



GETTING STARTED

Virtual Coin Cabinet 2v9 *beta*

COIN DATABASE SOFTWARE

A FILEMAKER PRO 10 RUNTIME SOLUTION

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Welcome to the Virtual Coin Cabinet

version 2v9 BETA

Part 1: Reasons to Upgrade

This version provides several major improvements which justify upgrading for most users:

- ✦ Ends the 2 gigabyte file size limit which some users reached in older versions
- ✦ Allows opening and using records from files which quit opening at 2gb
- ✦ Replaces the old FileMaker 6-based software with a FileMaker 10 Runtime engine, which is more compatible with Windows and Macintosh computer systems released since 2007
- ✦ Improves the handling of program windows on larger monitors, allowing you to resize the program window without it taking over the entire screen
- ✦ Fixes an error on one of the tag screen designs

The rest of this guide provides step-by-step instructions for installation and for moving your records from any previous version of VCC into this new version, *even if you are no longer able to open the old version.*

Part 2: Installing on Windows Computers

Minimum System Requirements for Windows Computers

- ✦ Windows XP — Service Pack 3 is required
Pentium III 700MHz, or faster processor, with at least 256 MB of RAM installed
- ✦ Windows VISTA — Service Pack 1 is required
800MHz, or faster processor, with at least 512MB of RAM installed
- ✦ Windows 7
1 GHz, or faster processor, with at least 1GB of RAM installed

Windows Installation Instructions

1. Locate the installer which you downloaded from the web named: [VCC2v9win](#)
2. Open and run the installer, reading and following all instructions.
3. The new software is installed *in your Documents folder* inside its own folder named [Virtual Coin Cabinet 2v9 beta](#).
4. Open the *application file* [Virtual Coin Cabinet 2v9 beta.exe](#) inside the new software's folder to start the new software. (The application's .exe extension may not be visible depending on your computer's settings.)

The first time you open the software, it may take a minute or more to open the program because settings and components are being initialized. You will then see a license screen. Accept the license terms and the program will open and be ready to use.

Part 3: Macintosh Installation

Minimum System Requirements for Macintosh Operating Systems

- ✦ Mac OSX v10.4.11 **OS versions older than 10.4.11 require upgrading to run VCC2v9**
G4, G5, or Intel-based Mac processor, and at least 256 MB of RAM installed
- ✦ Mac OSX v10.5
G4 (867MHz+), G5, or Intel-based Mac processor, and at least 512MB of RAM installed
- ✦ Mac OSX v10.6
Intel-based Mac with at least 1GB of RAM installed

Macintosh Installation Instructions

1. Locate the installer which you downloaded from the web named: **VCC2v9mac**
2. Open and run the installer, reading and following any instructions.
3. The new software is installed *in your Applications folder* in its own folder named **Virtual Coin Cabinet 2v9 beta**.
4. Open the *application file* **Virtual Coin Cabinet 2v9 beta** *inside* the new software's folder to start the new software. (You can drag the application file into your Dock for easier access in the future.)

The first time you open the software, it may take a minute to open the program because settings and components are being initialized. You will then see a license screen. Accept the license terms and the program will open and be ready to use.

Part 4: Moving Older VCC Records into the New Version

Applies to both Windows & Macintosh

This section is for those who have records in a previous version of Virtual Coin Cabinet software which they want to use in the new version. This includes records which can no longer be opened in an older version.

Records from earlier versions of the Virtual Coin Cabinet first must be *converted* to be readable by the new software, and, then, after conversion, be *imported* into the new program.

While this may sound complicated, this guide will walk you through the process in just a few minutes to get you up and running with all of your old records saved into your new software.

The conversion and importing routines are described in step-by-step detail on the following pages. All instructions apply to both Macintosh and Windows computers.

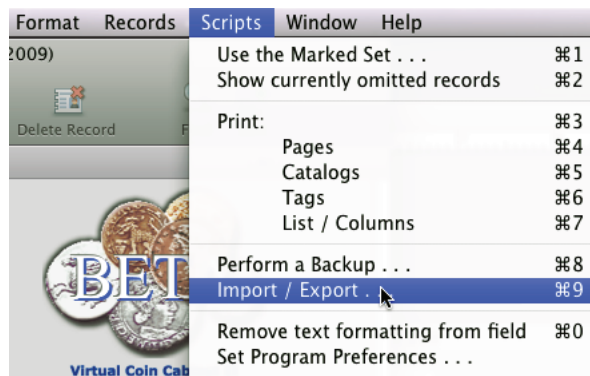
NOTE Your screen's appearance may vary somewhat from this guide's illustrations, but all steps and choices are available on all Mac & Windows computers, even when some screens vary.

CONVERTING YOUR OLD VCC FILE

This section of the Guide describes the full process of converting your old records to a format which can be imported into the new software.

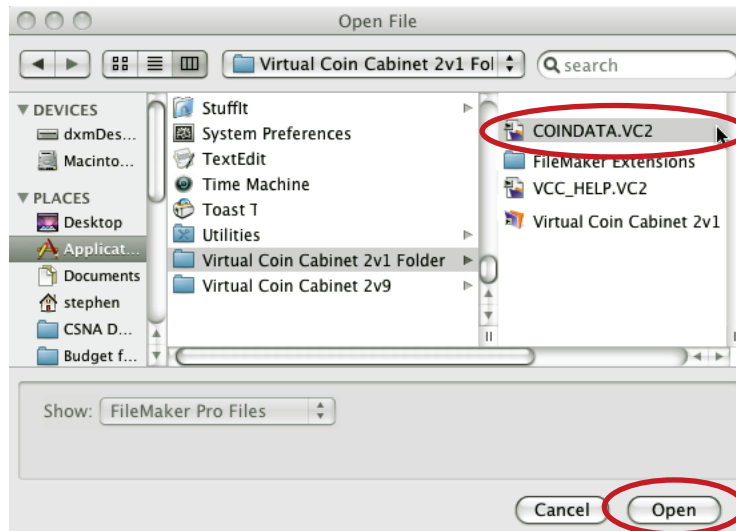
Read every step carefully, and follow all instructions.

1. Open your new VCC 2v9 software.
2. Go to the main screen, locate the **Scripts** pull-down menu at the top of the window, and select **Import / Export** as shown below:



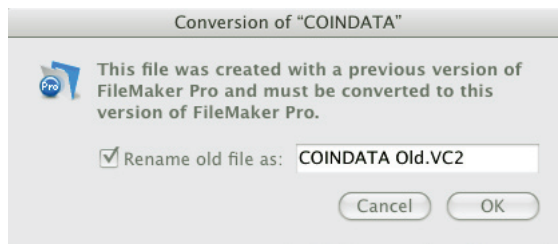
3. A small dialog box will appear (not shown). Click once on the button marked: **Import**.
4. Another dialog box appears (not shown). Click once on the button marked: **Upgrade**.
5. Another dialog box appears (not shown). Click once on the button marked: **Choose**.

6. Use the resulting selection box to navigate to where your older version is installed, and select the old version's COINDATA file (COINTRAY file for version 1), and open it.



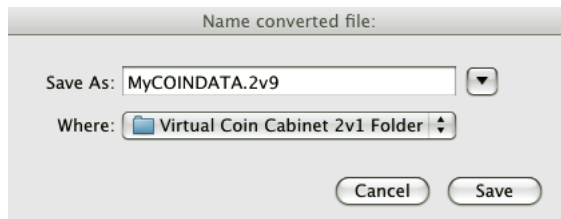
This will begin the conversion process.

7. You will be asked to rename the old file. Let the software pick the name:

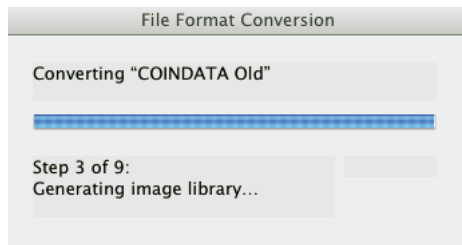


Click the OK button.

8. You will be asked to name the converted file, and where to save it. Rename it **MyCOINDATA**, and save it in the original folder of the old program.
(Do NOT save it in the new version's folder. If you tried to name it COINDATA in the new version's folder, it could try to overwrite the new file you are have open right now!)

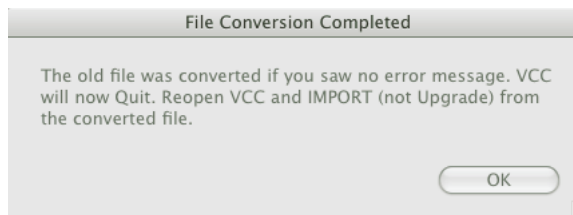


9. Name the converted file **MyCOINDATA** and save it in the original folder. Be sure the **Where** to save selection is correct, then click the **Save** button.
10. You will see a small window describing the conversion process as it progresses.



11. When the box above goes away, you may see a dialog box saying that a Help file could not be located. This is normal because we are not converting the old Help system file. Just close that dialog box if it appears.

12. A final dialog box lets you know that your file was converted. Click the button to finish.



Your older version's records file has been converted to a new file type from which you can import your old records into your new software.

13. The program will automatically shut itself down following a file conversion process.
14. The files are now ready for importing your converted records into the new software.

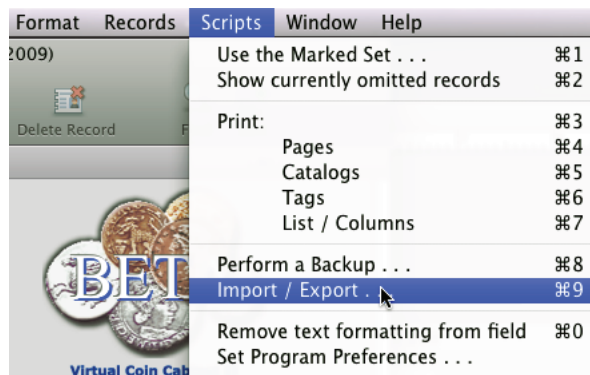
The next section covers the process of importing your converted records.

IMPORTING YOUR CONVERTED RECORDS

This section describes the process of importing your old records into the new software — after you have completed the file conversion process described in the previous pages of this guide.

Read every step carefully, and follow all instructions.

1. Open your new VCC 2v9 software.
2. Go to the main screen, locate the **Scripts** pull-down menu at the top of the window, and select **Import / Export** as shown below:



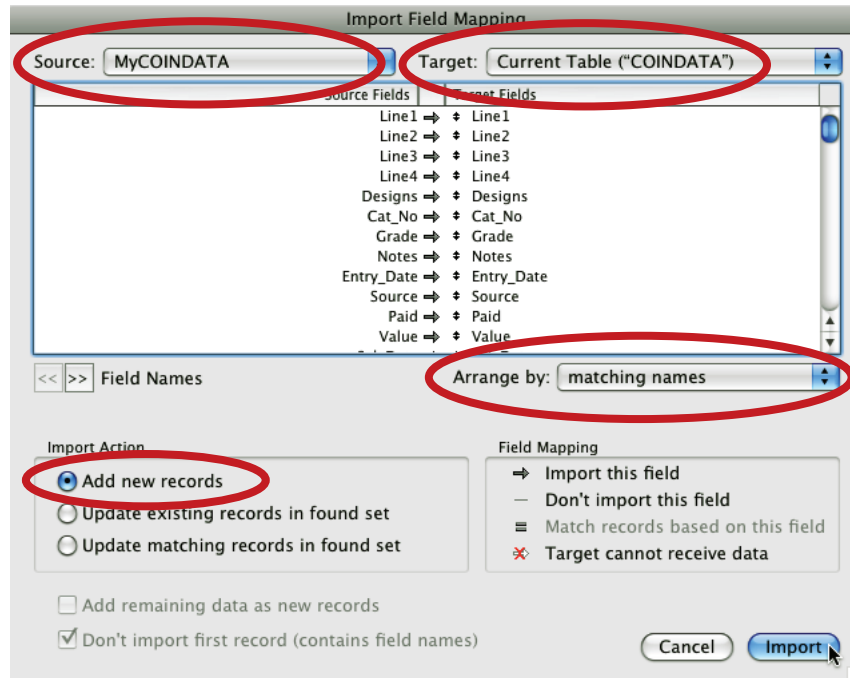
3. A small dialog box will appear (not shown). Click once on the button marked: **Import**.
4. Another dialog box appears (not shown). Again click once on the button marked: **Import**.

5. Use the file selection box to navigate to where your older version is installed, and select the *converted* file you renamed **MyCOINDATA** (or **MyCOINDATA.2v9**).



6. When your converted file is selected, click the **Open** button.
This will begin the record importing process from your old records into the new version, using the settings described on the following pages.

7. The Import Field Mapping box appears. It must be set exactly as shown below before continuing:



- ✦ Be sure that both the **Source** and **Target** selections are set as shown above.
 - ✦ Set the **Arrange by** selection to **matching names**. Use this order for VCC files.
(If you are importing from a file type *other than* VCC, you may need to set a custom order of your own to map which data goes where.)
 - ✦ Be certain that the **Add new records** selection is active.
8. When everything is as shown above, click the **Import** button.

9. A small dialog box of additional options appears. Set it as shown:



- ✦ **Uncheck** Perform auto-enter options if it was checked.
- ✦ Be sure the repeating fields option is **Keeping them in the original record**.

10. Click **Import** to move your records from the old file to the new software.

11. A progress indicator may show records being imported. How long the import takes depends on the number of records, and the size of any photos in them.

12. When the import is complete, a message tells how many records were imported, and the screen will refresh showing the newly-imported records as the *found set*.

Your old records are now stored in your new software, ready to use.

NOTE If you ever want to use the older version of VCC, you will need to rename the file in the *old directory* from **COINDATA Old** back to **COINDATA** so the older program can find it okay.

Part 5: Technical Support

This is BETA software. We do not offer individual support for this software to anyone.

However, if you encounter either of these situations, report it:

1. the installer won't run on a computer that meets minimum system requirements,
2. a process described in this Getting Starting Guide or the menus fails to run.

First, however, verify that the problem happens exactly the same when you try the same thing a second time. (If you can't *make it happen*, we probably can't find the problem to troubleshoot it.)

Use the contact information on our website to report the specific problem to us by email.

You must include ALL of these details when reporting a problem by email *or we will not respond*:

1. your computer's Operating System and its exact OS version number,
 2. the exact point at which a specific operation failed,
 3. how the error manifested. Did the program quit for no apparent reason, or do something not indicated in this guide? (Do not report that "it crashed" unless you got a system error message saying the program could not be run, or your computer operating system required restarting because the program quit. (Such has never been reported, but some people tend to call any unexpected event a *crash*.)
 4. Give as much detail about exactly what you were doing (*i.e.* button or script used).
- ✦ Report only errors needing a fix to use the program as it was intended, not your requests.
 - ✦ Be prepared to wait a week or more for a reply after you have provided everything above.

Our client load is full, and this is *free beta software*. Only use it if it does what you need. We work on it when our time permits. Thank you for being understanding of our priorities.