

FMStudio FAQ – Updated June 10, 2008

Does FMStudio work with both Macintosh and Windows?

Yes, FMStudio works equally well on both platforms.

What version of FMStudio do I need?

There are two versions of FMStudio, The API for PHP version, and the FX.php version.

- **FX.php Version Compatibility**
 - FileMaker 6 – 9
 - FileMaker 6 (Requires FileMaker Unlimited)
 - FileMaker 7 -8 (Requires FileMaker Server Advanced 7 or 8) to host the database files.
 - FileMaker 9 (Requires FileMaker Server 9 only) to host the database files.
 - You can also host the database files at <http://www.fmgateway.com>

- **API Version Compatibility**
 - FileMaker 7 - 9
 - FileMaker API version requires the FileMaker files to be hosted on FileMaker Server 9
 - Hosted database files can be opened by FileMaker Pro 7-9
 - You can also host the database files at <http://www.fmgateway.com>

Do I need the bundle version or the single version?

This depends on what version of FileMaker you are currently using. If you are working with FileMaker 9, we recommend using the API for PHP since it offers better portal support than FX.php. Remember that the API for PHP requires that you have your database hosted with FileMaker server 9 or that you are using a hosting company with FileMaker Server 9.

<http://www.fmgateway.com> (FMGateway offers special hosting pricing for FMStudio users)

If you are working with FileMaker 6-8 and you are using FileMaker Unlimited or FileMaker Server Advanced 7-8, we recommend using FX.php. If you are currently working with FX.php and will be upgrading to FileMaker 9, and FileMaker Server 9, you can continue to use FX.php.

There are numerous developers that find it advantageous to be able to program with both FX.php and the API for PHP. The bundle simply gives you a broader range of programming capabilities.

What versions of Dreamweaver do I need?

FMStudio works with Dreamweaver MX, Dreamweaver MX 2004, Dreamweaver 8 and Dreamweaver CS3. Some of the modules now require Dreamweaver 8 and up. The module product pages specify the version of Dreamweaver required.

We encourage users to upgrade to at least Dreamweaver 8 as we are now concentrating all future development on Dreamweaver 8 and up.

What versions of FileMaker do I need?

FileMaker versions 6 – 9

Do I need to know PHP?

Simple answer is No. If you watch any of the webinars at <http://www.fmwebschool.com/webinars.php> you will see that we build some very complex websites in under an hour without writing any code.

Should you learn PHP? Certainly, if you have the time and the desire it is certainly helpful to understand PHP, but not required!

What version of PHP do I need to install?

We recommend PHP 5.0 +. The current version is 5.2.6.

Current Windows download - <http://www.php.net/downloads.php>

Current Mac download - <http://www.entropy.ch/software/macosx/php/>

What web servers do I need on Macintosh and PC?

Great question, for the Mac you should be running Apache, and on Windows IIS.

Do you offer training or resources?

Yes, FMWebschool offers a free online FMStudio class once a month. We send out emails to our FMStudio customers with class information and times. This is a free 2 hour class.

We also release new movies and webinars to teach beginner to advanced techniques.

Our forum is also a very popular place to ask questions and get help from other FMStudio developers. <http://www.fmwebschool.com/frm>

We also have a book that is available as a PDF or Paperback –

<http://www.fmwebschool.com/fmstudiobook.php>

I don't have FileMaker Server can I still use FMStudio?

The FileMaker database has to be hosted on a FileMaker Server. If you don't have FileMaker Server you can take advantage of the special pricing offered by FMGateway – <http://www.fmgateway.com> FMGateway enables FMStudio users to upload their files to their servers and connect to the files with Dreamweaver.

Where can I see your list of webinars?

Our webinars can be seen at – <http://www.fmwebschool.com/webinars.php> upcoming webinars can be seen at <http://www.fmwebschool.com/webinar.php>. If you have a suggestions for a webinar you would like FMWebschool to present, email Stephen Knight at Stephen@fmwebschool.com

Where can I see a list of updates?

All of the FMStudio updates are available at http://www.fmwebschool.com/reference/FMStudio_Updates

I already have an HTML website, can I still use it with FMStudio?

Yes, you can convert the pages to FMStudio pages. Simply use the FMStudio to convert the pages to FMStudio pages. To do this, in Dreamweaver choose *Commands > Convert file to FMStudio*.

Can I edit pages created with FMStudio?

Yes, this is one of the great features of FMStudio. Unlike the FileMaker Site Builder, you can create pages, test them, and then edit them. Another great feature is you never lose your live connection to FileMaker. So even though you are in the editing process, you can still see live FileMaker data in Dreamweaver.

Do you accept purchase orders from Schools, Universities and Non Profits?

Yes. We are happy to accept purchase orders. Purchase orders should be sent attention Allyson Olm. Our information is listed below to help facilitate the purchase order process.

We can receive P.O.'s either through email, fax or mail.

Email: Allyson Olm, Allyson@fmwebschool.com

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Am I limited to the number of sites I can create?

Not at all, you can create as many websites as you like. There is no limitation.

Do my webfiles and database files have to be hosted at the same location?

No, they can be hosted at different locations. Many people have their websites hosted at companies such as Lunar Pages or Hostica, and their database files hosted at FMGateway. This is actually quite common.

Is there a place to report bugs or to make feature requests?

Yes, we have an online database where you can post bugs or make product suggestions. The database is located at <http://www.fmwebschool.com/report.php>