

Installing a PestaRoo Update



We frequently send out updates to PestaRoo. This document describes how to install updates so as to protect your data and quickly get back to work. These instructions are for offices running PestaRoo on 1, 2, or 3 computers peer-to-peer. If you have a server, see “Installing a PestaRoo Update on Server”.

Version Requirement

Update Manager, as of Nov 15, 2009, requires FileMaker 10. Only use the copy of Update Manager that come with this Update.

Who is This For?

If you are running PestaRoo on a computer with FileMaker Server, these directions are NOT for you. If you are running PestaRoo peer-to-peer with 1 or 2 (or 3) users, then these directions are for you.

You only need to update the copy on the host computer. The computers that connect to the host do NOT need to be updated with each PestaRoo update.

For People Who Hate Directions

Unzip the archive and put the two FileMaker file into the PestaRoo folder of the computer hosting PestaRoo. Quit PestaRoo. Make copy of PestaRoo, rename it (by date) into Archive folder and burn to a CD or DVD. You MUST make a backup before updating. Run Update Manager which transfers the data. Now, all your data is inside the new file. Delete both PestaRoo and Update Manager, and rename NEW_PestaRoo to just PestaRoo.fp7. You're done. So easy.

Now, for those people who like things spelled out more fully . . .

Location Of PestaRoo

PestaRoo is normally installed in a folder called 'PestaRoo Folder'. It is normally located in your

Documents folder. Inside the PestaRoo Folder are several things: a folder called Archives, a folder called Backups, a folder called Support Documents, and the PestaRoo.fp7 file itself. This last file is the heart of the program. This is where your data is actually stored.

Note that if you have 2 computers running PestaRoo, you only need to update the single computer that is the host.

Frequently, users will have an alias or a shortcut pointing to PestaRoo.fp7 that is on the desktop. Its important to know where the actual file is and not just the alias or shortcut. This support document assumes you know where your PestaRoo folder is located, and NOT just the shortcut or alias. You can right click on the alias or shortcut to find out where the actual original is located.

UnZipping the Archive

PestaRoo updates arrive usually by way of e-mail or, you may have downloaded it from our web site. In either event, it will be zipped. You will need to unzip the file before continuing. With many newer computers you will merely double click on it to get at what is inside. On a Macintosh or newer versions of Windows that's all you have to do. On some Windows computers you will need to right click on the folder and select “Extract All” If, however, your computer is older or you have changed some of the basic configuration you'll need to learn how to open a zipped archive file. We can't help you with this.

Inside the zip archive you will find two items: NEW_PestaRoo.fp7 and Update Manager.fp7.

You also may see this help file 'Installing a PestaRoo Update' inside the archive. But, we are only concerned about the two FileMaker documents.

Drag the two FileMaker files into the PestaRoo folder so that you can see all three files: NEW_PestaRoo.fp7, PestaRoo.fp7, and Update Manager.fp7, all in the same directory.

Making the Backup

Before we update our version of PestaRoo, we always make a copy of it in case something goes wrong in the update process or we need to roll back to that previous version for "who-knows-what-for" reason. To make this copy, it is very important that PestaRoo be closed. You should be completely out of Filemaker.

To Quit FileMaker:

If you are on Windows machine, go to the X in the upper right hand corner and X out the entire application. If you are on Macintosh go to the Filemaker menu pull it down to Quit Filemaker. Now you can safely copy your file.

Make Copy of PestaRoo:

Go to the folder where PestaRoo.fp7 and make a copy of that file. Put this new copy inside the archive folder and rename it. Name it based on today's date. For example, 'PestaRoo from November 15 of 2009.fp7' or something similar. Notice that we are not using any punctuation and only words. Also notice that the name clearly states when we last used that version. Okay? So now you have your original PestaRoo sitting in its normal location AND you have an identical copy of it in your archive folder that has been renamed to today's date. We will permanently leave this dated archival copy in the Archive folder. (After many updates, you will have many different archival copies.)

Running The Updater

Double click on Update Manager. This will launch Filemaker and take you to an updating screen with a single button. Click on this one button and the Update Manager will transfer your data into the new version. So, sit back and

watch. If you have a small company this will take a few minutes. If you have a larger company it may take fifteen minutes. When it is finished a message will be displayed on your screen that the update is complete. Click on the button to exit or quit the application.

Renaming and Deleting Files

At this point the Update Manager has moved all of your data from your copy of PestaRoo to the NEW_PestaRoo. All we have to do now is to rename the main file, clean up a bit, and you'll be ready to go.

Delete the file Update Manager. Also, since we have moved your data into the NEW_PestaRoo, we can (and must) delete the file PestaRoo. (This is why we insisted on making a backup before we started.) Lastly, rename the NEW_PestaRoo.fp7 to just plain PestaRoo.fp7. In other words, take off the 'NEW_'. That will leave you with only one Filemaker document in the folder.

Conclusion

With these very few steps you have updated PestaRoo. As you may have already noticed describing the process is far more complicated than just doing it.

In summary you you unzipped the archive, dragged the two Filemaker files into your PestaRoo folder, made a backup, and double clicked on the Update Manager. The Update Manager transferred the data. You renamed the files. That is all you have to do to do an update.

Trouble?

If you have performed an update and something is missing, or, doesn't seem to work, please call us at 620-242-8616. We are committed to helping you. We will need your backup copy to be able to help you.