



Transfer FTM 2019 to A New Computer

Transferring **FTM 2019** (Family Tree Maker 2019) to a new computer is a straightforward process, but it requires careful attention to detail to ensure that all your genealogical data is successfully migrated. FTM 2019 is a popular software tool for tracking family history, so whether you're upgrading to a more powerful machine or replacing an old one, maintaining the integrity of your data is critical. To begin, you'll need to ensure that you have a backup of your Family

Tree Maker files. You can easily create a backup of your entire tree, including media files, by using the "Backup" function in the software. Make sure that you save this backup to an external storage device like a USB drive, or even cloud storage, to make it accessible for transfer to the new computer.

Once your backup is ready, you can proceed with the next steps of transferring **FTM 2019** to your new computer. First, download and install FTM 2019 on the new machine. If you have lost your installation media or download link, you can log into your FTM account on the Family Tree Maker website to retrieve the download link. Be sure that you are downloading the correct version of the software that you were using on the old computer to ensure compatibility with your backup files. After installation, the next step is to restore your family tree from the backup you created earlier. Using the "Restore" option in FTM 2019, you can navigate to the location of your backup file and restore your data, including all linked media such as photos and documents.

In addition to restoring your tree data, transferring **FTM 2019** to a new computer may require reactivating your software license. Family Tree Maker allows users to activate their license on a limited number of devices, so if you are transitioning from an older machine, you may need to deactivate the license on that machine first. To do this, open **FTM 2019** on the old computer, go to the Help menu, and select "Deactivate FTM on this computer." This step ensures that you can activate the software on the new machine without exceeding the allowed activations. Once the software is activated on the new computer, you'll have full access to your tree and all its features.

Finally, while [transfer FTM 2019 to a new computer](#), it's a good idea to check for updates. Family Tree Maker frequently releases patches and updates to improve performance and fix bugs. After installation, go to the "Check for Updates" option in the Help menu of FTM 2019 to ensure you are running the latest version of the software. Keeping your software up to date will also help avoid any potential compatibility issues with newer operating systems or features that may have been added since your original installation.