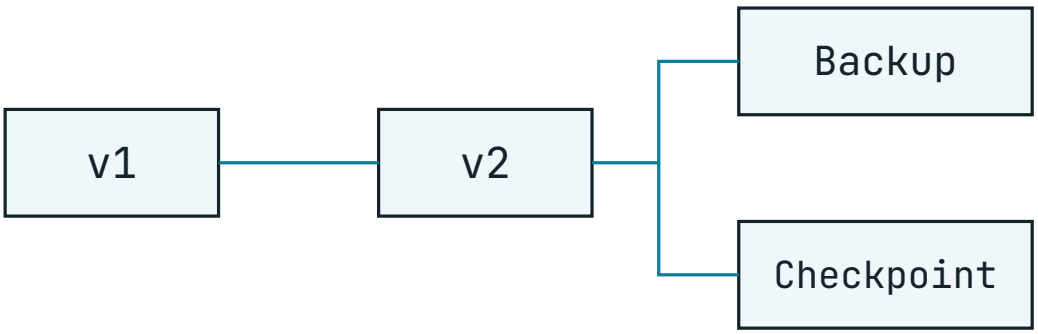
LESSON GUIDE

Saving and protecting your work

Keep versions, verify a backup, and understand how Autosave differs from Save.

Software practice

No laser is needed. Supplied native files have no machine profile and operation Output is off. Their saved settings are not a material recipe.



An illustration of the file workflow. Check the active filename after every Save As.

1. Use the **Demo** files to follow the video. Open **save-start.lzrproj** and Save As **tag-v1** in your own working folder.

2. Before editing, Save As **tag-v2**. Select only Tag outline, turn the W/H lock off and set W to **100 mm**. Save with Cmd + S or Ctrl + S.

3. Reopen both versions. The outline is **80 mm** in v1 and **100 mm** in v2. The hole stays **4 mm**.

4. Save As **tag-v2-backup** to backup storage. Reopen and check it, then return to the working tag-v2 before editing.

A backup needs protection

The supplied Backup practice folder is on the same drive and is only a rehearsal. A real backup needs a separate drive or a folder covered by your backup service.

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Independent practice

Use the **Practice** folder. Keep the supplied answers intact and save your attempts in your own working folder.

1. Open **practice-start.lzrproj**, then Save As **practice-v1**. Save As **practice-v2** before editing.

2. Select only the outline, unlock W/H and set W to **110 mm**. Save, then reopen both versions. v1 stays 80 mm wide; v2 is 110 mm. Height stays 30 mm and the hole stays 4 mm.

3. Save As **practice-v2-backup** in your backup location. Reopen it and inspect it, then reopen your working practice-v2.

4. Import **practice-arrow.svg** and place it inside the tag. Save As **practice-checkpoint**, reopen it and inspect the arrow.

☐ Check the active filename before Save. The asterisk marks unsaved changes.

☐ Compare with the supplied version, backup and checkpoint answers after making your attempt.

Which file would Save update right now?

Where is your protected backup stored?

The supplied arrow answer uses X 150 mm and displayed Y 232 mm at the top-left anchor. Its placement is a comparison example.

AUTOSAVE AND ANSWER CHECKS

Autosave and answer checks

Save updates the active project
Save As makes the new copy active. Return to your working copy after checking a backup.

Autosave is a separate recovery copy
Check General in Preferences and its interval in seconds. The video shows 120 seconds without changing it. Edits after the latest snapshot may be absent.

If recovery is offered
Choose the correct project, Restore, inspect the recovered work, and Save As a separate recovered version. Do not intentionally crash the app for this exercise.

Compare the supplied files

In **Demo**, compare tag-v1.lzrproj, tag-v2.lzrproj and tag-v2-backup.lzrproj. The saved tag-recovered.lzrproj contains the recovered star; star.svg is the imported artwork. These are comparison projects, not recovery archives.

In **Practice**, compare practice-v1.lzrproj, practice-v2.lzrproj, practice-v2-backup.lzrproj and practice-checkpoint.lzrproj. The checkpoint includes the arrow. You can check these versions and checkpoints without creating a crash.

> **Inspect before continuing**
> A recovered project can still have an asterisk because it needs saving. Check what came back, save a separate version, then keep saving your work.

Matches the demonstrated Beam Bench 0.2.37 interface. Panel layout may differ in later versions.