

Converting files from previous versions of Personal Ancestral File to PAF 3/4/5:

Versions 3.0, 3.OM, and 3. OIM

If you have a file from Personal Ancestral File 3.0 or higher, you do not need to convert it to use it in PAF 4. You can still use it in Personal Ancestral File 3.0. However, if you add multimedia or "other" events, you can see them only in version 4.0 because 3.0 has no way to display or print them.

You will however need to convert if you are moving the PAF 3 data to Personal Ancestral File 5. Have PAF 5 open when you choose to open the PAF 3 data, and the conversion process will begin automatically.

Versions 2.0 to 2.31

If you have a file from Personal Ancestral File 2.0 to 2.31, you must convert it before you can use it in version 4. To convert a database, simply find the INDIV2.DAT file and open it in Personal Ancestral File 4.0.

If you want to convert the file to Personal Ancestral File 5, remember to convert the files first to either PAF 3.0 or 4.0, then convert the new file to PAF 5. This will leave your notes and sources intact.

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If you don't have access to all these versions of PAF, you may go to your local family history center to do your converting, or send us a copy of the 2.31 data and we can do it for you. If there is a problem with the 2.31 data and you are still having problems with the conversion, you may send us a backup of the 2.31 data. We will try to fix and convert it.

If you no longer have DOS 2.2 or 2.31 on your computer and have Windows XP, we suggest that you take the data to a family history center to convert it. If you are not near a family history center, you may send your backup or data disk with a new empty diskette for us to convert the data. Please send it to:

Family History Support
50 E North Temple Rm 599
SLC UT 84150-3461

Tip: During the conversion, your INDIV2.DAT file will not be changed, so you can still use it in the previous version of the software.

The PAF 2.x File Conversion screen has three options that allow you to customize the conversion process:

Wrap note lines into paragraphs - Before version 3.0, Personal Ancestral File put a hard line break after each line of notes of 79 characters. The result is the same as if you had pressed Enter after each line. Click this option to remove the line breaks within notes. The conversion process will not change the double line breaks between paragraphs. If you do not click this option, your notes will print only about two-thirds of the way across a page.

Preserve old RIN numbers - Click this option to keep the RIN numbers used in your previous database.

Convert old source notes into new source citation records - If you used the source guidelines from the Silicon Valley PAF Users Group (SVPAFUG) or from the Personal Ancestral File 2.31 manual to type your sources into notes, you can have these converted into sources. Each time the conversion process finds such a source, it pauses and shows you how the information will be converted. You can then make changes and indicate whether or not you want it to be converted. All of your notes that are not sources will be transferred to notes.

Tip: If you are not sure if you followed these guidelines, use this option to convert them to sources anyway. It will probably be faster than transferring the notes manually.

The only way to convert 2x data directly into PAF 5 is to create a GEDCOM and import it into PAF 5. This may cause a loss of some links in sources and notes. It is better to convert first to PAF3 or PAF4

Tip: The PAF 4 setup is on the PAF 5 CD.

To Create a GEDCOM File in PAF 2.x:

From the Access Menu, choose 2. Genealogical Information Exchange (GIE).

At the GIE screen, press Enter to continue

At the GIE Main Menu choose 3. Genealogical Data Communications.

At the GEDCOM Menu choose 1. Create GEDCOM File.

Fill in the following fields on the Create GEDCOM File Menu:

Family Records Data Disk: C:\PAF\DATA

(Source Path = location of database)

GEDCOM File Disk: A:

(Target Path where you want to save the GEDCOM File)

Name of GEDCOM File: Name can have up to 8 characters.

(Do NOT use spaces, punctuation or special characters)

Press F1 to continue.

At the Create GEDCOM File Menu, choose which records you want in the GEDCOM file. Each time you select records, press F1 on the GEDCOM Selection Results screen to Include Selected Records.

When you have chosen all the records, choose 8. Save the GEDCOM File.

If you wish to, type in the Submitter's Information. Press F1 Include Name in File or F2 Do Not Include Name.

Select your notes options.

At the Create GEDCOM File - PAF Release Number screen, choose option 1. PAF Release 2.1/2.2/2.3/2.31. Enter any comments you may have for this file (this is not a required option).

Press F1 Save Comments and Exit or F2 Exit Without Saving Comments.

At the next screen (which contains an Individual and Marriage Record count) press Enter. You can now import this GEDCOM file into Personal Ancestral File 5.

NOTE: It is not recommended that you take a TempleReady GEDCOM from 2.31 to convert at a family history center to update your records.

To Download PAF software:

FamilySearch.org has a link called Order/Download products that will allow you to download Personal Ancestral File. Follow these steps to download PAF 4/5:

Go to **www.familysearch.org**.

Click Order/Download Products.

Click Software Downloads - Free.

Click the version of Personal Ancestral File that you want to download.

Read the information and click Download.

Read the License Agreement and click Continue.

Fill in the necessary information on the registration screen and click Send.

Click the Download button next to the specific item you wish to download (such as the English version). Remember that English is included in the 'multi-language' choice.

To download PAF5.2.

Go to **www.familysearch.org**.

Click Order/Download Products.

Click Software Downloads - Free.

Click the version of Personal Ancestral File that you want to download.

Read the License Agreement and click Continue.

Fill in the necessary information on the registration screen and click Send. You don't need to fill in the optional information.

Click the Download button or link for the program in the language you want. If you have known problems downloading via FTP, choose the HTTP download links.

Click the Save button to save this file to disk.

When the Save As.... screen appears, choose the drive and folder in which you wish to install the program and click Save. (We recommend the selection of Desktop as the program will be easier for you to locate.)

When you reach the finish screen, open the folder you downloaded to and see if the PAF 5 setup icon is present. (The icon is ice blue in color and is called PAF5EnglishSetup.exe if that is the language you chose.) (If you get a message about replacing, answer no and minimize the download screen. Check your desktop for any PAF 4/5 icons. The program may have already been installed.)

To install PAF, double-click the setup icon.

Tips:

If you download higher versions of Personal Ancestral File than you have on your computer, installing the program will replace what you had previously.
Depending on your equipment, it may take 45 minutes to download. Version 4.0.4 has the multi-languages. (4.0.4.18)

You can download the manual, and read and print it using Adobe Acrobat.

(July 2002) We are aware that people using the following ISP are unable to download our products.

Quicksilver Online Services, Inc.

Moses Lake Washington

class c address 209.168.46

domain qosi.net

Our programmers have been working for several months to find out what the problem is.

If you get a screen that says "Modify/Repair/Remove,' you are either uninstalling or reinstalling the program.

You may need to contact your Internet provider for more time if you get timed out during the download.

You should use Internet Explorer to download.

You can purchase Personal Ancestral File 5 on a CD-ROM from Distribution Services for \$6.

Transfer to Salt Lake Distribution Services.

Order products 2-5274

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Customer Service 2-1857

Canada order desk 2-2031

Toll Free 1-800-537-5971

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1. Type FamilySearch.org in the Search window.
2. Of the several results to the search, click "FamilySearch" (probably the first option). This will take you to the Home Page.