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## 1. Introduction

Welcome to the G2 Software, a powerful application designed for Organizing, Maintaining, Sharing and Passing on your Genealogy Assets/Data. This guide provides step-by-step instructions for starting the software, navigating the interface, managing layouts, and importing data from Legacy Family Tree.

(NOTE: Must have Access for G2 to work) - *Where should this be?*

## 2. Download G2, iview470\_x64\_setup.exe and Legacy10Setup.exe

1. Download these files to the drive of your choice
2. Install iview470\_x64\_setup.exe and Legacy10Setup.exe (if you already have Legacy, skip installing it.)
3. Edit the G2.ini file (located in the G2\_BE\_SAMPLE folder) and change all Q: references to the drive you chose.
4. Unblock G2\_FE.accdb
  - a. Navigate to the G2\_FE folder
  - b. Right click G2\_FE.accdb and select Properties
  - c. Click Unblock, Apply and OK
5. Unblock G2\_BE.accdb
  - a. Navigate to the G2\_BE\_Sample folder
  - b. Right click G2\_BE.accdb and select Properties
  - c. Click Unblock, Apply and OK
6. Unblock G2\_BE.bat file
  - a. Navigate to the G2\_BE\_Sample folder
  - b. Right click G2\_BE.bat file and select Properties
  - c. Click Unblock, Apply and OK

Once these steps are completed, you are now ready to start using G2.

## 3. Starting G2

- The G2 application can be started by double-clicking the G2\_BE.bat file located in the G2 backend sample folder (G2\_BE\_SAMPLE). It is recommended to set up a desktop shortcut for ease of opening.

### How to Create a G2 Boot Shortcut on the Desktop

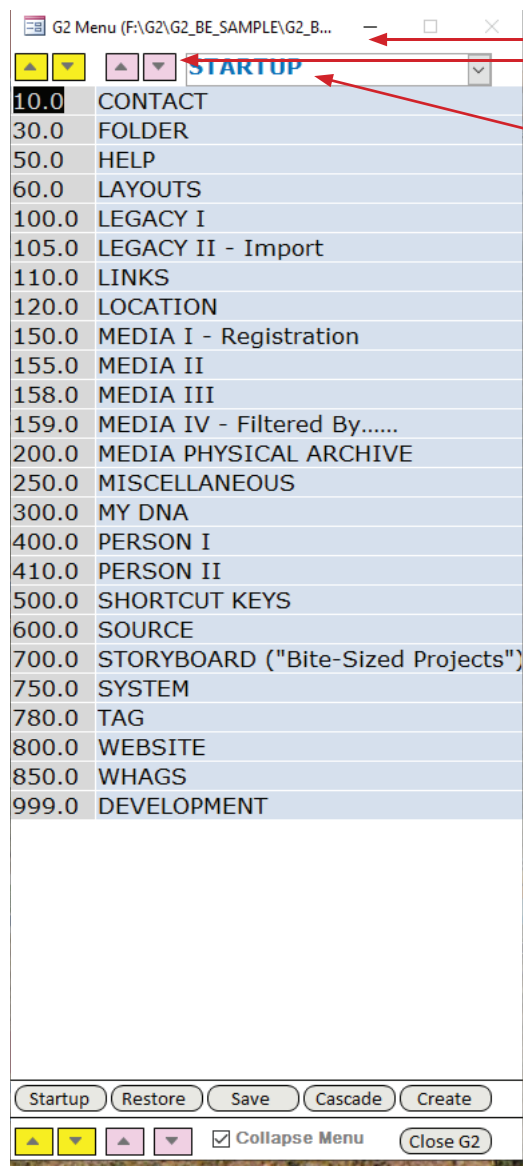
1. Navigate to the G2\_FE folder using File Explorer.
2. Right-click on G2\_FE.accdb and select Create shortcut.
3. Move the newly created shortcut to your desktop.
4. On the desktop, right-click the shortcut and select Properties.
5. Click the Change Icon button. (If you receive an error message, click OK to continue.)
6. Browse to the Common folder inside the G2\_FE directory.
7. Select the Genesys2d.ico icon file.
8. Click Open.
9. Click OK.
10. Click Apply, then click OK to finish setup.

- Once the shortcut is configured, you can easily launch G2 by double-clicking the desktop icon.
- If the startup process hangs or becomes unresponsive, close the program and reboot (reopen?).

### 3. Using the Main Menu

When first opening G2, you will see The G2 menu opened to STARTUP, the System Dashboard (utDashboard) and Shortcut Keys

Familiarize yourself with the following:



- Title Bar
- Menu Min/Max Buttons
- Show/Hide Menu Detail
- Layout Selection
- Menu Header
- Menu Detail
- Layout Buttons
- Collapse Menu After Selection
- Close G2

- Click the pink down arrow to expand the menu list.
- Click the pink up arrow to shrink/collapse the menu list.
- Click the yellow down arrow and the G2 Menu will move to the left side of your screen
  - Click the yellow up arrow and the G2 Menu will minimize to the settings in the .ini file and move to upper left side of your screen
    - Use the Restore button to expand and move the G2 Menu back to its original position

- If the menu is moved from its original position, click the Restore button to return it to the default setting.
  - Use the Restore button to expand and move it back to its original position.

#### System Dashboard (utDashboard)

- Displays G2 version, patch level, copyright, and other system info.
- Settings under the STARTUP section in the dashboard that you can use and will reset to .ini defaults when the system is

rebooted.

The Main Menu is customizable to your preferences.

- Choose where you want the Defaults (G2 Menu, System Dashboard, Shortcuts, System Messages & G2 Copyright notice) to be and click Save. Once you Save this layout, this will be the default setting for your setup and is how G2 will look when you open.
- The System Dashboard can be found under the System Menu at 750.5.
- The Shortcut Keys can be found under the System Menu at 500.0.

- Title Bar
- Menu Min/Max Buttons