

FreeEed™ Manual for Windows (3/29/12)

Introduction

Thank you for downloading FreeEed™.

FreeEed™ is an enterprise-grade open source software platform for eDiscovery. Our goal with it, is to lower the costs of eDiscovery and make it available to smaller legal firms, pro-se litigants, and investigators. We hope FreeEed™ will be of great benefit to our customers who want to run eDiscovery on their corporate or home computer. After downloading the program, this guide will help you through all the steps you need to perform in order to process your next e-Discovery job using FreeEed™.

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Minimum System and Item Requirements

Minimum system requirements:
2 GB of RAM
5 GB Hard Drive Space
Java 6.0 and higher
Supported Operating Systems include:
Windows XP, Windows 7 and Vista
Linux
Mac OS X

Installation

1. <u>Download</u> and install FreeEed™ by unzipping it to an easy to find location. You will need a code key to perform the unzip action which you will get very quickly by sending an email to <u>FreeEed-key@shmsoft.com</u> and request a copy of the key. Please provide your name, company name, and telephone number in your email.

Figure 1.1 shows you what you should have inside your FreeEed™ Folder after the file is

unzipped.

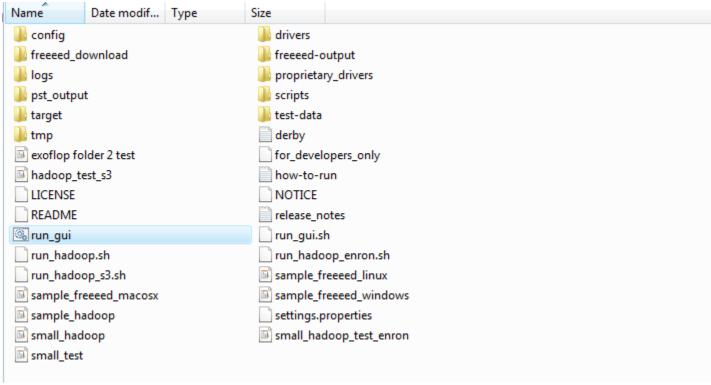


FIGURE 1.1

2. Run the FreeEed™ application by double-clicking on "run_gui".

You will activate three screens which may be tiled on top of each other. Please note the "History" screen which will be running in the background during processing. This screen will give you useful information about your processing job. When FreeEed™ has completed processing, you will see the word, "Done" displayed at the bottom of the History Screen.

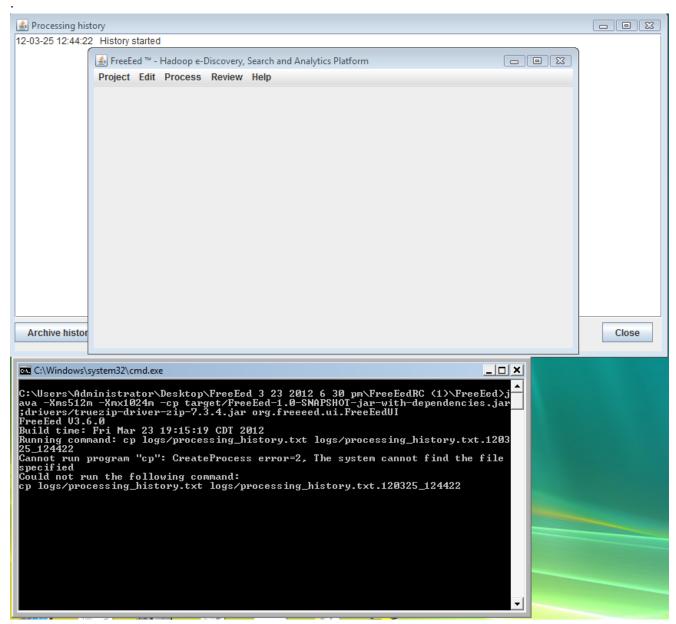


FIGURE 2.1

Getting Started

3. There is a test job supplied with FreeEed™ that you can run in order to assure that all the files transferred correctly to your machine and to verify your platform meets the minimum requirements. To perform the test supplied with the program, pull down the "Project" Menu and select "Open".



FIGURE 3.1

4. The Open command will bring up a window which looks like Figure 4.1 and you can select the project "sample_freeeed_windows.project" by double clicking on it.

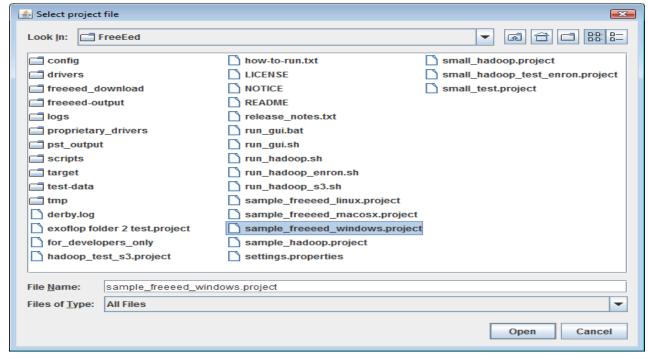


FIGURE 4.1

5. After you double click on the file "sample_freeeed_windows.project" a window which looks like Figure 5.1 will open:

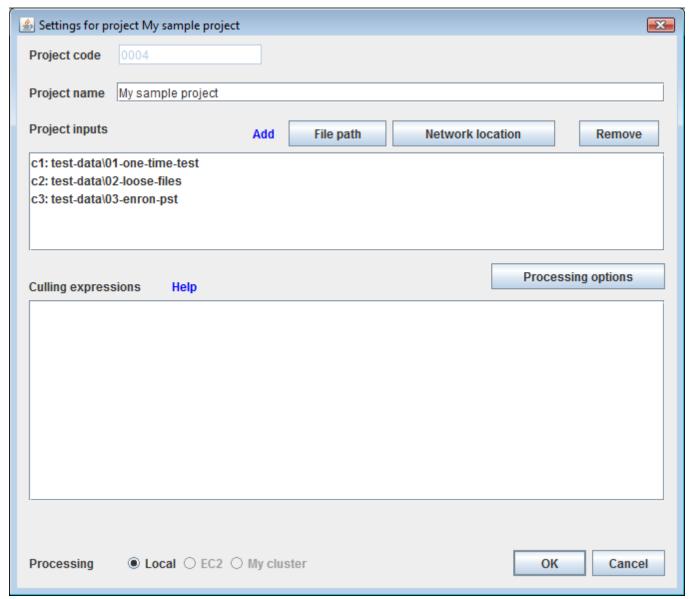


FIGURE 5.1

5.2 Click on the OK button on the bottom right of the window (see Figure 5.1) to load the sample windows project into FreeEed $^{\text{TM}}$.

Processing

6. Now you are ready to Process this test job. Click on the Process Tab and select the "Stage" option as shown in Figure 6.1.



FIGURE 6.1

7. You will see activity in the History window, which when completed, will display "Done" and it should look similar to Figure 7.1.

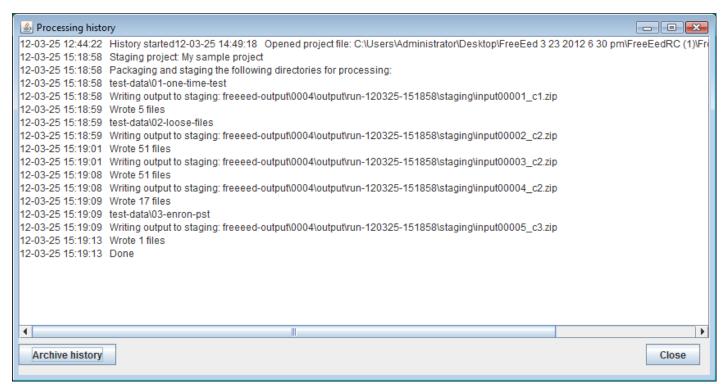


FIGURE 7.1

7.1 Now that the data has been "Staged" you are ready to process the data. Pull down the Process Menu and select Process as shown in Figure 7.1.1.

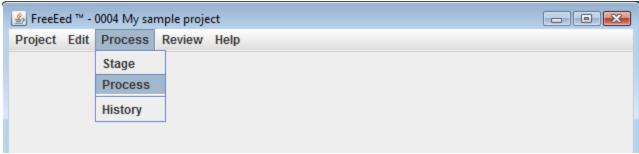


FIGURE 7.1.1

When the job is finished processing your history window will look similar to Figure 7.1.2.

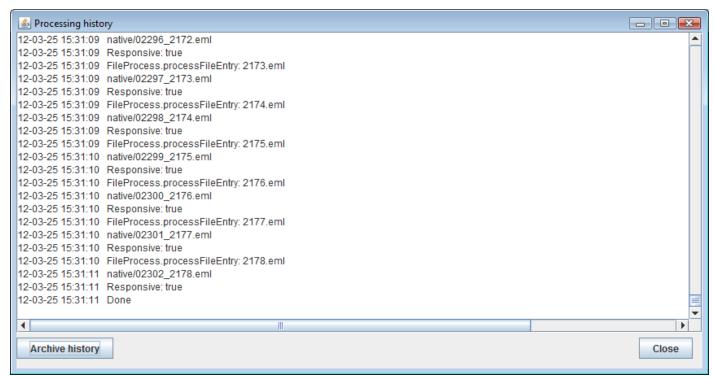


FIGURE 7.1.2

8. As you watched the job process you no doubt noticed that all the documents are returned as True (vs False) when evaluated for being responsive. This is because at this stage you have not entered any filtering for the data, but we will get to that soon.

Now we want to look at the data. To accomplish this task you will select "Open output folder" from the "Review" menu as shown in Figure 8.1.

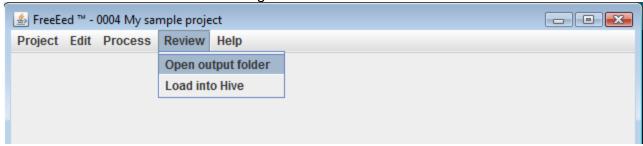


FIGURE 8.1

This action will bring up a window like Figure 8.1.1.

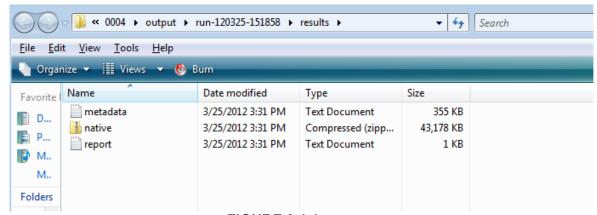


FIGURE 8.1.1

Note that you can manually drill down through the directories and get to the same data. The top folder is FreeEed-output. The rest of the file path is displayed in Figure 8.1.1 above. Folder 0004/output folder/run-XXX folder/results folder. Each time you process a job in FreeEed™ a new folder will be generated to store the data in. Note that if you open the zipped native folder you will find a variety of file types that were processed by FreeEed™ including mail, pdf, excel, power point etc.

9. Now it is time to take a look at the metadata file that FreeEd™ created. To view the data you can use Excel™ or Open Office Calc. I have chosen Open Office Calc to display the data. Right click on the "metada" file , slide down the menu that appears to select "Open with" then slide to the right and select the program to view the metadata file with, in my case I am using Open Office Calc as shown in figure 9.1.

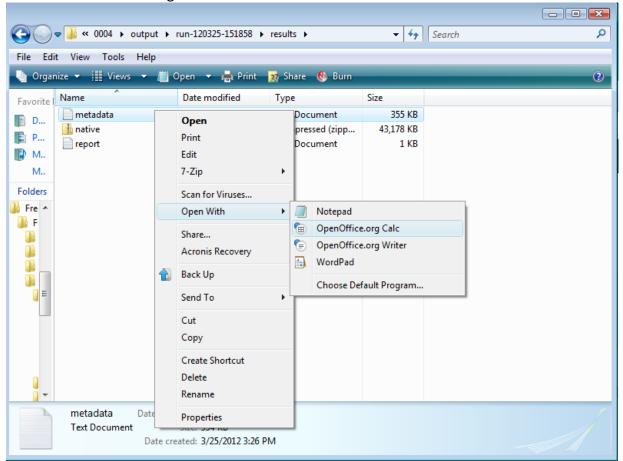


FIGURE 9.1

9.1 When you are opening the data you will need to select "Other" and the delimeter needs to be "pipe" which is the key above the "Enter" key on the keyboard which is entered while holding down the shift key, and will look like Figure 9.1.1.

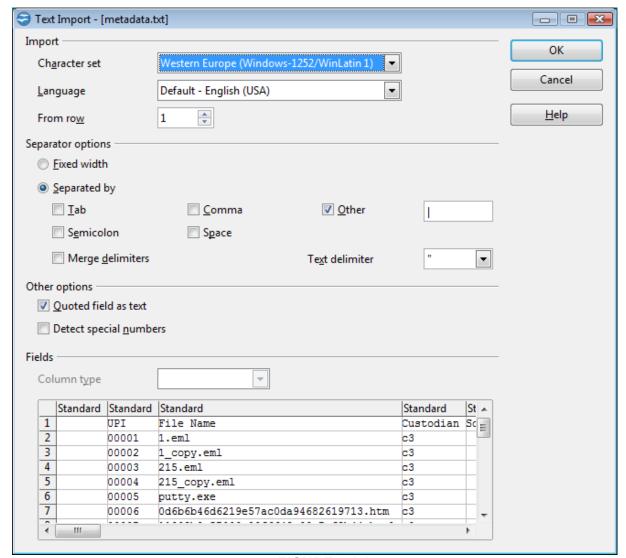


FIGURE 9.1.1

9.2 Now let us take a look at the metadata fields that FreeEed™ created. There are quite a few fields created so we are going to look at the top rows of the data. We will start at the upper left of the table and move across from left to right showing the various metadata fields in the next 5 Figures.

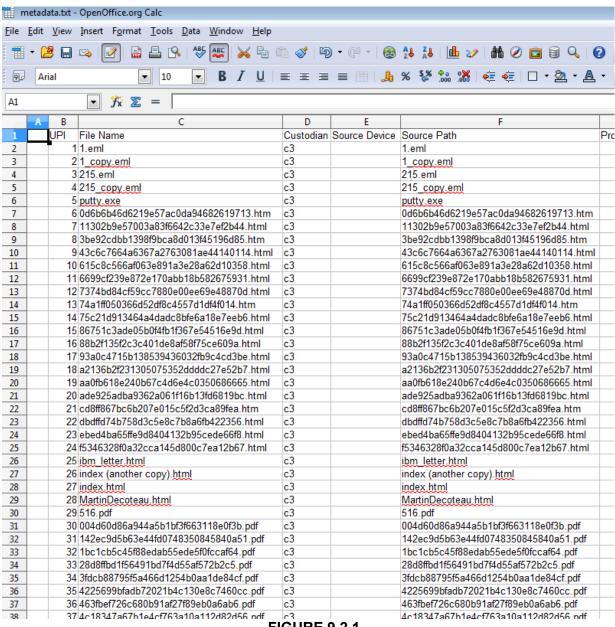


FIGURE 9.2.1

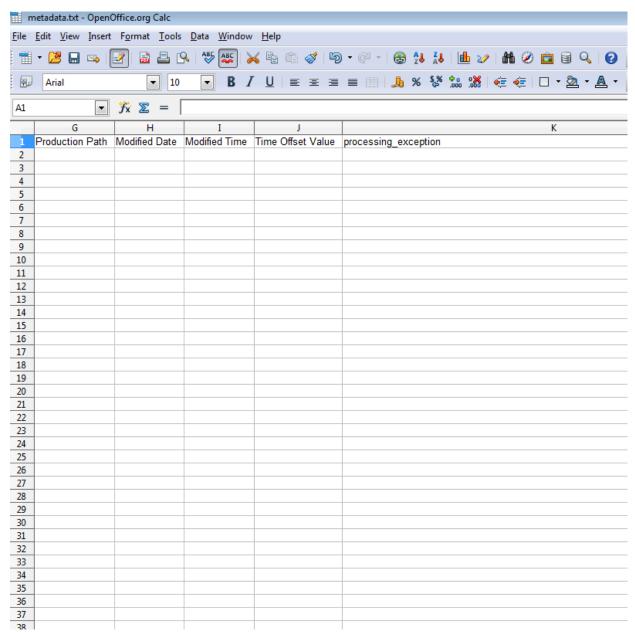


FIGURE 9.2.2

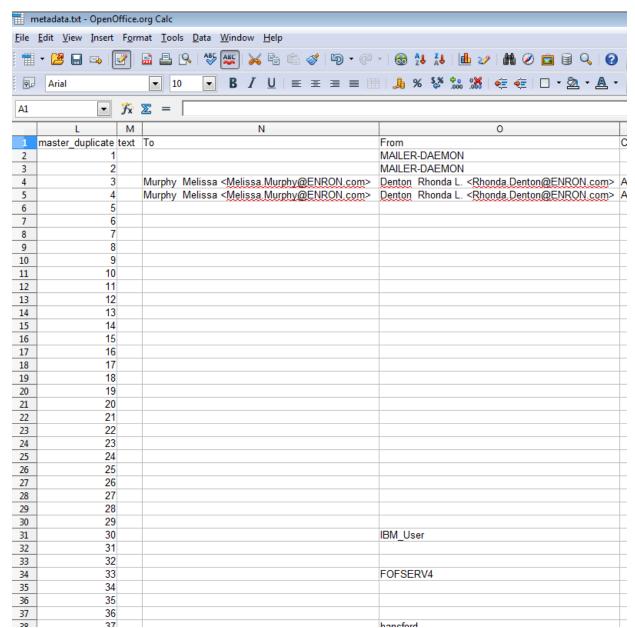


FIGURE 9.2.3

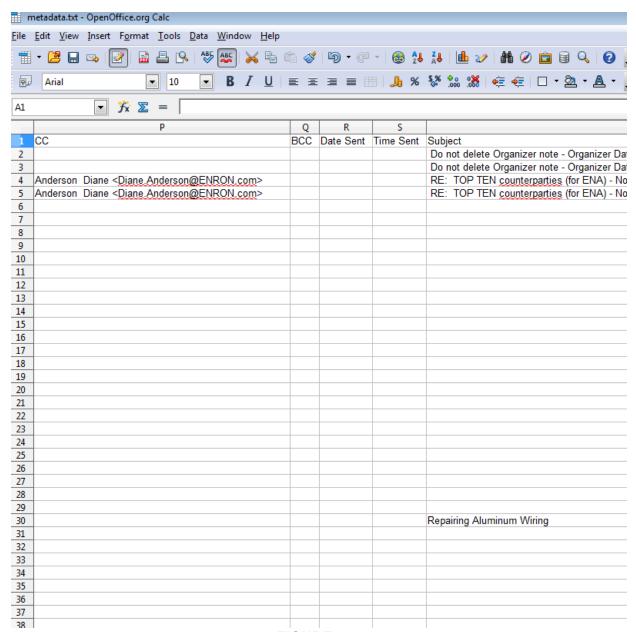


FIGURE 9.2.4

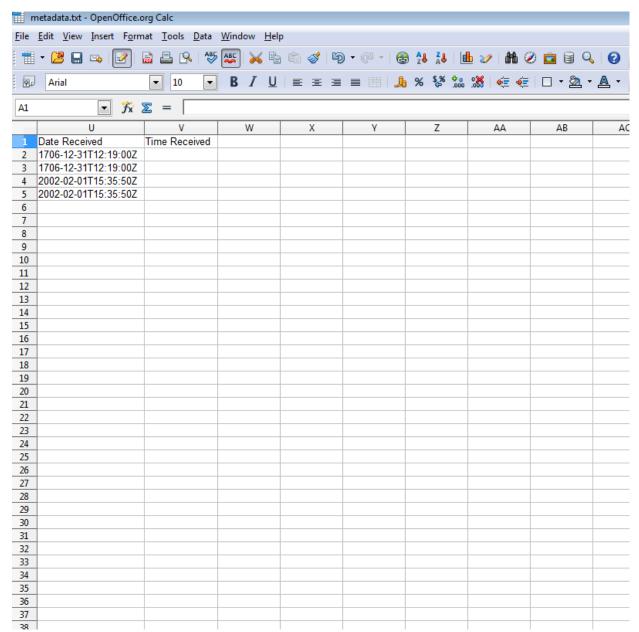


FIGURE 9.2.5

9.3 Now we will cover the creation of a new project and get down to the business of processing your files.

We start at the Project Window and select New from the Project menu as seen in Figure 9.3.1.

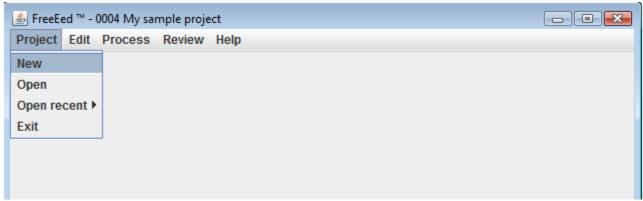


FIGURE 9.3.1

9.4 When new is selected you will have a window like Figure 9.4.1 and your first move will be to give your new project a unique name that will be useful for identification in the future. Then click on File path to select local documents or Select Network location for files located on an intranet or on the internet.

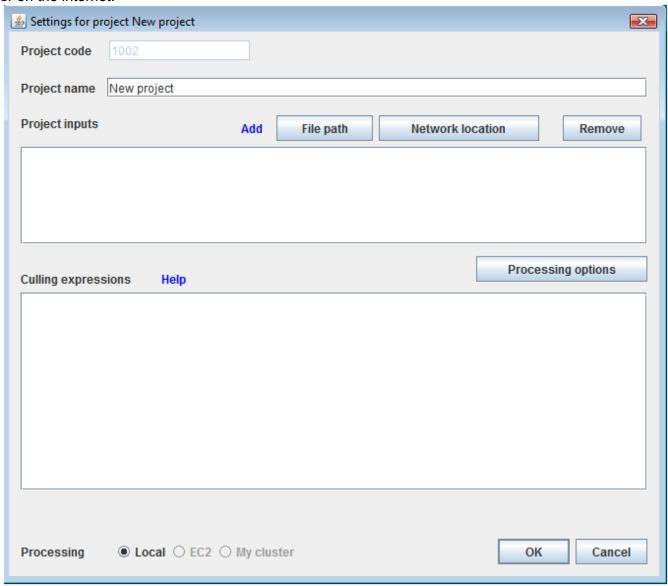


FIGURE 9.4.1

Clicking on File path will bring up a typical navigation window for selecting files or folders and will resemble Figure 9.4.2 In the example below I have selected the folder "VAIO Entertainment" and all the files inside this folder represent the files I want to process using FreeEed™. I named my new project "My First Project 3 21 2012".

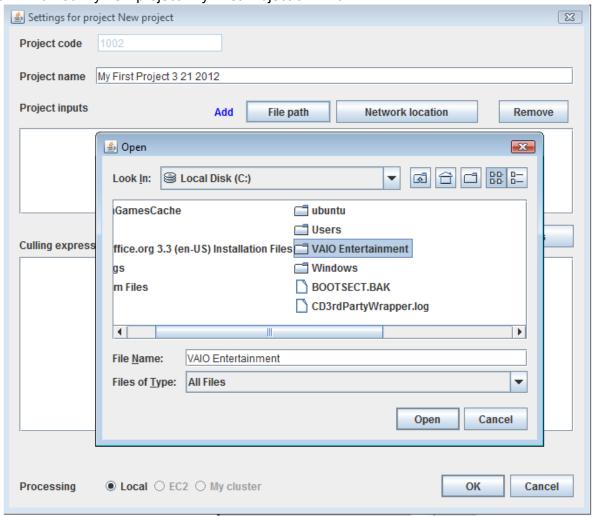


FIGURE 9.4.2

When you click on the "Open" button of Figure 9.4.2 a dialog box will ask you to assign the custodian's name as shown in Figure 9.4.3 below.

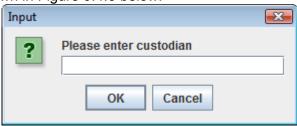


FIGURE 9.4.3

I entered "jimmy" as the custodian and note that the name of the custodian is inserted at the beginning of the file path as shown in Figure 9.4.4 below.

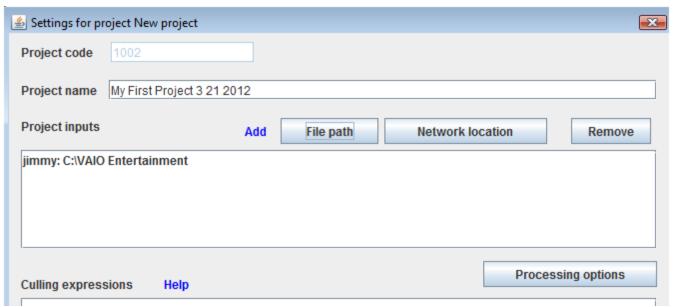


Figure 9.4.4

10. Clicking OK in the lower right hand corner prepares your files to be processed. The next step is saving the new Project. You are prompted to do this when you click OK in the previous step.

You need to give your project a name at this point, the save Project window will look similar to Figure 10.1 below.

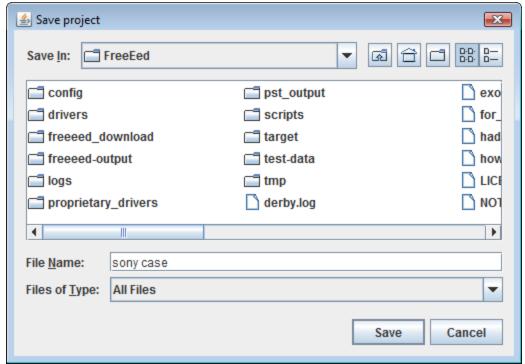


FIGURE 10.1

Now the steps going forward will be a repeat of what you did when you were checking the functionality of the program with the sample data earlier.

First you will Stage the new Project as shown in Figure 10.1.2



FIGURE 10.1.2

Note that the Project Window now displays the name of your new project in the Title bar. When the processing History indicates this step is Done you can do the next step which is processing your staged data. Select Process from the Process pull down menu as shown in Figure 10.1.3.



FIGURE 10.1.3

You are now ready to go to the Review Menu and pull down "Open output folder" and view your results.

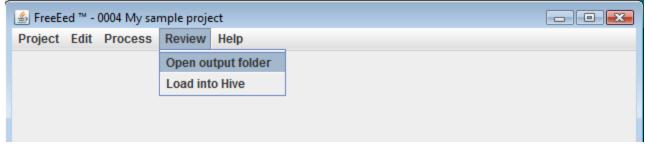


FIGURE 10.1.4

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