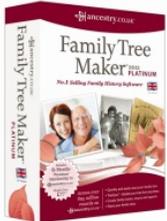


GENEALOGY – USING SOFTWARE TO RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY TREE



With so much information now available to access online and inspiration from programmes such as 'Who do you think you are' researching our family tree has become a really popular and fulfilling hobby. While tracing relatives from long ago may seem like a daunting task there are several different genealogy software packages out there to help you research your family tree and collate your findings.



It should take over 1 hour



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED



A nice cuppa



Computer

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Genealogy software varies in price from around £30 upwards. It provides you with free resources to tracing your family tree.

What does family tree software do?

- Family tree (or genealogy) software is really a way of organising the information you hold about your ancestors and presenting it in a family tree chart form.
- Many packages give access to vital information sources such as genealogy websites which hold military, migration and parish records and records of births, marriages and deaths. Some may offer a trial subscription.
- A good software package lets you add photos, documents, audio and video by each family member's section to you can bring your tree to life.
- Good packages include a web publishing wizard which lets you publish your information to the web or to create a family tree CD that opens in your default web browser. This is good if you want to share your tree with a small number of people without publishing online.
- You can normally create PDFs of your tree which can be shared or printed.
- Another way to share your tree is through GEDCOM a common file format for transferring trees between genealogy programs.

What doesn't family tree software?

- It won't check if the information you upload is accurate - many packages let you notate where sources came from but they won't check the sources for you.

Useful links: [Genes Reunited UK](#)

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