# Introduction

If you currently using a pervious ICQ version and you are upgrading to ICQ 2000a then you will need to convert your database to be compatible with the latest ICQ version. Using the DBConverter will upgrade your Contact List and history database. ICQ has made the database conversion a simple process by including the ICQ DBCoverter at the end of the installation procedure. The updating procedure will take just a few moments and will improve the performance of your ICQ program.

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# Upgrading Your Database

In order to upgrade to ICQ 2000a from a previous version you need to convert your existing Contact List and history database. This process may take a few minutes but it should make your ICQ run faster, with improved capability and should update your history and Contact List and make it compatible with ICQ 2000a. The DB Converter at the end of the installation procedure may be accessed anytime from your ICQ folder to recover a new database or fix a corrupt database file.

**To upgrade your database:**

1. Double-click on the Database Converter folder in your ICQ folder on your desktop to display the **ICQDBConvert** dialog.

    - Select **Fix an Old Database** radio ¤ button if you are upgrading to 2000a for the first time.

    - Select **Fix a New Database** radio ¤ button if you are re-indexing or deleting a new database. Choose this option if your database is corrupt.

    - Select **I'm not sure** radio ¤ button to allow ICQ to search which database you are currently using.

2. Click on the **Next** button to continue, or click on the **Cancel** button to close the dialog without running the DB Converter process.

3. Select which ICQ owner's database you would like to convert from the **ICQ Owner** pull-down list.

4. Choose which parts of your history database you would like to convert from the pull-down list of History Options:

    - Select **All History** to convert your complete database history.

    - Select **Last year's history only** to convert only the history for the last year.

    - Select **Last 6 months history only** to convert only the history for the last 6 months.

    - Select **Last 3 months history** to convert only the history for the last 3 months.

    - Select **No History (Only Contact List)** to convert only the names of the users in your Contact List to the new Contact List.

5. Click on the **Next** button to continue, or click on the **Cancel** button to close the dialog without running the DB Converter process.

The ICQ Database Converter begins the conversion procedure of your database. This procedure may take a few minutes depending on the number of users you have chosen to convert in your database and the number of events you have chosen to convert.

6. Once the procedure has been completed click on the **Next** button. Then chose from the following options.

    - Click on the **Convert/Fix Another ICQ Owner** button if you want to convert the database of another ICQ owner registered on your computer.

    - Click on the **Done** button to close the dialog and then restart ICQ with the newly installed database.