

Computer Guide #1

PAF Installation Procedure

Version 5.2 of the Personal Ancestral File may be downloaded without cost from the Internet (see below) or may be purchased on a CD in the Mesa Regional Family History Center's copy room for \$8.25 (The disk also includes PAF Companion).

Procedure for downloading PAF 5.2 from the Internet

1. On the Internet, go to www.familysearch.org.
2. Click on "Order/Download Products".
3. Click on "Software Downloads – Free".
4. Select your choice:
 - Personal Ancestral File 5.2 18.0.
 - Personal Ancestral File 4.0.4 (for Spanish and Portuguese).
5. Follow the instructions on the screen. Note that Lessons may also be downloaded. (It may take more than an hour to download the program and lessons on a dial-up connection.)
Note: Before using the Installer, be sure to turn off all Windows applications and temporarily disable antivirus software which may be running. Remember to enable antivirus after installing PAF.
6. Fill in the "Prepared By" information.

The CD version of PAF

1. Install on PCs or on IMAC computers with Windows emulation.
2. Follow instructions on the CD cover. (It may be necessary to temporarily disable antivirus software before installation.)

After you have Installed PAF and Before you Create a File, Enter Data:

1. Click on Tools.
2. Click on "Preferences".
3. Click on each tab at the top of the page to set your choices. The one tab that is essential is the "Folders" tab which gives the path for your computer to use when saving files.
4. Click on "Folders"

Recommended Settings:

PAF Files	C:\ PAF\DATA\ Your computer will probably ask if you want to create this file. Yes, you do.
Import/Export	A:\ or E:\ or whatever your USB port is labeled. Saves your GEDCOM files to a floppy disk or a flash drive (memory stick), which may be taken to a Family History Center or given away. Import/Export may be directed to a CD, if desired.

Backup	A:\ or E:\ or whatever your USB port is labeled. Saves your backup files to a floppy disk or a flash drive (memory stick). Note: Do not save backups to the hard drive. Backups may be directed to a CD, if desired.
Reports	C:\PAF\DATA\
Web Pages	C:\PAF\DATA\

If you have problems, call the Mesa Regional Family History Center Computer Department at 480 964-1200.