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Licensing FmPro Migrator

As of FmPro Migrator v11, all FmPro Migrator downloads are fully functional with features unlocked via a single license key.

This section of the manual shows how to enter the license key to unlock the features within FmPro Migrator.

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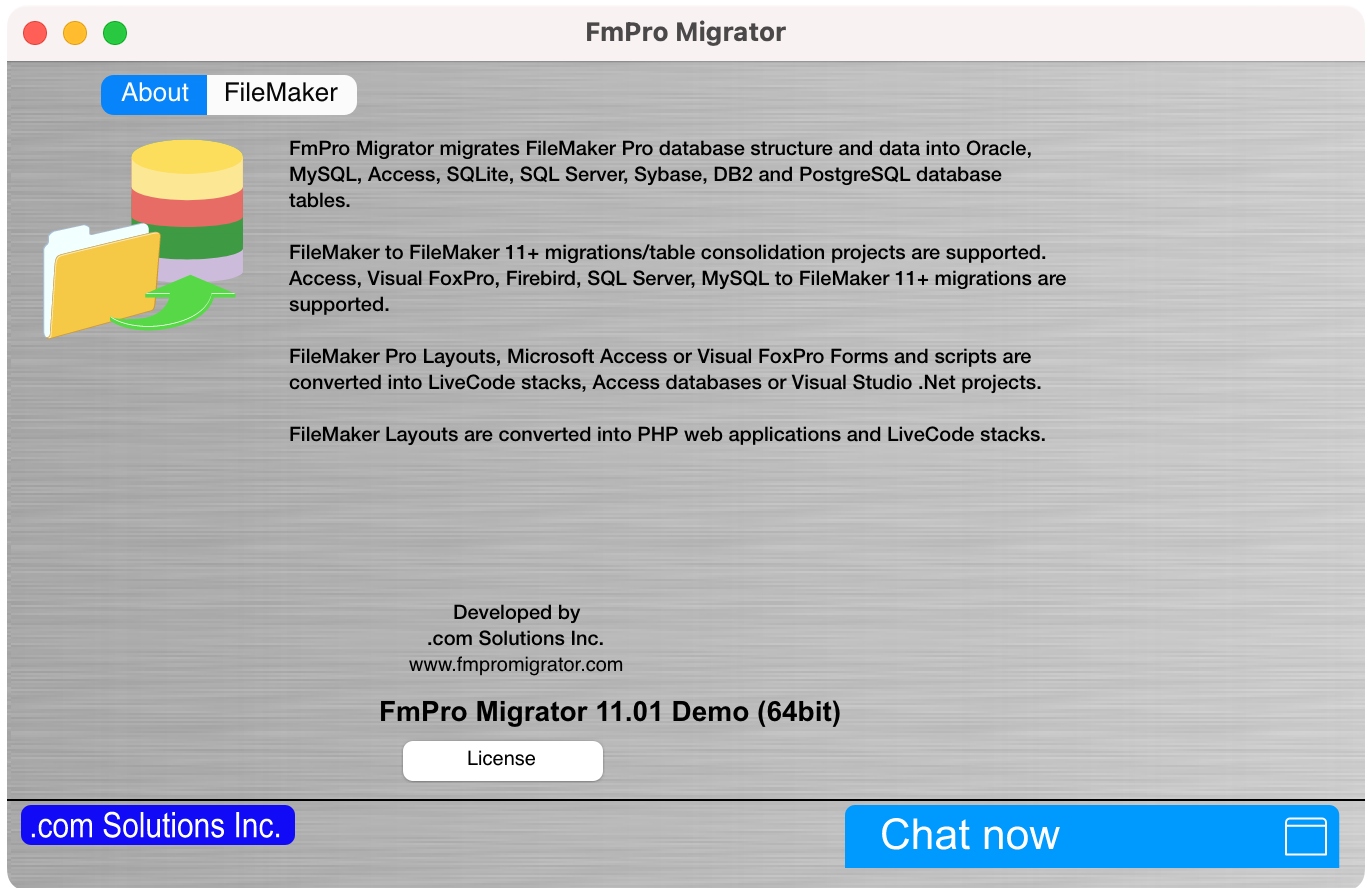
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Demo Edition Dialog



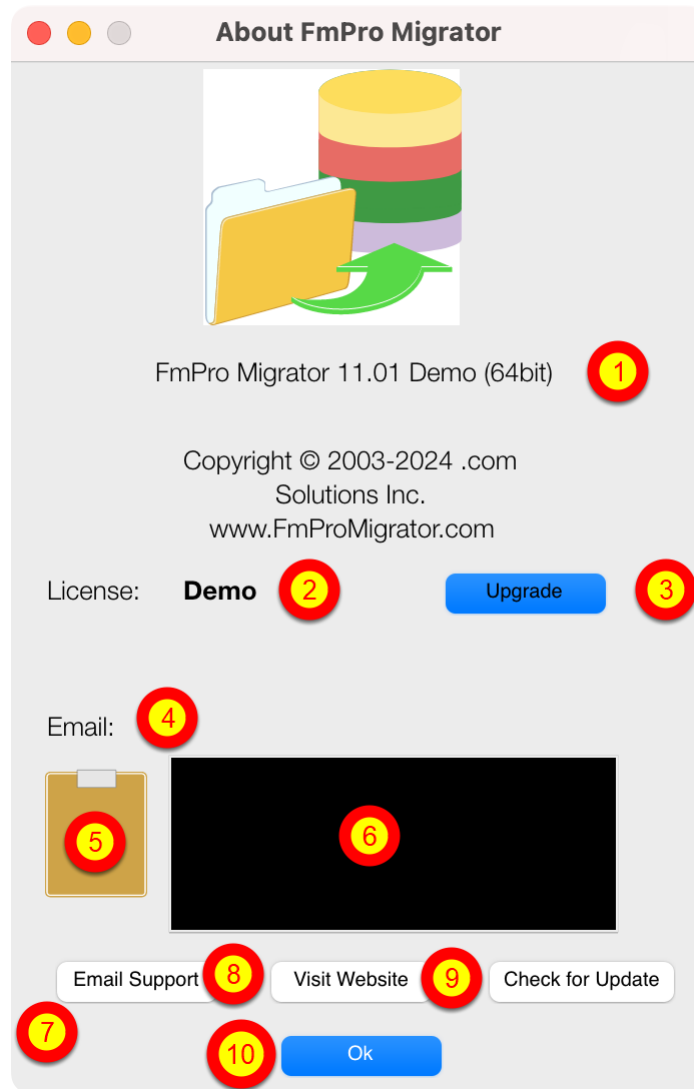
When launched the first time, FmPro Migrator will be running in Demo mode as shown in this screenshot. Clicking the Ok button opens the order page of the website.

In addition to transferring data for 5 database fields, the conversion features shown on the GUI tab of the Migration Process window will convert 5 layouts or forms/reports & scripts.



Clicking the "License" button on the About tab, or selecting the Help -> License/About menu items will open the About window where you can enter the license key.

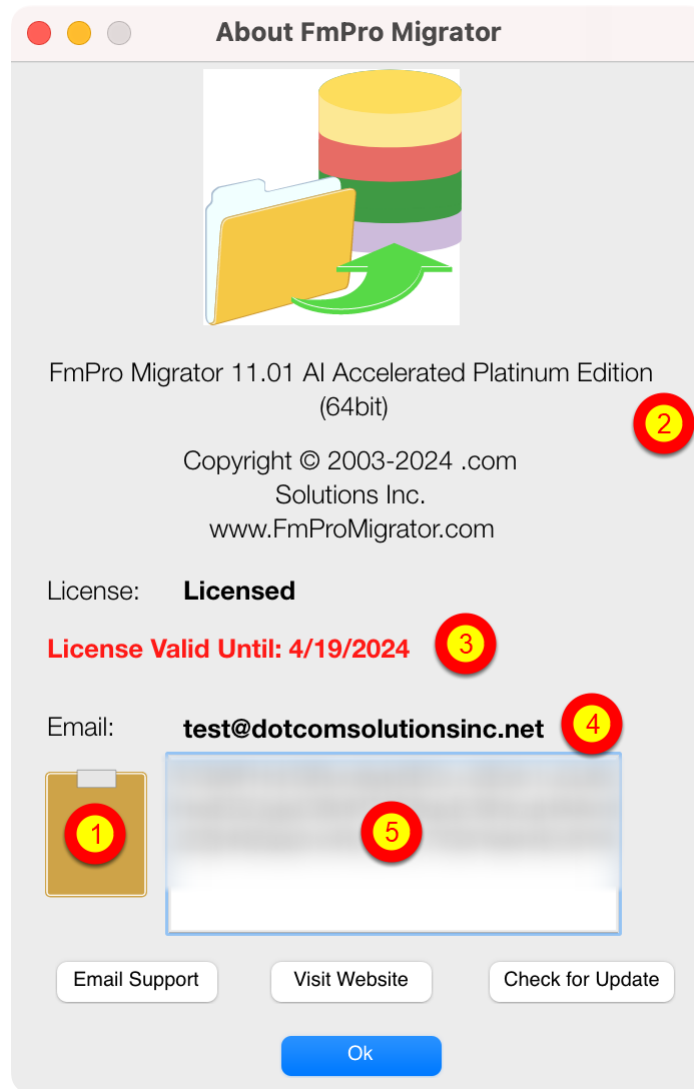
About/License Window



On the About FmPro Migrator window:

(1) Product name and version licensed, (2) Demo or Licensed will be displayed, (3) The Upgrade button opens the website order page, (4) Email address associated with your license key, (5) Clipboard button reads the license key from the clipboard, (6) License key field, (7) Email Support button opens the Contact form on the website, (8) Visit Website opens the order page in Demo mode or the product page in Licensed mode, (9) Check for Update opens the downloads page with the latest software version, (10) Ok button closes the About window.

Pasting License Key



Your product license key will be displayed in your web browser when your order has been completed. It will also be sent via email at the same time, please check your SPAM folder if the email doesn't arrive in a few minutes.

(1) Copy the license key to the clipboard and click the clipboard icon. Once validated (2) the product name will change, (3) the License validation date will be updated, (4) your email address will be displayed, and (5) the license key will be displayed in the field under the Email address when clicking inside the field. In this screenshot the license key has been obscured.

And that is all you need to do to license all of the features of FmPro Migrator.

LiveCode Conversion Procedure

This document explains the process of converting FileMaker Pro®, Microsoft Access and Visual FoxPro databases into LiveCode (www.LiveCode.com) stacks with FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition. FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition converts each layout/form/report into a LiveCode card, containing all of the fields, portals, text, images and buttons from the original layout. FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition generates a functional database application within a few seconds, including hundreds of lines of LiveCode code within each card of the generated stack file. Individual objects including Tab Panels, radio button groups, checkbox button groups and Data Grid objects also include the LiveCode code required for an easy to use database front-end application.

This feature leverages the automated layout and relationship importing features of FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition, while using FileMaker Pro Advanced, the LiveCode IDE along with the SQL database you choose to use to store the data for your application.

LiveCode stack files generated by FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition incorporate the following commonly used database application features:

Display Records - When the stack is opened and a connection is made to the converted SQL database, the records associated with the converted Layout/Form are displayed in a form viewing mode. The fields, text labels, embedded graphics and images are displayed in the same manner as the original database file. Record navigation is implemented using 4 controls:

Next Button, Previous Button, Scrollbar and Record Number field entry. SQL database BLOB column fields containing images are automatically displayed.

Related records are automatically displayed within individual fields and portals/subforms are converted into LiveCode Data Grids. The related records displayed within Data Grids are automatically updated when advancing to another record in the parent table.

Update Records - Clicking into any field provides the user with the ability to update the contents of the field. Date fields are configured with a Date Picker control. Custom Value Lists from the original database are displayed as drop down menus, pop-up menus, radio button group or checkbox group depending upon the original field definition.

Related records displayed within Data Grids can be updated just as easily as records in the main form.

Insert Records - Individual records can be inserted as a new record in either Browse or Find operating modes. Clicking the Insert Portal Row button to the top right of any Data Grid object will add a new record to the related database table. As with the original database implementation, the primary key for the parent table will be automatically inserted into the foreign key column of the related record.

Delete Records - Individual records can be deleted in either Browse or Find modes. If a Delete

Row button or image object was embedded in the original FileMaker Portal, then this same functionality will also be implemented to delete the selected Data Grid row.

Query Records - Query by example record searching is automatically implemented for each card in the stack file. Once a set of records has been found as a result of the query, the navigation buttons can be used to navigate thru the found set of records. Individual records can be inserted or deleted in found set mode as well as within the standard Browse mode.

This document includes information for the built-in library sub stacks:

fmFunctions Library - This library duplicates the functionality of 129 of the most commonly used FileMaker built-in functions. A tool is provided to remap the original FileMaker functions to these LiveCode versions within the converted FileMaker scripts.

Globals Library - The gGlobals array within the _gGlobalsInitialize handler includes FM tables/fields which are used as global variables. These globals are initialized during app startup and can be updated anytime by the application, just like FileMaker globals.

Images Library - This library provides a place where commonly used images can be centrally stored within the new application stack.

SQL Library - The SQL_Library provides database independent code to connect to your SQL database, insert, query, update, delete records, and load relationships from a JSON file.

Stored Calc Library - Stored field calculations are defined in this library for each table of the database from the original FileMaker database definition. Code which is too complex for automatic conversion is commented to prevent errors. This code runs during record update/insert database tasks.

Unstored Calc Library - Stored field calculations are defined in this library for each table of the database from the original FileMaker database definition. Code which is too complex for automatic conversion is commented to prevent errors. This code runs as records are read from the database by the refreshFields handler on each card. By default, it is commented to improve performance, because these calcs do not necessarily need to run for every converted layout. The developer needs to decide whether it should run, then enable this code as needed.

Validation Library - Field validation code during database insert/update tasks is defined for each database table inside this library.

Value List Library - Custom and field based value lists are defined within this library. Changes made here are reflected throughout the entire application. Value lists from Microsoft Access and Visual FoxPro are also defined inside this library.

Note: The LiveCode Community icon is displayed in FmPro Migrator for the LiveCode conversion

feature. This feature is compatible with LiveCode Community and LiveCode Commercial, even though the LiveCode Community Edition is no longer being updated. Pricing for the LiveCode Commercial versions has been made significantly more affordable. For details, please see the [LiveCode.com](https://www.livecode.com) website.

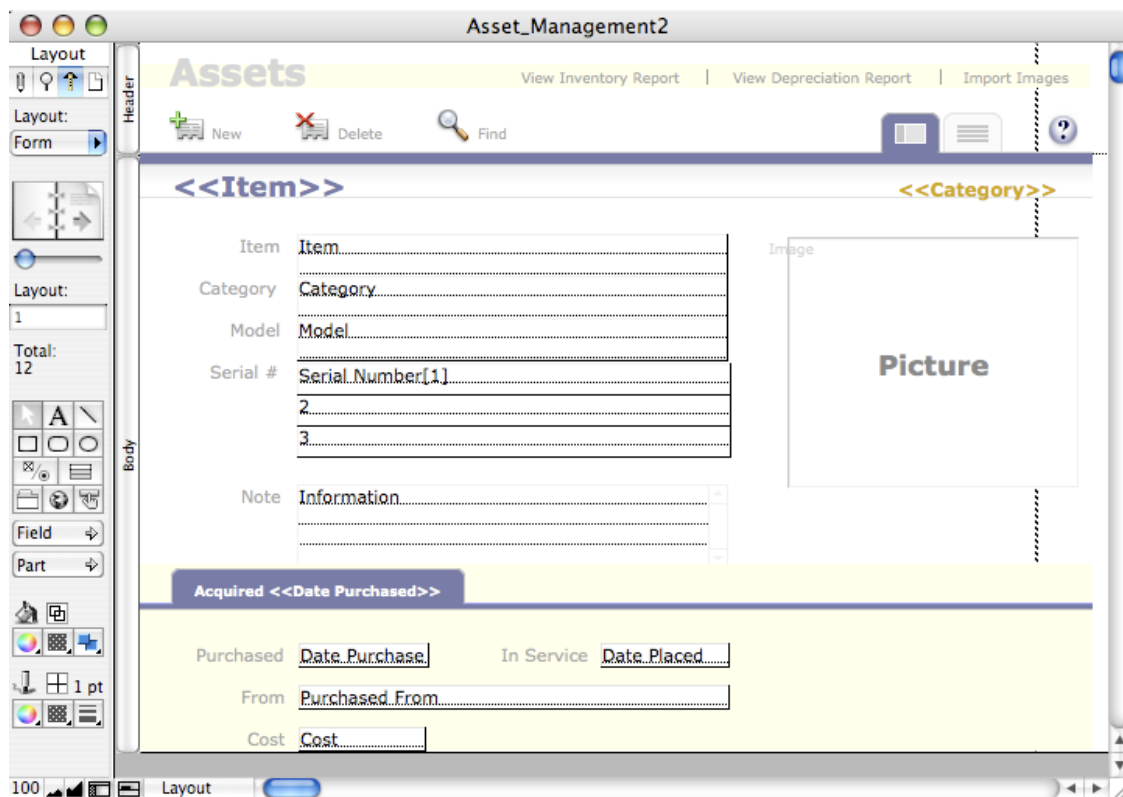
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[Added new Licensing FmPro Migrator info, updated some of the screenshots.]

Original FileMaker Pro Layout



FmPro Migrator reads the XML definition of a FileMaker layout, and then converts this information into a LiveCode card containing all of the fields, portals, text, images and buttons from the original layout. An original layout for the sample Asset Management database is shown in the previous image.

Note: Microsoft Access and Visual FoxPro projects are also converted into the XML definition of a FileMaker layout, when the project metadata is imported into FmPro Migrator.

Converted LiveCode Card

Application

Records: 1 / 3

Form: Assets v13

Assets

First Previous Next Last

New Delete Find

Item	Category
Item: abc	Category: Telephones
Model: phone01 1111111111	
Serial #: 1341343 1341343_2 1341343_3	
Note: Notes	

Acquired Date Purchased

Purchased: 2007-12-11 In Service: 2007-12-11

From:

Cost: 3.0

Radio Btn Vert

- Office Furnitu
- Computers
- Telephones
- Table
- Chair
- Router

Checkbox Vert

- Office Furnitu
- Computers
- Telephones
- Table
- Chair
- Router

Radio Btn Horiz

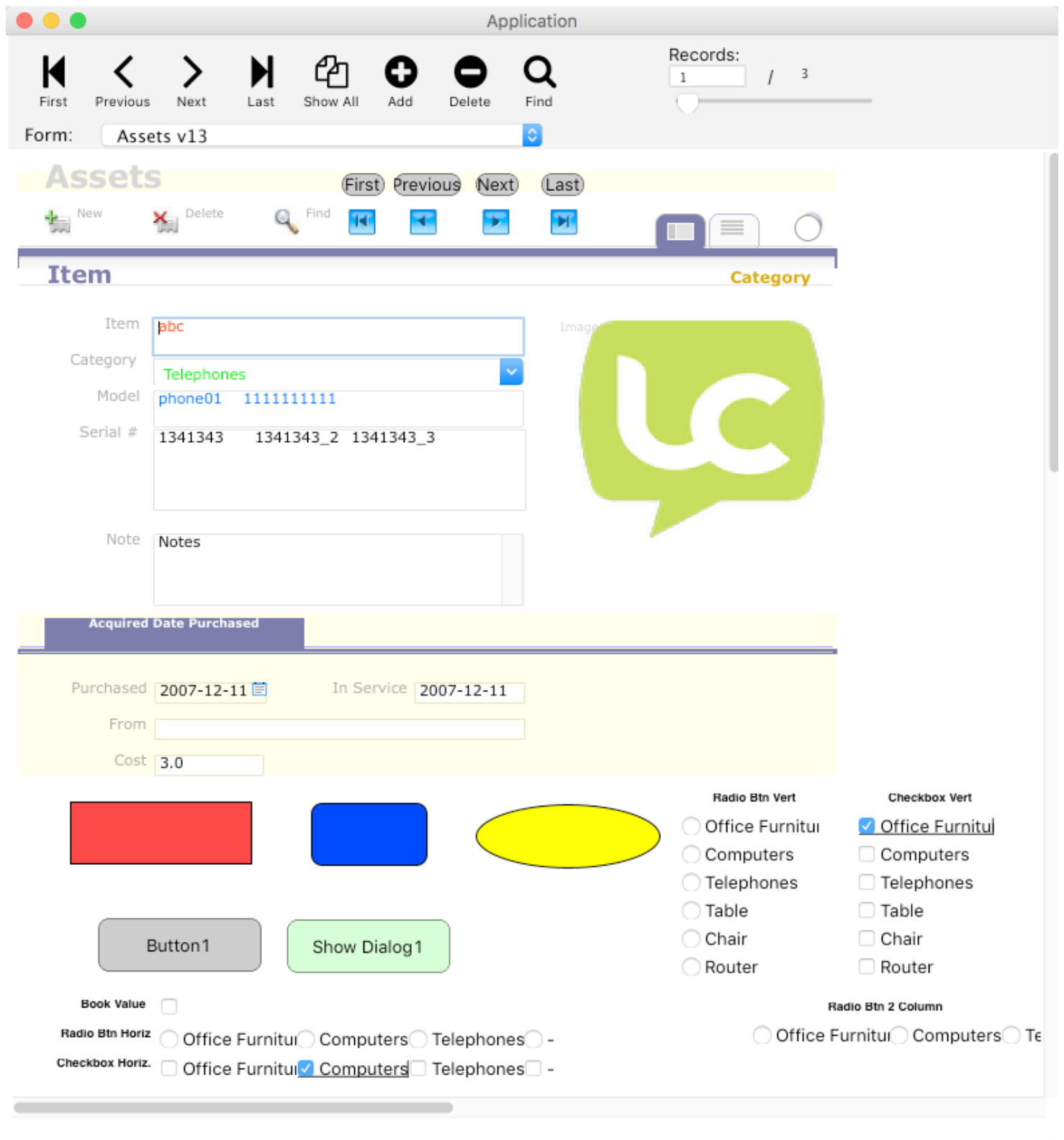
- Office Furnitu
- Computers
- Telephones
-

Checkbox Horiz

- Office Furnitu
- Computers
- Telephones
-

Radio Btn 2 Column

- Office Furnitu
- Computers
- Te



The resulting LiveCode card is shown in this screenshot. Each field is filled with the name of the original Tablename::Fieldname information from the original FileMaker Pro Layout.

A Status Area background object is provided at the left hand side of the card, to simulate the Browse/Find modes from the original database. Menus and scripts are provided in the template stack file for hiding/showing the status area and moving the card objects to accommodate the Status Area.

Each original layout name is used as the name for the LiveCode card, and when the Layout drop down menu is selected, a "go to card" instruction is executed, taking the user to the selected card.

The card objects are placed into a Geometry Manager enabled group named "Layout_Objects_Group". As the card is resized, the Layout_Objects_Group is also resized. If the window is too small to show all of the objects, scrollbars automatically appear to enable scrolling by the user.

Converted FileMaker Script Code

```
on New_Call_Log_Record
# This script creates a new Call Log record and then selects the Client field.
# Access - Script runs with Full Access to allow user-level execution of script.
# 2/28/2006 - David Simpson - .com Solutions Inc. - www.fmpromigrator.com - Initial Release
#
#
#New Record/Request
#Go to Field [ Client_Call_Log::Client_ID ]
# [ Select/perform ]
end New_Call_Log_Record

on New_Call_Log_Window
# This script opens a new Call Log window.
# 2/28/2006 - David Simpson - .com Solutions Inc. - www.fmpromigrator.com - Initial Release
#
#
lock screen
#New Window [ Name: "Call Log"; Height: 300; Width: 700; Top: 50; Left: 50 ]
go to card "Client Call Log"
unlock screen
end New_Call_Log_Window
```

If FileMaker scripts have been copied into FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition via the ClipBoard, then these scripts will be converted into LiveCode handlers. The 34 most commonly used (out of 140) ScriptMaker steps are converted directly into LiveCode code. FileMaker script commands such as Go to Layout are converted into the LiveCode "go to card" command, the Freeze Window/Refresh Window commands are converted into "lock screen/unlock screen" commands. FileMaker script commands which fill variables and fields are converted into the LiveCode "put" command. All of these converted scripts will require additional development after the conversion process has been completed by FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition, as these conversions are primarily intended to reduce the amount of typing required by the LiveCode developer.

After the scripts have been created during the automated conversion process, post processing is

done on the scripts using the included [FM Functions to LiveCode Mapping.livecode](#) stack. More details on the post processing tasks is described in the Post Conversion Steps part of this manual.

Importing FileMaker Database Info

This document explains the process of converting FileMaker Pro, Microsoft Access or Visual FoxPro projects into LiveCode projects.

FileMaker Pro 11 Notes

Issue #1: Unescaped Unicode Characters

Note: There is a documented issue with FileMaker Pro/Advanced 11 database DDR XML file exporting which can cause problems during the conversion process. FileMaker 11 puts unescaped high ASCII and Unicode characters onto the clipboard and into the DDR XML file. These errors can prevent the conversion process from working properly, as a valid XML file needs to be read for processing purposes. The copying of info to and from the clipboard may also be affected by this issue.

Workaround #1: If this problem affects the database file you are processing, consider switching to FileMaker Pro Advanced 10 for the exporting process.

Workaround #2: If your database also contains FileMaker 11 charts, then consider manually copying only those layouts containing charts into FmPro Migrator via the clipboard.

When switching between different versions of FileMaker for layout importing, select the correct version of FileMaker from the source database menu on the FileMaker tab of the FmPro Migrator main window. FmPro Migrator does handle mixed layout versions without difficulty, as the format version of each layout is checked during the processing, and version differences are handled automatically.

Issue #2: Transferring Container Field Images

FileMaker 11 introduces a new and greatly improved ODBC driver. However FileMaker 11 no longer supports the use of "SELECT * FROM TableName" SQL command in order to retrieve container field data. All previous versions of FileMaker supported the export of the JPEG preview version of the container field contents. FmPro Migrator provides a container field export feature which exports the requested data type into a file onto the disk. But this process only works correctly if all records contain the exact same type of data for exporting, for the selected field.

Workaround #1: Switching back to FileMaker 10 for container field data transfers to SQL database servers, is probably the easiest solution to this limitation. But be aware that the older ODBC drivers (FileMaker 7, 8, 9, 10) may exhibit a bug which can lose records when transferring data. Please double-check the count of records which were transferred to make sure that this problem has not occurred.

Issue #3: Portal Fields

It is more challenging to properly associate FileMaker portal fields with the portal where they are actually used. FmPro Migrator may assign portal fields to the wrong portal.

Workaround #1:

If this happens, you can manually change the DataGrid Row Template assignment within the LiveCode IDE.

Workaround #2:

FileMaker 12+ databases using the .fmp12 file format store this information in a more easily readable format. If you can upgrade a file into the .fmp12 file format, it will be possible to use the Image Export to SQL Databases feature.

FileMaker Pro 12+ Notes

Advantage #1:

FileMaker 12+ database files store information about Portals in a more easily readable format within the XML definition of the layout. Using a FileMaker 12+ version file can make the assignment of fields more accurate during the conversion process. Otherwise, it is possible that FmPro Migrator could assign fields to the wrong DataGrid within the converted stack file. This is one advantage to converting a file from the .fp7 to the the new FileMaker .fmp12 file format.

Pre-Migration Tasks - LiveCode Conversion

Prior to importing FileMaker, Access or Visual FoxPro database applications into FmPro Migrator, review the database schema and make appropriate changes:

- 1) The each database table must have a primary key column.
- 2) FmPro Migrator looks for columns having the Unique and Not Empty validation properties in order to automatically determine which column should be created as a Primary Key column in the SQL database. The PK column attributes can be changed after importing by double-clicking the column name displayed in the Fields List on the Tables tab of the Migration Process window.
- 3) The detailed instructions for data transfer to SQL databases recommends deleting Global, Unstored Calc and Summary fields prior to transferring the data. If these columns are deleted, then the generated stack will display errors about missing columns unless these columns are restored.
- 4) FileMaker databases containing repeating fields should be redesigned to eliminate the use of repeating fields prior to conversion into the LiveCode application. FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition makes this process possible during the database table migration process. Transfer the repeating fields data to any SQL database using FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition. Then import the related records back into a new table within FileMaker using an ODBC import from the SQL database. Create a relationship from the parent table to the newly imported repeating fields table

in FileMaker. Create portals on layouts to replace the original repeating fields. Then, when the conversion process is done, the portals will be converted into data grid objects in the stack.

A Note About Other Databases

This migration process is specifically optimized for the conversion of FileMaker Pro databases into LiveCode stacks. This is due to the fact that every layout and field in a FileMaker database is expected to be data bound to a database table or column. However, Microsoft Access and Visual FoxPro database applications may have fields which are populated with data via Queries or FoxPro scripts.

After importing one of these other databases into FmPro Migrator, it could be beneficial to perform a conversion of the database into a FileMaker Pro .fp7 database file. Then work on this file to assign tables and fields to each field and layout so that it is functional within FileMaker Pro. Then, when all changes have been made to the FileMaker Pro database, import the FileMaker Pro database into FmPro Migrator for conversion into the LiveCode stack. If these types of changes are not made, it is likely that some converted cards will generate errors due to a missing table or field names.

Importing FileMaker Pro Database Info into FmPro Migrator

1) Download and following the instructions in the [How to Import FileMaker Pro Databases into FmPro Migrator](#) PDF manual from the FmPro Migrator support web page. Or, watch the videos linked from the FmPro Migrator support web page. Select Help from the Help menu in FmPro Migrator and your web browser will open this web page. It is generally a good idea to migrate the data into the SQL database, prior to migrating the Layouts into another development environment.

2) If you are transferring data from FileMaker Pro to a SQL database server, then download the appropriate manual on the support page for the destination SQL database. The Pre-Migration Preparation Process PDF provides another resource for migrating the data from FileMaker Pro to SQL database servers.

At the completion of these procedures, your data should already be migrated to the destination SQL database, and the Layouts, Value Lists, Scripts and Relationships should have been imported into FmPro Migrator.

Importing Microsoft Access Database Info

1) Prior to performing any of the migration procedures listed below, it is recommended that you review the database structure of the Microsoft Access database(s) you are migrating. It is important to insure that each table is configured with a Primary Key column. FmPro Migrator looks for columns having the Unique and Not Empty validation properties in order to automatically determine which column should be created as a Primary Key column in the SQL database.

2) Download and following the instructions in the [How to Import Microsoft Access Databases into FmPro Migrator](#) PDF manual from the FmPro Migrator support web page. Select Help from the Help menu in FmPro Migrator and your web browser will open this web page.

3) If you are transferring data from Microsoft Access to a SQL database server, then you will likely use an importing procedure to import the data from the Access .mdb/.accdB file(s) into the destination SQL database. [FmPro Migrator supports directly copying data to FileMaker Pro databases, but not into SQL database servers.]

At the completion of these procedures, your data should already be migrated into the destination SQL database, and the Forms/Reports, Value Lists, Scripts and Relationships should have been imported into FmPro Migrator.

Importing Visual FoxPro Applications

1) Prior to performing any of the migration procedures listed below, it is recommended that you review the database structure of the Visual FoxPro project you are migrating. It is important to insure that each table is configured with a Primary Key column. FmPro Migrator looks for columns having the Unique and Not Empty validation properties in order to automatically determine which column should be created as a Primary Key column in the SQL database. Also, columns marked as NOT NULL should not contain NULL values, or the data transfer process will fail.

2) Download and following the instructions in the [How to Import Visual FoxPro Projects into FmPro Migrator](#) PDF manual from the FmPro Migrator support web page. Select Help from the Help menu in FmPro Migrator and your web browser will open this web page.

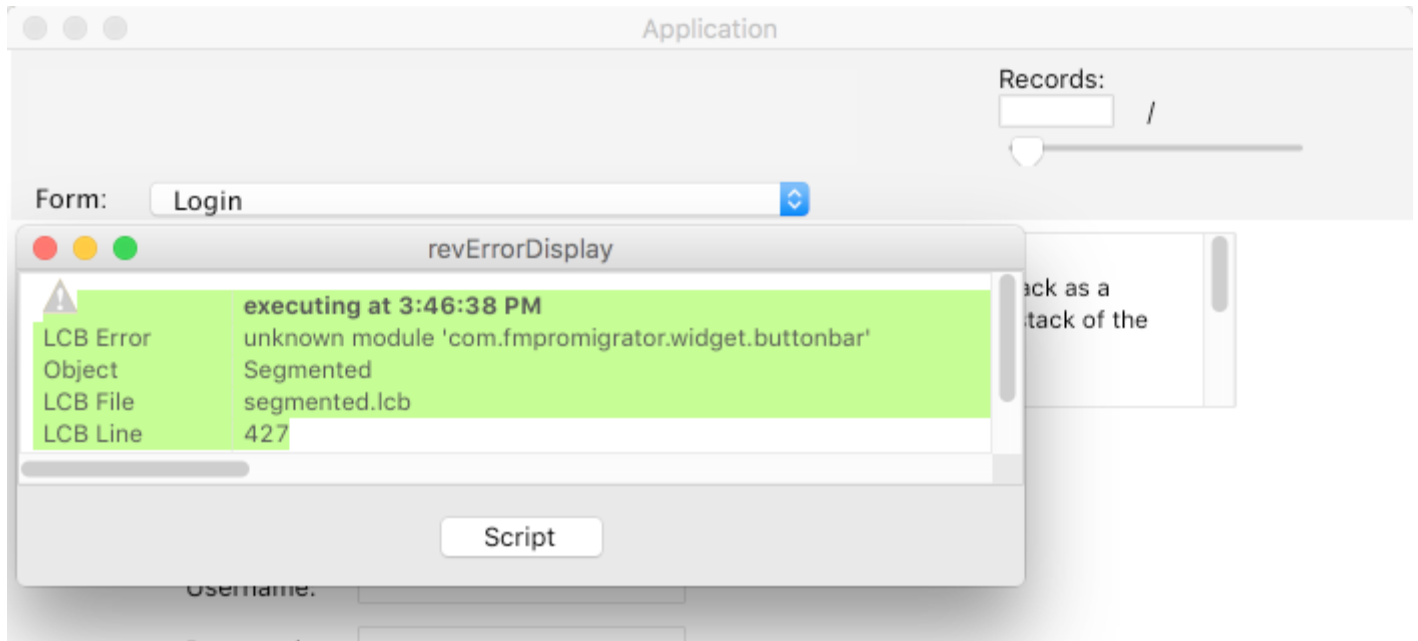
3) If you are transferring data from Microsoft Access to a SQL database server, then you may use an importing procedure to import the data from the DBF file(s) into the destination SQL database. Or you may use FmPro Migrator to transfer data from the DBF files into the destination SQL database server.

At the completion of these procedures, your data should already be migrated into the destination SQL database, and the Forms/Reports, Value Lists, Scripts and Relationships should have been imported into FmPro Migrator.

Adding the Button Bar Widget

FmPro Migrator will add the Button Bar widget to your new stack file automatically - and it will be displayed during the conversion process. But this widget needs added to the LiveCode IDE before it will be displayed within the stack from within the LiveCode IDE. Follow these instructions to install the Button Bar widget.

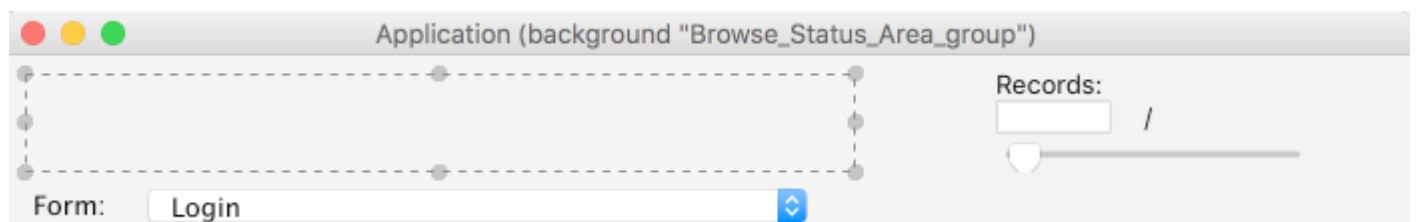
Button Bar Widget - Unknown Module Error



If you open the newly created Application.livecode stack before installing the Button Bar widget, you will see the Unknown Module error dialog.

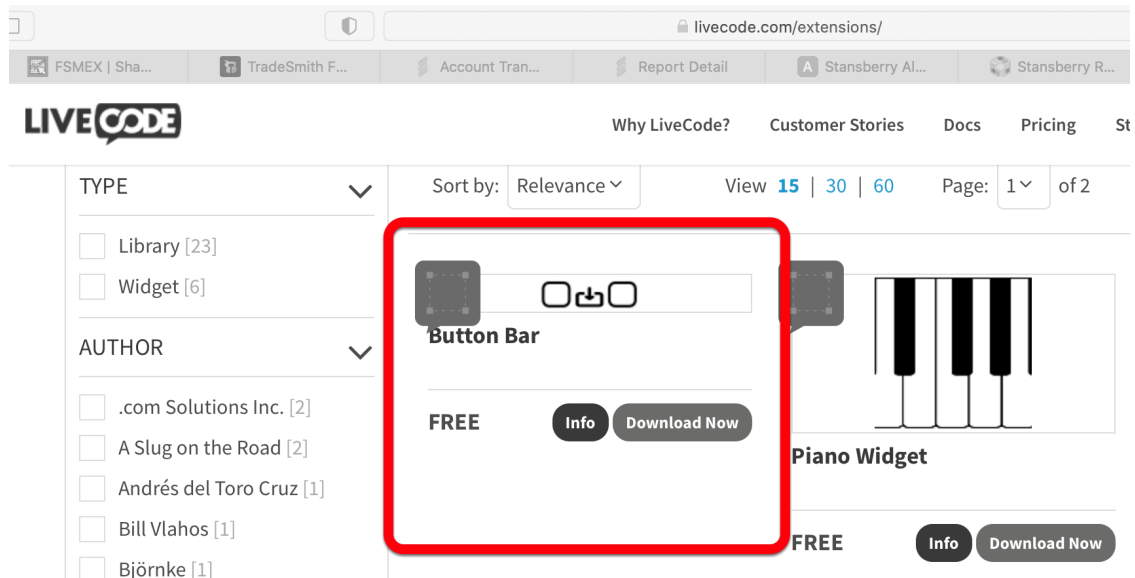
This error will not occur during the actual conversion process because the Button Bar widget is built into FmPro Migrator and is displayed on screen during the conversion process.

Button Bar Widget - Uninstalled Widget Outline Displayed in Browse Status Area Group



If you close the error dialog and edit the Browse Status Area/Find Status Area groups, you will see the Button Bar widget outline when clicking on it.

Download Button Bar Widget - LiveCode Store Web Site



The screenshot shows the LiveCode Store website at livecode.com/extensions/. The page displays a list of widgets. The 'Button Bar' widget is highlighted with a red box. It is a free widget, as indicated by the 'FREE' label and the 'Download Now' button. The widget's icon shows a dark bar with three white buttons. The 'Piano Widget' is also visible below it, featuring a piano keyboard icon.

The Button Bar widget can be downloaded from the LiveCode store at <https://livecode.com/extensions/>
Download and unzip the Button Bar widget folder.

The Button Bar widget is not yet available within the store link in the Extensions Manager of the LiveCode IDE.

Download Button Bar Widget - FmPro Migrator Web Site

FmPro Migrator for macOS- [FmProMigrator11.01DEmacOS.dmg](#) (72 Mb)

This version of FmPro Migrator is supported for use with macOS version 10.13 and higher.

FmPro Migrator for Windows: 64bit - [FmProMigrator11.01DEWindows_64bit.zip](#) (39 Mb)

FmPro Migrator for Windows: 32bit - [FmProMigrator11.01DEWindows_32bit.zip](#) (37 Mb)

This version of FmPro Migrator is supported for use with Windows 7/Windows 8/Windows 10/Windows 11.

[ReadMe.txt](#) - The ReadMe file contains installation instructions and usage notes for all versions of FmPro Migrator.

Table Consolidation Utilities

Table Consolidation Layout Troubleshooter [[PDF Manual](#)]

macOS - [TableConsolidationLayoutTroubleshooter1.05macOS.dmg](#)

Windows - [TableCosolidationLayoutTroubleshooter105Windows.zip](#)

LiveCode Conversion Project Utilities

LiveCode 9 Button Bar Widget

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Relationships JSON Editor

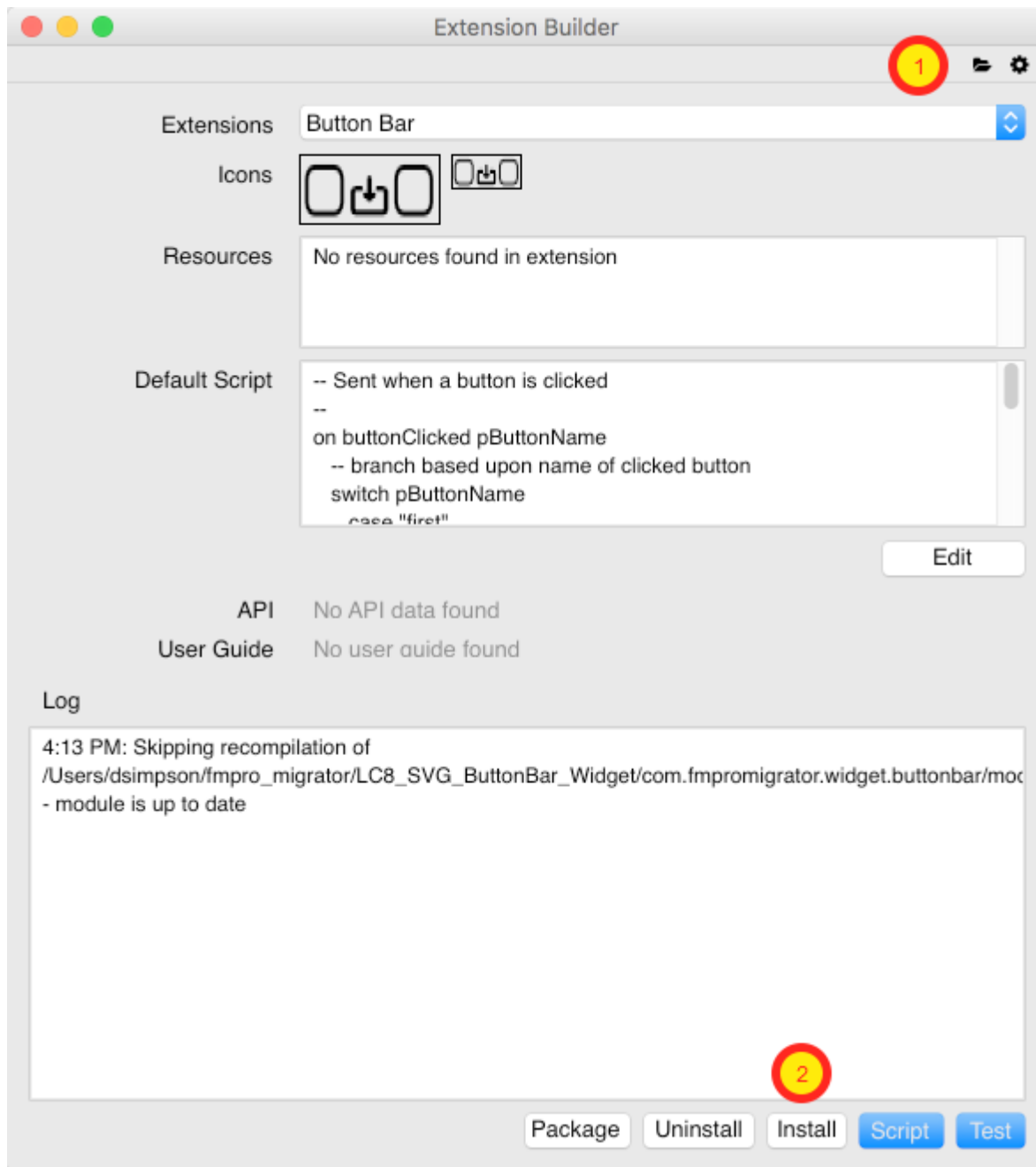
macOS - [RelationshipsJSONEditor1.0.2_macOS.dmg](#) (7.8Mb)

Windows - [RelationshipsJSONEditor1.0.2_Windows_64bit.zip](#) (7.6Mb)

The Button Bar widget can be downloaded from the same web page where FmPro Migrator was downloaded. Download and unzip the Button Bar widget folder.

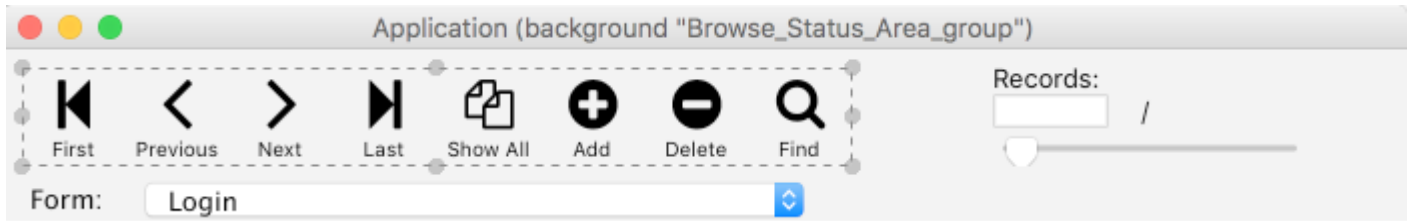
The Button Bar widget is not available within the store link within the Extensions Manager of the LiveCode IDE - but it is available from the LiveCode store website as a free download.

Extension Builder Window



From within the LiveCode IDE, select the Tools -> Extension Builder menu item. (1) Click the folder icon in the upper right corner of the Extension Builder window, select the `buttonbar.lcb` file from the Button Bar widget folder. (2) Click the Install button. Quit and re-open the LiveCode IDE so that the dictionary entries are displayed for the new widget you have just installed.

Button Bar Widget - Displayed in Browse Status Area Group



Once the Button Bar widget has been installed, open the newly created Application.livecode LiveCode stack to see it displayed.

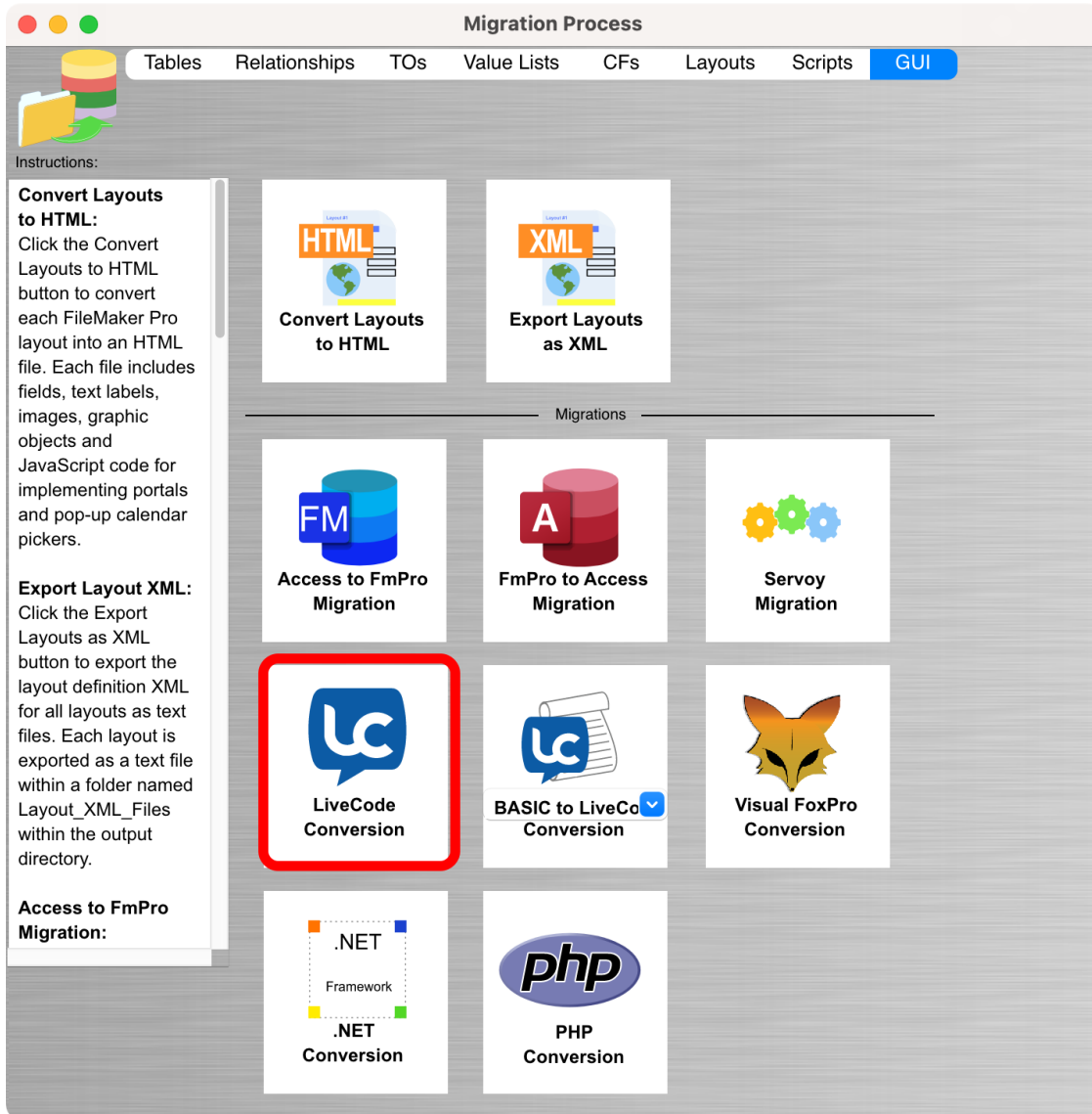
Button Bar Widget - Displayed in Find Status Area Group



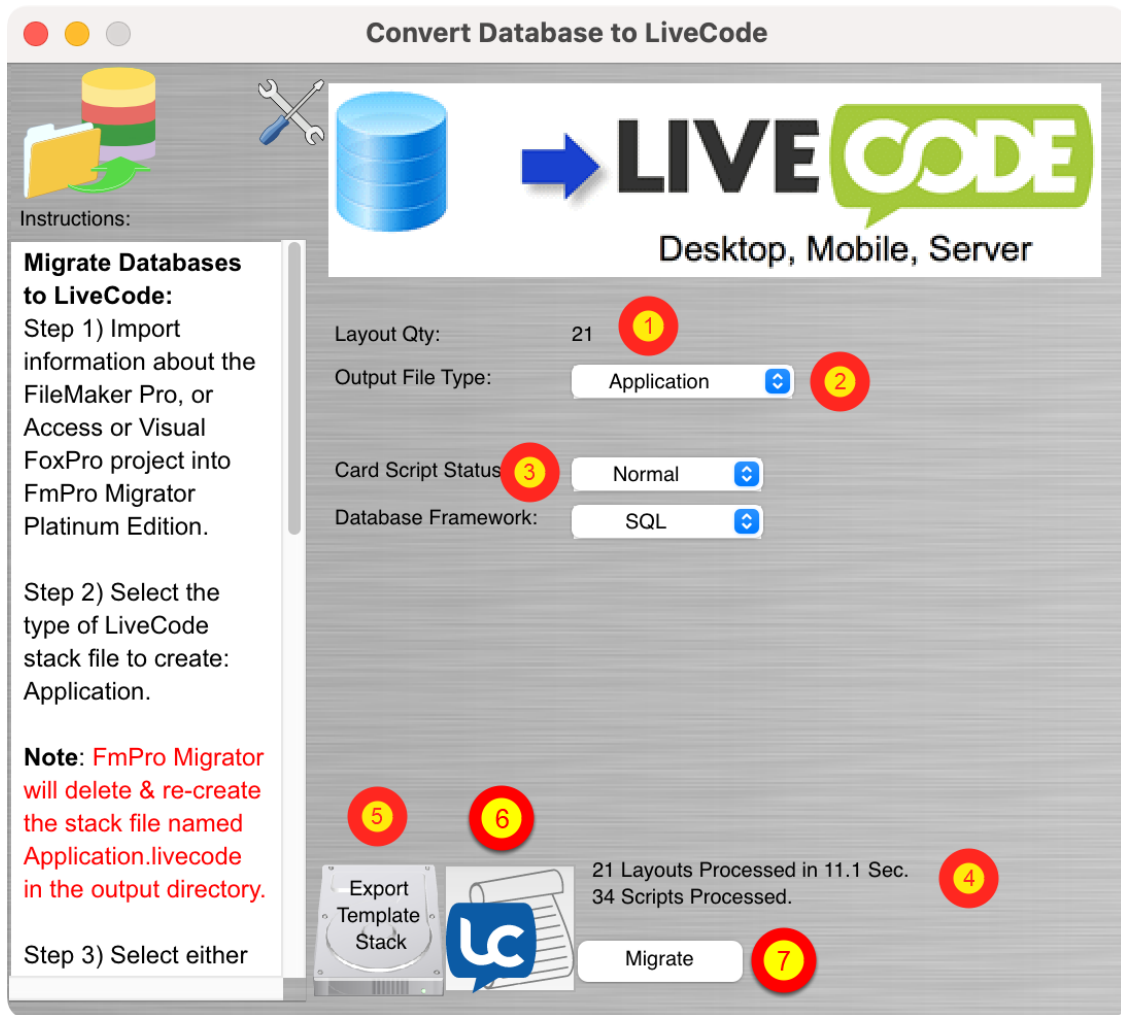
Clicking on the Find button in the Browse Status Area group, will display the Find Status Area group.

Converting to a LiveCode Stack

Step 3 - Convert Database to LiveCode



Click the LiveCode Conversion button to open the LiveCode Conversion window.



Some of the features available in the LiveCode Conversion window include:

(1) The Layouts Qty label displays the number of layouts which will be converted. This number represents the number of layouts which have been captured and stored in the FmPro Migrator project file.

(2) Output file types include: Application.

The horizontal Button Bar widget and status area will be added to the stack instead of the previously used vertical status area.

(3) Card Script Status options include: Normal, Commented.

Sometimes you may want to just convert a database and then quickly see the results without converting the data or building a database. Selecting the Commented option comments out the getData and refreshFields handlers on each card. No errors will be displayed navigating between cards due to there not being a database available.

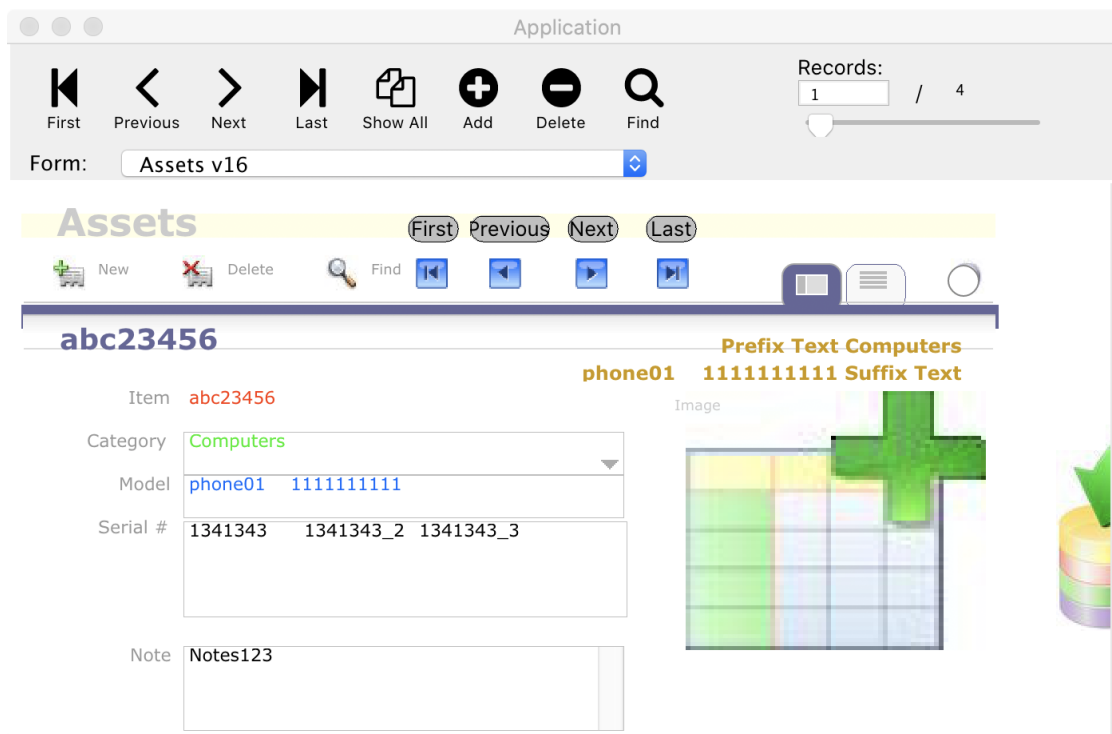
(4) Processing Status - Lists the number of layouts, scripts and elapsed time for the processing.

(5) Export Template Stack button - Exports the template stack into a file named Application.rev in the output directory (overwrites existing copies).

(6) Code Conversion Workbench button - for converting scripts into LiveCode from FileMaker, Microsoft Access or Visual FoxPro.

(7) Migrate button - Click this button to perform the migration.

Post Conversion Development



The Post Conversion Development section of this manual provides a flowchart of the steps needed and LiveCode utility stacks included for use after the stack has been created.

In addition to converting the FileMaker layouts, FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition also converts FileMaker scripts into LiveCode scripts. These scripts will be placed into two output files which will be written to the output directory:

FmPro Original Scripts.txt file - This is a text version of the original Script Workspace scripts, and is made available for documentation purposes so that LiveCode developers can review the original unconverted scripts.

FmPro Converted Scripts.txt - This text file contains the converted LiveCode code. Any instructions which could not be converted will be commented and the original comments will be retained within the scripts.

Supported FileMaker Pro Layout Object Types

The following FileMaker Pro Layout object types are currently supported by the conversion process:

- Fields
- Custom Value Lists
- Field Value Lists
- Merge Fields
- Portals
- Text
- Lines
- Charts [LiveCode 8+]
- Rectangles
- Rounded Rectangles
- Ovals/Circles
- Grouped Objects
- Images
- Buttons
- Popover Buttons
- Tab Controls
- WebView

Each FileMaker Pro layout object is re-created as an equivalent LiveCode card object, using the formatting and style attributes of the original object.

Stylized FileMaker Pro layout text objects are converted into LiveCode text labels, having the embedded text styles of the original object defined with the HTMLText property.

The supported field display options include Check Box Set, Radio Button Set, Pop-Up Menu, Drop Down List and Calendar. Pop-Up menus and Calendar objects are created with embedded Rev script code to automatically populate the underlying field.

Note: The Chart object is converted into a LineGraph widget when LiveCode 8+ versions are selected. Some additional work will be required to populate the LineGraph widget with data, as it is placed onto the card as a placeholder. Since the LineGraph widget does not support all of the chart types supported by FileMaker, 3rd party charting tools including ChartsMaker and ChartsEngine may also be considered.

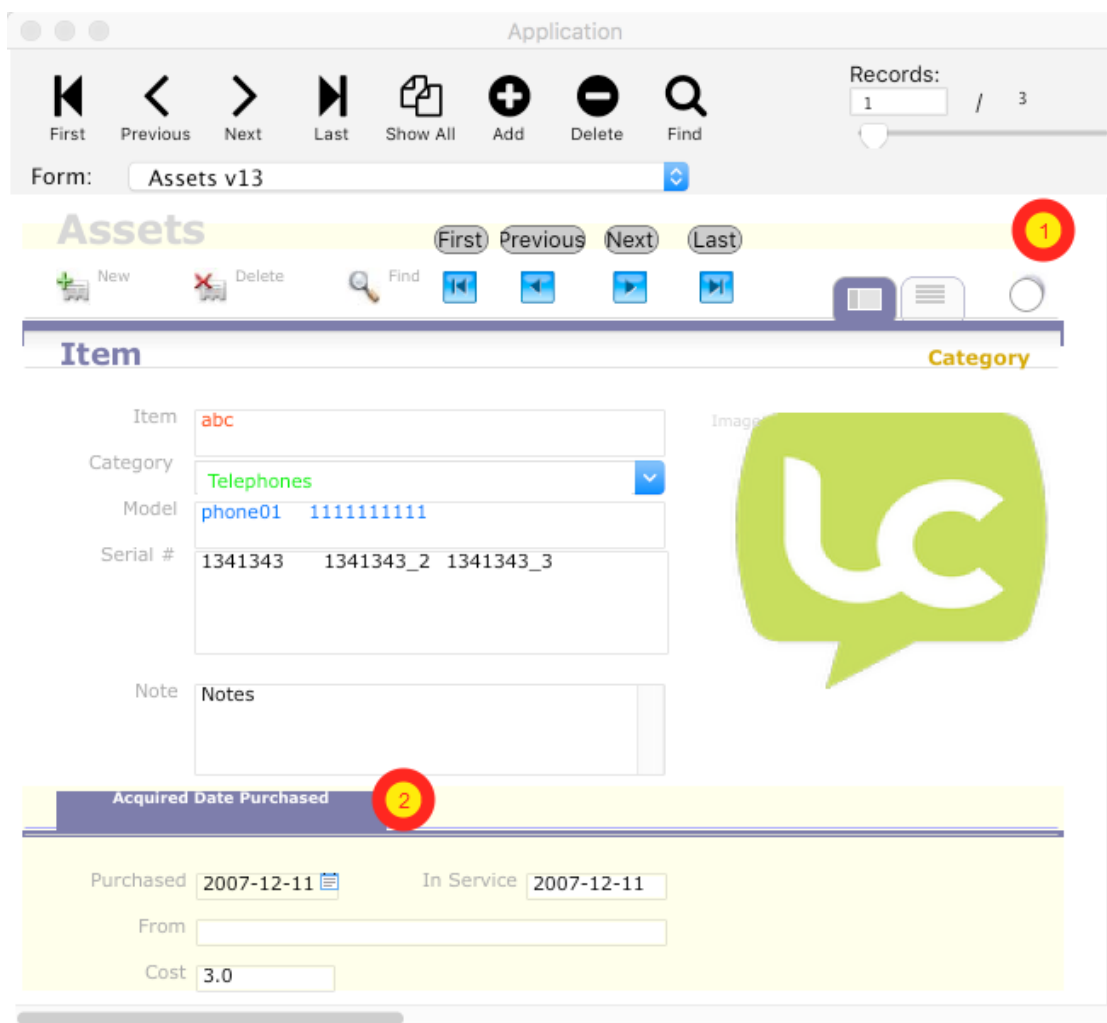
Unsupported FileMaker Pro Layout Object Types

The following FileMaker Pro Layout object types are not currently supported by the conversion process:

Conditional Formatting - Conditional formatting can be used to automatically resize fields and change the appearance or color of field data based upon a calculation formula. The automated resizing or movement of objects can be done by using LiveCode's Geometry Manager. Within LiveCode, the movement of objects can even be made dependent upon the movement of other nearby objects, offering more control of objects than is available within FileMaker Pro.

Embedded Page#, Date, Record# Layout objects - These objects should be manually replaced with some other object like a text label holding the data to be displayed. Plus the addition of a little bit of revTalk code to display the proper Page#, Date etc. However the record# is presently displayed within the record number field in the status area, under the record navigation slider.

Cosmetic Changes Required - Example #1



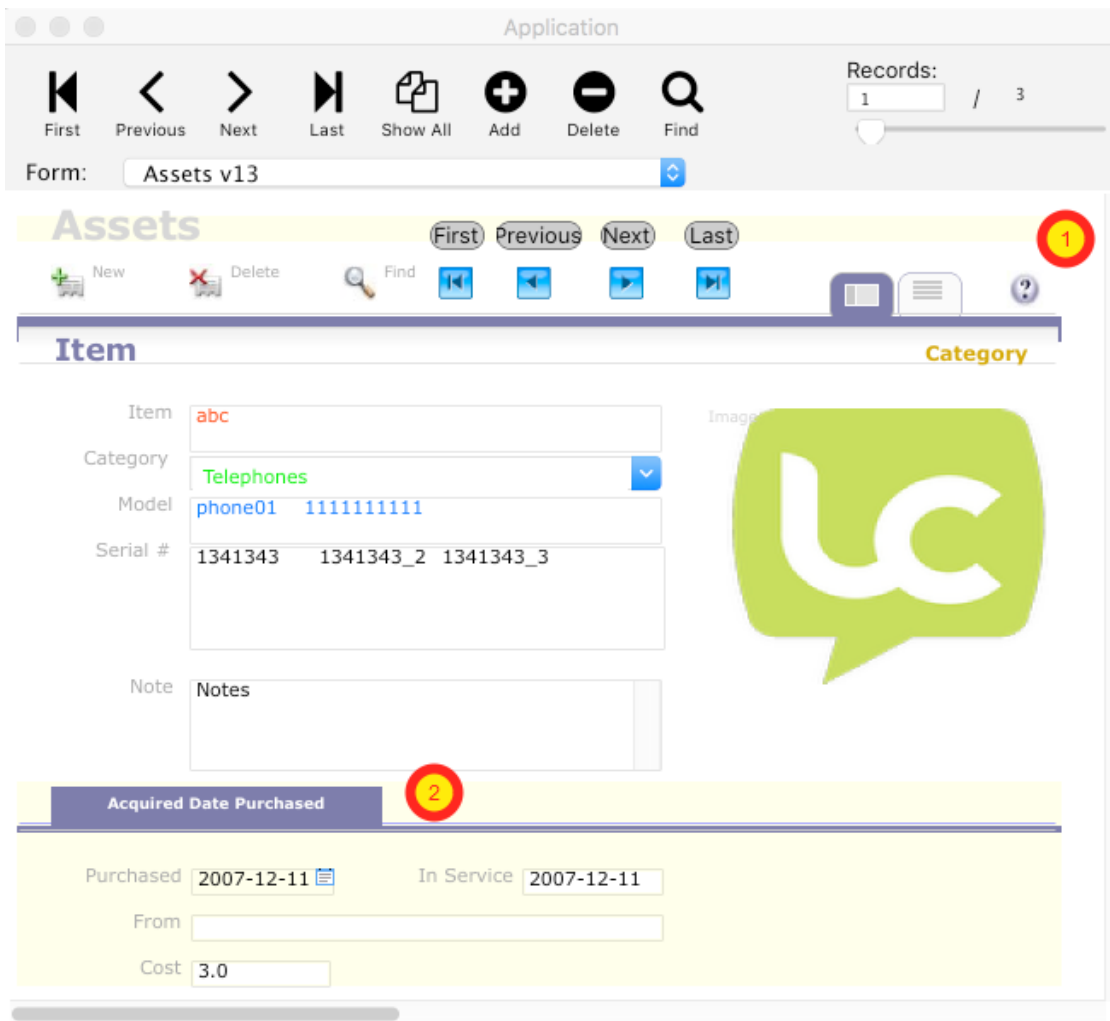
In general, each created object within the LiveCode stack will appear very similar to its counterpart in the original application. However, some changes may be required within the generated stack file. This image of a converted LiveCode stack file shows 3 changes which should be made:

1) The Help button icon has been created, but the (?) image is sitting under the shadowed circle

object. FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition builds each layout object in the order it is found within the Layout XML file. Therefore some objects may be created in the wrong order for display purposes. The solution is to change the layer of each object so that they display properly. The shadowed circle object was also moved left by 1 pixel.

2) The text over the purple rectangle object is displayed a little bit too high.

Cosmetic Changes Applied - Example #1

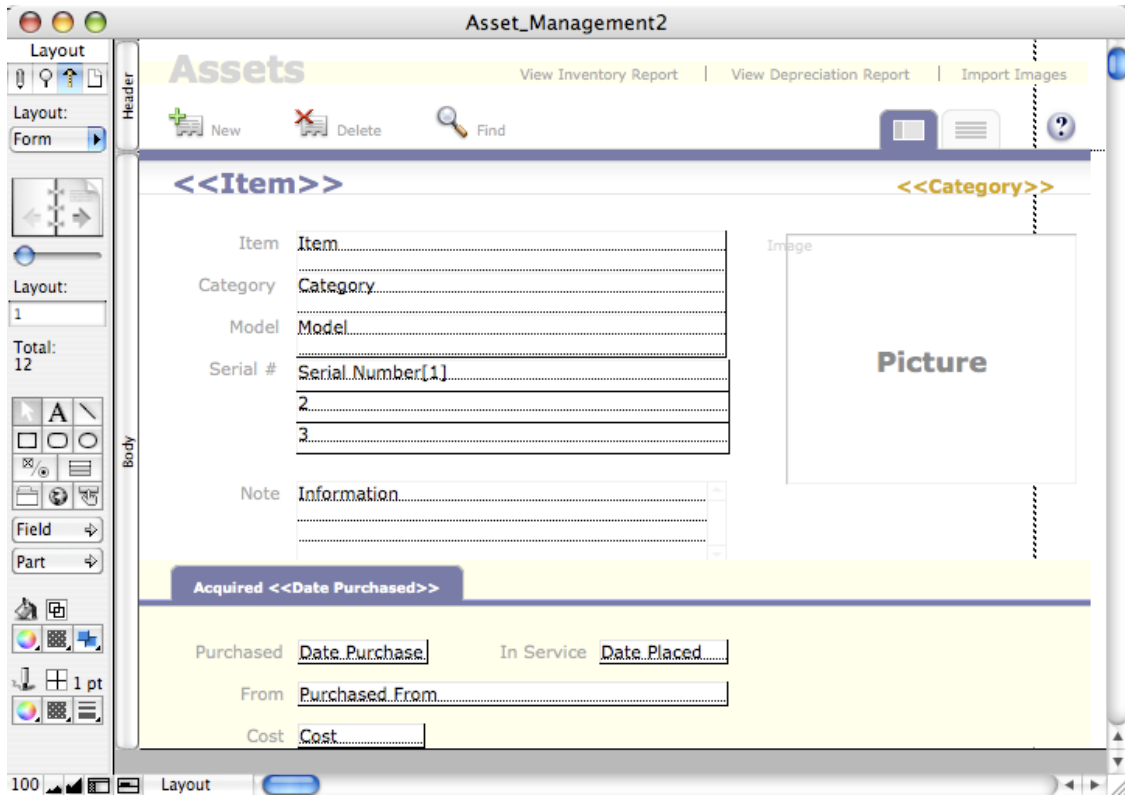


Click on the group named "Layout_Objects_Group", click the Edit Group button in the LiveCode IDE to make changes to the objects on the card.

This image shows the stack after the 3 cosmetic changes were made.

- 1) The graphic was adjusted by sending the white circle to the back of the canvas.
- 2) The text label margin property was adjusted from 2 to 8 to change its position to be more readable.

Original FileMaker Pro Layout



And for comparison purposes, here is an image of the original FileMaker Pro Layout.

Cosmetic Changes Required - Example #2

Here is another converted Layout stack file which needs different cosmetic changes:

- 1) FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition creates each LiveCode field as an opaque field, in order to insure that fields having a background color are displayed properly. Text objects however, are created with their opaque property set to false, allowing other objects to show thru. But the dbMaintenanceMessage object shown on this layout is not a Text object, it is a field object, so it has been created to be opaque - thus hiding the text label which it overlaps. Therefore in this location, the dbMaintenanceMessage field should have its opaque property set to false.
- 2) This horizontal line is supposed to be colored green, but the correct color was not properly located within the original XML code. This same problem also occurs with the objects marked (4) and (5). However the remaining horizontal line objects on this same layout (not shown) did retain their correct colors.
- 3) These two text label buttons ended up wrapping within the field. Changing the text margin from 2 to 4 and widening the fields solved these issues.

Cosmetic Changes Applied - Example #2

The screenshot displays a web application window titled "Application". The main content area is titled "Client Record - Detail Form". On the left side, there is a sidebar with a "Browse" button, a "Layout:" dropdown menu set to "Client", and a "Record:" field with a value of "10". The main form contains several input fields for client information, including Client ID, First Name, Last Name, Stable Name, Address #1, Address #2, City, State, Zip, Home Phone#, Office Phone#, Fax#, Cell #, Email, Email2, Email3, Full Name, and Address. To the right of these fields, there are sections for "Inactive" status, "Creation Date", "Account Rep", and "Balance". Below these are two tables: "Horses Owned (Active)" and "Horses Owned (Inactive)". The "Horses Owned (Active)" table has columns for ID and Name, and a "TSI (FM)" label. The "Horses Owned (Inactive)" table also has columns for ID and Name, and a "TSI (FM)" label. The application has a top navigation bar with "Glob:" and "GlobalTable::logo" labels, and a right-side navigation bar with "Preview", "Print", "Excel", "PDF", "Email", and "FAX" options.

This image shows the stack after the 5 cosmetic changes were made.

Customizing the LiveCode Stack Conversion Process

Fmig_Preferences.xml File

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Preferences>
<DBToRev type="DBToRev">
<StackTemplate filepath="/Desktop/LiveCode_Conversion/LiveCodeTemplate02.Livecode"/>
</DBToRev>
</Preferences>
```

FmPro Migrator utilizes an optional XML preferences file which can be used to customize the DB To LiveCode conversion process. This XML template file can be placed into the FmPro Migrator directory within the /User/Library/Preferences (or My Documents on Windows) directory to customize the generated stack file.

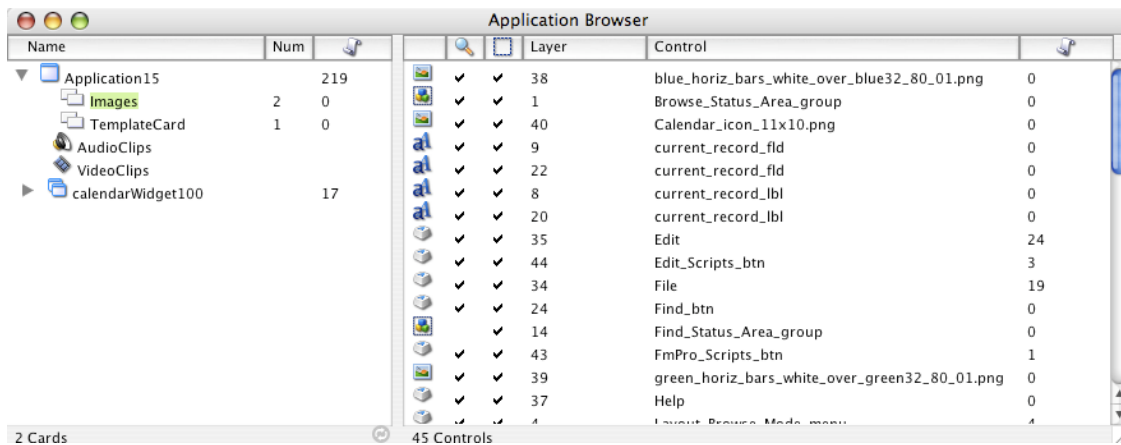
Using a Different StackTemplate File

The StackTemplate option enables LiveCode developers to extract and customize the standard template stack embedded within FmPro Migrator. Click on the Export Template Stack button on the Database to LiveCode window to extract the existing template stack file to the output directory (it will overwrite any existing file). You should move or rename this file and update the XML preferences file to point to the modified version of the file.

The custom version of your template stack file will be copied into the output directory, renamed as Application.rev and used as the destination stack where all of the converted layout objects will be created.

This means that you can add that one line command from article #3 into the showAllRecords handler in the card stack, and that correction along with any other changes you make will automatically be used as your new template stack. You might also want to change the look of the status area. You could create a new status area across the top of the card, to simulate the look of newer versions of FileMaker Pro. Or you might turn the status area into a floating palette.

The Template Stack



FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition uses an internally-stored template file for the LiveCode stack which it generates from the FileMaker Pro Layouts. This file is written to the output directory as a file named Application.rev at the start of the conversion process.

LiveCode developers can supply their own stack in place of the Application.rev file, in order to make use of their own customized handlers and graphics. FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition always deletes and overwrites any existing Application.rev stack file.

A replacement template stack can be specified in the FmPro_Migrator_Preferences.xml file.

A replacement template stack should have the following features, in order to be compatible with FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition:

setLayoutList - stack-level handler - This handler puts the list of cards into the Layout list menus of the Browse and Find groups. If you don't want to have this feature, you can simply include a handler having this same name but containing no executable code.

displayCalendar - stack-level function - This handler displays the calendar pop-up menu within fields which have this feature configured within the original FileMaker Pro Layout. This function returns empty or the date picked by the user.

browserInit

browserGo

browserEnsure

browserFinalize

browserBack

browserForward

browserRefresh

browserStop

These stack-level handlers control one or more revBrowser controls on a card. Each handler takes a parameter (pBrowserNum) as the number representing the Browser control, and is used

to define its name on the card. There could be multiple FileMaker WebViewer objects on a single Layout, therefore each WebViewer will be converted into a separate Revolution Browser control having a different name on the card.

statusAreaWidth - stack-level customProperty - This custom property indicates the width of the Status Area at the left side of the window. The Layout_Objects_Group is automatically moved over to accommodate the width of the Status Area after all of the cards have been created. Set this custom property to 0 if you don't want to have a Status Area within your template stack.

templateStackName - stack-level customProperty - This custom property provides the name of the template stack file.

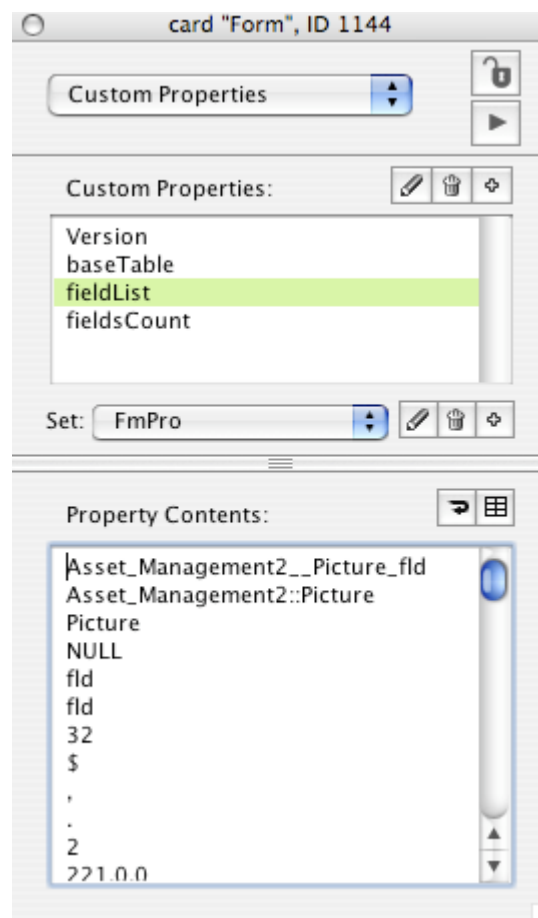
segmented Widget - When FmPro Migrator builds a segmented widget, it copies the Segment Group containing a sample segmented widget from the Images card of the template stack. Updating the properties of this segmented widget will cause all of the newly created segmented widgets to have the same basic color properties for instance.

FmPro Custom Property Set

Each card in the generated LiveCode stack file includes a custom property set named FmPro. This custom property set includes detailed info about the field objects which have been created on the card by FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition. This information is expected to be useful for LiveCode developers who want to create data entry/validation and data display handlers for each of the fields on the card. This info is also used by the handlers which clear field data upon entering Find mode and when filling each field with data.

Having the fields listed in a custom property set also means that developers don't have to manually type in each of the field object names into their code either. Just loop thru the lines of data in the custom property set to work with the names and data types for each field on the card.

FmPro - customPropertySet Overview



There are 4 customProperties within the FmPro customPropertySet.

Version - customProperty

The Version customProperty defines the version of the customPropertySet schema. The current value for the Version customProperty is 1, this value will change as enhancements are made to the FmPro customPropertySet.

baseTable - customProperty

The baseTable customProperty represents the name of the base table referenced by the original layout.

fieldList - customProperty

fieldsList - Custom Property (Columns 1 - 7)	Rev Object Name	Original FmPro Name	SQL Table Name	SQL Yoga Relationship Name	SQL Table Column Name	SQL Table Column Type	Rev Object Type
Example Data -->>	<u>Field1_fld</u>	Client::ID	client	client	ID	DECIMAL	<u>fld</u>
	Field2_menu	Client::Client_Name	client	client	Client_Name	DATE	<u>btn</u>

fieldsList - Custom Property (Columns 8 - 16)	Usage Type	Entry Options Flag	Currency Symbol	Thousands Separator	Decimal Point	Decimal Digits	Negative Color (RGB)	True String	False String
Example Data -->>	<u>fld</u>	0	\$,	.	2	255, 0, 0	Yes	No

fieldsList - Custom Property (Columns 17 - 22)	Date Separator Char	Date Element Separator1	Date Element Separator2	Date Element Separator3	Time Separator Char	Time AM String
Example Data -->>	/	<<-- space	<<-- space	<<-- space	:	AM

fieldsList - Custom Property (Column 23)	Time PM String
Example Data -->>	PM

The fieldsList is a TAB delimited list providing 23 parameters for each field which has been created on the card. These parameters are shown in the screenshot with sample values and are listed below:

- (1) **Rev Object Name** - The name given to the LiveCode field when it was created.
- (2) **Original FileMaker Pro Field Name** - This is the name of the Table Occurrence::Fieldname in the original FileMaker Pro database.
- (3) **SQL Table Name** - The converted name of the original table, as it appears in the SQL database.
- (4) **SQL Yoga Relationship Name** - If the field is in another table, the relationship name to use to get the data from the table.
- (5) **SQL Table Column Name** - The converted name of the SQL database column name.
- (6) **SQL Table Column Type** - The type of data contained in the field, matching the field types for the destination SQL database.
- (7) **LiveCode Object Type** - The type of LiveCode object. Use this object type and its name when

referencing the object.

(8) **Usage Type** - The way in which the object is used on the card, either as a field or a menu. This parameter indicates whether you need to put data into the field (for a field) or into the label of an object (for a menu).

(9) **Entry Options Flag** - The entry options for entry of data within a field, as defined by the fieldObj flags XML parameter in the original layout. Multiple options may be applied to a field simultaneously. To determine if a particular value is selected, use the bitAND Revolution instruction. See the following screenshot for more details.

(10) **Currency Symbol** - The symbol used for currency values.

(11) **Thousands Separator Symbol** - The symbol used to separate thousands, in numeric values.

(12) **Decimal Point Symbol** - The symbol used for decimal points in numeric values.

(13) **Number of Decimal Digits** - The number of values displayed to the right of the decimal point symbol

(14) **Negative Color (RGB)** - The RGB values, separated by commas which should be used for negative numeric values.

(15) **True String** - The text string used for true values.

(16) **False String** - The text string used for false values.

(17) **Date Separator Char** - The symbol used for separating short date values. (i.e. MM/DD/YYYY).

(18) **Date Element Separator1** - The first date separator character string, used when displaying dates in long format.

(19) **Date Element Separator2** - The second date separator character string, used when displaying dates in long format.

(20) **Date Element Separator3** - The third date separator character string, used when displaying dates in long format.

(21) **Time Separator Char** - The symbol used for separating time values (i.e. HH:MM:SS)

(22) **Time AM String** - The suffix string used for displaying AM time values.

(23) **Time PM String** - The suffix string used for displaying PM time values.

Entry Options Details - (fieldObj flags values)

fieldObj flags	Result
0	Enter field - Browse & Find Modes - No other Options checked
4	Entry in Find Mode Only - No other options checked.
16	Entry in Browse Mode Only - No other options checked
20	No Entry in Field - No Goto Next Object options
52	Enter field - Unchecked for Browse & Find Modes - TAB key Goto Next Object checked
84	No Entry in Field - Return Key Goto next Object checked
148	No Entry in Field - Enter Key Goto Next Object Option is checked
256	Vertical Scrollbar on Field
1024	Display calendar icon when entering field

Multiple entry options can be applied to the same field. To decode these values, use the LiveCode bitAND command as follows:

```
put varFieldEntryOptions bitAnd 4 into tResult
```

if tResult = 4 then set the lockText of field Field1_fld to true

FileMaker Converted Script Steps

These script steps represent the FileMaker script steps which are directly converted into LiveCode by FmPro Migrator.

Note: Using the Code Conversion Workbench feature of the AI Accelerated Edition of FmPro Migrator enables the conversion of all script steps and lines of code from FileMaker Pro, Microsoft Access and Visual FoxPro.

List of Converted Script Steps

The following list documents the script steps which are converted from FileMaker scripts into LiveCode commands:

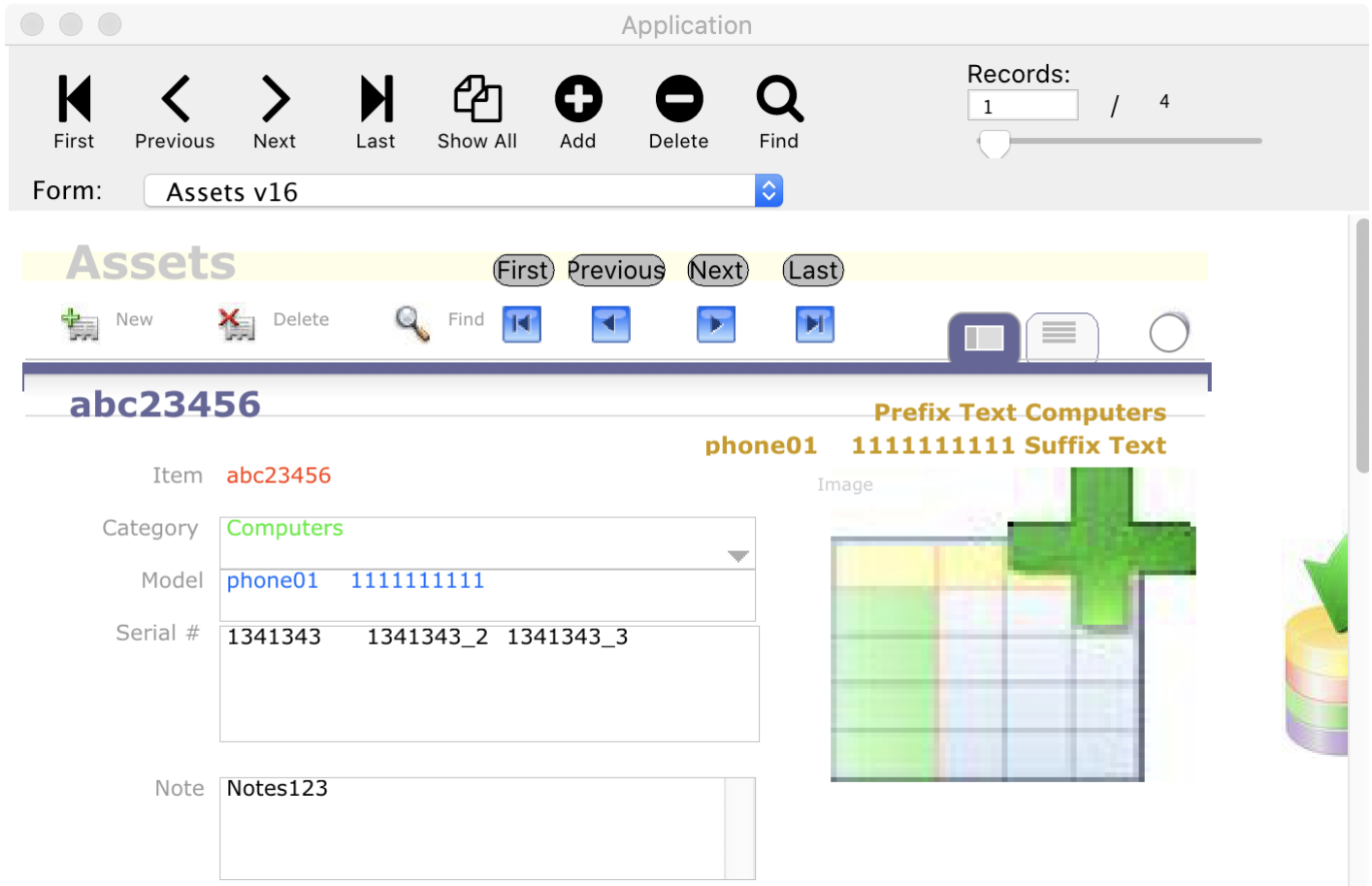
- Go to Layout
- Perform Script
- Beep
- #
- Copy
- Cut
- If
- End If
- Else
- Exit Application
- Exit Script
- Freeze Window
- Halt Script
- Open URL
- Paste
- Perform AppleScript
- Print Setup
- Print
- Refresh Window
- Select All
- Send Event
- Set Error Capture
- Send Mail
- Set Field
- Set Variable
- Show Custom Dialog
- Show/Hide Status Area

Enter Find Mode
Enter Browse Mode
Speak

Post Conversion Development

Overview of Post Conversion Development - LiveCode Conversion

Overview




A converted application will generally display data in most fields and portals and provide record and form navigation via the Button Bar status area at the top of the window.

There will be additional steps required in order to have a fully functional application ready for production deployment. A summary of these tools is discussed below.

The first tool you will probably use is the JSON Connection File Builder utility. This tool makes it quicker and easier for you to log in the converted application into the database server without manually re-typing login credentials many times per day.

JSON Connection Creator



JSON Connection File Builder 1.0

www.FmProMigrator.com

This utility builds a JSON file containing database connection info for automatic logins using the stack built by FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition.

Username:	<input type="text"/>
Password:	<input type="password"/>
Database Type:	<input type="text" value="MySQL"/> ▼
Database Name:	<input type="text"/>
Database Port:	<input type="text"/>
Database Hostname:	<input type="text"/>

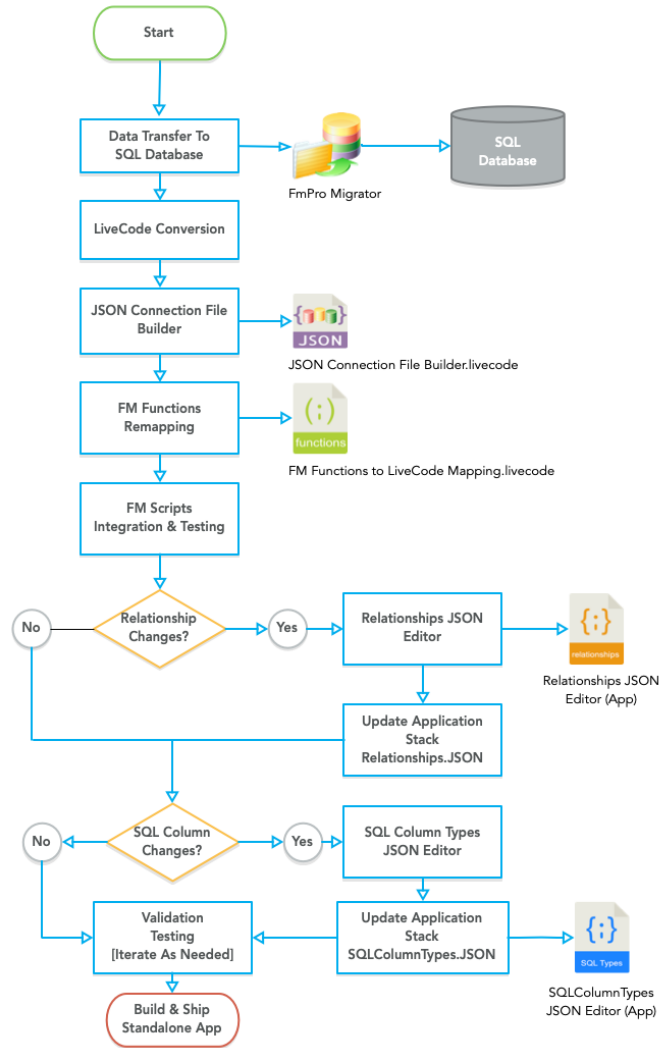
The JSON Connection File Builder builds a database connection JSON file named DBConnection.JSON.

This JSON connection file has 2 main uses:

- 1) During development, you can quickly log the application under development into your test server without having to manually enter connection details.
- 2) For production usage, you can create connection files having the database type, name, port, hostname info pre-filled for users to log into the database server. Fields which are missing from the DBConnection.JSON file will be filled in by the user during login.

For more details, see the the section of this manual describing the JSON Connection File Builder.livecode stack.

Process Flowchart



This flowchart provides an overview of the tools provided for the LiveCode conversion process and their usage during development. These tools are described in detail later in this manual.

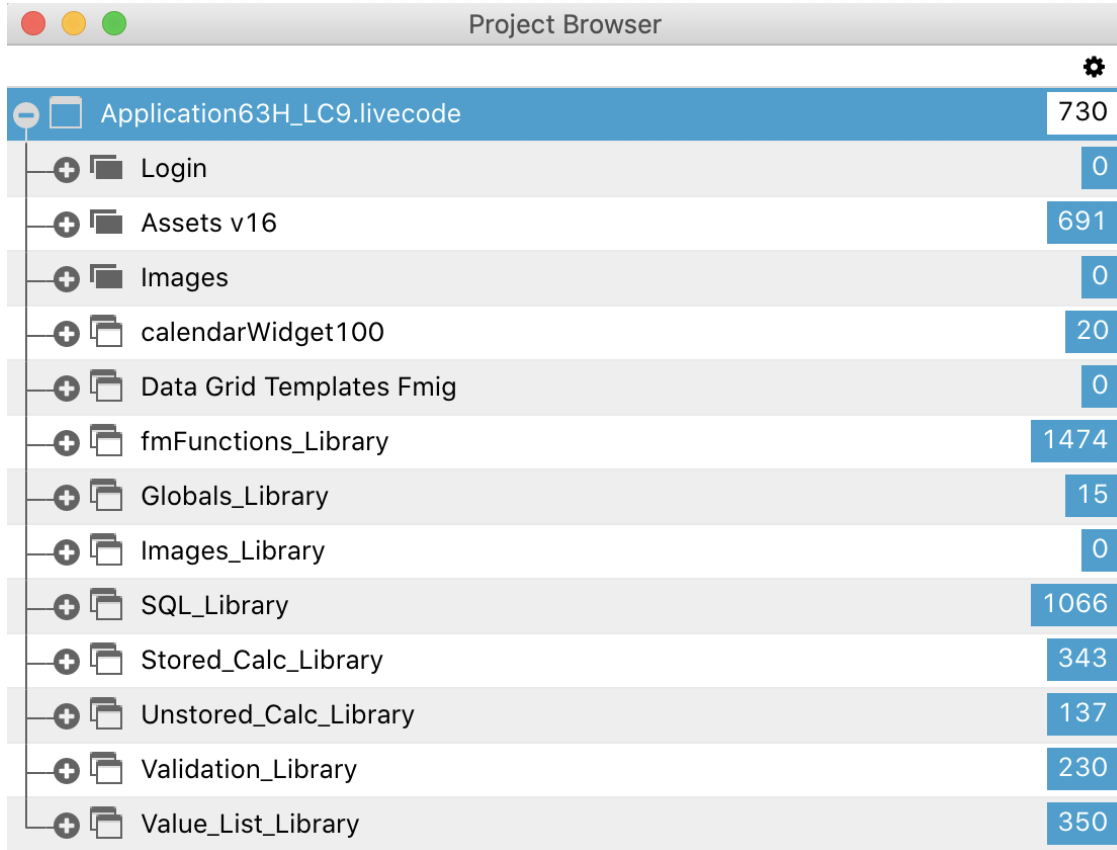
Conversion Process Output Files

Overview of Conversion Files

Overview

This chapter of the manual describes the various output files created by FmPro Migrator when performing a LiveCode conversion project.

Application.livecode Overview



The screenshot shows a 'Project Browser' window with a tree view of the 'Application63H_LC9.livecode' stack. The main stack is highlighted in blue and has a count of 730. Below it are several sub-stacks, each with a plus icon and a count in a blue box. The sub-stacks are: Login (0), Assets v16 (691), Images (0), calendarWidget100 (20), Data Grid Templates Fmig (0), fmFunctions_Library (1474), Globals_Library (15), Images_Library (0), SQL_Library (1066), Stored_Calc_Library (343), Unstored_Calc_Library (137), Validation_Library (230), and Value_List_Library (350).

Stack Name	Count
Application63H_LC9.livecode	730
Login	0
Assets v16	691
Images	0
calendarWidget100	20
Data Grid Templates Fmig	0
fmFunctions_Library	1474
Globals_Library	15
Images_Library	0
SQL_Library	1066
Stored_Calc_Library	343
Unstored_Calc_Library	137
Validation_Library	230
Value_List_Library	350

The main stack created by FmPro Migrator is the Application.livecode stack. All of the layouts/forms, Value Lists, relationships are placed into this stack during conversion. Scripts are also written to disk for further processing.

The utility stacks created by FmPro Migrator are available to help with further development of the scripts, calculations and relationships.

Regarding scripts, these should probably be added to new library stacks based upon the functionality of the application. For instance an application might have functionality including Invoices, Customers, Scheduling which could each be placed into separate library substacks.

Corrupted Images Report.txt

Corrupted Images Report

```
Corrupted Images Report.txt
o_migrator/LiveCode_Conversion/Corrupted Images Report.txt
Layout: Assets v13 Object: image11 Location: L: 1143 T: 148 B: 176 R: 1160 263,5742,1
Layout: Asset_Management2 Object: image6 Location: L: 44 T: 55 B: 83 R: 61 263,5742,1
Layout: Companies Object: image11 Location: L: 1143 T: 148 B: 176 R: 1160 263,5742,1
Layout: Address_Book Object: image6 Location: L: 44 T: 55 B: 83 R: 61 263,5742,1
```

During the conversion of layouts to LiveCode cards, some image objects might not be readable within the imported layout XML code. If this problem occurs, the Corrupted Images Report.txt file will be created in the project directory. These errors will need to be fixed manually by importing an image object manually into the converted stack.

In order to facilitate making manual fixes to these missing images, each line of the report contains:

Layout: The name of the layout where the error occurred.

Object: The object name assigned to the object by FmPro Migrator when attempting to create the image object.

Location: The coordinates where the new object was supposed to be created.

Error - The last part of the line is the internal LiveCode error which occurred during the import paint command.

The LiveCode Error Lookup stack created by **Jacqueline Landman Gay** can be used to look up the LiveCode internal errors. It is available here:

<http://livecodeshare.runrev.com/stack/712/LiveCode-Error-Lookup>

For the first error shown as: 263,5742,1

263 - import: can't read file, mask file or display. Not much to be added here, it just means that the import paint command cannot read the contents of the file being imported. FmPro Migrator exports images into a temporary file, then uses the import paint command to import the image onto the card at the specified location.

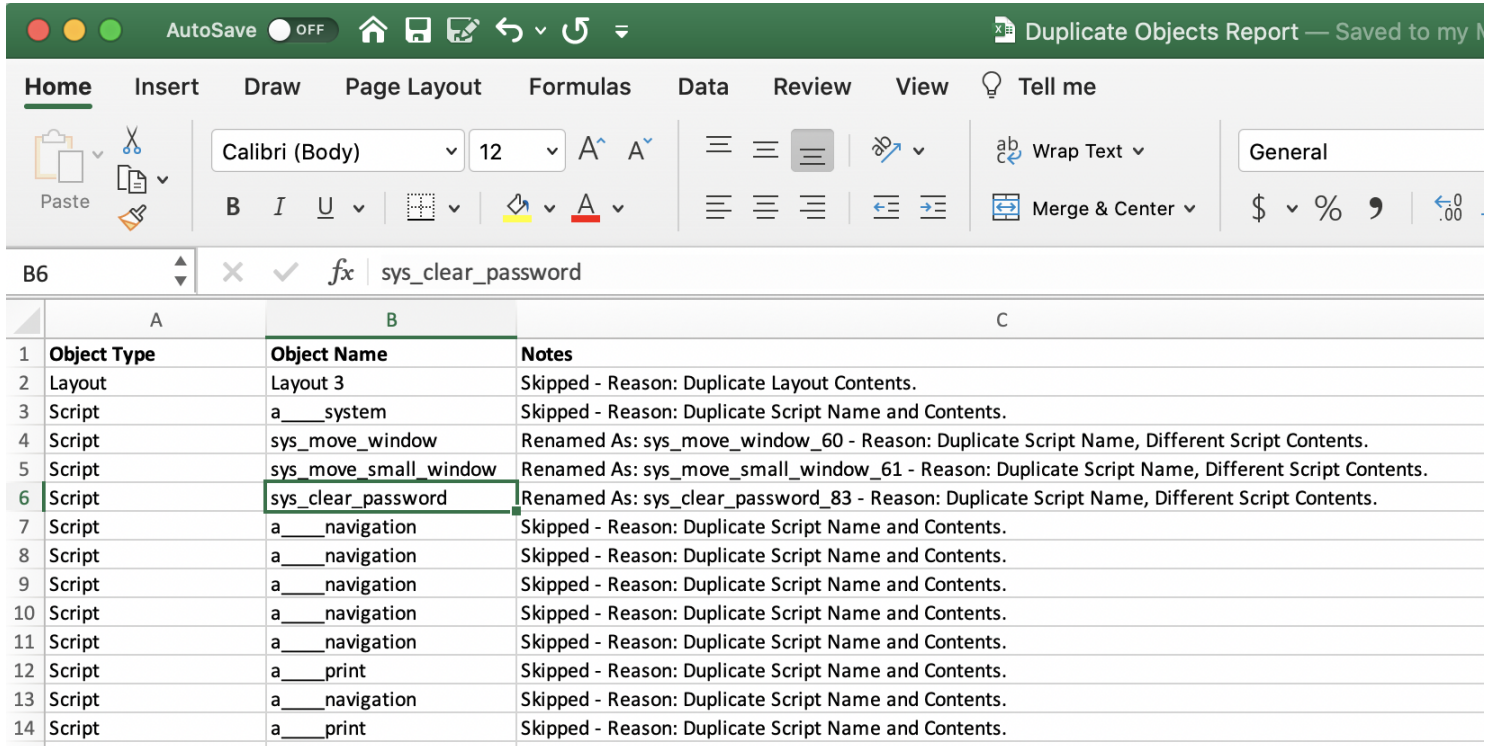
5742 - This is the line number of the script within FmPro Migrator where the import paint command was run. As a user, there is isn't much you can do with this info, but it could be helpful for .com Solutions Inc.

1 - Column number of the error.

Suggestion Text - This section of the error result is empty, because the LiveCode engine doesn't have any suggestions to offer. In general, it is possible that the image is really corrupted or possibly not able to be read and converted correctly within the source XML defining the layout.

Duplicate Objects Report.xls

Duplicate Objects Report Overview



	A	B	C
1	Object Type	Object Name	Notes
2	Layout	Layout 3	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Layout Contents.
3	Script	a__system	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
4	Script	sys_move_window	Renamed As: sys_move_window_60 - Reason: Duplicate Script Name, Different Script Contents.
5	Script	sys_move_small_window	Renamed As: sys_move_small_window_61 - Reason: Duplicate Script Name, Different Script Contents.
6	Script	sys_clear_password	Renamed As: sys_clear_password_83 - Reason: Duplicate Script Name, Different Script Contents.
7	Script	a__navigation	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
8	Script	a__navigation	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
9	Script	a__navigation	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
10	Script	a__navigation	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
11	Script	a__navigation	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
12	Script	a__print	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
13	Script	a__navigation	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.
14	Script	a__print	Skipped - Reason: Duplicate Script Name and Contents.

FmPro Migrator analyzes scripts, layouts and custom functions during conversion to determine if any duplicates will occur in the converted application. Duplicates can occur if multiple FileMaker databases are combined together for conversion. A checksum is created for each of these objects and a comparison of the checksum and the name of the object is made in order to determine if the object should be skipped or renamed.

This report is saved as a TAB delimited file having an .XLS file extension so that Excel will immediately open it (with a warning that it isn't really an .XLS file).

Missing Tables Report.xls

Missing Tables Report Overview

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Total Layouts = 414					
2	Layouts Skipped = 4					
3	Layout Name					
4						
5	Dashboard -----					
6	Statement -----					
7	Notes -----					
8	Invoice -----					

The Missing Tables Report lists the layouts which could not be converted because they didn't have a table assigned to the layout. This problem will commonly occur with placeholder layouts used as group separators. So in many cases, nothing needs to be done - it is just an informative report.

Note: Since this report is also created as a TAB delimited file designed to be read by Excel, some layout names might not be displayed if they start with "--" characters. Since the file is a text file, it can also be opened with any text editor if Excel won't read the file properly.

create_relationships.sql

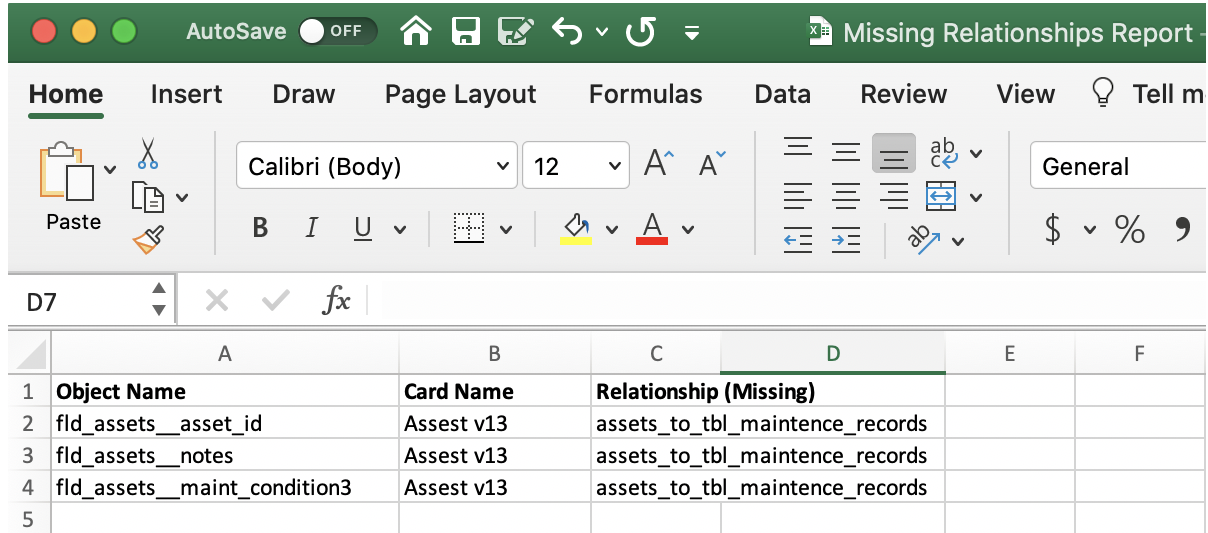
create_relationships.sql Overview

```
-- ----- Relationship Creation SQL -----  
-- This output file was created by FmPro Migrator at 1:27:08 PM on Tuesday, October 20,  
2020. By .com Solutions Inc. www.fmpromigrator.com  
-- Source Database:  
-- Destination Database:           MySQL  
-- Source DB Relationship Count:    1  
-- Duplicate Relationships Skipped: 1  
-- Non-EquiJoin Relationships Skipped: 0  
-- Relationships Created:           0  
  
-- [FM] tbl_Maintenance_Records->tbl_Assets => [SQL] tbl_Maintenance_Records->tbl_Assets  
ALTER TABLE tbl_maintenance_records DROP INDEX tbl_maintenance_records_asset_id_idx;  
CREATE INDEX tbl_maintenance_records_asset_id_idx ON tbl_maintenance_records(asset_id);  
ALTER TABLE tbl_maintenance_records DROP FOREIGN KEY fk_tbl_maintenance_records_asset_id;  
ALTER TABLE tbl_maintenance_records ADD CONSTRAINT fk_tbl_maintenance_records_asset_id  
FOREIGN KEY (asset_id) REFERENCES tbl_assets(id) ON DELETE CASCADE;  
  
-- [FM] tbl_Assets->tbl_Maintenance_Records => [SQL] tbl_Assets->tbl_Maintenance_Records  
-- Skipped: Duplicate Relationship
```

During the conversion process, the list of relationships are read in order to create the create_relationships.sql file. This file should be run on the database server used by the application in order to create the table constraints.

Missing Relationships Report.xls

Missing Relationships Report Overview



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Object Name	Card Name	Relationship (Missing)			
2	fld_assets__asset_id	Assest v13	assets_to_tbl_maintenance_records			
3	fld_assets__notes	Assest v13	assets_to_tbl_maintenance_records			
4	fld_assets__maint_condition3	Assest v13	assets_to_tbl_maintenance_records			
5						

During the creation of each data bound field on a card, FmPro Migrator verifies that it can determine the base table required to read the data in the SQL database. If that test fails, the object is documented in the TAB delimited Missing Relationships Report.xls file.

FmPro Migrator is using the contents of the Relationships.JSON file stored as an array in memory in order to figure out the structure of each relationship within the new application.

If a relationship cannot be found, the findIndirectRelationships.livecode stack can be used to help troubleshoot the situation. Some FileMaker relationships may require being rebuilt manually to work with a SQL database. Manual changes made to the Relationships.JSON file need to be added back to the application stack as a custom property in order to be used by the application.

Relationships.JSON

Relationships.JSON Overview

```
Relationships.JSON
ro_migrator/fmpro_migrator_release_Cu.../Assets_Management14_PHP02_Project/Relationships.JS... (no function sel

"tbl_Assets_to_tbl_Maintenance_Records": {
  "1": {
    "JoinType": "=",
    "LeftFieldNameSQL": "id",
    "LeftTOName": "tbl_Assets",
    "LeftTableSQL": "tbl_assets",
    "RightFieldNameSQL": "asset_id",
    "RightTOName": "tbl_Maintenance_Records",
    "RightTableSQL": "tbl_maintenance_records"
  },
  "FMRelationship": "SELECT * FROM tbl_Maintenance_Records WHERE tbl_Assets.ID =
tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_ID",
  "PlaceholderFieldsCSV": "id",
  "PlaceholderTablesCSV": "tbl_assets",
  "SQLCode": "SELECT * FROM tbl_maintenance_records WHERE tbl_assets.id =
tbl_maintenance_records.asset_id",
  "SQLCodeLC": "SELECT * FROM tbl_maintenance_records WHERE
tbl_maintenance_records.asset_id = :1"
},
"tbl_Maintenance_Records_to_tbl_Assets": {
  "1": {
    "JoinType": "=",
    "LeftFieldNameSQL": "asset_id",
    "LeftTOName": "tbl_Maintenance_Records",
    "LeftTableSQL": "tbl_maintenance_records",
    "RightFieldNameSQL": "id",
    "RightTOName": "tbl_Assets",
    "RightTableSQL": "tbl_assets"
  },
  "FMRelationship": "SELECT * FROM tbl_Assets WHERE tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_ID =
tbl_Assets.ID",
  "PlaceholderFieldsCSV": "asset_id",
```

FmPro Migrator generates the Relationships.JSON file from the relationships imported from within the original database. Since FileMaker relationships are bi-directional, two relationships are created for each imported relationship to represent this same functionality.

The contents of the Relationships.JSON file are automatically saved into the RelationshipsJSONProp custom property of the SQL_Library substack created by FmPro Migrator.

Importing the Relationships.JSON File



If the Relationships.JSON file is manually edited, it should be re-imported back into the SQ_Library by clicking the loadRelationshipsJSON button on the 1st card of the SQL_Library stack.

The Relationships.JSON data is converted into an array as soon as a successful connection is made to the SQL database server.

The Relationships.JSON file can be edited with the Relationships JSON Editor utility described in this manual.

SQLColumnTypes.JSON

SQLColumnTypes.JSON Overview

```
SQLColumnTypes.JSON
ro_migrator/fmpro_migrator_releas.../.../Assets_Management14_PHP02_Projec

{
  "TableCount": 9,
  "TotalColumnCount": 472,
  "clients": {
    "TableColumnCount": 342,
    "a___address": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    },
    "a___client_info": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    },
    "a___conversion": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    },
    "a___create_info": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    },
    "a___current_balances_and_aging": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    },
    "a___dev_mod_info": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    },
    "a___exceptions": {
      "OriginalColumnType": "TEXT",
      "SQLColumnType": "VARCHAR(25)"
    }
  }
}
```

The SQLColumnTypes.JSON file is stored within the SQLColumnTypesJSONProp of the SQL_Library substack.

When a database connection has been made, this JSON data is converted into the

gSQLColumnTypesArray. The getBLOBColumnStatus() function in the SQL_Library uses this array to determine whether the SQL database column contains BLOB data when reading/writing data in the database.

This test is performed in order to avoid performing textEncode/textDecode on the data for BLOB columns.

The test is being done on the original database field type, looking for the type = "PICT" due to the consistency of always checking the FileMaker database type, since there are many database types used for various destination databases.

Library SubStacks

Overview of Library SubStacks

Library Substacks

Substack Name	Count
Application63H_LC9.livecode	730
Login	0
Assets v16	691
Images	0
calendarWidget100	20
Data Grid Templates Fmig	0
fmFunctions_Library	1474
Globals_Library	15
Images_Library	0
SQL_Library	1066
Stored_Calc_Library	343
Unstored_Calc_Library	137
Validation_Library	230
Value_List_Library	350

The stack generated by FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition includes 8 library substacks designed to implement the functionality of the original database application. The metadata from the source database is used to generate the code placed within these substacks. The following pages of this manual provide details about each library substack.

Library SubStack Initialization

The openStack handler of the converted stack contains "start using stack" commands for each of the library substacks. These commands insure that the handlers within the subStacks can be run from anywhere in the application.

on openStack

global gStatusAreaVisible,gMode

local tError

initializeAppPrefs

start using stack "SQL_Library"

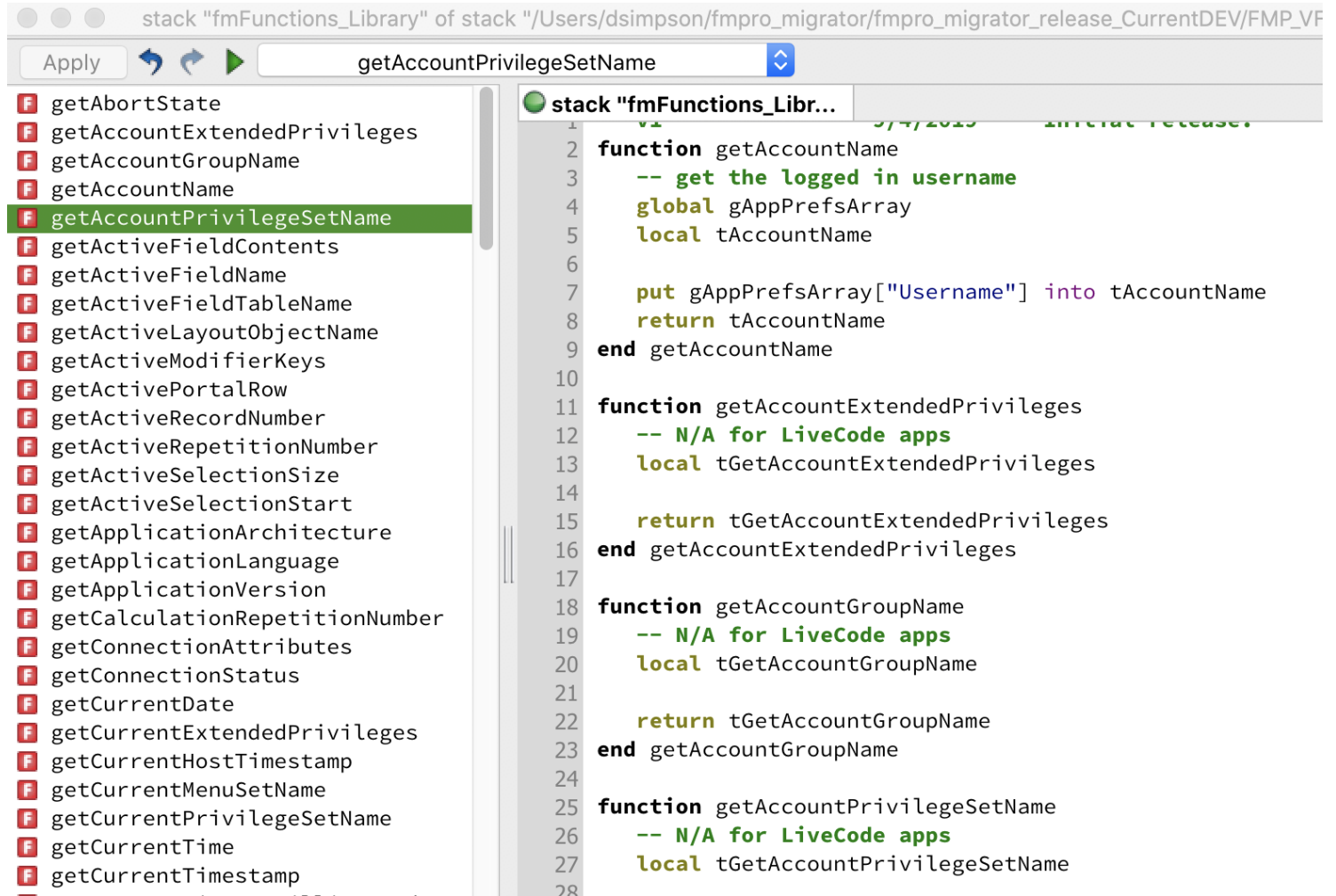
start using stack "Stored_Calc_Library"

start using stack "Unstored_Calc_Library"

```
start using stack "Value_List_Library"  
start using stack "Globals_Library"  
start using stack "fmFunctions_Library"  
start using stack "Validation_Library"
```

```
if gMode is empty then  
  put the result into tError  
  put "Browse" into gMode  
  put 1 into gStatusAreaVisible  
  switchtoBrowseMode  
end if -- end of check for 1st launch  
end openStack
```

fmFunctions_Library Overview



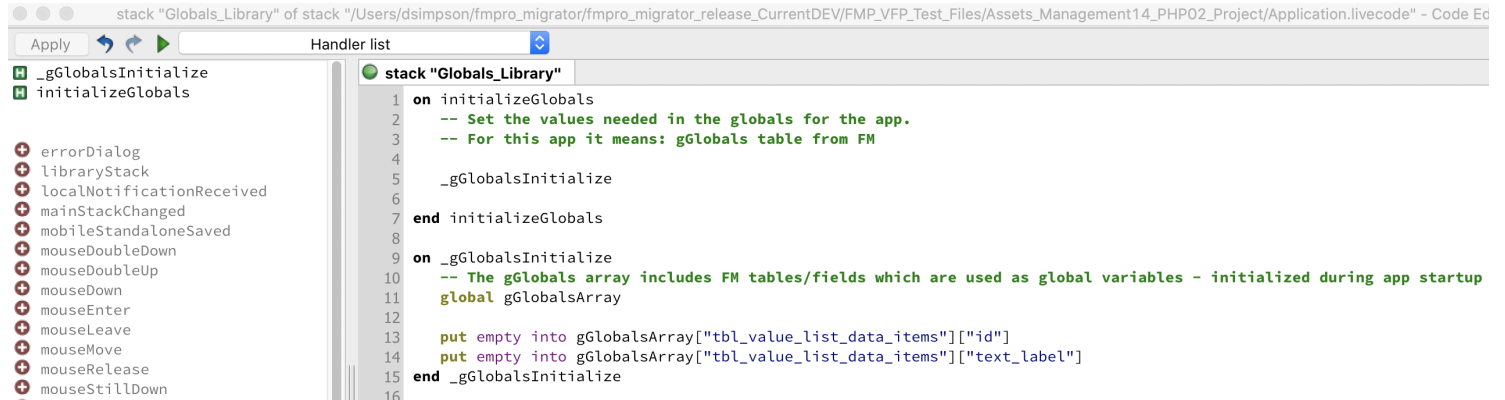
The screenshot shows the LiveCode IDE interface. On the left, a list of functions from the 'fmFunctions_Library' stack is displayed, with 'getAccountPrivilegeSetName' selected. On the right, the source code for this function is shown. The code defines three functions: 'getAccountName', 'getAccountExtendedPrivileges', and 'getAccountPrivilegeSetName'. The 'getAccountPrivilegeSetName' function is marked as 'N/A for LiveCode apps' and uses a local variable 'tGetAccountPrivilegeSetName'.

```
stack "fmFunctions_Libr..."
1
2 function getAccountName
3   -- get the logged in username
4   global gAppPrefsArray
5   local tAccountName
6
7   put gAppPrefsArray["Username"] into tAccountName
8   return tAccountName
9 end getAccountName
10
11 function getAccountExtendedPrivileges
12   -- N/A for LiveCode apps
13   local tGetAccountExtendedPrivileges
14
15   return tGetAccountExtendedPrivileges
16 end getAccountExtendedPrivileges
17
18 function getAccountGroupName
19   -- N/A for LiveCode apps
20   local tGetAccountGroupName
21
22   return tGetAccountGroupName
23 end getAccountGroupName
24
25 function getAccountPrivilegeSetName
26   -- N/A for LiveCode apps
27   local tGetAccountPrivilegeSetName
28
```

This library duplicates the functionality of 129 of the most commonly used FileMaker built-in functions. A tool is provided to remap the original FileMaker functions to these LiveCode versions within the converted FileMaker scripts. These LiveCode function handlers are named slightly different from the original FileMaker functions. Therefore the included [FM Functions to LiveCode Mapping.livecode](#) utility stack is used to rename the functions within the converted script and library files. During the conversion process, the contents of the stored/unstored calc library stacks are written to disk as text files (Unstored_Calc_Library.livecodescript, Stored_Calc_Library.livecodescript). This has been done to facilitate the conversion of the function names from FileMaker to LiveCode.

Globals_Library

Globals_Library Overview



The screenshot shows a code editor with a stack named "Globals_Library" and a handler list on the left. The handler list includes `_gGlobalsInitialize` and `initializeGlobals`. The stack code is as follows:

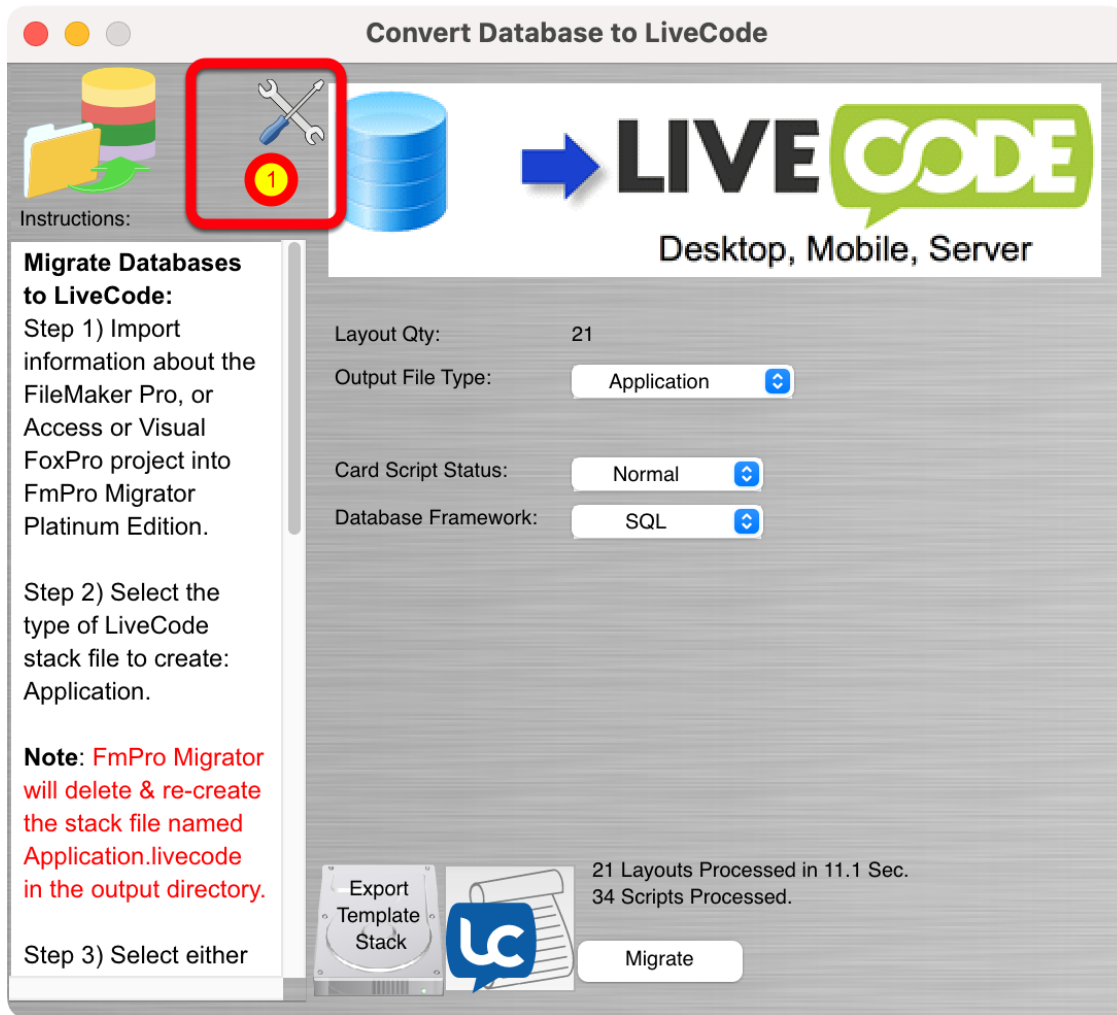
```
1 on initializeGlobals
2 -- Set the values needed in the globals for the app.
3 -- For this app it means: gGlobals table from FM
4
5 _gGlobalsInitialize
6
7 end initializeGlobals
8
9 on _gGlobalsInitialize
10 -- The gGlobals array includes FM tables/fields which are used as global variables - initialized during app startup
11 global gGlobalsArray
12
13 put empty into gGlobalsArray["tbl_value_list_data_items"]["id"]
14 put empty into gGlobalsArray["tbl_value_list_data_items"]["text_label"]
15 end _gGlobalsInitialize
16
```

The `gGlobals` array within the `_gGlobalsInitialize` handler includes FM tables/fields which are used as global variables. These globals are initialized during app startup to specific known values and can be updated anytime by the application, just like FileMaker global fields.

In a FileMaker database, these fields could be part of an existing database table, mixed with other non-global fields.

Within the converted stack file, these globals are located within a separate array and need referenced separately instead of within existing table fields which might also contain data. This change should be made manually within the converted scripts of the converted stack.

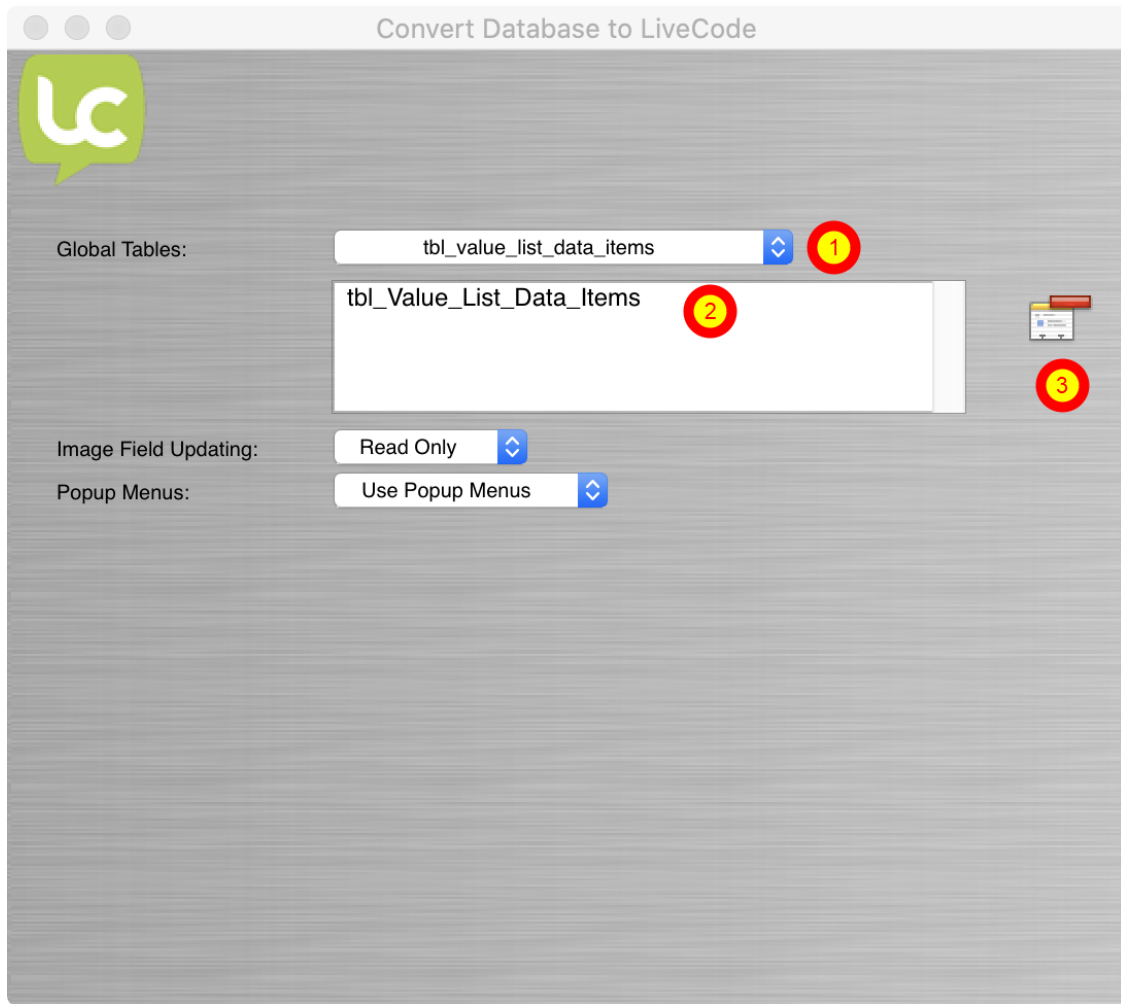
Additional Preferences - LiveCode Conversion Window



Many FileMaker developers use 1 record tables containing only global fields during database development. FmPro Migrator provides a way to specify a global table during the conversion process. The fields of the selected table will be defined as a global array in the Globals_Library.

(1) Click the additional prefs button in the LiveCode Conversion window in FmPro Migrator.

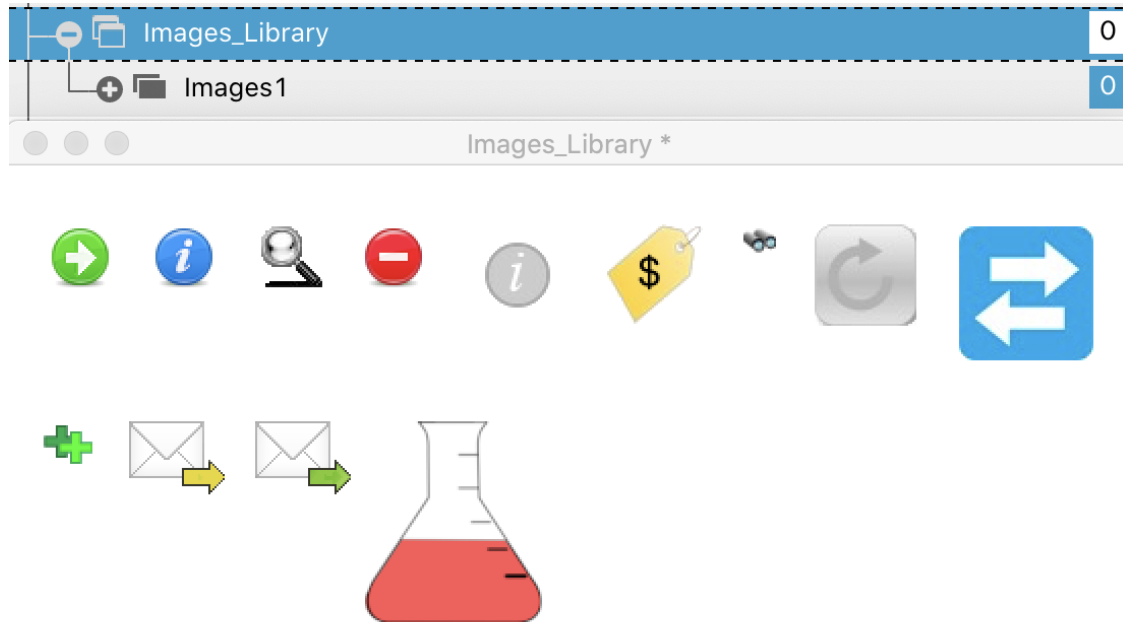
Specifying Global Fields in FmPro Migrator



Select any table in the solution - it gets added to the list of global tables as it is selected. Click to highlight any item and click the delete button (3) if you added a table by mistake.

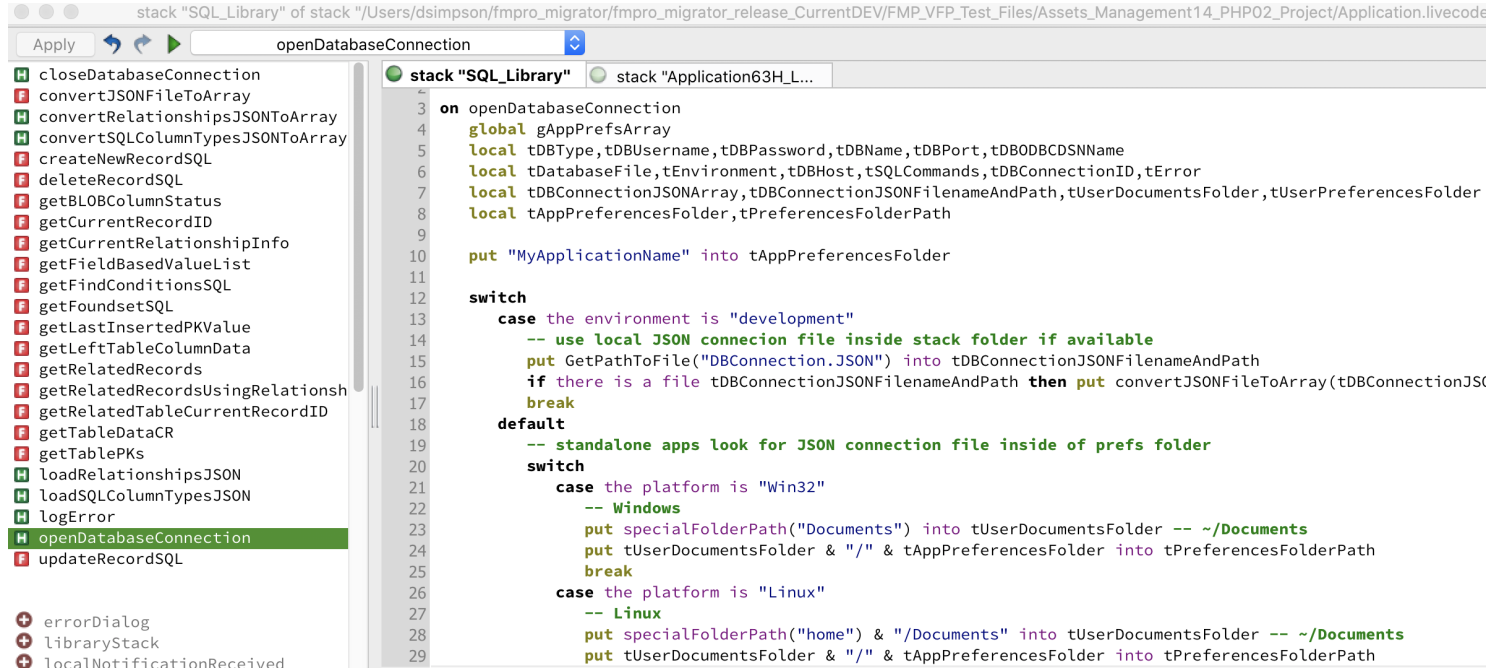
Images_Library

Images_Library Overview



The Images_Library substack provides a convenient place where commonly used images can be centrally stored within the new application stack. This stack contains one card named Images1, which can be expanded to additional cards to support more images. Buttons on other cards of the stack can reference the ID# of images stored in this library. Replacing an image in this substack with another image having the same ID# will effectively replace it everywhere within the application without requiring manual updates on those other cards as long as the size is the same.

SQL_Library Overview



The screenshot shows the LiveCode IDE interface. On the left, a stack browser displays a list of methods from the 'SQL_Library' stack, with 'openDatabaseConnection' selected. The main editor shows the code for the 'openDatabaseConnection' handler. The code is written in LiveCode's stack-based syntax and includes comments explaining the logic for finding a local JSON connection file based on the operating system (Windows or Linux).

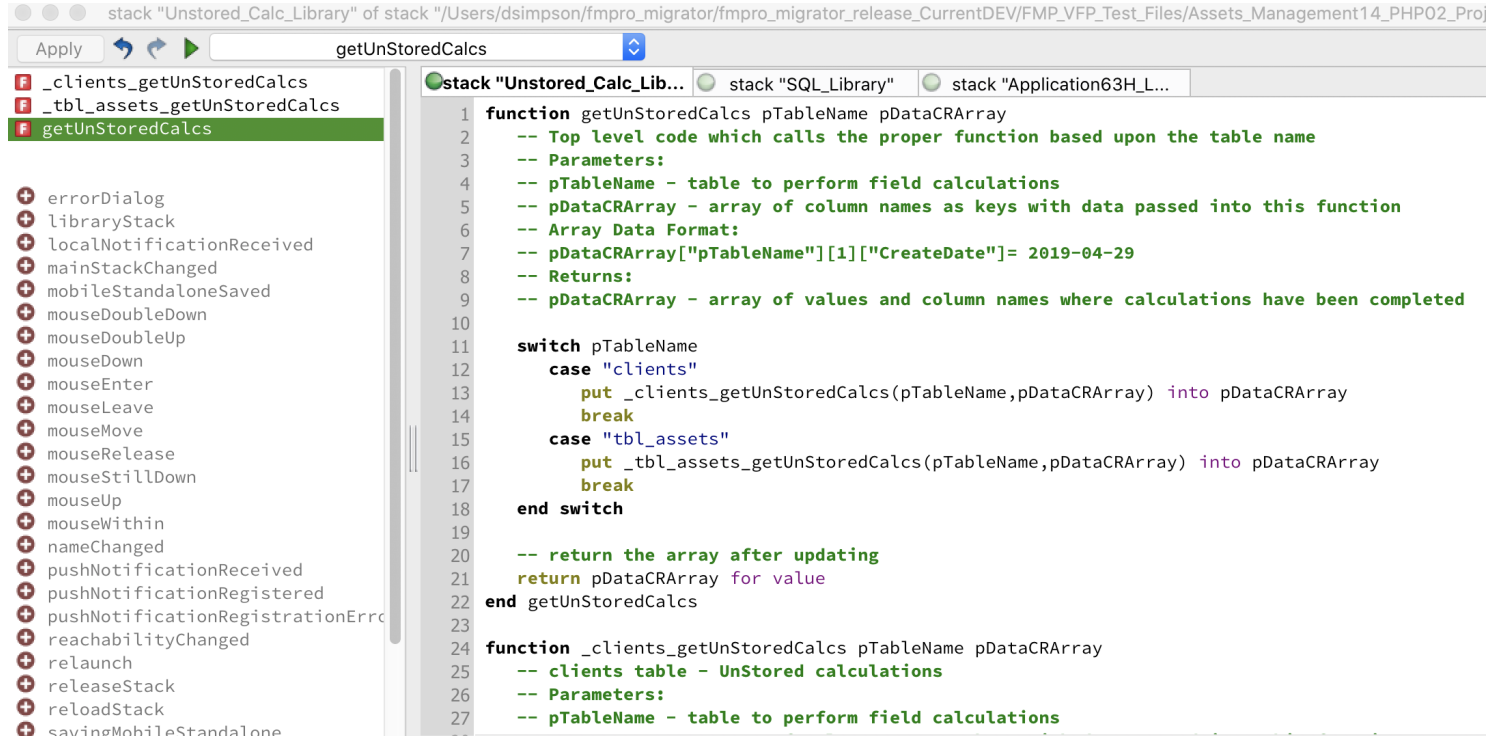
```
3 on openDatabaseConnection
4   global gAppPrefsArray
5   local tDBType, tDBUsername, tDBPassword, tDBName, tDBPort, tDBODBCDSNName
6   local tDatabaseFile, tEnvironment, tDBHost, tSQLCommands, tDBConnectionID, tError
7   local tDBConnectionJSONArray, tDBConnectionJSONFilenameAndPath, tUserDocumentsFolder, tUserPreferencesFolder
8   local tAppPreferencesFolder, tPreferencesFolderPath
9
10  put "MyApplicationName" into tAppPreferencesFolder
11
12  switch
13    case the environment is "development"
14      -- use local JSON connection file inside stack folder if available
15      put GetPathToFile("DBConnection.JSON") into tDBConnectionJSONFilenameAndPath
16      if there is a file tDBConnectionJSONFilenameAndPath then put convertJSONFileToArray(tDBConnectionJSONFilenameAndPath) into tDBConnectionJSONArray
17      break
18    default
19      -- standalone apps look for JSON connection file inside of prefs folder
20      switch
21        case the platform is "Win32"
22          -- Windows
23          put specialFolderPath("Documents") into tUserDocumentsFolder -- ~/Documents
24          put tUserDocumentsFolder & "/" & tAppPreferencesFolder into tPreferencesFolderPath
25          break
26        case the platform is "Linux"
27          -- Linux
28          put specialFolderPath("home") & "/Documents" into tUserDocumentsFolder -- ~/Documents
29          put tUserDocumentsFolder & "/" & tAppPreferencesFolder into tPreferencesFolderPath
```

The SQL_Library provides database independent code to connect to SQL database servers, insert, query, update, delete records, and load relationships from a JSON file.

The openDatabaseConnection handler shown here is checking for the existence of the DBConnection.JSON file containing database connection parameters. If found, the contents of this file are stored in the tDBConnectionJSONArray. When a user logs in, the contents of this array are overridden by any connection info manually entered by the user. This process provides the LiveCode developer with complete control over how much info the user needs to enter when connecting to the database server.

Unstored_Calc_Library

Unstored_Calc_Library Overview



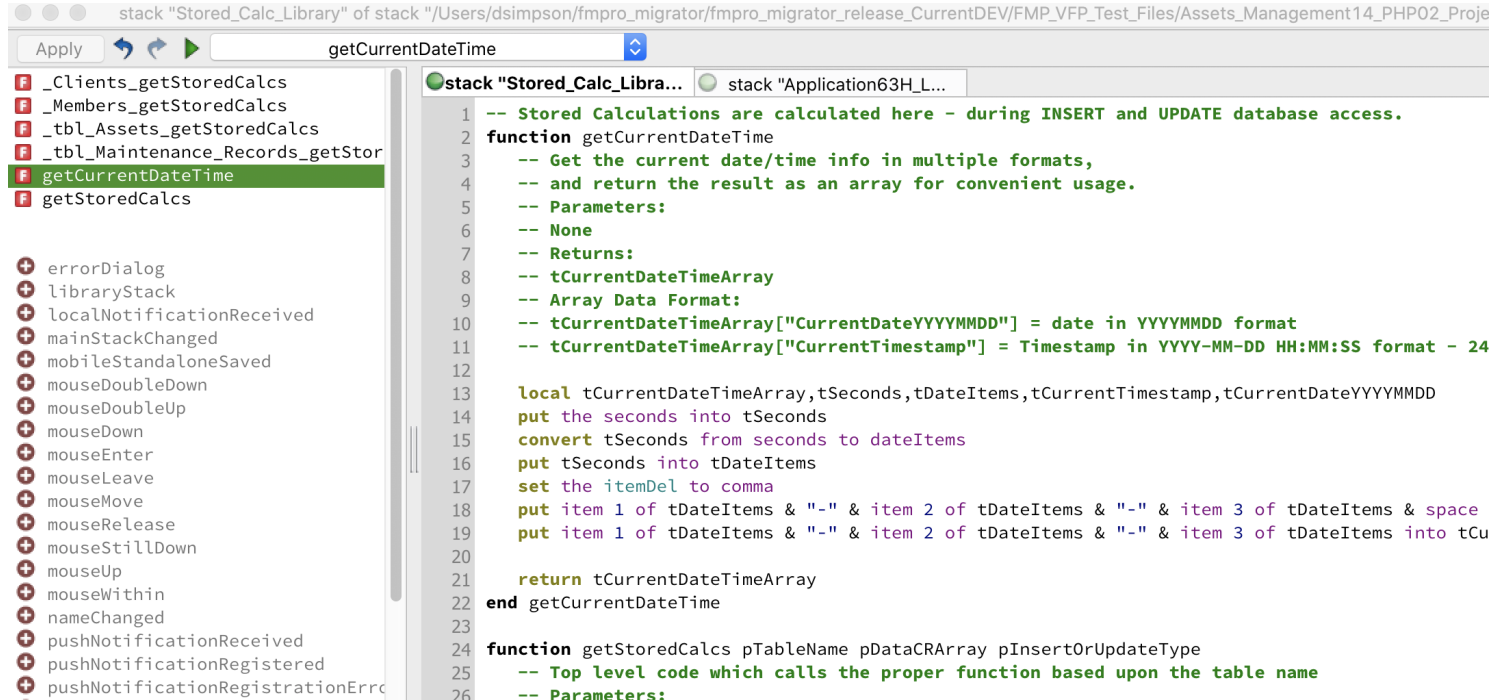
```
1 function getUnstoredCalcs pTableName pDataCRArray
2   -- Top level code which calls the proper function based upon the table name
3   -- Parameters:
4   -- pTableName - table to perform field calculations
5   -- pDataCRArray - array of column names as keys with data passed into this function
6   -- Array Data Format:
7   -- pDataCRArray["pTableName"][1]["CreateDate"]= 2019-04-29
8   -- Returns:
9   -- pDataCRArray - array of values and column names where calculations have been completed
10
11  switch pTableName
12    case "clients"
13      put _clients_getUnstoredCalcs(pTableName,pDataCRArray) into pDataCRArray
14      break
15    case "tbl_assets"
16      put _tbl_assets_getUnstoredCalcs(pTableName,pDataCRArray) into pDataCRArray
17      break
18  end switch
19
20  -- return the array after updating
21  return pDataCRArray for value
22 end getUnstoredCalcs
23
24 function _clients_getUnstoredCalcs pTableName pDataCRArray
25   -- clients table - UnStored calculations
26   -- Parameters:
27   -- pTableName - table to perform field calculations
```

Stored field calculations are defined in this library for each table of the database from the original FileMaker database definition. Code which is too complex for automatic conversion is commented to prevent errors. This code runs as records are read from the database by the refreshFields handler on each card. By default, it is commented to improve performance, because these calcs do not necessarily need to run for every converted layout. The developer needs to decide whether it should run, then enable this code as needed.

This script for this library is written to disk as Unstored_Calc_Library.livecodescript in order to facilitate using the [FM Functions to LiveCode Mapping.livecode](#) utility to replace the FileMaker functions with the re-written LiveCode versions of these functions in the fmFunctions_Library.

Stored_Calc_Library

Stored_Calc_Library Overview



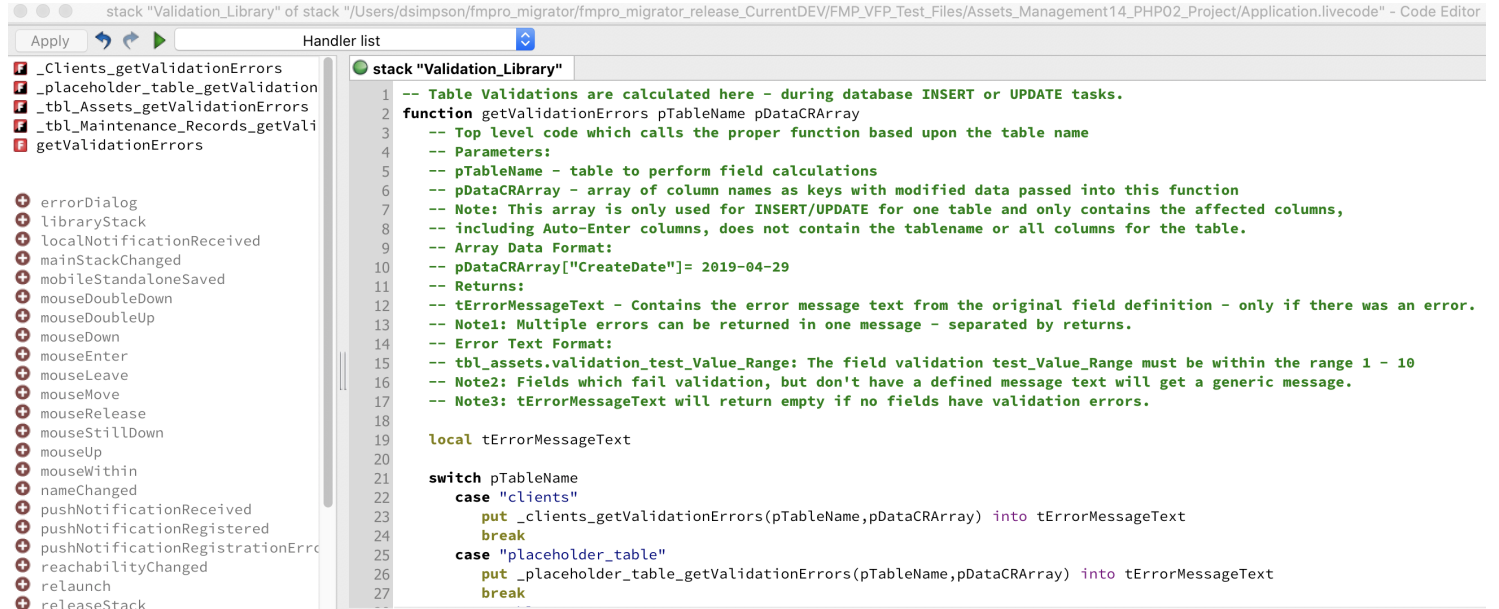
The screenshot shows a code editor window with a stack of libraries on the left and a code editor on the right. The stack includes functions like `_Clients_getStoredCalcs`, `_Members_getStoredCalcs`, `_tbl_Assets_getStoredCalcs`, `_tbl_Maintenance_Records_getStor`, `getCurrentDateTime`, and `getStoredCalcs`. The `getCurrentDateTime` function is selected and highlighted in green. The code editor shows the following code:

```
1 -- Stored Calculations are calculated here - during INSERT and UPDATE database access.
2 function getCurrentDateTime
3   -- Get the current date/time info in multiple formats,
4   -- and return the result as an array for convenient usage.
5   -- Parameters:
6   -- None
7   -- Returns:
8   -- tCurrentDateTimeArray
9   -- Array Data Format:
10  -- tCurrentDateTimeArray["CurrentDateYYYYMMDD"] = date in YYYYMMDD format
11  -- tCurrentDateTimeArray["CurrentTimestamp"] = Timestamp in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format - 24
12
13  local tCurrentDateTimeArray, tSeconds, tDateItems, tCurrentTimestamp, tCurrentDateYYYYMMDD
14  put the seconds into tSeconds
15  convert tSeconds from seconds to dateItems
16  put tSeconds into tDateItems
17  set the itemDel to comma
18  put item 1 of tDateItems & "-" & item 2 of tDateItems & "-" & item 3 of tDateItems & space
19  put item 1 of tDateItems & "-" & item 2 of tDateItems & "-" & item 3 of tDateItems into tCu
20
21  return tCurrentDateTimeArray
22 end getCurrentDateTime
23
24 function getStoredCalcs pTableName pDataCRArray pInsertOrUpdateType
25   -- Top level code which calls the proper function based upon the table name
26   -- Parameters:
```

The `Stored_Calc_Library` performs calculations for stored field calculations for each table of the database from the original FileMaker database definition. Code which is too complex for automatic conversion is commented to prevent errors. This code runs during record update/insert database tasks.

This script for this library is written to disk as `Stored_Calc_Library.livecodescript` in order to facilitate using the [FM Functions to LiveCode Mapping.livecode](#) utility to replace the FileMaker functions with the re-written LiveCode versions of these functions in the `fmFunctions_Library`.

Validation_Library Overview



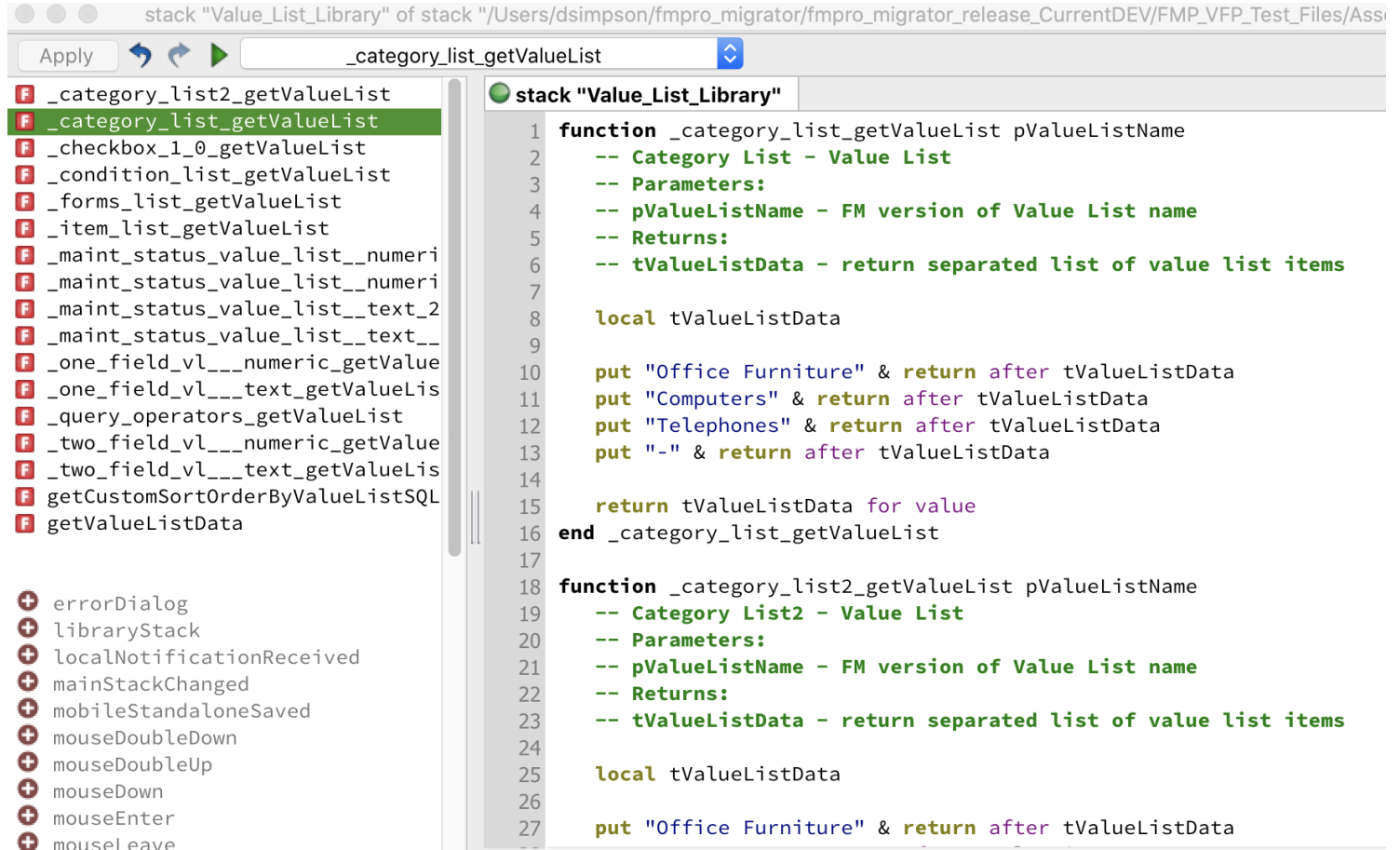
The screenshot shows a code editor window titled "stack 'Validation_Library' of stack '/Users/dsimpson/fmpro_migrator/fmpro_migrator_release_CurrentDEV/FMP_VFP_Test_Files/Assets_Management14_PHP02_Project/Application.livecode' - Code Editor". The editor displays a "Handler list" on the left and the source code for the "stack 'Validation_Library'" on the right.

```
1  -- Table Validations are calculated here - during database INSERT or UPDATE tasks.
2  function getValidationErrors pTableName pDataCRArray
3  -- Top level code which calls the proper function based upon the table name
4  -- Parameters:
5  -- pTableName - table to perform field calculations
6  -- pDataCRArray - array of column names as keys with modified data passed into this function
7  -- Note: This array is only used for INSERT/UPDATE for one table and only contains the affected columns,
8  -- including Auto-Enter columns, does not contain the tablename or all columns for the table.
9  -- Array Data Format:
10 -- pDataCRArray["CreateDate"]= 2019-04-29
11 -- Returns:
12 -- tErrorMessageText - Contains the error message text from the original field definition - only if there was an error.
13 -- Note1: Multiple errors can be returned in one message - separated by returns.
14 -- Error Text Format:
15 -- tbl_assets.validation_test_Value_Range: The field validation test_Value_Range must be within the range 1 - 10
16 -- Note2: Fields which fail validation, but don't have a defined message text will get a generic message.
17 -- Note3: tErrorMessageText will return empty if no fields have validation errors.
18
19 local tErrorMessageText
20
21 switch pTableName
22 case "clients"
23     put _clients_getValidationErrors(pTableName,pDataCRArray) into tErrorMessageText
24     break
25 case "placeholder_table"
26     put _placeholder_table_getValidationErrors(pTableName,pDataCRArray) into tErrorMessageText
27     break
```

The Validation_Library performs field validation handlers during database insert/update tasks for each database table of the converted database.

Value_List_Library

Value_List_Library Overview



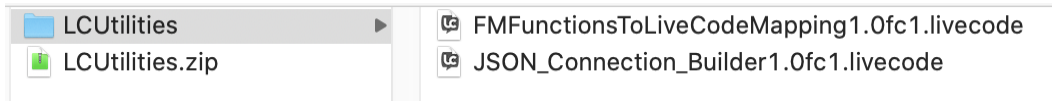
```
stack "Value_List_Library" of stack "/Users/dsimpson/fmpro_migrator/fmpro_migrator_release_CurrentDEV/FMP_VFP_Test_Files/Ass
Apply  _category_list_getValueList
F _category_list2_getValueList
F _category_list_getValueList
F _checkbox_1_0_getValueList
F _condition_list_getValueList
F _forms_list_getValueList
F _item_list_getValueList
F _maint_status_value_list__numeri
F _maint_status_value_list__numeri
F _maint_status_value_list__text_2
F _maint_status_value_list__text__
F _one_field_vl___numeric_getValue
F _one_field_vl___text_getValueLis
F _query_operators_getValueList
F _two_field_vl___numeric_getValue
F _two_field_vl___text_getValueLis
F getCustomSortOrderByValueListSQL
F getValueListData
+ errorDialog
+ libraryStack
+ localNotificationReceived
+ mainStackChanged
+ mobileStandaloneSaved
+ mouseDoubleClick
+ mouseDoubleClickUp
+ mouseDown
+ mouseEnter
+ mouseLeave
1 function _category_list_getValueList pValueListName
2   -- Category List - Value List
3   -- Parameters:
4   -- pValueListName - FM version of Value List name
5   -- Returns:
6   -- tValueListData - return separated list of value list items
7
8   local tValueListData
9
10  put "Office Furniture" & return after tValueListData
11  put "Computers" & return after tValueListData
12  put "Telephones" & return after tValueListData
13  put "-" & return after tValueListData
14
15  return tValueListData for value
16 end _category_list_getValueList
17
18 function _category_list2_getValueList pValueListName
19   -- Category List2 - Value List
20   -- Parameters:
21   -- pValueListName - FM version of Value List name
22   -- Returns:
23   -- tValueListData - return separated list of value list items
24
25   local tValueListData
26
27   put "Office Furniture" & return after tValueListData
```

Custom and field based value lists are defined within the Value_List_Library. Changes made here are reflected throughout the entire application. Value lists from Microsoft Access and Visual FoxPro are also defined inside this library.

Conversion Utilities

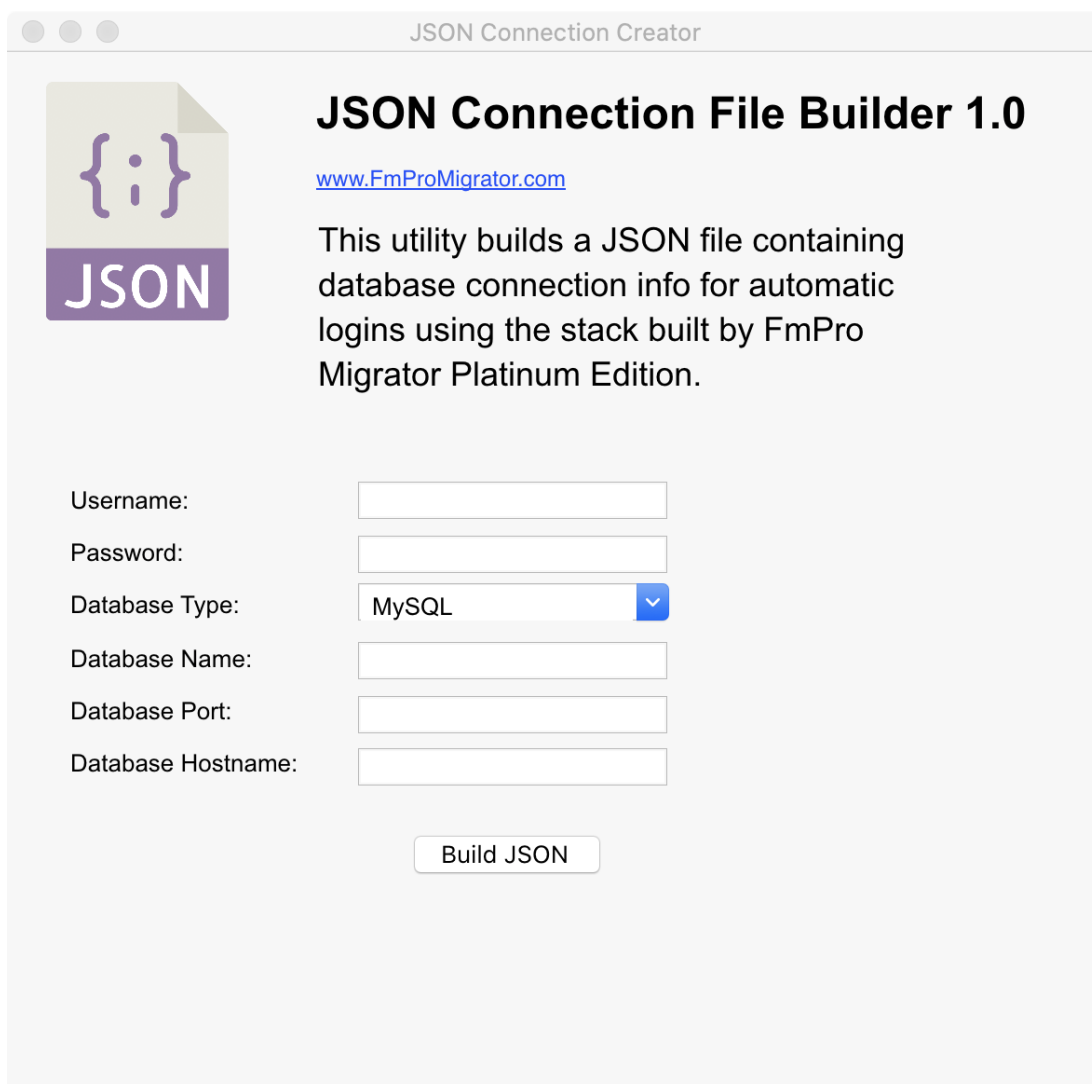
JSON Connection File Builder.livecode Utility

Opening JSON Connection File Builder



When FmPro Migrator performs a conversion project, it creates the LCUtilities.zip file in the project folder where the converted stack is created. Extract the contents of this zip file and double-click the JSON_Connection_Builder.livecode stack to open it in the LiveCode IDE.

JSON Connection File Builder

A screenshot of the 'JSON Connection Creator' application window. The title bar reads 'JSON Connection Creator'. The main content area features a logo on the left consisting of a document icon with curly braces and a vertical bar, and the word 'JSON' in a purple box below it. To the right of the logo, the title 'JSON Connection File Builder 1.0' is displayed in bold, followed by the URL 'www.FmProMigrator.com'. Below this, a descriptive paragraph states: 'This utility builds a JSON file containing database connection info for automatic logins using the stack built by FmPro Migrator Platinum Edition.' The form contains several input fields: 'Username:', 'Password:', 'Database Type:' (with a dropdown menu currently set to 'MySQL'), 'Database Name:', 'Database Port:', and 'Database Hostname:'. At the bottom center, there is a button labeled 'Build JSON'.

The JSON Connection File Builder builds a database connection JSON file named DBConnection.JSON.

This JSON connection file has 2 main uses:

- 1) During development, you can quickly log the application under development into your test server without having to manually enter connection details.
- 2) For production usage, you can create connection files having the database type, name, port, hostname info pre-filled for users to log into the database server. Fields which are missing from the DBConnection.JSON file will be filled in by the user during login.

Password Encryption - JSON Connection File Builder

```
function decryptPassword pPasswordEncrypted
  -- decrypt a single password
  local tPasswordCleartext

  decrypt pPasswordEncrypted using "aes-256-cbc" with password " "
  put it into tPasswordCleartext
  return tPasswordCleartext
end decryptPassword

function encryptPassword pPasswordCleartext
  -- encrypt a single password
  local tPasswordEncrypted

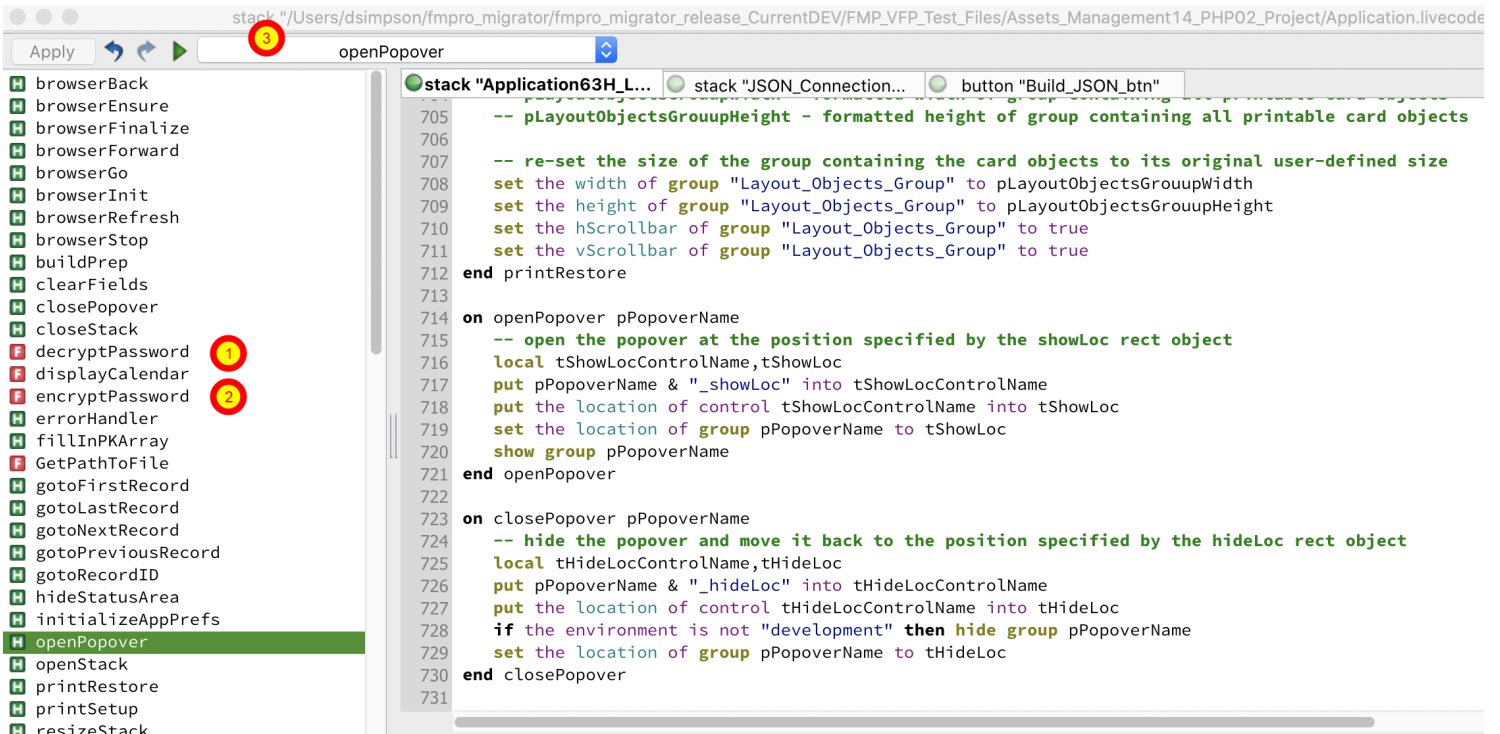
  encrypt pPasswordCleartext using "aes-256-cbc" with password " "
  put it into tPasswordEncrypted
  return tPasswordEncrypted
end encryptPassword
```

The JSON Connection File Builder utility encrypts the contents of the password field before writing the JSON file. The encryptPassword function in the stack performs this task. These two handlers correspond to identical handlers located in the application stack.

Note: It is recommended that you change the encryption/decryption password in both locations before distributing your production application.

Usage Ideas: It is likely that this JSON Connection File Builder utility will be used during development to simplify the login process during testing. But it is hoped that by distributing this stack and its source code, it could give developers ideas for turning it into a more extensive utility for production use. For instance, a more extensive tool could be developed by LiveCode developers to automate the on-boarding process for new customers.

Password Encryption/Decryption - Application Stack



```
stack "/Users/dsimpson/fmpro_migrator/fmpro_migrator_release_CurrentDEV/FMP_VFP_Test_Files/Assets_Management14_PHP02_Project/Application.livecode
Apply
openPopover
stack "Application63H.L...
stack "JSON_Connection...
button "Build_JSON_btn"
705 -- pLayoutObjectsGroupHeight - formatted height of group containing all printable card objects
706
707 -- re-set the size of the group containing the card objects to its original user-defined size
708 set the width of group "Layout_Objects_Group" to pLayoutObjectsGroupWidth
709 set the height of group "Layout_Objects_Group" to pLayoutObjectsGroupHeight
710 set the hScrollbar of group "Layout_Objects_Group" to true
711 set the vScrollbar of group "Layout_Objects_Group" to true
712 end printRestore
713
714 on openPopover pPopoverName
715 -- open the popover at the position specified by the showLoc rect object
716 local tShowLocControlName,tShowLoc
717 put pPopoverName & "_showLoc" into tShowLocControlName
718 put the location of control tShowLocControlName into tShowLoc
719 set the location of group pPopoverName to tShowLoc
720 show group pPopoverName
721 end openPopover
722
723 on closePopover pPopoverName
724 -- hide the popover and move it back to the position specified by the hideLoc rect object
725 local tHideLocControlName,tHideLoc
726 put pPopoverName & "_hideLoc" into tHideLocControlName
727 put the location of control tHideLocControlName into tHideLoc
728 if the environment is not "development" then hide group pPopoverName
729 set the location of group pPopoverName to tHideLoc
730 end closePopover
731
```

The encryptPassword/decryptPassword handlers are located at the top-level of the Application.livecode stack as shown in the screenshot above.

DBConnection.JSON File Creation

```
on mouseUp
-- build a JSON file using the fields on this card.
-- Output: DBConnection.JSON located in the same directory as this stack

local tDBConnectionJSONFilenameAndPath,tDBConnectionJSONArray,tDBConnectionJSONData
local tDBType,tDBUsername,tDBPassword,tDBName,tDBHost,tDBPort,tJSONFilename

put "DBConnection.JSON" into tJSONFilename

-- gather info from fields
put field "Username_fld" of card "configuration" into tDBUsername
put field "Password_fld" of card "configuration" into tDBPassword
put the label of button "DBType_menu" of card "configuration" into tDBType
put field "Database_Name_fld" of card "configuration" into tDBName
put field "Database_Port_fld" of card "configuration" into tDBPort
put field "Database_Hostname_fld" of card "configuration" into tDBHost

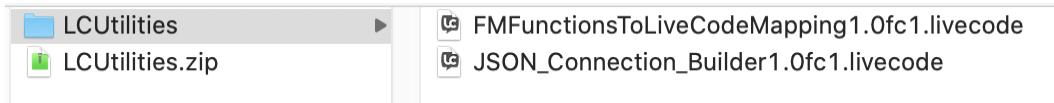
-- assemble info into array
put tDBType into tDBConnectionJSONArray["DBType"]
put tDBUsername into tDBConnectionJSONArray["DBUsername"]
put encryptPassword(tDBPassword) into tDBConnectionJSONArray["DBPassword"]
put tDBName into tDBConnectionJSONArray["DBName"]
put tDBPort into tDBConnectionJSONArray["DBPort"]
put tDBHost into tDBConnectionJSONArray["DBHost"]

-- convert array into JSON data
put ArrayToJSON(tDBConnectionJSONArray,,1) into tDBConnectionJSONData
```

The code which creates the DBConnection.JSON file is straightforward. The contents of the fields are gathered into variables, encrypted (if necessary) and placed into an array. The array is converted into JSON text and written to disk in the location specified by the user.

FM Functions to LiveCode Remapping.livecode Utility

Opening the FM Functions to LiveCode Remapping Utility



When FmPro Migrator performs a conversion project, it creates the LCUtilities.zip file in the project folder where the converted stack is created. Extract the contents of this zip file and double-click the FMFunctionsToLiveCodeMapping.livecode stack to open it in the LiveCode IDE.

FM Functions to LiveCode Remapping Utility - Overview

FM Functions to LiveCode Mapping

www.FmProMigrator.com

This utility uses the FileMaker Functions list copied from the FileMaker website, and remaps functions from FileMaker to LiveCode within converted script files.

FileMaker URL: 19 <https://help.claris.com/en/pro-help/content/functions-reference.html> [Get Web Page](#)

Web Result:

- Char
- Code
- Exact
- Filter
- FilterValues
- GetAsCSS
- GetAsDate
- GetAsNumber

Functions List: Qty: 321

- ExecuteSQL
- Exp
- Extend
- Factorial

Exceptions List: Reformat

FileMaker:	LiveCode:
Count	countFM
Choose	chooseFM
Date	DateFM

Remapping List: Qty: 129

FileMaker:	LiveCode:
chooseFM	Choose
countFM	Count
DateFM	Date
ExtendFM	Extend
getAccountExtendedPrivileges	Get(AccountExtendedPrivilege

Converted Scripts Path: lanagement14_PHP02_Project/Unstored_Calc_Library.livecodescript [Browse](#)

Analysis Type: Detailed

FM Functions Usage Report:

- 1253 Int
- 741 Last
- 582 Mod
- 370 Log
- 257 List

Remap & Save

```
script "Unstored_Calc_Library"
function getUnStoredCalcs pTableName pDataCRArray
-- Top level code which calls the proper function based upon
the table name
```

Web Viewer:

Claris

Search

Claris FileMaker Pro 19 Help

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Functions reference

FileMaker Pro functions are grouped by the type of data they operate on, not by the type of data they return. For example, the Position function returns a number, but it is grouped with Text functions because it operates on text data.

For information on where you can use functions, see [About formulas](#).

Note All functions are compatible on all FileMaker clients; any exceptions are noted in individual topics.

[Text functions](#)

- [Char](#)
- [Code](#)

The FMFunctionsToLiveCodeMapping.livecode stack is provided to automate the conversion of FileMaker Pro functions into equivalent LiveCode functions located within the fmFunctions_Library substack. This utility is provided as an unlocked stack so that the developer can make changes if necessary.

Getting the List of FileMaker Functions

FM Functions to LiveCode Mapping
www.FmProMigrator.com

This utility uses the FileMaker Functions list copied from the FileMaker website, and remaps functions from FileMaker to LiveCode within converted script files.

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Web Result:

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- GetAsNumber

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Functions reference

FileMaker Pro functions are grouped by the type of data

This utility already contains a list of the latest FileMaker Pro functions stored within the stack, so you might not need to update the list, and could skip this section.

But if you wanted to update the functions list, (1) select the FileMaker version menu which will populate the FileMaker URL field with the proper web page. (2) Click the Get Web Page button. The LiveCode browser widget (3) will display the contents of the specified URL. Once the page has loaded into the browser widget, a callback message will be sent to retrieve the text from the browser and populate the text of the functions into the (4) Web Result field.

Note: FileMaker versions 16 - 18 at this time seem to return the same list of functions. This appears to be due to all of the functions being available on the webpage but unneeded functions are omitted from being viewed if they don't apply to the selected FileMaker version. However this automated process retrieves all of the text of the webpage, so all functions are seen.

Building the Functions List

Functions List:
Build List 321
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The contents of the Web Result field are intended to be correct, but it should be edited manually if necessary prior to proceeding to the next step. After any manual changes have been made to the Web Result field, click the Build List button.

After clicking the Build List button, the functions will be copied from the Web Results field, sorted and counted when placed into the Functions List field. This will be the official list of functions moving forward.

Adding Exceptions to the Functions List - #1

Functions List: Qty: 321

Build List

ExecuteSQL
Exp
Extend
Factorial

Add Exception

Exceptions List:

Reformat

Load Store

FileMaker: LiveCode:

Extend Count Choose countFM chooseFM

Delete

Delete All

Many FileMaker functions are very close in name and functionality to their equivalent LiveCode functions. The FileMaker Get() functions are remapped automatically because the LiveCode function names have been designed to match the same naming format.

Changes can be made to the rest of the functions by adding exceptions to the list to name a new LiveCode function to replace the FileMaker function.

To make this type of addition, (6) click a function in the Functions List field. (7) Click the Add Exception button. A new entry will be added to the Exceptions List. (8) Click column #2 of the Exceptions List and type the name of the new LiveCode function.

Adding Exceptions to the Functions List - #2

Functions List: Qty: 321

Build List

ExecuteSQL
Exp
Extend
Factorial

Add Exception

Exceptions List:

Reformat

Load Store

FileMaker: LiveCode:

Extend ExtendFM Count Choose countFM chooseFM

Delete

Delete All

For this example, Extend might be replaced with ExtendFM. Add a space after the Extend function name, (9) then type the new LiveCode function name.

Adding Exceptions to the Functions List - #3

FileMaker:	LiveCode:
Extend	ExtendFM
Count	countFM
Choose	chooseFM

After typing the new LiveCode function name, (10) click the Reformat button, the new LiveCode function name will be moved over to column #2.

Note: If there aren't any functions listed in the Exceptions List, click the Load button to populate this field with the internally stored copy of exceptions.

Loading/Saving Exceptions to the Functions List - #4

FileMaker:	LiveCode:
Extend	ExtendFM
Count	countFM
Choose	chooseFM

The (12) Load button is used to load the previously stored copy of the Exceptions List from the FunctionsExceptionsList custom property of the FM Functions to LiveCode Remapping.livcode stack.

After modifying the Exceptions List, (13) click the Store button to save the results back into the FunctionsExceptionsList custom property.

Deleting Exceptions to the Functions List - #5

FileMaker:	LiveCode:
Count	countFM
Choose	chooseFM
Date	DateFM

To delete an exception, click the row of the Exceptions List, (14) then click the Delete button.

It is also possible to click the (15) Delete All button to delete all of the exceptions.

After modifying the Exceptions List, (13) click the Store button to save the results back into the FunctionsExceptionsList custom property.

Remapping List & Save JSON File

FileMaker:	LiveCode:
chooseFM	Choose
countFM	Count
DateFM	Date
ExtendFM	Extend
getAccountExtendedPrivileges	Get(AccountExtendedPrivilege

Now that the Exceptions List has been created, (16) click the Remap button. The Remapping List field will be populated with all of the function names which can be remapped to LiveCode functions and the qty of functions will be displayed below the Qty label.

Click the (17) Export JSON File button to save the contents of the Remapping List field as a JSON file.

Click the (18) Import JSON File button to load previously saved Remapping List field contents into the field.

Splitting Converted Script Files

Converted Scripts Path:

Some of the converted scripts files can become large in size. It is easier to manage the converted code by splitting it into smaller more manageable pieces. To split files into smaller pieces:

(19) Click the Browse button to select a converted script file. Files with .txt and .livecodescript can be selected.

If the file is large in size (1MB or more), (20) click the Split Files button to split the file into smaller parts having about 10,000 lines of code each. Each new file will be given a name ending with: _Part1, _Part2 etc.

Once a file has been split, select the 1st of the pieces to continue remapping of the functions.

Analyze Scripts

Analysis Type:

FM Functions Usage Report:

89 Int
55 Quote
42 Case
31 IsEmpty
26 Last

It is helpful to know how many instances of a specific function exist within script files in order to prioritize the writing of new LiveCode replacement functions.

(21) Select a type of analysis [Detailed or Existence].

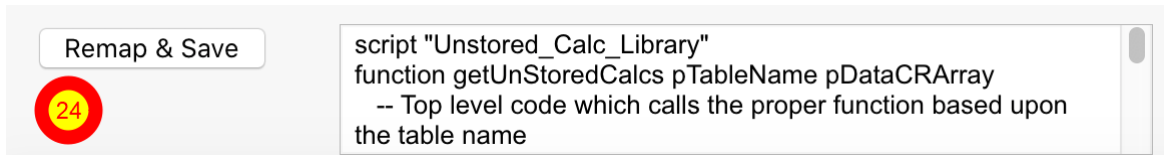
The Detailed analysis shows how many times a specific function was used, but it takes longer to run.

Selecting the Existence option just determines if a specific function has been used within a script.

(22) Click the Analyze Scripts button to perform the analysis.

(23) Click the Save Report button to save the results of the Usage Report to a text file.

Remap & Save



(24) Click the Remap & Save button to remap the FileMaker functions into LiveCode functions. The resulting file will be automatically saved using the original filename plus the text "_Remapped" as the new filename.

The resulting text file is now ready for development within LiveCode. As part of the development process, it will be a good idea to plan exactly where you want the new scripts to be stored within the converted LiveCode application stack.

Relationships JSON Editor

When performing an automated LiveCode conversion project, FmPro Migrator generates the Relationships.JSON file from the relationships imported from within the original database. This file is saved to disk and is also imported into the RelationshipsJSONProp custom property of the SQL_Library substack created by FmPro Migrator.

The Relationship JSON Editor utility serves as a graphical tool for editing and saving the relationships JSON data as the LiveCode app continues to be updated.

Downloading the Relationships JSON Editor

LiveCode Conversion Project Utilities

LiveCode 9 Button Bar Widget

com.dotcomsolutionsinc.widget.buttonbar.101.LC9.zip

Relationships JSON Editor

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Windows - [RelationshipsJSONEditor1.0.2_Windows_64bit.zip](#) (7.6Mb)

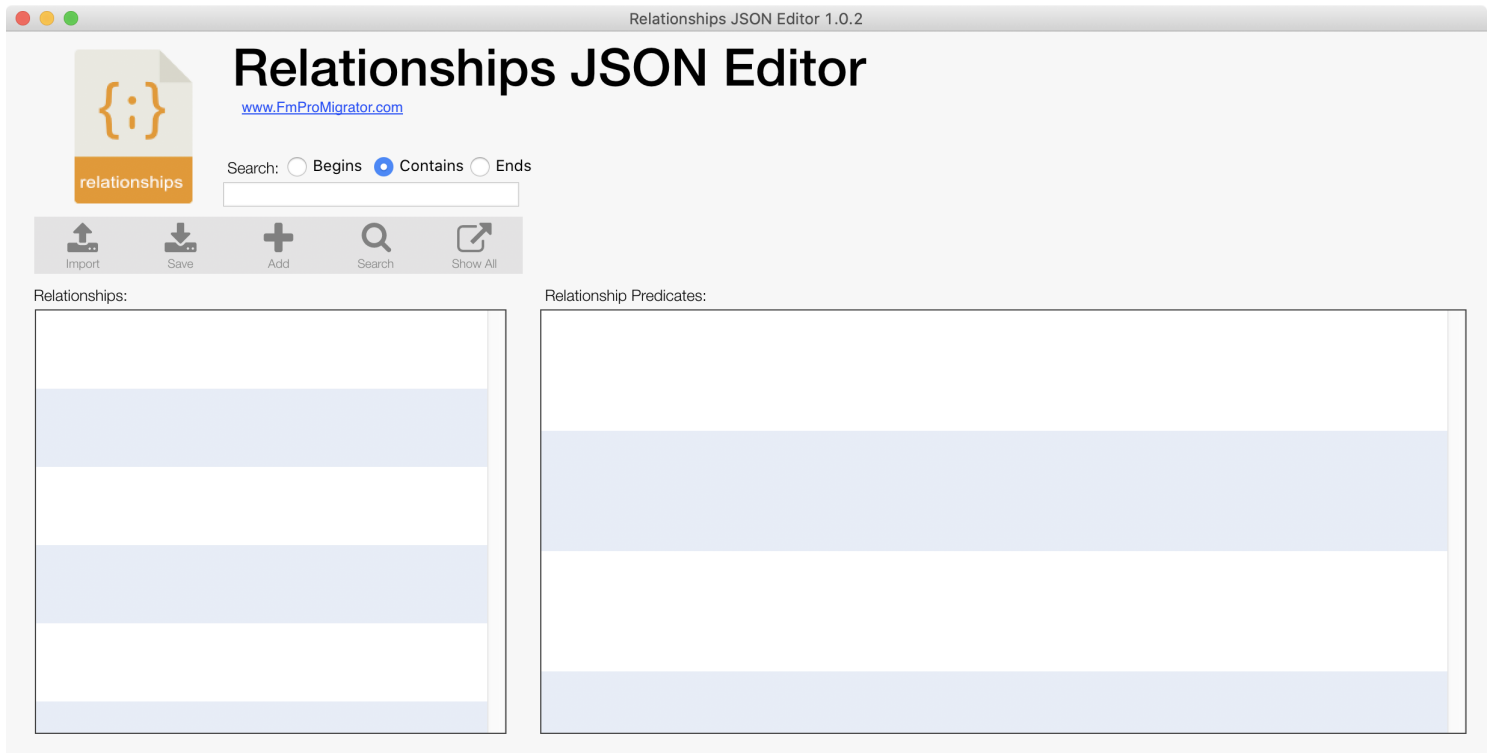
SQL Column Types JSON Editor

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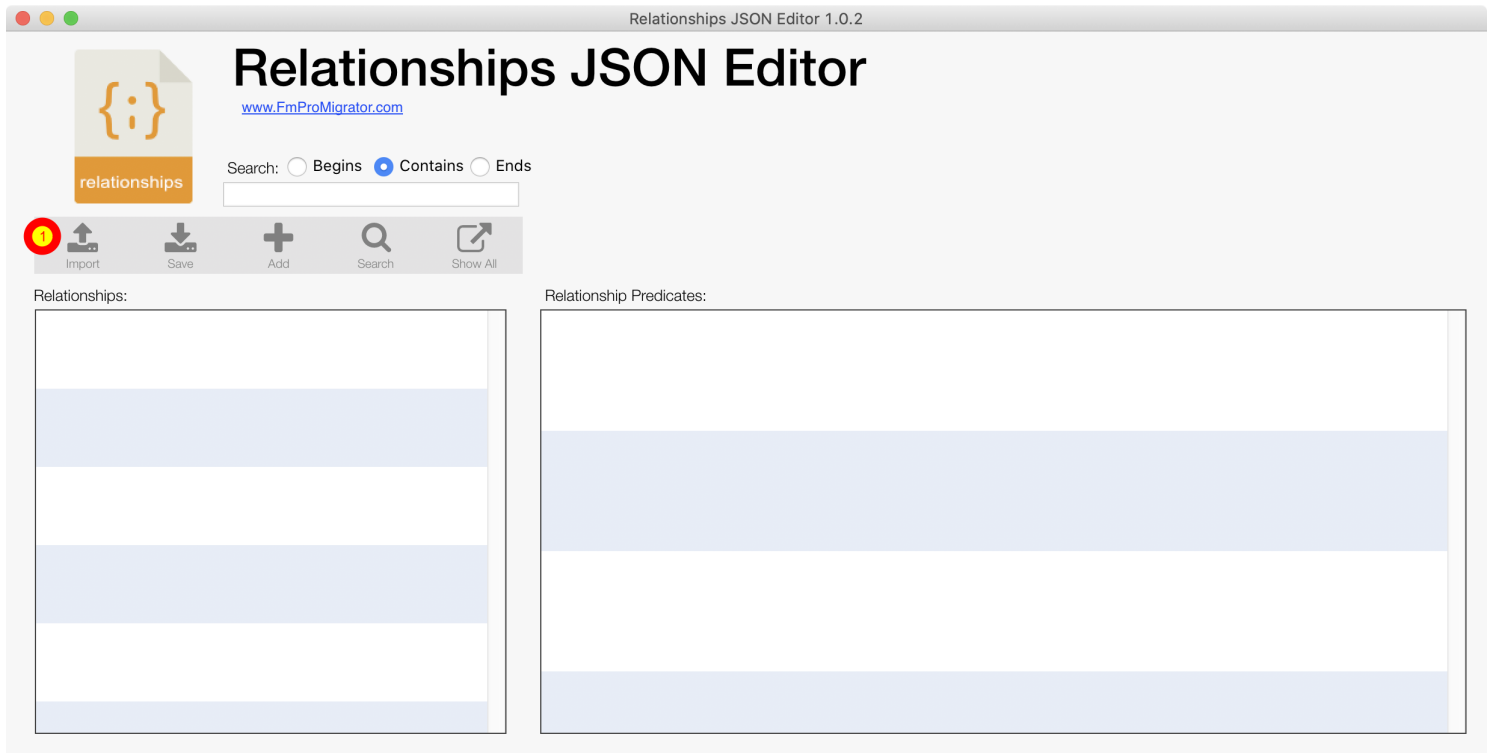
The Relationships JSON Editor is available on the same web page where the fully functional FmPro Migrator was downloaded (not the Trial version). This URL is provided with your email purchase receipt.

Relationships JSON Editor Overview



The starting point for using the Relationships JSON Editor is the button bar near the top of the window.

Importing the Relationships.JSON File



Click (1) the Import button to import the Relationships.JSON file.

Note: No data validation is performed when reading the JSON file. If the a random file is imported by accident, no data will be displayed in the Relationships data grid on the left side, but rows of empty data will be displayed.

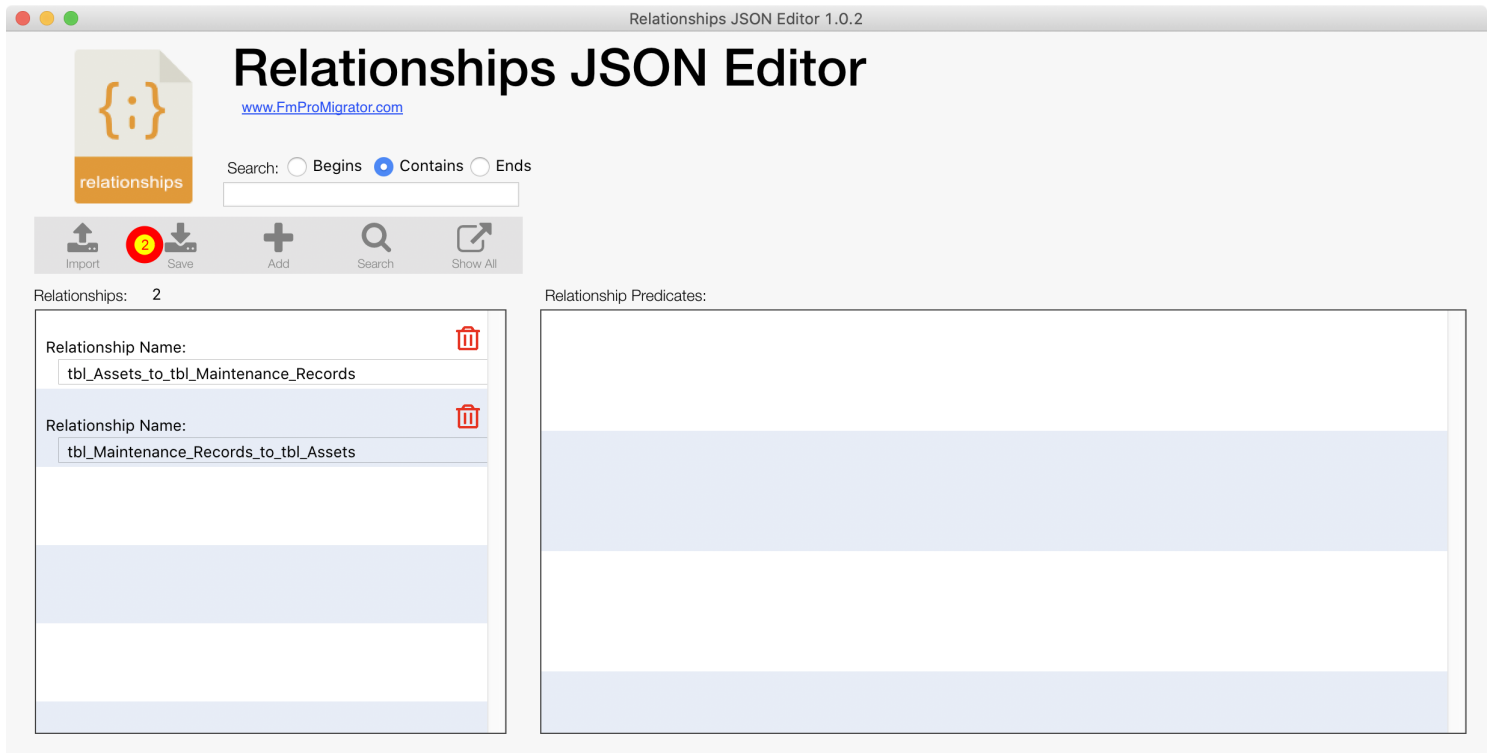
Import Results

The screenshot displays the Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2 interface. At the top, the title "Relationships JSON Editor" is prominently displayed, along with the website URL www.FmProMigrator.com. Below the title, there is a search section with radio buttons for "Search: Begins", "Contains" (which is selected), and "Ends". A search input field is positioned below these options. A toolbar contains five icons: "Import", "Save", "Add", "Search", and "Show All".

On the left side, a "Relationships" data grid shows two entries. The first entry has the name "tbl_Assets_to_tbl_Maintenance_Records" and a red trash icon to its right. The second entry has the name "tbl_Maintenance_Records_to_tbl_Assets" and a red trash icon to its right. Above the grid, the text "Relationships: 2" indicates the total count. The right side of the interface features a "Relationship Predicates" section, which is currently empty.

Once the Relationships.JSON file has been imported, the names of each relationship will be shown in the Relationships data grid on the left side. The count of relationships is displayed at the top of the grid.

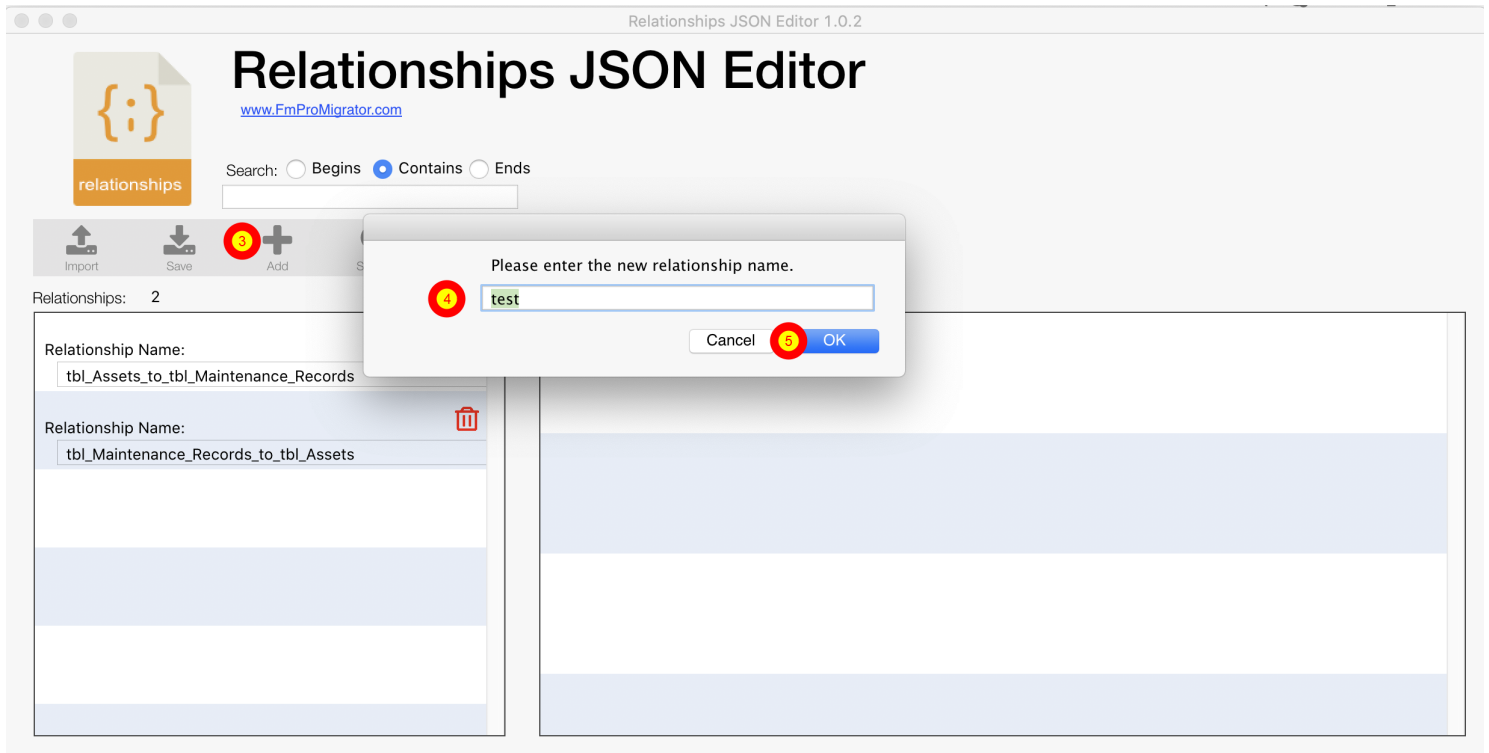
Saving the Relationships.JSON File



Click the (2) Save button to save the relationships (including predicates) if editing has been done. All editing occurs in memory, and the data only gets saved by clicking the save button and entering a filename. Since the file is a text file, it can be copied to change management systems as needed.

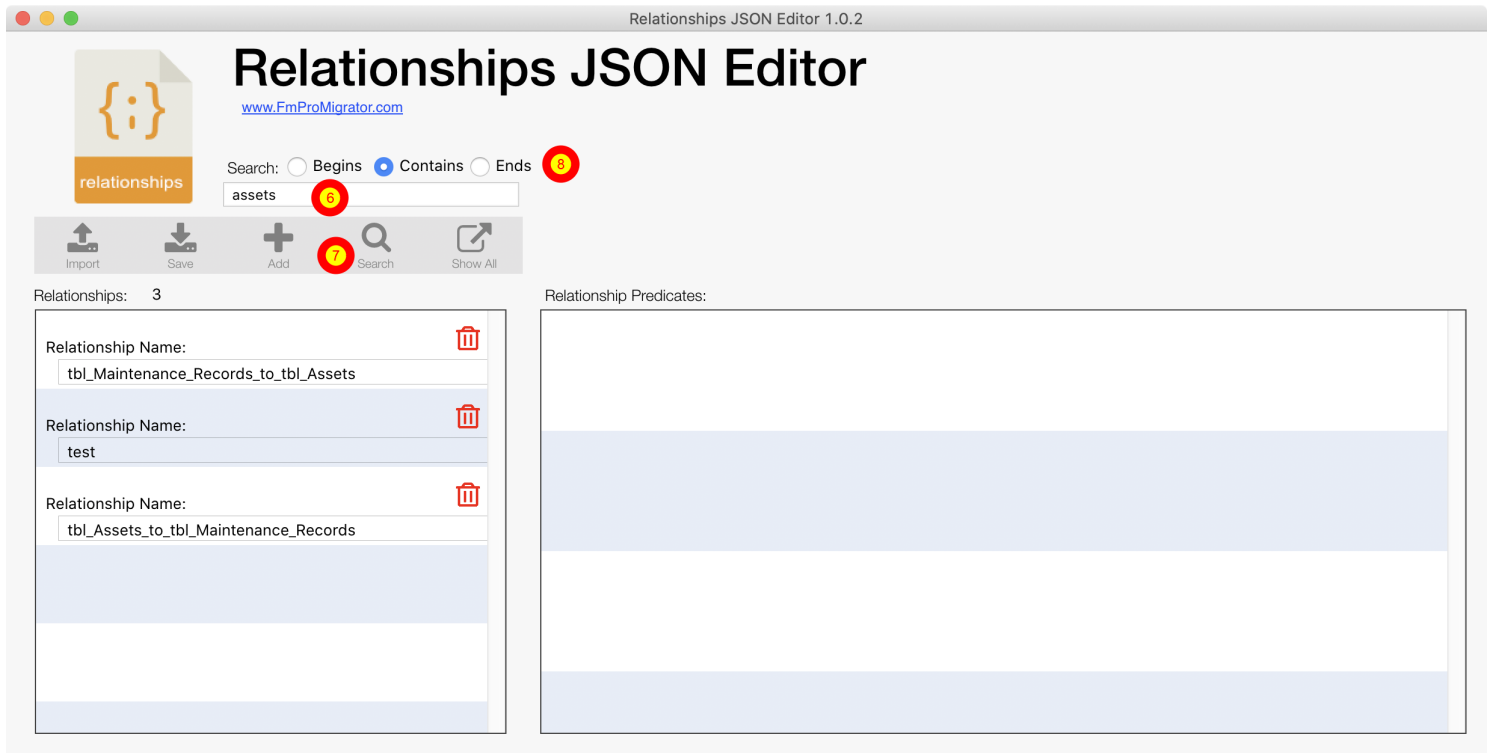
After the Relationships.JSON file has been updated, it should be re-imported back into the SQ_Library by clicking the loadRelationshipsJSON button on the 1st card of the SQL_Library stack.

Add New Relationship



Click the (3) Add button to add a new relationship, (4) enter the new relationship name in the dialog box then (5) click the Ok button. The new relationship with 0 predicates will be added to the list of relationships.

Searching Relationship Names



To search thru the relationship names, enter search text (6) within the search field, (7) click the Search button or (8) click the search type radio buttons. The search will be performed and only the matching records will be displayed in the Relationships grid.

To perform a search, any of the following actions will start the search:

- 1] Type search text in the search field, then tab out of the field or click the background.
- 2] Click the Search button.
- 3] Click on any of the search type buttons Begins, Contains, Ends above the search field.

(8) The search type radio buttons perform the search as follows:

Begins: Searches the relationship names and matches the ones which begin with the search text.

Contains: Searches the relationship names and matches the ones which contain the search text.

Ends: Searches the relationship names and matches the ones which end with the search text.

During testing, even JSON files having over 1000 relationships return results in less than 1 second on modern machines.

Search Results

The screenshot shows the Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2 interface. At the top, the title "Relationships JSON Editor" is displayed along with the website URL www.FmProMigrator.com. Below the title, there is a search section with radio buttons for "Search: Begins", "Search: Contains", and "Search: Ends" (which is selected). A search input field contains the text "assets".

A toolbar below the search section includes icons for "Import", "Save", "Add", "Search", and "Show All". Below the toolbar, a red-bordered box highlights the text "Relationships: 1 of 3".

The main area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled "Relationship Name:", shows a list of relationships. The first entry is "tbl_Maintenance_Records_to_tbl_Assets". The right panel, titled "Relationship Predicates:", is currently empty.

Searching for relationships displays a search results label showing the number of found records, followed by the total number of relationships being searched.

Show All - Search Results

The screenshot shows the Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2 interface. At the top, the title bar reads "Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2". Below the title bar, the application logo "relationships" is on the left, and the main title "Relationships JSON Editor" is in the center, with the URL "www.FmProMigrator.com" below it. A search bar contains the text "assets". To the right of the search bar are radio buttons for "Search:" with options "Begins", "Contains", and "Ends" (which is selected). Below the search bar is a toolbar with icons for "Import", "Save", "Add", "Search", and "Show All". The "Show All" button is highlighted with a red circle containing the number 9. Below the toolbar, the text "Relationships: 1 of 3" is displayed. On the left, a list of relationships is shown, with the first entry "tbl_Maintenance_Records_to_tbl_Assets" selected. On the right, a large empty box labeled "Relationship Predicates:" is visible.

Clicking the (9) Show All button results in the display of all relationships.

Editing Relationship Information

The screenshot shows the Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2 interface. The main title is "Relationships JSON Editor" with the URL www.FmProMigrator.com. Below the title is a search bar with radio buttons for "Begins", "Contains", and "Ends". A toolbar contains icons for Import, Save, Add, Search, Show All, and another Add. The "Relationships" section on the left shows a list of three relationships: "tbl_Maintenance_Records_to_tbl_Assets", "test", and "tbl_Assets_to_tbl_Maintenance_Records". A red circle labeled (10) is around the first relationship. A red arrow points from this relationship to a red box labeled "Relationship Details" in the top right. This box contains fields for PlaceholderFieldsCSV (asset_id), PlaceholderTablesCSV (tbl_maintenance_records), SQLCodeLC (SELECT * FROM tbl_assets WHERE tbl_assets.id = :1), FMRelationship (SELECT * FROM tbl_Assets WHERE tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_ID = tbl_Assets.ID), and SQLCode (SELECT * FROM tbl_assets WHERE tbl_maintenance_records.asset_id = tbl_assets.id). Below this is the "Relationship Predicates" section with one predicate. A red circle labeled (12) is around the "tbl_maintenance_records" table in the LeftTableSQL field.

Clicking (10) any row of the list of relationships grid will display detailed info for the relationship (11), along with a list of predicates (12) for that relationship in the Relationship Predicates grid on the right.

Editing Relationship Information - Relationship Details

The screenshot shows the Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2 interface in the "Relationship Details" view. The main title is "JSON Editor". The fields are: PlaceholderFieldsCSV: asset_id; PlaceholderTablesCSV: tbl_maintenance_records; SQLCodeLC: SELECT * FROM tbl_assets WHERE tbl_assets.id = :1; FMRelationship: SELECT * FROM tbl_Assets WHERE tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_ID = tbl_Assets.ID; SQLCode: SELECT * FROM tbl_assets WHERE tbl_maintenance_records.asset_id = tbl_assets.id.

The contents of the relationship details fields are used directly by the generated LiveCode application to run queries on related tables, either for single row data or multiple rows of data to fill data grids in a manner similar to the original portal on a form/layout. The info displayed in these fields has been generated automatically by FmPro Migrator from the original database.

Manual changes to the predicates will require equivalent changes to these fields.

These fields include:

PlaceholderFieldsCSV - A CSV list of placeholder field names values is used to query the columns of the SQL database.

PlaceholderTablesCSV - A CSV list of placeholder table names is used when querying the related table(s) in the SQL database.

SQLCodeLC - This is the SQL code executed by LiveCode, where placeholder fields have been replaced with placeholders (:1, :2 etc) passed into the query handler.

FMRelationship - This is a SQL representation of the original query as it might appear in a FileMaker database, using the original table occurrence names.

SQLCode - The FileMaker table occurrence names have been replaced with the underlying SQL database table in the database server.

Editing Relationship Predicates

Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2

JSON Editor

PlaceholderFieldsCSV:
asset_id

PlaceholderTablesCSV:
tbl_maintenance_records

SQLCodeLC:
SELECT * FROM tbl_assets
WHERE tbl_assets.id = :1

FMRelationship:
SELECT * FROM tbl_Assets
WHERE
tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_
= tbl_Assets.ID

SQLCode:
SELECT * FROM tbl_assets
WHERE
tbl_maintenance_records.asset_id
= tbl_assets.id

Relationship Predicates: 1

JoinType: =

LeftFieldNameSQL: asset_id2 13

RightFieldNameSQL: id 🗑️

LeftTOName: tbl_Maintenance_Records

RightTOName: tbl_Assets

LeftTableSQL: tbl_maintenance_records

RightTableSQL: tbl_assets

Click on any field (13) in the Relationship Predicates grid to edit its field contents. Changes are saved into memory automatically, but saving to disk only occurs when clicking the top-level Save button.

Adding a Relationship Predicate

Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2

s JSON Editor

PlaceholderFieldsCSV:

asset_id

PlaceholderTablesCSV:

tbl_maintenance_records

SQLCodeLC:

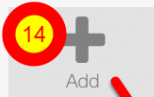
```
SELECT * FROM tbl_assets  
WHERE tbl_assets.id = :1
```

FMRelationship:

```
SELECT * FROM tbl_Assets  
WHERE  
tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_  
= tbl_Assets.ID
```

SQLCode:

```
SELECT * FROM tbl_assets  
WHERE  
tbl_maintenance_records.asset_ic  
= tbl_assets.id
```



Relationship Predicates: 2

JoinType: =						
LeftFieldNameSQL:	asset_id2	RightFieldNameSQL:	id			
LeftTOName:	tbl_Maintenance_Records	RightTOName:	tbl_Assets			
LeftTableSQL:	tbl_maintenance_records	RightTableSQL:	tbl_assets			

JoinType: =						
LeftFieldNameSQL:		RightFieldNameSQL:				
LeftTOName:		RightTOName:				
LeftTableSQL:		RightTableSQL:				

New Predicate Record

Click (14) the Add button above the Relationship Predicates grid to add a new empty predicate record. The record will be created immediately and added to the grid. Click in each of the fields to edit the info for the relationship.

Note: After adding the predicate, you must manually make the same changes to the top-level relationship fields above the Relationship Predicate grid.

Deleting a Relationship Predicate

Relationships JSON Editor 1.0.2

s JSON Editor

PlaceholderFieldsCSV:

asset_id

PlaceholderTablesCSV:

tbl_maintenance_records

SQLCodeLC:

```
SELECT * FROM tbl_assets  
WHERE tbl_assets.id = :1
```

FMRelationship:

```
SELECT * FROM tbl_Assets  
WHERE  
tbl_Maintenance_Records.Asset_  
= tbl_Assets.ID
```

SQLCode:

```
SELECT * FROM tbl_assets  
WHERE  
tbl_maintenance_records.asset_ic  
= tbl_assets.id
```



Add

Relationship Predicates: 2

JoinType: =

LeftFieldNameSQL: asset_id2

LeftTOName: tbl_Maintenance_Records

LeftTableSQL: tbl_maintenance_records

RightFieldNameSQL: id

RightTOName: tbl_Assets

RightTableSQL: tbl_assets



JoinType: =

LeftFieldNameSQL:

LeftTOName:

LeftTableSQL:

RightFieldNameSQL:

RightTOName:

RightTableSQL:

15



Click the (15) trash can icon at the right side of the record to delete an individual relationship predicate.

SQL Column Types JSON Editor

When performing an automated LiveCode conversion project, FmPro Migrator generates the SQLColumnTypes.JSON file from the tables/fields imported from within the original database. This file is saved to disk and is also imported into the SQLColumnTypesJSONProp custom property of the SQL_Library substack created by FmPro Migrator.

When a database connection has been made, this JSON data is converted into the gSQLColumnTypesArray. The getBLOBColumnStatus() function in the SQL_Library uses this array to determine whether the SQL database column contains BLOB data when reading/writing data in the database.

This test is performed in order to avoid performing textEncode/textDecode on the data for BLOB columns.

The test is being done on the original database field type, looking for the type = "PICT" due to the consistency of always checking the FileMaker database type, since there are many database types used for various destination databases.

The SQL Column Types JSON Editor utility serves as a graphical tool for editing and saving the SQL Column Types JSON data as the LiveCode app continues to be updated.

Downloading the SQL Column Types JSON Editor

LiveCode Conversion Project Utilities

LiveCode 9 Button Bar Widget

com.dotcomsolutionsinc.widget.buttonbar_101_LC9.zip

Relationships JSON Editor

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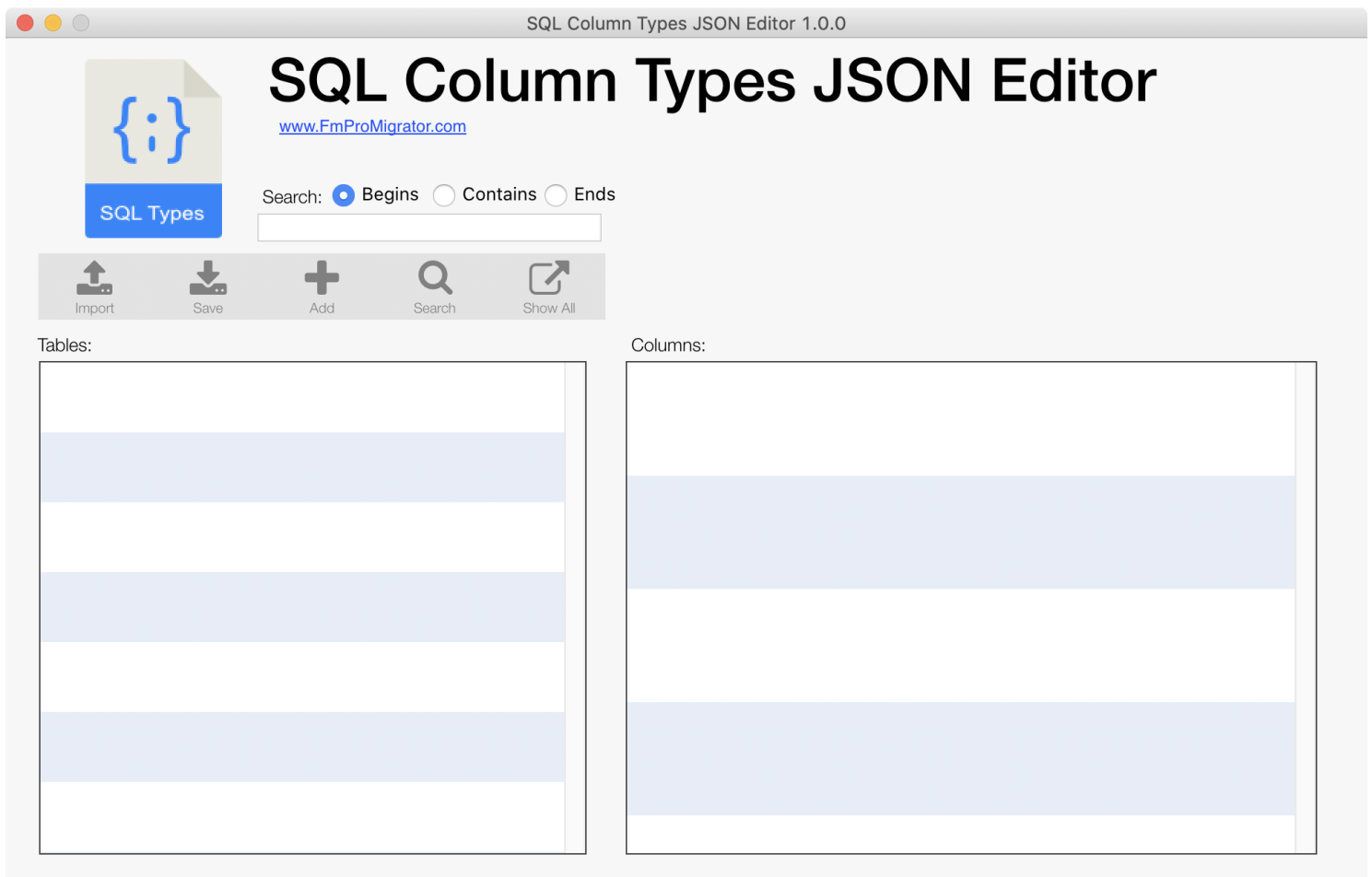
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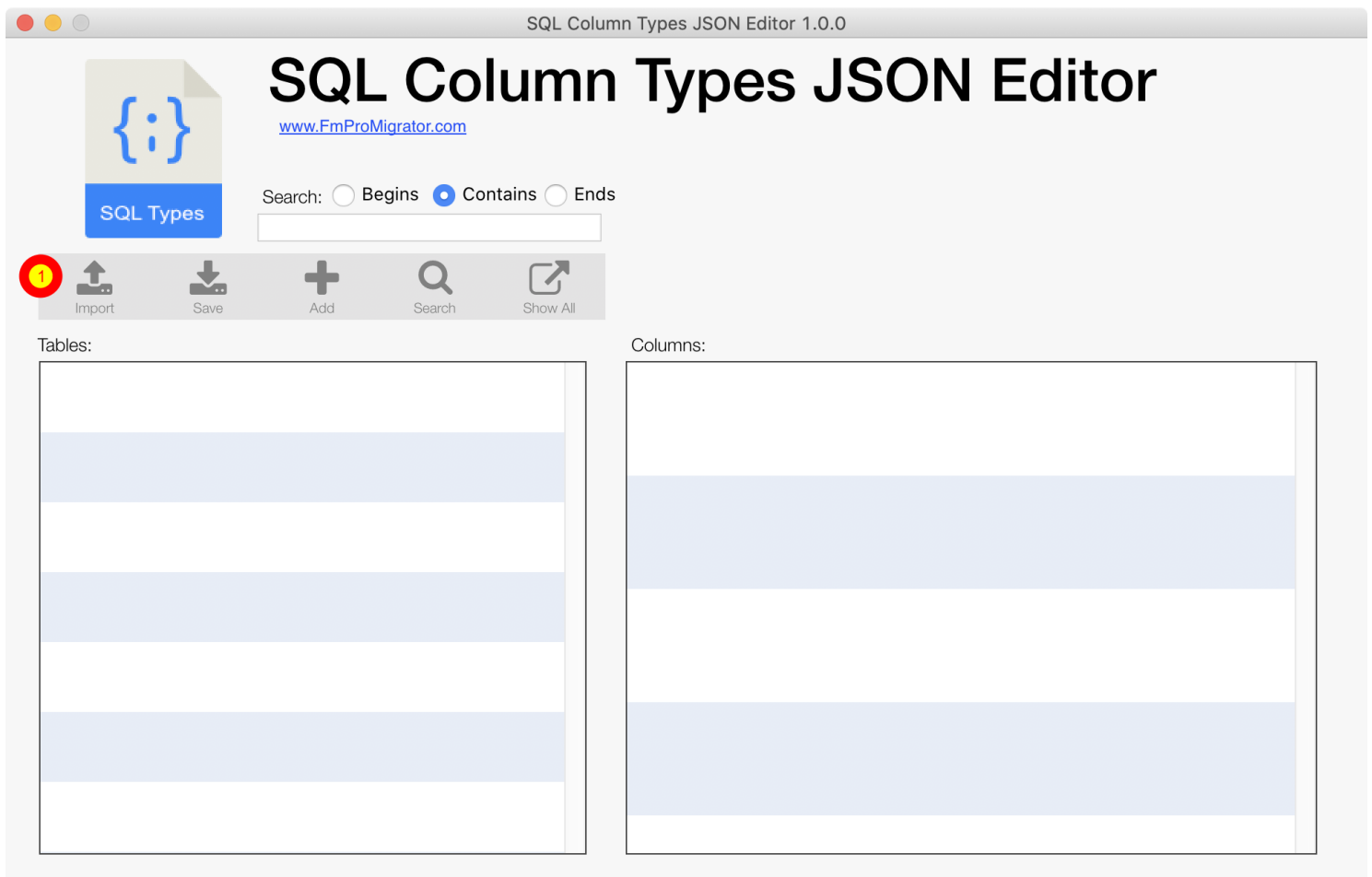
The SQL Column Types JSON Editor is available on the same web page where FmPro Migrator was downloaded (not the Trial version). This URL is provided with your email purchase receipt.

SQL Column Types JSON Editor Overview



The starting point for using the SQL Column Types JSON Editor is the button bar near the top of the window.

Importing the SQLColumnTypes.JSON File



Click (1) the Import button to import the SQLColumnTypes.JSON file.

Note: No data validation is performed when reading the JSON file. If the a random file is imported by accident, no data will be displayed in the Tables data grid on the left side, but rows of empty data will be displayed.

Import Results

The screenshot shows the 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor' application window. The title bar reads 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0'. The main header features the application logo (a blue curly brace with a vertical line) and the text 'SQL Column Types' on a blue button. Below this is the URL 'www.FmProMigrator.com'. A search section includes radio buttons for 'Begins', 'Contains' (selected), and 'Ends', followed by a search input field. A toolbar contains icons for 'Import', 'Save', 'Add', 'Search', and 'Show All'. The main area is divided into two panels: 'Tables: 6' and 'Columns:'. The 'Tables' panel is a data grid with 6 rows, each containing a 'Table Name:' label, a text input field with the table name, and a red trash icon. The table names are: 'members', 'tbl_assets', 'tbl_maintenance_records', 'tbl_value_list_data_items', 'companies', and 'companies_2'. The 'Columns' panel is currently empty.

SQL Column Types JSON Editor

www.FmProMigrator.com

Search: Begins Contains Ends

Import Save Add Search Show All

Tables: 6

Table Name:		
members		
tbl_assets		
tbl_maintenance_records		
tbl_value_list_data_items		
companies		
companies_2		

Columns:

Once the SQLColumnTypes.JSON file has been imported, the names of each table will be shown in the Tables data grid on the left side.

The count of tables is displayed above the top of the grid.

Saving the Relationships.JSON File

SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0

SQL Column Types JSON Editor

www.FmProMigrator.com

Search: Begins Contains Ends

Import Save Add Search Show All

Tables: 6

Table Name:	members	
Table Name:	tbl_assets	
Table Name:	tbl_maintenance_records	
Table Name:	tbl_value_list_data_items	
Table Name:	companies	
Table Name:	companies_2	

Columns:

Click the (2) Save button to save the tables (including column info) if editing has been done. All editing occurs in memory, and the data only gets saved by clicking the save button and entering a filename. Since the file is a text file, it can be copied to change management systems as needed.

After the SQLColumnTypes.JSON file has been updated, it should be re-imported back into the SQ_Library by clicking the loadSQLColumnsJSON button on the 1st card of the SQL_Library stack.

Add New Table

The screenshot shows the 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0' application window. The title bar reads 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0'. The main header displays the application name 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor' and the website 'www.FmProMigrator.com'. A search bar is present with options for 'Search: Begins', 'Contains' (selected), and 'Ends'. Below the search bar is a toolbar with icons for 'Import', 'Save', 'Add' (circled with a red '3'), 'Search', and 'Show All'. A modal dialog box is open, titled 'Please enter the new table name.', with a text input field containing 'test' (circled with a red '4') and 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons (the 'OK' button is circled with a red '5').

Tables: 6

Table Name:	members	
Table Name:	tbl_assets	
Table Name:	tbl_maintenance_records	
Table Name:	tbl_value_list_data_items	
Table Name:	companies	
Table Name:	companies_2	

Columns:

Click the (3) Add button to add a new table, (4) enter the new table name in the dialog box then (5) click the Ok button. The new table with 0 columns will be added to the list of tables.

Note: Table names cannot be edited here, because the table name is effectively serving as a primary key for the data. It is possible to add and delete table names, then add columns individually.

Alternatively, it would be possible to edit the table name within the SQLColumnTypes.JSON before importing. The same change would need to be made within the SQL database being used to store the data.

Searching Table Names

The screenshot shows the SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0 interface. At the top, there is a title bar with the text "SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0". Below the title bar, the main heading "SQL Column Types JSON Editor" is displayed, along with the website URL "www.FmProMigrator.com".

The interface includes a search section with a search type selector (radio buttons for "Begins", "Contains", and "Ends") and a search input field containing the text "t". The "Contains" radio button is selected. Below the search field, there are five buttons: "Import", "Save", "Add", "Search", and "Show All".

The "Tables" section displays a list of seven table names, each with a trash icon to its right:

- members
- tbl_assets
- tbl_maintenance_records
- tbl_value_list_data_items
- companies
- companies_2
- test

The "Columns" section is currently empty.

Red circles with numbers 6, 7, and 8 are overlaid on the search field, the Search button, and the search type radio buttons, respectively, to indicate the steps for performing a search.

To search thru the table names, enter search text (6) within the search field, (7) click the Search button or (8) click the search type radio buttons. The search will be performed and only the matching records will be displayed in the Tables grid.

To perform a search, any of the following actions will start the search:

- 1] Type search text in the search field, then tab out of the field or click the background.
- 2] Click the Search button.
- 3] Click on any of the search type buttons Begins, Contains, Ends above the search field.

(8) The search type radio buttons perform the search as follows:

Begins: Searches the table names and matches the ones which begin with the search text.

Contains: Searches the table names and matches the ones which contain the search text.

Ends: Searches the table names and matches the ones which end with the search text.

During testing, even JSON files having over 1000 items return results in less than 1 second on modern machines.

Search Results

The screenshot shows the 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor' application window. The title bar reads 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0'. The main header features the application logo (a blue curly brace with a vertical line) and the title 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor' with the website 'www.FmProMigrator.com'. Below the header, there is a search section with a search type selector (radio buttons for 'Begins', 'Contains', 'Ends') and a search input field containing the letter 't'. A toolbar contains icons for 'Import', 'Save', 'Add', 'Search', and 'Show All'. A red box highlights the search results label 'Tables: 4 of 8'. Below this label is a list of table names: 'tbl_assets', 'tbl_maintenance_records', 'tbl_value_list_data_items', and 'test', each with a red trash icon to its right. To the right of the table list is a 'Columns:' section with a large empty rectangular area.

Searching for tables displays a search results label showing the number of found records, followed by the total number of tables being searched.

Show All - Search Results

The screenshot shows the 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0' application window. The title bar reads 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0'. The main header area contains the application logo (a blue curly brace with a vertical line and a dot), the title 'SQL Column Types JSON Editor', and the website 'www.FmProMigrator.com'. Below the header, there is a search section with radio buttons for 'Begins' (selected), 'Contains', and 'Ends', and a search input field containing the letter 't'. A toolbar below the search section includes icons for 'Import', 'Save', 'Add', 'Search', and 'Show All' (which has a red circle with the number '9' next to it). The main content area is divided into two panels: 'Tables: 4 of 8' and 'Columns:'. The 'Tables' panel lists four tables: 'tbl_assets', 'tbl_maintenance_records', 'tbl_value_list_data_items', and 'test', each with a red trash icon to its right. The 'Columns' panel is currently empty.

Clicking the (9) Show All button results in the display of all tables.

Editing Table Column Information

SQL Column Types JSON Editor 1.0.0

SQL Column Types JSON Editor

www.FmProMigrator.com

Search: Begins Contains Ends

t

Import Save Add Search Show All Add

Tables: 4 of 8

Columns: 70

Table Name:	Column Name:	OriginalColumnType:	SQLColumnType:
tbl_assets	maint_status	TEXT	TEXT
tbl_maintenance_records	validation_test_max_chars5_and_value_range	TEXT	TEXT
tbl_value_list_data_items	sc_full_url_readwrite	TEXT	TEXT
test	validation_test_strict_numeric	doub	DOUBLE
	radio_btn_test fld1		

Clicking (10) any row of the list of tables grid will display detailed about for the columns in the table (11), in the Columns grid on the right.

Editing Table Column Info

Add

Columns: 70

Column Name:	maint_status	
OriginalColumnType:	TEXT	
SQLColumnType:	TEXT	
Column Name:	validation_test_max_chars5_and_value_range	
OriginalColumnType:	TEXT	
SQLColumnType:	TEXT	

Click on any field (12) in the Columns grid to edit its field contents. Changes are saved into memory automatically, but saving to disk only occurs when clicking the top-level Save button.

Note: The Column Name effectively serves as the primary key for the columns info, so the name of a column cannot be edited. If this type of change needs to be made, add a new column with a new name and delete the original one.

Adding a Column

Please enter the new column name.

test


Cancel OK

Columns: 2




Column Name:	text_label	
OriginalColumnType:	TEXT	
SQLColumnType:	TEXT	
Column Name:	id	
OriginalColumnType:	doub	
SQLColumnType:	DOUBLE	

Click (13) the Add button above the Columns grid (14) enter a name, then (15) click the Ok button to add a new column record having default values. The record will be created immediately and added to the grid.

New Table Column

 Add


Columns: 3

Column Name:	test	<input type="text" value="New Column"/>	
OriginalColumnType:	PICT		
SQLColumnType:	BLOB		
Column Name:	text_label		
OriginalColumnType:	TEXT		
SQLColumnType:	TEXT		
Column Name:	id		
OriginalColumnType:	doub		
SQLColumnType:	DOUBLE		





Click in each of the fields to edit the info for the column.

Note: As shown in this screenshot, when dealing with images, the OriginalColumnType field should contain the text "PICT", which usually translates to the "BLOB" column type for a SQL database. The code in the SQL Library is only looking at the OriginalColumnType text of "PICT" to determine whether a database column contains binary data.

Deleting a Table Column

 Add

Columns: 3

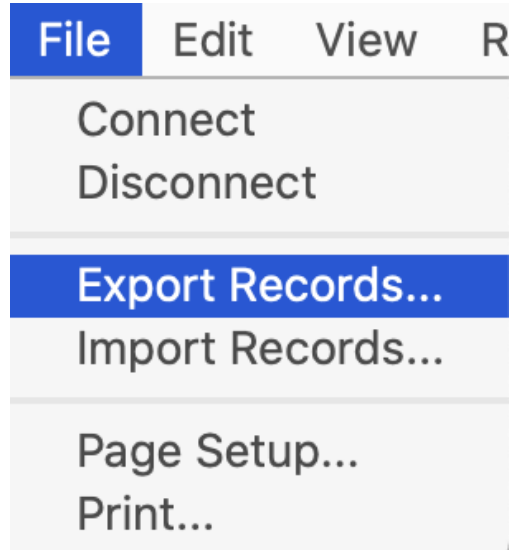
Column Name:	test		
OriginalColumnType:	PICT		
SQLColumnType:	BLOB		
Column Name:	text_label		
OriginalColumnType:	TEXT		
SQLColumnType:	TEXT		
Column Name:	id		
OriginalColumnType:	doub		
SQLColumnType:	DOUBLE		

Click the (16) trash can icon at the right side of the record to delete an individual table column.

Using the Converted Application

Export Records

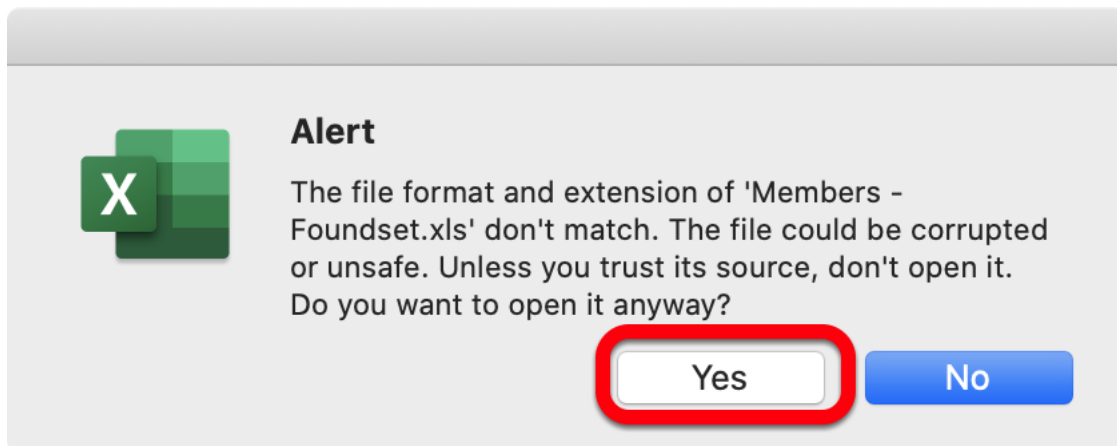
File -> Export Records... Menu



The Export Records... menu item in the File menu exports records from the current card and database table as TAB delimited data into a file having an .XLS extension. The file will then be opened automatically in Excel after it has been saved.

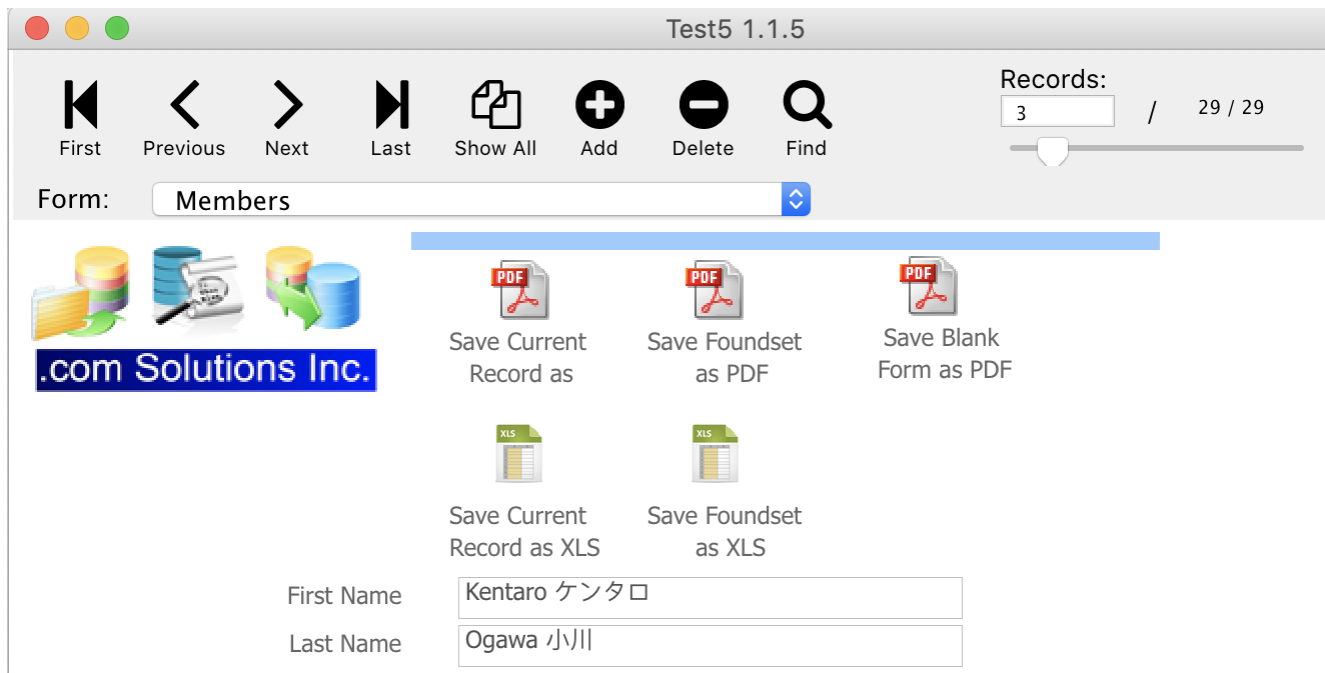
Data will be exported from database columns for the table associated with the layout/form - not related tables. BLOB columns aren't supported for data import/export purposes.

Excel Warning Message



Excel warns that the file is not really a spreadsheet file, but it knows how to open it due to the contents consisting of .TAB delimited data. Just click the Yes button to open the file. Then the file should be saved using the latest Excel file format (i.e. .xlsx) for instance.

Exported UTF Characters



Exported data containing UTF-8 characters requires a slightly different opening process in order for Excel to properly recognize the file encoding. By default, Excel imports data using the native character set of the operating system, which causes UTF-8 characters to be improperly read.

Importing UTF-8 Character Data

Text Import Wizard - Step 1 of 3

The Text Wizard has determined that your data is Delimited.

If this is correct, choose Next, or choose the Data Type that best describes your data.

Delimited - Characters such as commas or tabs separate each field.
 Fixed width - Fields are aligned in columns with spaces between each field.

Start import at row: File origin: **1**

UFT8 Data

Preview of selected data:

Preview of file /Users/dsimpson/Desktop/LC9_Testing/B.../Members - Foundset.xls.

8	20"
9	"Steve" "Williams" "789 French Avenue" "" "New York" "USA" "ABC Company" "200.0" "2009-02-02" "New" "45
10	"Kentaro" "ケントロ" "Ogawa 小川" "2-23-5 Imachi" "Setagaya" "Tokyo" "Japan" "ABC Company" "200.0" "2009-03-
11	"Mary" "Smith" "123 Elm St." "" "New York" "USA" "DEF Ltd." "100.0" "2009-12-12" "Continuing" "4500.0"
12	"Marie" "Durand" "1 rue de la Poste" "" "Paris" "France" "DEF Ltd." "200.0" "2009-04-04" "New" "4500.0"
13	"Sophie" "Tang" "126, Deepwater Bay Road" "" "Kowloon" "Hong Kong" "DEF Ltd." "100.0" "2009-11-11" "Cd
14	"Juanita" "Alvarez" "147 Houston Avenue" "" "New York" "USA" "DEF Ltd." "100.0" "2011-12-12" "Continui
15	"William" "Johnson" "852 Marsh Road" "" "London" "UK" "DEF Ltd." "100.0" "2011-02-02" "Continuing" "45

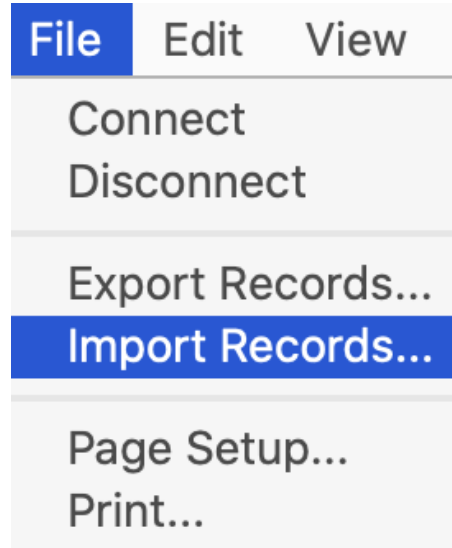
2

Select Open from the File menu within Excel to open the file, then select (1) the UTF-8 encoding from the File origin menu.

As soon as UTF-8 is selected from the menu, the Preview field will show that the data has been decoded properly, so you can click the (2) Finish button.

Import Records

File -> Import Records... Menu



The Import Records... menu imports TAB delimited text files having the .TAB or .TXT file extension. The column names are checked to make sure they they match the fields converted from the original database. To see the format, perform a file export first, in order to verify the order of the columns.

Primary key columns are skipped on import, since these are already configured for auto-enter incrementing to the next higher serial number for each new record.

Data will be imported into database columns for the table associated with the layout/form - not related tables. BLOB columns aren't supported for data import/export purposes.

Duplicated Column Names Error



The file cannot be imported due to the following (12) errors:

- Column name: "item" is in column 1 but it should be in column 44.
- Column name: "category" is in column 2 but it should be in column 45.
- Column name: "item" is in column 4 but it should be in column 44.
- Column name: "category" is in column 5 but it should be in column 45.
- Column name: "model" is in column 6 but it should be in column 46.
- Column name: "date_purchased" is in column 11 but it should be in column 13.
- Column name: "vl_test_fld1_numeric" is in column 32 but it should be in column 47.
- Column name: "vl_test_fld2_numeric" is in column 33 but it should be in column 48.

OK

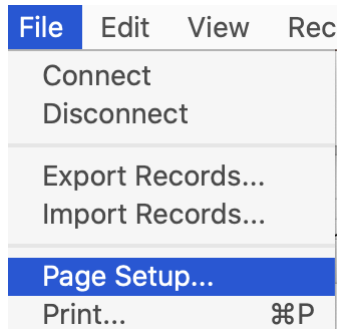
A source database file may contain multiple copies of the same field on a layout or form. This situation will prevent importing of records because the columns have been duplicated. For data import purposes, it is recommended that layouts/forms should be designed with only one copy of the fields needing to be imported.

Printing

The LiveCode stack created by FmPro Migrator includes Page Setup and Printing to printer and PDF output options.

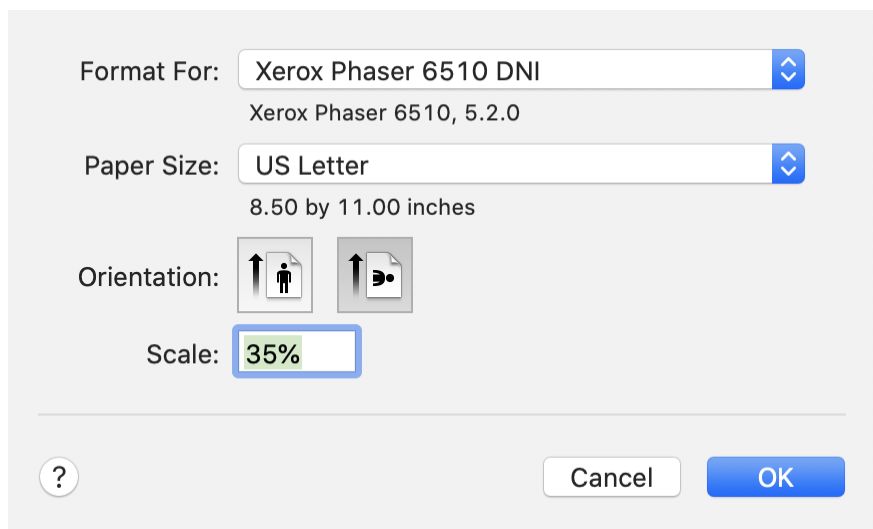
These menu options are used to print from any of the cards of the stack which have been created by FmPro Migrator, except the Login card (since the login card contains no data or database fields).

Page Setup Menu



The Page Setup.. menu displays the standard Page Setup dialog provided by the operating system.

Page Setup Dialog - macOS

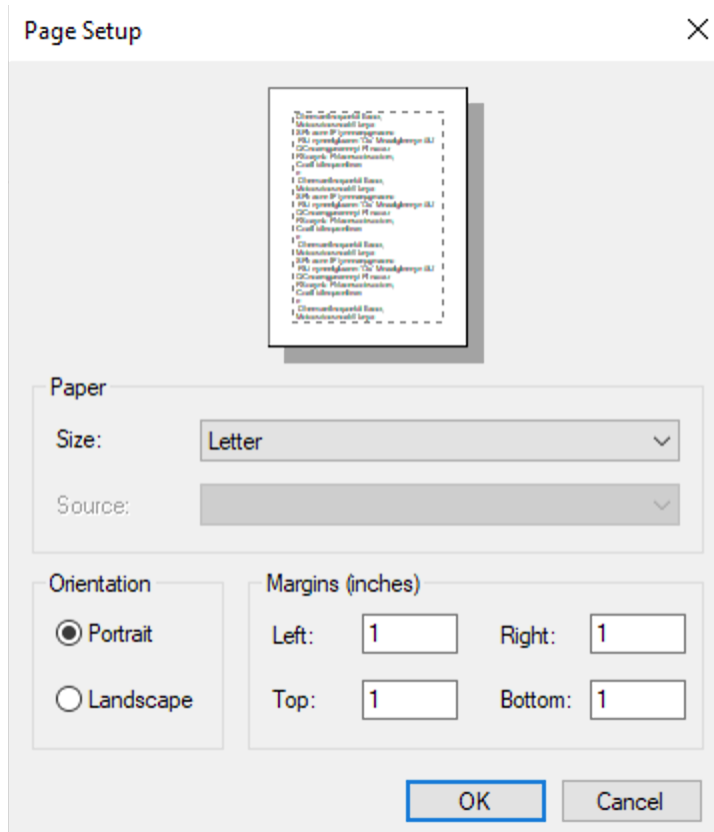


From within the Page Setup dialog, the name of the printer, paper size, paper orientation and print scale can be set.

The selected page setup info is stored within the application preferences JSON file and is used during printing.

Note: Cards in the converted stack which are too large to fit on a single page should be scaled using the Scale percentage field of the Page Setup dialog. The page scale factor is utilized for printer output and also for PDF output. The page setup settings are read and used to set the scaling during PDF output to match the printer output.

Page Setup - Windows



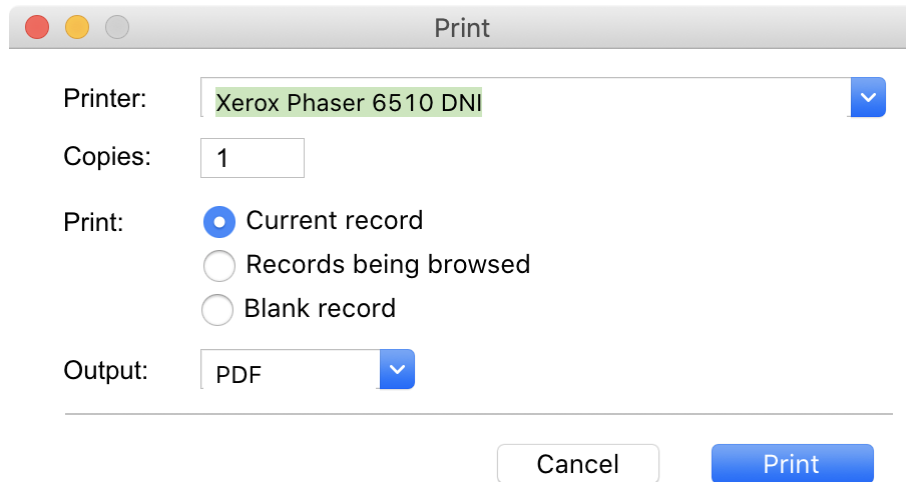
From within the Page Setup dialog, the name of the printer, paper size, paper orientation and print scale can be set.

The selected page setup info is stored within the application preferences JSON file and is used during printing.

Note: Cards in the converted stack which are too large to fit on a single page cannot be scaled on Windows. On Windows, it is best to either select a larger paper size or reduce the amount of info on the card so that it will fit.

Idea: Inside the stack level printMenuPrintPages handler the printScale factor could be updated programmatically to specify a print scale factor. This could be set via the Print dialog by adding a new field for Print Scale and passing this value thru to the printMenuPrintPages handler via the gAppPrefsArray.

Print Dialog



The modal PrintDialog substack is used to print cards of the converted stack file. This dialog is the same on macOS and Windows.

When clicking the Print button, the results are stored within the gAppPrefsArray and read from this global array by the printMenuPrintPages handler.

Supported features include:

Printing the current record.

Printing the records being browsed (including support for found-sets).

Printing a blank record.

Each of these output options can be printed to a PDF file or directly to the selected printer.