

uFTi Quick Start: macOS

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Quick Start

Six short pages that take you from opening uFTi to your first person, with its source and a copy.

This takes about ten minutes. Each page has a few steps. Do them in order.

Add your first person

Make your own workspace and add yourself, or someone you know well.

1. On **Workspaces**, choose **Create workspace**.

A small window named New workspace opens. It starts with a name already in the box.

2. Type a name for your tree, such as My family, in place of the name that is there.
3. Choose **Create**.

The **New person** form opens.

4. Type a first name in **Given name(s)**. Type a last name in **Surname**.

Start with yourself, or someone you know well. Only the first name is needed. If you know the birth date, type it too.

5. Choose **Save**.

The page for that person opens. If the **Save** button is below the bottom of the window, scroll down to it.

That is your first person. uFTi saves your work as you go.

Next: [Look around](#) (page 3).

Look around

See what the main menu items show for the person you added.

Add a person first.

The menu at the left shows the main places. Most of them show the person you are looking at.

1. Choose **Person**.

It shows that person's page.

2. Choose **Events**.

It lists the [events and facts](#) for that person.

3. Choose **Notes**.

It shows the notes for that person.

4. Choose **Family tree**.

It draws a tree. Older manuals call it a [pedigree](#).

5. Choose **+** at the top right.

A sheet named **Add a record** lists what you can add.

The other menu items are for later. To go back one screen, choose the back arrow.

Next: [Say where you found it](#) (page 4).

Say where you found it

Add a source to a fact, so you always know why you believe it.

Open the page of a person who has a birth date.

1. Choose the small chip beside **Birth**.

It shows a number and a plus sign, such as 0 +.

A screen named **Sources** opens.

2. Choose **Add source**, then **Add a new source**.

3. In **Title**, type where you know this from.

For example, My birth certificate or Mum told me. Only this box is needed.

4. Choose **Save source**.

5. Choose **Done**, then **Done** again.

The number on the chip goes up by one.

The fact now has a [source](#). Later, when two records disagree, this is how you will know what to believe.

Next: [Keep it safe](#) (page 4).

Keep it safe

Save a copy of your tree as a file, and keep it somewhere else too.

1. Open **Workspaces**.

2. On the card for your tree, choose **Save as....**

A small sheet opens. It asks how to save your tree.

3. Choose how to save your tree.

- **GEDZIP archive (.gdz)** — **includes media** saves everything in one file, with its pictures. Choose this one.

- **GEDCOM file (.ged)** saves your tree as a [family tree file](#), without pictures. Use it only for a program that cannot read GEDZIP. If asked which version, choose GEDCOM 7 unless that program is old.

4. In the Save panel, choose a folder you will remember, then choose **Save**.

You now have a copy. Make a new one after you add a lot. Keep one on another drive too.

If you opened a file from another program, uFTi saves your changes to that file. To leave the original alone, open a copy.

Next: [What next](#) (page 5).

What next

You have a tree, a person, a fact with its source and a copy, so choose where to go from here.

Well done. What do you want to do now?

- Record more of what you have found. [Say where you found it](#) (page 4) shows how.
- Learn the ideas behind it all. Read [Five things to know](#) (page 6). It takes two minutes.

Five things to know

The five ideas behind uFTi, in two minutes.

A workspace is one family tree

You can have more than one. Each shows as a card on the **Workspaces** screen. Make a new workspace for each tree.

People and families

Add a person for each relative. A family joins a couple. uFTi draws a tree from your families. Choose **Family** to see it.

Facts and sources

A fact is something you record, such as a birth with its date. A source is where you found it. It can be a certificate, a census page, or what someone told you. A small chip beside each heading on a person's page counts the sources. Choose the chip to add one. Then you will always know why you believe a fact.

Saving and copies

uFTi saves your work as you go. To keep a copy, choose **Save as...** on your workspace's card. Keep the file somewhere else too. Do it again after a big session.

Getting help

Look in this guide when you are stuck. Use its search box, and type the words you would say. Practise in a workspace you make for the purpose.

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Something you record about a person, such as a birth with its date and place.

family tree file

A GEDCOM file that holds a whole family tree, with its people, families, facts, sources and research notes. It does not hold pictures or other attached files. You can open one, save one and send one.

GEDCOM

The standard format for family tree files. Many family tree programs read it. GEDCOM 5.5.1 was published in 1999. It has been the common format for more than twenty years. GEDCOM 7, published in 2021, is the newer version. A version belongs to the standard, not to uFTi.

GEDZIP

One file that holds a whole workspace. It has the family tree with its research notes, and the pictures and other files. It is the best way to save and send your work.

pedigree

A family tree drawn for one person. It shows their parents above them, and their partners and children.

source

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workspace

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