

Text2GED Installation Instructions

Requirements

1. **A ZIP file extractor** (if you're reading this you have one)
2. **Windows 7 or above** (XP may work too, but I haven't tested it – email me if you know!)
3. **Microsoft Access** or **MS Access Runtime**
4. **Microsoft Edge Browser** (included with Windows 10)
5. **Signon accounts for FamilySearch.org and/or Ancestry.com**

Step 1 – Extract Text2GED.zip

Text2GED is downloaded from the GEDmagic.com website in a zipped file format. So first, after reading this document, you'll need to "extract" the **Text2GED.zip** file (and PDF documents if you wish) to a folder/directory of your choice, or to your Desktop. Click on the "Extract" or "Extract All" menu option. If you don't see it, right-click your mouse while it's pointing on the Text2GED.zip file, and it should show a list of options, including "Extract". It will prompt you to specify a folder/directory location to extract it to.

Step 2 – Determine whether you have Microsoft Access (Full or Runtime version) or not

Text2GED was created using Microsoft's Access dB development application and compiled into an executable **accde** module - meaning you can run it, but its innards can't be seen, much less modified.

If you know for sure if you already have Access installed, you can skip to **Step 4**. If you're not sure, there's a quick and easy way to tell – double-click on **Text2GED.accde** from wherever you put it in **Step 1**. If Access is installed it will run (after clicking through the annoying security warning message you're good to go). If it doesn't, it isn't - so proceed to **Step 3**.

Step 3 – Download and Install Microsoft Access Runtime version

Go to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=50040> (Microsoft Access Runtime download page) and click on the red Download button. On the next page ("Choose the download you want"), you'll see two **accessruntime** file options – **x64** and **x86**. Select the **x86** file, and click the **Next** button on the bottom right of the screen. When the popup box appears, click on **Save File** button to begin the download. When it's finished downloading, Double-click the **AccessRuntime.exe** file on your computer (it's probably in your downloads folder) to start the Setup program, and then follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. When the installation is complete, double-click on **Text2GED.accde** from wherever you put it in **Step 1** and it should be good to go. Enjoy!