



## Copy the FTM File to the New Computer

When transitioning to a new computer, one of the critical tasks is to [copy the FTM file to the new computer](#). The FTM file, which is associated with Family Tree Maker software, contains essential genealogical data, including family trees, research notes, and multimedia files. To ensure a smooth transfer, you first need to locate the FTM file on your old computer. Typically, this file is stored in the Documents folder under Family Tree Maker or in a

designated location where you may have saved your projects.

Once you have identified the FTM file, it's advisable to create a backup to avoid any potential data loss during the transfer process. You can do this by using an external hard drive, USB flash drive, or a cloud storage service. Simply copy the FTM file onto your chosen storage medium.

After that, connect the storage device to your new computer. Navigate to the appropriate location on your new system, and paste the FTM file into the desired directory, preferably within the Documents folder or a specific folder designated for genealogy projects.

After transferring the file, you can open Family Tree Maker on your new computer. If you haven't already installed the software, be sure to download and install the latest version compatible with your operating system. Once Family Tree Maker is installed, you can open the FTM file you copied over. The software should recognize the file, allowing you to access your family tree data seamlessly. It's also a good practice to verify that all your data has been transferred correctly.

Check for any missing information, such as pictures or notes, and ensure everything is functioning as expected.

This careful process of copying the FTM file to the new computer will help preserve your genealogy research and keep your family history accessible for future use.