# **GM** User Documentation

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# Introduction

The goal for this document is to help GMs understand how to use my framework. This is a document that is very much in progress. I will continue updating it as I have time.

# Major Framework Components

The following items are critical parts of this framework:

- Campaign Properties
- Library Tokens
- Image Tables
- Campaign Macros
- GM Macros

#### Campaign Properties

These are used to setup properties for the different token types used by this framework:

- Basic
- Hero Lab POR File
- TokenLibCampaignData
- TokenLibCharacterSheet
- TokenLibCharacterSheetData
- TokenLibConfiguration
- TokenLibUtilities

#### Basic

This is the type to use for character tokens. Some RPG game systems call these PCs or NPCs.

#### Hero Lab POR File

I suspect this type is obsolete. I'll have to do some research. My tokens based on Hero Lab® POR files have the type "Basic", just like other character tokens.

#### TokenLibCampaignData

This is the type for the library token used to hold campaign data.

#### TokenLibCharacterSheet

This is the type for the library token used to hold macros that interact with a character's character sheet.

#### TokenLibCharacterSheetData

This is the type for the library token used to hold data global to all character sheets.

#### TokenLibConfiguration

This is the type for the library token used to hold configuration data for the campaign.

#### TokenLibUtilities

This is the type for the library token used for macros used by the GM mostly for campaign management.

### **Library Tokens**

This framework uses the following library tokens (in the Example.cmpgn they are located on the "Library Tokens" map):

- Lib:Configuration
- Lib:CampaignData
- Lib:CharacterSheetData
- Lib:Utilities
- Lib:CharacterSheet

Of those, only two of them are replaced when upgrading to a new version of my framework:

- Lib:Utilities
- Lib:CharacterSheet

The others contain your data and should never be replaced when upgrading!

More on upgrading in a separate section.

Image Tables
Campaign Macros
GM Macros

# Windows Used For Macros By This Framework

The following windows are used for macros by this framework:

- Campaign window
- GM window
- Selection window

## Campaign Window

This window has macros that will (usually) be applied to the selected tokens. A security check is made to ensure the person running the macro has permission to do so on the selected tokens.

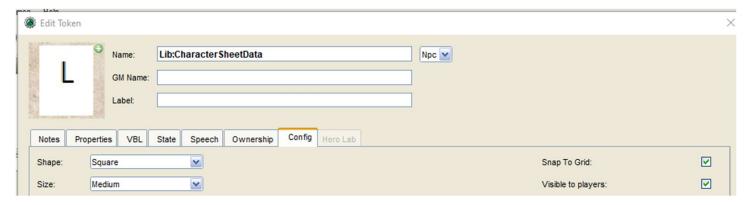
Players and GMs use them to interact with their tokens.

#### **GM Window**

This window has the macros that GMs use to run the game and their campaigns. Players cannot see these, but even if they did a security check would prevent them from running these macros.

#### Selection Window

This window is used only used to edit macros for library tokens used by this framework. They should be setup on a map that is **not** visible to players. However, the tokens, themselves, must have the "Visible to players" property set:



# Upgrading To Newer Version Of My Framework

When upgrading to a newer version of my framework, you'll need to save the following from the new versions Example.cmpgn file:

- Campaign Settings
- Lib:Utilities
- Lib:CharacterSheet

# **Upgrading Campaign Settings**

Normally, what you would do is Export the Campaign Settings from the new Example.cmpgn file. Then, Import those Campaign Settings into your current \*.cmpgn file (that you're using for your campaign).

It's all really cool how this works because your data is preserved. Effectively, you'll just get the new properties that were defined by the newest Campaign Settings file.

There's an awkward problem, though. When saving Campaign Settings, that also saves the Tables (see the Tables window). When you Import the new Campaign Settings file, that will replace all the Tables you have.

Therefore, you want to use the following steps to upgrade to the latest Campaign Settings:

- 1. Backup your latest \*.cmpgn file in case something goes wrong.
- 2. From your latest \*.cmpgn file (for your campaign), export all of the tables in the Tables window and save them somewhere.
- 3. From the latest Example.cmpgn file, export Campaign Settings to a file.
- 4. Into your latest \*.cmpgn file, import the latest Campaign Settings from the file.
- 5. Go to the Tables window and delete all the tables then import all the tables you exported earlier (this is especially important for the Handouts table!).

### Upgrading The Library Tokens

- 1. From the latest Example.cmpgn file, save the tokens Lib:Utilities and Lib:CharacterSheet (they are on the Library Tokens map).
- 2. Replace the old Lib:Utilities and Lib:CharacterSheet tokens with the new ones.
- 3. Don't touch the other tokens (including library tokens).

# How The Upgrade Process Works

When you execute macros on your character tokens from the Campaign window or from the GM window, those macros will do a check to see if any upgrades to your tokens are needed. If so, an upgrade will be performed automatically for those tokens.