BitTorrent Sync Beta README and Release Notes

README

1)   **Important note - End of Alpha Period:**

We are now at the end of the BitTorrent Sync 2.0 Alpha interval. Thank you very much for your participation during the Alpha as we not only received a lot of valuable feedback but enjoyed sharing our newest innovations with you.

CRITICAL MESSAGE – **Please UNINSTALL all versions of BitTorrent Sync Alpha before proceeding. You need to remove the settings folders for previous Alpha installations of BitTorrent Sync.**

BitTorrent Sync Beta will *NOT* continue to run in parallel with your Sync 1.4 installation. It is compatible with the previous versions of BitTorrent Sync 1.4. During upgrade, your Sync 1.4 folders will automatically import your into your new Sync 2.0 software.

All links generated by Alpha builds will no longer work and all Alpha builds are designed to timeout in the the end of March, 2015.

Windows	*Macintosh*
Uninstall the application: 1. Open "Control Panel" 2. Open "Programs" or "Programs & Features" 3. Open "Uninstall a program" 4. Find "BitTorrent Sync Beta" (*be sure it's Beta*) 5. Click on "Uninstall"	Uninstall the application: 1. Open "Applications" folder 2. Find "BitTorrent Sync Alpha" (be sure it's Alpha) 3. Drag and drop the BitTorrent Sync Beta to the Trash 4. Empty the trash folder

Double check the settings files are deleted:
1.   While holding down the <Control> key type "R" which will open the "Run" dialog box.
2.   Type %appdata% which will open a Windows Explorer window showing your Application Data files
3.   Open the folder "Roaming"
4.   There should be no folder called "BitTorrent Sync Beta" in the list
 	
        If you find one, please delete it.
	Double check the settings files are deleted:
	1. While holding down the <Option> key, click on Go in the top menu and click on "Library" in the list
	2. This will open a Finder window showing your user Library
	3. Open "Application Support"
	4. There should be no folder called "BitTorrent Sync Beta" in the list.
	
	        If you find one, please delete it.

2)   Desktop Install instructions:

BitTorrent Sync Beta will import your folders automatically into your new Sync 2.0 software.

Note: Please make sure that you have no pending approvals when you upgrade.
Accept or Reject them prior to upgrade.

Windows	*Macintosh*
Install the new version: 1. Double click on the installer 2. Follow the on-screen instructions 3. When completed launch the application	Install the new version: 1. Double click on the DMG file 2. Open the disk "BitTorrent Sync" 3. Drag and drop the Sync icon onto the Application Folder icon. 4. Follow the on screen instructions. 5. Launch the application

Now on both Windows and Macintosh please follow the instructions in the Welcome forum message on how to connect your devices using My Devices.

3)   Android Install Instructions:

Android
Uninstall any previous version of the BitTorrent Sync application and the application data
Double check you are able to install non-store applications. In Device Settings on your Android device, go to either "Security" or "Developer Options" and make sure that the options to **"UNKNOWN SOURCES - allow installation of apps from sources other than the Play Store"** is checked.
Download the new APK file to your Android device -- the easiest method is generally to e-mail it to yourself and open the e-mail on the Android device. Once there, and opened, the System will ask if you want to install the application. Click Yes.
For the rest of the Android setup instructions please see the Beta forum post which guides you through the connection of your devices using My Devices.

BitTorrent Sync Beta Release Notes:

IMPORTANT NOTE: installation instructions for this Beta are contained above in the README portion of this file. Please ensure that you have read that document and followed those instructions closely. This version is _**NOT**_ compatible with previous Alpha versions of Sync.

What's New?
- Imports 1.4 folders into BitTorrent Sync 2.0
- All Sync Pro features are on
- Revised onboarding flow
- Visual polish and bug fixes
- Core engine improvements

What's Changed?

- You **CAN NOT** use any prior version of BitTorrent Sync for any mobile platform with this version of BitTorrent Sync. Please only use the provided Android build 2.0.34.

- This version is not compatible with any Alpha build of Sync 2.0.

Known Issues.
- When downgrading from 2.0 to 1.4, any 2.0 data will not be available in 1.4. If you upgrade and add folders, then downgrade, those 2.0 folders will not be available in 1.4.

- Any folders that require approval--that are in pending status--will need to be approved before an upgrade. If you upgrade before approving on remote peer, the folder will remain in pending status indefinitely.

- Windows and Linux Installation of 2.0 -- Overwriting files (upgrade or downgrade) will cause the program to be in a bad state. It will not run. A full uninstall is required. Please follow the installation instructions carefully.

- Macintosh Uninstallation of 2.0 - occasionally on Macintosh when uninstalling 2.0, you need to kill the service "Sync Finder Extension" in the Activity Monitor (found in Applications > Utilities > Activity Monitor) to complete uninstallation.

- Please visit the knowledge base for downgrade instructions.

Downgrade Instructions:

WIndows downgrade instructions from 2.0 to 1.4

When downgrading (on Windows) the user must do the following:

1. Open the **%appdata%\Bittorrent Sync** folder (WinKey + R, type %appdata%)
2. There should be a backup folder called **sync-v1-backup-#######** (there is a random number generated)
3. Copy this folder to a temporary location outside of the **Bittorrent Sync** folder
4. Remove Sync with the uninstaller.
5. Install Sync. Ensure that it doesn't start when the installer completes
6. When the install is complete, return to the **%APPDATA%\Bittorrent Sync** folder and copy the contents from the backup folder. Overwrite any files if prompted.
7. Launch sync. All 1.4 data folders will be present.

Macintosh downgrade instructions from 2.0 to 1.4

1. Copy .backup folder from Sync settings directory
2. Remove Sync 2.0 and all settings from your PC
3. Install Sync 1.4 version
4. Launch Sync 1.4 version (do nothing, only launch)
5. Quit Sync 1.4 version immediately (do not make any modifications at all, only launch, then quit).
4. Copy contents of .backup and paste to Sync 1.4 settings folder and accept all of the times when it asks if it should replace the file
5. Run Sync 1.4 and your old folders will now be available again