



FileMaker Pro 7 and FileMaker Developer 7 Documentation Errata

The following pages clarify information or correct errors in the FileMaker Pro 7 and FileMaker Developer 7 documentation.

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FileMaker Installation and New Features Guide Errata

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
General (Edition 01 only)	Missing functionality	Mac OS: If you are having problems using the Find command within the Mac OS Preview application, download the corrected <i>Installation and New Features Guide</i> from the FileMaker website: http://www.filemaker.com/support/product_documentation.html
Page 22 “Integrated Developer Utilities”	Incorrect information	Some of the text in the screenshot of the Developer Utilities dialog box is incorrect. Old text: Destination Folder New text: Project Folder Old text: Overwrite Destination Files New text: Overwrite matching files within the Project Folder

FileMaker Pro 7 User’s Guide Errata

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General (Edition 01 only)	Missing functionality	Mac OS: If you are having problems using the Find command within the Mac OS Preview application, download the corrected <i>User’s Guide</i> from the FileMaker website: http://www.filemaker.com/support/product_documentation.html
Page 16 “Saving files”	Missing information	When saving a compacted copy of a large file, the application may appear unresponsive for a short period of time before the operation completes.
Page 70 “Changing relationships”	Incorrect information	You cannot change the underlying tables used in a relationship after the relationship has been created. To change the underlying tables in a relationship, create a new relationship using the correct tables.

FileMaker Pro 7 User's Guide Errata (continued)

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
Page 74 “Enabling file sharing and hosting files”	Incorrect information	When you set Network access to file to All users , access is still limited to only those users who have access privileges to open the file.
Page 82 “Accounts, privilege sets, and extended privileges”	Incomplete information	It is possible to create a small number of accounts that are shared among many individuals (such as a “Marketing” account and a “Sales” account). However, keep in mind that shared accounts are a security risk. For better security, use individual accounts instead of shared accounts. If you intend to use shared accounts anyway, make sure you limit the access capabilities of the privilege sets that shared accounts use. Change the password occasionally, particularly when certain users no longer require access.

FileMaker Pro 7 Tutorial Errata

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General (Edition 01 only)	Missing functionality	Mac OS: If you are having problems using the Find command within the Mac OS Preview application, download the corrected <i>Tutorial</i> from the FileMaker website: http://www.filemaker.com/support/product_documentation.html
Page 33 “Create mailing labels”	Missing information	On some computer/printer combinations, the labels layouts in the Tutorial sample files show 27 records per page instead of the expected 30. This occurs because the label layouts for the sample files were created using generalized page size and margin information that may not be correct for all computer and printer combinations. This problem should not occur when you create new labels layouts using the New Layout/Report assistant, because new layouts utilize your current printer and page setup information.

FileMaker Developer 7 Developer's Guide Errata

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
General (Edition 01 only)	Missing functionality	Mac OS: If you are having problems using the Find command within the Mac OS Preview application, download the corrected <i>Developer's Guide</i> from the FileMaker website: http://www.filemaker.com/support/product_documentation.html
Page 8 "Registration and customer support"	Incorrect URL for customers outside North America	www.filemaker.com/intl
Page 15 "Creating custom functions" Second and fourth bullets	Incorrect information	Custom function names can contain spaces, but they are not recommended. You can replace spaces with underscores or remove spaces.
Page 27 "Removing full access privileges from databases"	Incorrect description of the Remove admin access from files permanently option	<p>If you enable the Remove admin access from files permanently option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Users can't access these dialog boxes: Define Database, Define File References, Define Custom Functions, and most of Define Accounts & Privileges. ■ Users can access the Extended Privileges tab in Define Accounts & Privileges if their account has the Manage extended privileges option enabled. ■ Users can access the dialog boxes listed above if they run a script with the Run script with full access privileges option enabled. ■ Users can access Layout mode and ScriptMaker if the privilege set assigned to their account permits it.
Page 60 "Installing, enabling, and configuring the example plug-in"	Incorrect document title	See the <i>FileMaker Server Advanced Web Publishing Installation Guide</i> .
Page 60 "Installing, enabling, and configuring the example plug-in"	Incorrect menu commands in Step 1	<p>Windows: Choose Edit menu > Preferences.</p> <p>Mac OS X: Choose FileMaker Developer application menu > Preferences.</p>
Page 68 "Registering your plug-in"	Incorrect information	<p>Register your external function plug-in with FileMaker to help ensure that it's unique and not in use by any other plug-in. Registering also allows you to make your plug-in visible to FileMaker customers on the FileMaker website.</p> <p>You must register each plug-in separately. To register your plug-in, go to www.filemaker.com and search on "plug-in."</p>

Volume License Installation for FileMaker Pro 7 and FileMaker Developer 7 Errata

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
Page 1 “Before you begin” Step 1	Missing information	The license key is customized for your organization. When installing software, use the organization name exactly as it appears on your license agreement (“Proof of License”).
Page 2 “Customizing the personalization file” Step 2 Second table row	Missing information	When specifying a variable for Organization= or Company= , type the organization name exactly as it appears on your license agreement (“Proof of License”).
Page 3 “Modifying Setup.ini for silent installation (Windows)” Note after Step 3	Incorrect information	There can be spaces in the path specified after INSTALLDIR= if the path is enclosed by quotation marks.
Page 4 “Performing a silent installation using the command line (Windows)” Second bullet	Incorrect information	There can be spaces in the path specified after INSTALLDIR= if the path is enclosed by quotation marks.

FileMaker Pro 7 Help Errata

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Topic	Error	Correction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “About accounts, privilege sets, and extended privileges” ■ “Planning security for a file” ■ “Creating and managing accounts” ■ “Creating accounts” ■ “Editing existing accounts” ■ “Editing other privileges” ■ “Changing your password for a file” 	Incomplete information	<p>The topics listed describe how it is possible to create a small number of accounts that are shared among many individuals (such as a “Marketing” account and a “Sales” account). However, keep in mind that shared accounts are a security risk. For better security, use individual accounts instead of shared accounts.</p> <p>If you intend to use shared accounts anyway, make sure you limit the access capabilities of the privilege sets that shared accounts use. Change the password occasionally, particularly when certain users no longer require access.</p>
“About Script Debugger”	Missing information	FileMaker Developer only: To enable the Script Debugger from the Define Scripts dialog box, press Shift and click the Perform button. To disable the Script Debugger, press Ctrl (Windows) or Command (Mac OS) and click the Perform button.

FileMaker Pro 7 Help Errata (continued)

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Topic	Error	Correction
“Changing relationships”	Incorrect information	You cannot change the underlying tables used in a relationship after the relationship has been created. To change the underlying tables in a relationship, create a new relationship using the correct tables.
“Copying attributes between objects”	Incomplete information	Note that you may use the format painter to apply attributes to layout objects displayed in other windows of the same file or a different file.
“Creating and editing scripts using ScriptMaker”	Missing information	To make an exact copy of a script, including the script name as it appears, select the script in the Define Scripts dialog box and press Shift+Duplicate. Use this method to duplicate a script without appending the word “Copy” to its name.
“Creating portals to hold related records”	Missing information	When you exit a portal that contains a vertical scroll bar, FileMaker will display the first row of data in the first row of the portal, regardless of the portal row that was in that position when the portal was active. For example, if you have a portal with a vertical scroll bar that displays five rows, and you scroll to the eighth row, FileMaker will return the display to the first row when you exit the portal.
“Delete Record/Request script step”	Incorrect information	The option Perform without dialog has no effect in Find mode, because users are never asked to confirm the deletion of Find requests.
“Editing other privileges” Step 2, third row of the table	Incorrect and missing information	The Manage Extended Privileges via Sharing dialogs checkbox is actually labeled Manage extended privileges. Choosing Manage extended privileges also allows the privilege set to edit extended privileges only (not accounts and privilege sets) in the Define Accounts & Privileges dialog box.
“Extend function” Example	Incorrect information	In the second example, the parameters in the If function should be separated by semicolons (not commas).
“FV function” Description	Incomplete information	When interestRate is 0, the formula simplifies to FV = payment * periods.
“Get(ApplicationVersion) function” Description	Incorrect information	The function will return FileMaker Web Publishing for Instant Web Publishing clients (FileMaker Web Client), not “Web Publishing Core”.
“GetAsCSS function” Example	Incorrect information	The Example result should be: Frank
“GetAsTime function” Examples	Incorrect information	The function does not return “AM” or “PM” as part of the result.

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Topic	Error	Correction
“Go to Related Record script step”	Missing information	The Go to Related Record script step includes the option to display related records in a new window, using window name, size, and location parameters that you specify. These display options are the same as the options in the New Window script step. See the topic, “New window script step” in FileMaker Pro Help for more information.
“Import Records script step”	Incorrect information	An example displays obsolete options. The correct example should read: Go to Layout ["Layout #4"] Import Records [No dialog; "Contacts"; Add; Mac Roman]
“Import Records script step”	Missing information	If you use a script to import an XML data file and you specify the path to the file using a calculation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ your calculation must return the absolute path to your data file ■ you must begin your path with the prefix <code>file:///</code> ■ use different syntax for Windows and Mac OS. For example: Windows: <code>file:///full path to file</code> Example: <code>file:///C:/Documents and Settings/Administrator/My Documents/xml_data.xml</code> Mac OS: <code>file:///volumes/full path to file</code> Example: <code>file:///volumes/Macintosh HD/Users/Administrator/Documents/xml_data.xml</code>
“Insert Current User Name script step”	Incorrect information	This script step is not web-compatible.
“ODBC and JDBC support in FileMaker Pro”	Incorrect and incomplete information	The DataDirect 32-BIT SequeLink 5.4 driver does not support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ the DROP TABLE statement ■ LEFT OUTER JOIN ■ Current of Cursor ■ fractional seconds (the timestamp format is <code>yyyy.mm.dd hh:mm:ss</code>) The DataDirect 32-BIT SequeLink 5.4 driver supports the SQLTables Catalog function (but does not fully support the other Catalog functions). You can combine the results of only two SELECT statements with the UNION operator.

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Topic	Error	Correction
“Open File script step”	Missing information	Windows: If your scripts use the Open File script step to open more than 12 hidden windows, the incorrect window may appear when you choose one from the Window > Show Window > More menu. You can avoid this issue by modifying Open File script steps to open the files with minimized windows instead of hidden windows.
“Opening files as the host”	Incorrect information	When you set Network access to file to All users , access is still limited to only those users who have access privileges to open the file.
“Print script step”	Incorrect information	Windows: When the Print script step uses the Perform without dialog option, output from the script will be sent to the last selected printer, rather than the one specified in the script definition dialog box.
“PV function” Description	Incomplete information	When interestRate is 0, the formula simplifies to PV = payment * periods .
“Quote function” Examples	Incorrect information	Quote("abc¶") returns "abc¶" (previous example was missing a backslash and carriage return). Quote("say\"hello\" fred") returns "say\"hello\" fred" (previous example had too many backslashes in the result). Evaluate("1 + 2 & " & Quote(" - 1 + 2")) returns 3 - 1 + 2 (previous example was missing an ampersand in the first expression).
“Replace Field Contents script step”	Incorrect information	The Replace Field Contents script step does not require that the target field be present on a layout to perform properly. Additionally, FileMaker Pro does not return an error code when the target field is not present.
“Reset Account Password script step”	Incorrect information	The Reset Account Password script step works with FileMaker accounts only, and does not work with external accounts. Users that run this script step on an external account will get the error message, "The account name and password you entered does not match those for any FileMaker account."

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“Scripting with Apple events (Mac OS)”	Missing information	<p>When you use Apple events to control FileMaker Pro:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ no error is returned when attempting to find a record outside of the current found set ■ you cannot use a list of IDs to retrieve records from a database ■ performing a filtered reference on a range of records returns all records that match, rather than only records within the specified range that match the criteria ■ you cannot use a “whose” statement on summary fields to find records ■ if there are multiple occurrences of a field on a layout, all occurrences are returned and accessed when getting and setting data
“Send Mail script step”	Missing information	<p>Mac OS: If Eudora 5 is your default email client, start the Eudora application before performing a script that uses the Send Mail script step.</p>
“Sharing databases on a network”	Missing information	<p>Mac OS: If you are unable to share files on a local network, verify on the host computer that either the Mac OS Sharing firewall has been turned off, or that you have added an open network port configuration for port 5003 to the System Sharing preferences. For more information about the Mac OS Sharing firewall and adding a network port configuration, see Mac OS Help.</p>
“Update Link script step”	Incorrect information	<p>If a field does not contain an OLE link, FileMaker will not return an error.</p>
“Using the zoom controls”	Missing information	<p>When using the Zoom-in control (one of the buttons in the lower-left corner that resembles a mountain) to enlarge the image on your screen, note that you can only zoom in to 300% when the Enlarge window contents to improve readability application preference is selected; the 400% zoom level is not available.</p>

Converting FileMaker Databases from Previous Versions Errata

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Page 29 “Access privileges”	Incomplete information	It is possible to create a small number of accounts that are shared among many individuals (such as a “Marketing” account and a “Sales” account). However, keep in mind that shared accounts are a security risk. For better security, use individual accounts instead of shared accounts. If you intend to use shared accounts anyway, make sure you limit the access capabilities of the privilege sets that shared accounts use. Change the password occasionally, particularly when certain users no longer require access.
Page 33 “File references”	Missing information	After converting databases from previous versions of FileMaker Pro, be sure to review all file references in your solution, and delete the ones you don’t need. The File References dialog box displays information like folder locations and IP addresses, which can reveal information you don’t want to distribute.
Page 36 “Changes in layouts”	Missing information	If you have inserted a picture (Windows Metafile image) as part of a layout, you must convert the file on a Windows machine to preserve the image. This behavior is similar to the behavior described on page 42 explaining how container fields that store Windows Metafile images get converted differently on Windows than on Mac OS.
General	Missing information	When opening a file created in a previous Roman language version of FileMaker Pro and later edited using the Japanese version, Japanese data may not convert correctly. To preserve Japanese data, use the following process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using the Japanese version of FileMaker Pro 6 on a Japanese OS, open the file and save a copy as a clone. 2. Convert the cloned file using FileMaker Pro 7.
General	Missing information	When converting a file containing data from character sets not supported in FileMaker Pro 6 and earlier (Cyrillic or Greek, for example) some data may not be converted correctly. To preserve such non-Roman data on conversion, do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before conversion, make sure the Language setting of each field in Storage Options is set to a language matching the data, and that Indexing is turned ON. 2. Verify that an appropriate font for the character set is applied to all data. 3. Use FileMaker Pro 6 to clone the file on the same platform (Windows or Mac OS) where it was originally created. 4. Convert the cloned file using FileMaker Pro 7.

Installing FileMaker 7 ODBC and JDBC Client Drivers Errata

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	Incorrect and missing information	Updates to the <i>FileMaker ODBC and JDBC Developer's Guide</i> and <i>Installing FileMaker ODBC and JDBC Client Drivers</i> are available at www.filemaker.com . If you share your FileMaker database files with client applications using ODBC and JDBC (Windows only), download these PDFs for the latest information.

FileMaker 7 ODBC and JDBC Developer's Guide Errata

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
Page 23 "WHERE clause"	Missing information	If you use fully qualified table names in the projection list, also called the select list, you must also use fully qualified table names in the related WHERE clause.
Page 30 "Functions"	Missing information	Use uppercase letters for SQL function names: some are case-sensitive.
Page 35 "Mapping FileMaker fields to ODBC data types"	Incorrect information	The FileMaker text field type always converts to ODBC data type SQL_VARCHAR (never to SQL_LONGVARCHAR). The FileMaker number field type converts to ODBC data type SQL_DOUBLE (not SQL_DECIMAL). The ODBC Catalog function GetTypeInfo reports the FileMaker container field type as a SQL_LONGVARBINARY data type.

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	Incorrect and missing information	Updates to the <i>FileMaker ODBC and JDBC Developer's Guide</i> and <i>Installing FileMaker ODBC and JDBC Client Drivers</i> are available at www.filemaker.com . If you share your FileMaker database files with client applications using ODBC and JDBC (Windows only), download these PDFs for the latest information.

FileMaker 7 Security Guide Errata

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
Page 5 “About database security”	Missing information	To keep current on FileMaker security issues, visit the FileMaker Security web site at www.filemaker.com/support/security , where you can sign up to receive the FileMaker Security newsletter.
Page 10 “Devise a plan for securing your databases” Second bullet	Incomplete information	It is possible to create a small number of accounts that are shared among many individuals (such as a “Marketing” account and a “Sales” account). However, keep in mind that shared accounts are a security risk. For better security, use individual accounts instead of shared accounts. If you intend to use shared accounts anyway, make sure you limit the access capabilities of the privilege sets that shared accounts use. Change the password occasionally, particularly when certain users no longer require access.
Page 12 Second bullet from top	Missing information	For increased security, do not assign the Full Access privilege set to an External Server account type.
Page 12 “Back up databases and other important files”	Missing information	Don’t use third-party backup software on hosted FileMaker Pro databases. First, use FileMaker Server to make a backup copy of your database, then run your third-party backup software on the copy. Backup software can damage open, hosted databases.
Page 13 “Install, run, and upgrade anti-virus software”	Missing information	Do not run virus protection software on open, hosted databases. First, close the databases, then run the virus protection software.
Pages 15 and 21	Incorrect document title	See the <i>FileMaker Server Advanced Web Publishing Installation Guide</i> .
Page 17 “Building security into your solutions”	Missing information	After converting databases from previous versions of FileMaker Pro, be sure to review all file references in your solution, and delete the ones you don’t need. The File References dialog box displays information like folder locations and IP addresses, which can reveal information you don’t want to distribute. Review the conversion log file for information about the status and possible problems found during conversion. For more information, see <i>Converting FileMaker Databases from Previous Versions</i> .

FileMaker 7 Security Guide Errata (continued)

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Page 18 Second bullet from top	Incomplete information	<p>It is possible to create a small number of accounts that are shared among many individuals (such as a “Marketing” account and a “Sales” account). However, keep in mind that shared accounts are a security risk. For better security, use individual accounts instead of shared accounts.</p> <p>If you intend to use shared accounts anyway, make sure you limit the access capabilities of the privilege sets that shared accounts use. Change the password occasionally, particularly when certain users no longer require access.</p>
Page 18 Sixth bullet from top	Incomplete information	<p>The FileMaker Developer <i>Developer’s Guide</i> contains incorrect information about the Remove admin access from files permanently option. If you enable the option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Users can’t access these dialog boxes: Define Database, Define File References, Define Custom Functions, and most of Define Accounts & Privileges. ■ Users can access the Extended Privileges tab in Define Accounts & Privileges if their account has the Manage extended privileges option enabled. ■ Users can access the dialog boxes listed above if they run a script with the Run script with full access privileges option enabled. <p>Users can access Layout mode and ScriptMaker if the privilege set assigned to their account permits it.</p>
Page 18 “Tips for creating effective passwords” Second bullet	Incorrect product reference	If you’re hosting databases with FileMaker Server Advanced, enable SSL encryption.
Pages 21, 22, and 24	Incorrect product references	These pages should reference FileMaker Server Advanced
Page 23 Second bullet from top	Incorrect product reference	Host databases with FileMaker Server Advanced
Page 23 “Using SSL security for web publishing”	Incorrect product reference	SSL encryption is only available to databases hosted with FileMaker Server Advanced

FileMaker 7 Instant Web Publishing Guide Errata

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Page number and heading	Error	Correction
Page 12 “Sharing a database with Instant Web Publishing”	Missing information	If you make changes to Instant Web Publishing settings while guests are logged into a shared database, guests will lose their sessions and be returned to the Database Homepage. For best results, change settings when databases are closed, then restart FileMaker Pro.
Page 20 “Finding records”	Incorrect button name	Note After entering or editing search criteria in a find request, web users must click the Perform Find button in the status area to send the request to the host.
Page 23 “Tips for rendering layouts in Instant Web Publishing” Last bullet	Incorrect information	Buttons can display multiple lines of text if you include Return characters between the lines.
Page 24 “General database design considerations”	Missing information	Web browsers can’t display a calculated value if the calculation field uses values from other files. To display calculated values, the calculation field must use values from the same file (including values from related tables in the same file).
Page 28 “Script step tips and considerations” Eighth bullet	Incorrect information	The Get [ApplicationVersion] function will return “FileMaker Web Publishing” for Instant Web Publishing clients, not “Web Publishing”.
Page 29 “Script step tips and considerations” Fourth row in table	Incorrect information	The Set Error Capture script step is always enabled with Instant Web Publishing. It can suppress alert messages when scripts are run.

FileMaker 7 Instant Web Publishing Help Errata

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Topic	Error	Correction
“About working with FileMaker solutions from a web browser”	Missing information	To navigate through a database in Instant Web Publishing, use the buttons in the status area or the database layout. Avoid using the Back, Forward, and Refresh buttons in your web browser.