Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive©
Single PC Installation

The Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive (FMA) consists of several hundred multimedia files and an MSAccess application installed on a PC. MSAccess is a program in the Microsoft Office 365 suite (now called Microsoft 365). The FMA requires access to two additional programs, Irfanview (a free multimedia viewer) and Foxit PDF Reader (a free PDF reader). To make these files work together successfully, they must be downloaded and installed in the correct folders. These instructions will provide the steps necessary to install the FMA on a single PC. Ensure that you understand and complete the current step before proceeding to the next one.

 Installation on a single PC will require a knowledge of creating folders and shortcuts, downloading and installing programs into specific folders, and moving files to another folder. If you are uncomfortable performing these tasks, you will need someone with those abilities to perform them for you. This assistance is only necessary during the installation.

The FMA application requires the following:
MSOffice 365 (Now called Microsoft 365) must be installed. If not already installed, you can purchase it at https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/buy/compare-all-microsoft-365-products?=&activetab=tab:primaryr1&rtc=1
Irfanview, a free graphics file viewer, available from https://www.irfanview.com/ must be installed in its default folder.
Foxit PDF Reader, a free PDF viewer available from https://www.foxit.com/pdf-reader/ must be installed in its default folder.

Irfanview

Irfanview is a free graphics file viewer available from the link above. Select either the 32-bit or 64-bit version depending on your PC. After the installation file is downloaded, navigate to the Downloads folder, and open the installation file. This will begin the installation process. During this process, you will be prompted for the folder where Irfanview is to be installed. It should be installed in the default folder.

Foxit PDF Reader

Foxit PDF Reader is a free program that reads PDF files. If you have already installed the Foxit Reader (without the "PDF" in the name), uninstall it and download the installation program from the link above then go to the Downloads folder and open the installation file. Answer the questions as appropriate, install in the default folder, and do not install any additional programs during the process. Once the installation is completed, Foxit PDF Reader will be installed in the correct folder.

Data

These instructions assume that the data files will be located on the computer's C-drive. If you prefer to install them on another drive, substitute your drive letter for the "C:" below and create folders "\Users\Public" on that drive. Windows already has a "C:\Users\Public" folder.

The files for the FMA are on the Box internet website - a website that provides storage and retrieval for files. The files that make up the FMA are contained in a Box folder at: https://app.box.com/s/533osgfa67gg2hlq5bbnz0xzjlrr4uvx This link is to a public folder and does not require an account. You can either open the link above or copy and paste the URL to your browser to gain access to the folder. If you already have a Box account, it's not recommended you logon to Box before using the link above.

The files in the list on Box are the files needed for the FMA and are the ones to be downloaded. Click on the button near the top right of the screen and select "Download". Save the "Fitzpatrick_ Multimedia.zip" file to "C:\Users\Public". This compressed file is about 1GB so it may take 30-40 minutes to download depending on the speed of your connection.

After the file is downloaded, navigate to the file you just downloaded at "C:\Users\Public\Fitzpatrick_ Multimedia.zip", Rt-click the filename and select "Extract all" from the menu. On the next screen delete "\Fitzpatrick_Multimedia" from the highlighted line "C:\Users\Public\Fitzpatrick_Multimedia" so that it reads "C:\Users\Public" and then press the "Extract" button at the bottom right. This will place all files in the "C:\Users\Public\Fitzpatrick_ Multimedia" folder. Navigate to that folder and locate the file "Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive.accdb" and copy it to your desktop. This is the MSAccess program. If you prefer you can locate this file elsewhere and create a shortcut and locate the shortcut in a convenient place to open the FMA.

Getting Stated with FMA

There should now be several hundred files in the folder "\Users\Public\Fitzpatrick_Multimedia" in the drive letter you supplied in the "Data" section above. Before starting the FMA program, please ensure that the Foxit PDF Reader and Irfanview programs open successfully. A shortcut will appear on your desktop if they were installed properly. If either shortcut does not appear, revisit the section on installing that program. If both are installed, open the Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive.accdb file on the desktop or through the shortcut you created. Read the initial copyright screen and notice at the top right is a "Change Drive" button. If you have installed the data to the C-drive, you can select the "Accept" button to continue. If you have installed the data to a different drive, change the appropriate drive using this "Change Drive" button. This only needs to be done the first time the FMA is opened or you change the data drive after installation.

You can now begin using the FMA. Consult the Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive – User Guide for additional information about how to use FMA features. Contact Ronan or Steve if you have any problems or suggestions. Updates to this archive are currently scheduled to be made annually. At that time, new files may be downloaded and/or a new application will be available at the Box link shown above. Future update announcements will be made on The Fitzpatrick – Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society (https://fitzpatricksociety.com/) website, The Emerald Dragon, our Facebook page, and The List.

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