

# Introduction

Palm File Converter is software for converting certain kinds of PalmOS databases into text files as well as converting text files and FileMaker databases into PalmOS databases.

Palm File Converter can accept PalmOS databases created by JFile, JTutor and MobileDB. It can accept text files that are tab-delimited, comma-separated or formatted for JTutor. It can also accept FileMaker databases, as long as FileMaker Pro 3.0 or later is installed.

Palm File Converter is distributed as shareware. If you try it and decide to use it, please register it at <http://www.pilotgear.com>. Once you have registered it you will be eligible for free technical support by sending email to [support@fmsync.com](mailto:support@fmsync.com).

## Using Palm File Converter

To convert a file, drag it's icon over the icon for Palm File Converter or use the "Convert..." menu item.

Palm File Converter automatically detects what type of file you've dropped on it. It converts PalmOS

databases into text files. It converts text files and FileMaker databases into PalmOS databases.

## **Conversion Options**

### **Text Output Options**

The following options control how PalmOS databases are converted into text files.

#### **Tab-delimited**

PFC writes data from the input file to a text file with tab characters (ASCII 9) inserted between each field and a new line character (ASCII 10) at the end of each record. Converts any tabs in the input file to spaces. Converts new line characters to vertical tabs (ASCII 29).

#### **Comma-delimited**

PFC writes data from the input file to a text file with comma characters (ASCII 44) inserted between each field and a new line character (ASCII 10) at the end of each record. If a comma is present in the input data for any field, the entire field will be surrounded by double quotes (ASCII 34). Converts any new line characters to vertical tabs (ASCII 29).

## **DIF**

PFC writes data from the input file to a text file in DIF format. DIF stands for Data Interchange Format. Use DIF to convert PalmOS files that you would like to use in FileMaker Pro, Microsoft Office, ClarisWorks or AppleWorks.

# **PalmOS Output Options**

The following options control how text files and FileMaker databases are converted into PalmOS databases.

## **JFile Version 1**

PFC writes data from the input file to a PalmOS database formatted for JFile version 1. Use this format if you are using JFile version 1 or if you are using MacPac version 1.

## **JFile Version 2**

PFC writes data from the input file to a PalmOS database formatted for JFile version 2. Use this format if you are using JFile version 2 or later and you are using MacPac version 2 or Palm Buddy to install the files.

## **JTutor**

PFC writes data from the input file to a PalmOS database formatted for JTutor.

## **MobileDB**

PFC writes data from the input file to a PalmOS database formatted for MobileDB.

## **Other Options**

### **Warn Before Overwriting**

FMC will ask you for confirmation before overwriting an existing file. Uncheck this option to prevent the warning.

### **Translate Characters**

FMC will translate characters from the MacRoman character set to the ISO-8851-1 character set used by the PalmOS. Uncheck this option to prevent translation. You must uncheck this option to successfully convert files containing text in Japanese.

### **Field Names Included**

When checked PFC treats the first line of an input file as the names for fields. You should uncheck this option for source files created by exporting records from FileMaker Pro or Claris Works, as those programs do not have an option to export the field names in the first line.