



# CrimeSoft

## Future Network Planning for Administrators

### *Options and Considerations*

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FileMaker, Inc., the provider of the powerful database engine that powers CrimeSoft Advanced, today announced its release of the new FileMaker 12.

This version is more powerful and greatly expands the developer tools allowing for a better, more versatile, and easier to use database program. Cross platform operating includes PC's (Windows XP-Vista-7), Mac's, IPad's, and iPhone's.

#### **What You Need To Know**

The file format has changed (much the same way that the Microsoft Word format changed a few years back – MS Word 2003 cannot read the new “.docx” created by the newer MS Word). This change is necessary in the evolutionary software cycle whenever a new program far outstrips the capabilities of earlier versions. The change, not visible to the end user, does however require some advanced planning. The last time that FileMaker, Inc. changed formats was back in 2005 with the release of FileMaker 7. That change was monumental, a home run, and placed them in the upper echelon of database programs. We fully expect that this new change will have a far greater and more positive impact on future use and deployment of CrimeSoft software.

#### **What This Means To You and What Are Your Options**

There is no rush, you can continue as you are presently. The current 'CrimeSoft Advanced Professional' will operate just fine on your existing network.

If you are planning on adding additional workstations or server software you can still purchase FileMaker Pro and server versions 9 through 11, directly from FileMaker 1-800-325-2747 or 1-800-727-8227. **You cannot run (mix) FileMaker Pro 12 or FileMaker Server 12 with earlier versions of FileMaker on a network.** Note: We plan on supporting these earlier versions (8-11) of FileMaker for at least the next 3 to 4 years.

It is strongly advised that you begin planning for the eventual upgrade. This requires upgrading all of your workstations and server to FileMaker 12.

Note: We can convert your CrimeSoft Program into this new format without loss of any data.