

EZITREE Plus

Family History Software

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Welcome to the May 2008 meeting of the EZITREE users group. Thank you again for giving up your Saturday afternoon to attend this meeting and share your time with all of the others who are attempting to unlock the mysteries of family history and computers using Ezitree.

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be able to have a meeting in September. Therefore the remaining dates of the Ezitree User Group meetings this year are 18th October and 15th November.

Today's Main Topic – Gedcom Importing

The first thing to do is to check the file to ensure it is compatible with Ezitree and to view the records in a more readable format.

1. Check the File

From the menu click the 'File' pad, then 'Gedcom' and then 'Gedcom Analysis'. You will be asked to select the Gedcom file to analyse. Gedcom files normally have a name with the letters 'ged' at the end such as 'family.ged'.

The Gedcom Analysis window allows you to see a list of the people in the file. You may then view the full details of a specific Gedcom record, see how many records in the file match your Ezitree, or event import a person, or their family into the current Ezitree file. If parents have been recorded the 'Ancestors' button will be enabled to allow

you to view an ancestral tree of the persons from the current record.

The Gedcom Analysis function is the recommended way to import data into your current file where there are only a few records to import.

2. Import a full File

I never recommend importing a Gedcom file directly into your current Ezitree file unless you are fully aware of the implications. If you do so, you may end up with many duplicate records that will require manual removal.

It is always best to create a new data file and import the Gedcom file into that empty file, view the records again to ensure they appear correct, then use the Ezitree file transfer facility to copy specific record groups from the Gedcom data file to your main data file. Of course, I do strongly urge you to make a backup of your data before importing any Gedcom data into Ezitree. This at least gives you a 'fall back' position.

To copy records between different Ezitree files, click the 'Utilities' menu pad and then 'Copy Records'. This window provides you with the facility to copy a single record, all the ancestors or descendants of a person, all records (not recommended), records between specified numbers or last names or records with certain Group Codes. Make sure you check the 'Options' tab before commencing the records copy. You are best to retain parent/spouse links and for existing record numbers always allocate new.

Recent Enhancements and Bug Fixes

Version	Date	Category	Details
10.52	24 Apr	Multimedia	Fixed 'Unique Images' radio button not removing duplicates.
		General Codes	Improved output & reports & fixed problem with date sort option
		Family View	Improved display of 'Spouse' button for marriages, relationships & unrecorded
		Lineage View	Added display of one parent children & fixed marriage/relationship dates not changing for subsequent marriages, etc
10.53	25 Apr	Multimedia - Album	Enabled 'Album' button if there are source images but no multimedia & fixed incorrect caption being shown for source items
		Event View	Added 'Update' button to allow direct editing of an event
10.54	11 May	Research Diary	On open now positions to current record no & fixed wrong call no displayed when no call no entered
10.55	17 May	Multimedia	Ensured no birth year created/selected correct image folder path
		Linking Witnesses	Fixed linking to marriage causing duplicate spouse name on witness event
		Event details	Added tool tips
		Repeat records	Minor fixes & increased number from 20 to 25

This Month's FAQ's

This is a new section I have added to the newsletter and it contains questions and answers about Ezitree that have come up since the previous user group meeting. As well as providing an answer with the question below, I will be demonstrating these FAQ's during the session.

I have added an incorrect Country Code, how do I delete it?	Go to the menu pad 'Utilities', click 'Codes' and then click 'Main Codes'. This will open the 'Manage event Codes' window. Select 'Countries' from the 'Code Types-' radio buttons on the right side. Scroll through the list of Country names until you find the required code, then change or delete it. This also applies to all other codes.
How do I fix an incorrect gender code in the default list?	Go to the menu pad 'Utilities', click 'Codes' and then click 'Gender Codes'. This will open the 'Gender Code Lookup Table' window. Scroll down to the desired name and click the change or delete buttons. Note that the 'Refresh' button is used to preform a recount of the number of times a name has been used.
What is the best way to enter the NSW BDM early church record reference number?	The NSW BDM Early Church reference number appears similar to V183892 17/1838. There is no need to change the format of this number. However, if you want to make it more readable, the following reformat is suggested: 1838 v.17.92. This indicates the year 1838 followed by the volume and then the item number.
What is the quickest way to find the death of William Avery in 1949 when there are so many William Avery records?	Go to the menu pad 'Utilities', click 'Find' and then click 'Basic'. This will open the 'Find Basic' window. Type "William" in the First Names field and "Avery" in the "Last Name" field. Then type "008" (death event code) in the Event Code field or click the 'Event' button to select 'Death'. When you click the 'Find' button, the 'Results' window will display a list of records matching the entered criteria.
How do duplicate records happen?	This generally happens when linking to a person as a spouse. There are two buttons which are easy to confuse, 'New' and 'Select'. If you have Tool Tips turned on, resting the mouse on the 'New' button will display "Add a new person to your file as a spouse" whilst the 'Select' button will display "Select an existing person from your file as a spouse".
My linked image has suddenly disappeared. How did this happen and how can I get it back?	This can happen if you move the images outside of Ezitree. I always recommend that you adopt a strategy whereby your images are stored in one place and one place only. Ezitree keeps a record of the location of an image and if the image is no longer at that location it will not be displayed. To correct this situation, return the images to the location Ezitree knows about, or alternatively, you will be prompted to locate the missing image and then prompted to see if any other images are missing in the same location. This is not the preferred method – not moving the images is better!
I have a newspaper article of the birth of a child. How do I use this in Ezitree?	Link the newspaper article to the child as a source and link the parents if they appear in any photo that accompanies the newspaper article.