

## FTM Update b501 – January 2017

### READ THIS FIRST – BEFORE YOU UPDATE

1. **Do a manual backup with media.** While the updater is perfectly safe, it's always a good idea to back up your files. After a last sync (if you sync your tree files), we recommend compacting them (Tools>Compact File) and then manually backing up (File>Backup, making sure the Media and Sync boxes are checked). Then put your backups on an external drive or load into cloud storage.
2. **Make sure your old version is installed.** The updater will be looking for an installed edition of FTM 2014 or Mac 3 or later. If you don't have a copy installed, then go get one at the Replacement Center (see **How To Get A Copy Of FTM**, below).
3. **Do NOT unlink your tree!** If you have a linked tree on Ancestry.com, the link will magically move to the new build when you install it — whether you are updating from an Ancestry version or an earlier one of ours. It will copy your preferences too, and will not touch your tree files.
4. Go to the following MacKiev website to check registration.  
[http://www.mackiev.com/techsupport/ftm/update\\_center/check\\_registration.html](http://www.mackiev.com/techsupport/ftm/update_center/check_registration.html)

### Update Center for Family Tree Maker

When you get to the Update Center, you will be required to provide your name and email address to certify you are registered. Once certified, you will be allowed to download the update which is **FREE** for **one computer**. If you wish to download the update on additional computers, it will cost an additional \$20 for up to 3 computers.

**FTM 2014 and Mac 3 Users.** This site is for users of Family Tree Maker 2014 or Mac 3 who registered their copy and would like to install the latest free FTM updates (Windows b501, Mac b939). FTM 2014.1 and Mac 3.1 Users may also use this site to get a newer edition than the one you have. Check the About Box of your software for the build number.

**TIP FOR KEEPING LINKS TO ANCESTRY** When a linked tree is opened in the new edition for the first time it will be converted to a new format. To be 100% sure that the tree's Ancestry link moves with it:

- **UNCHECK** the "convert a copy" box so you convert the **ORIGINAL** instead.

## HOW TO GET A COPY OF FTM

Where you go depends on which Family Tree Maker edition you currently have:

- **Users of FTM 2014 and Mac 3** – Free updates are available in our new Update Center ([http://www.mackiev.com/techsupport/ftm/update\\_center/check\\_registration.html](http://www.mackiev.com/techsupport/ftm/update_center/check_registration.html)). These offer added security, faster performance and greater stability among many other improvements, and are recommended for all those who have already updated to FTM 2014.1 or Mac 3.1 too.
- **Users of older FTM editions** – No matter how old your copy of FTM is, or whether it's on Windows or Mac, you can download an upgrade for a discounted price. Go to [http://www.mackiev.com/offers/ftm/upgrade\\_promo\\_us.html?s=1](http://www.mackiev.com/offers/ftm/upgrade_promo_us.html?s=1) to take advantage of this limited-time offer.
- **New users** – If you've never owned Family Tree Maker, you can download a full edition for \$69.95 at [www.familytreemaker.com](http://www.familytreemaker.com) (click the Store button). On startup you'll be offered a 14-Day free trial membership to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) to start on building your family history.