

Form Magic FAQ – Moving the Application

Issue: How do I move my Form Magic application from an old machine to newly purchased machine without losing my data or registration number?

Solution: There are two ways to move Form Magic applications. You can either move the existing application from one machine to another, or re-install the application on the new machine and move the data.

Method #1 – Move the program from the old to the new, and recreate a shortcut.

If you don't have the original installer and don't want to download it, this is the easiest method. Simply move the file from one machine to the other. The downside of this method is that you will not have a Start Menu entry on the new machine like you did on the old machine.

- 1) From the old or original machine, copy the entire contents of your Form Magic application folder to a USB drive (or across the network if both machines are connected).
 - a. The default location should be something like this
C:\Program Files\File-Mate\FM3

Or,
C:\File-Mate\FM3
- 2) Move the USB drive to the new machine, and copy the folder to same location as the old machine.
- 3) Once the folder is copied, right click on the Exe (i.e. File-Mate 1500.exe) and select "Create Shortcut". This will create a file called "File-Mate 1500 Shortcut" that can be moved to the desktop (Note: some OS will not allow you to create the file in the same folder as the original and will move the shortcut to the desktop automatically).

Now you should be able to open you application and see your data, and the registration number should be intact.

Method #2 – Use the original installer to re-install on the new machine, then move the data file.

This method is a little more involved, but produces a complete install. The downside is that you need to have the original installer to complete this method.

- 1) From the old machine, copy or move the data file to the new machine. The location where you place the file is not important, just as long as you know where it is and can navigate to it. The data file will be named one of the following:

File-Mate 1500: HCFA.frm

File-Mate ADV: 2010.frm for the 2010 ADV, 2009.frm for the 2009 product, and so on.

Tax-Mate: Home.frm and then a file for each form, 1099-Misc.frm, W2.frm, and so on.

Tax-Mate 1042: 1042.frm

- 2) On the new machine, install a blank version of the software.
- 3) Without opening the application, open the folder containing the new software and replace the data file with the data file from the old machine.

Now you should be able to open the application and see your data and it should have retained the registration number as well.