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Chapter 1: Getting Started with FileMaker Pro 3

Installing FileMaker Pro 3

FileMaker Pro 3 is a powerful database management software that can be used to create and manage databases, design layouts and reports, and share data with others. To get started with FileMaker Pro 3, you first need to install the software on your computer.

The installation process is relatively simple and straightforward. First, you need to download the FileMaker Pro 3 installation file from the Claris website. Once the download is complete, double-click on the installation file to start the installation process.

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation. Once the installation is complete, you will be able to launch FileMaker Pro 3 from the Applications folder on your computer.

The first time you launch FileMaker Pro 3, you will be prompted to create a new database or open an existing database. If you are new to FileMaker Pro 3, it is recommended that you create a new database.

To create a new database, click on the "New Database" button. You will then be prompted to select a template for your database. Templates are pre-defined layouts and fields that can be used to quickly create a database for a specific purpose.

Once you have selected a template, click on the "Create" button to create the new database. You can then start adding data to your database and creating reports.

If you have an existing FileMaker Pro 3 database, you can open it by clicking on the "Open Database" button. You will then be prompted to select the database file that you want to open.

Once you have selected the database file, click on the "Open" button to open the database. You can then start working with the data in the database.

FileMaker Pro 3 is a powerful and versatile database management software that can be used for a variety of purposes. With its easy-to-use interface and powerful features, FileMaker Pro 3 is a great choice for anyone who needs to manage data.

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Understanding the FileMaker Pro 3 Interface

The FileMaker Pro 3 interface is designed to be user-friendly and intuitive, making it easy for users to create and manage databases. The main components of the interface include:

- The menu bar: The menu bar contains a variety of menus that provide access to all of the features and functions of FileMaker Pro 3.
- The toolbars: The toolbars provide quick access to frequently used commands.
- The status bar: The status bar displays information about the current state of the database, such as the number of records in the current table.

- The workspace: The workspace is the area where you create and edit databases. It consists of the following elements:
 - The field pane: The field pane displays the fields in the current table.
 - The data pane: The data pane displays the data in the current table.
 - The layout pane: The layout pane displays the layout of the current table.

To create a new database, simply click on the "New Database" button in the toolbar. This will open the "New Database" dialog box, where you can specify the name and location of the new database. Once you have created a new database, you can start adding data to it. To do this, simply click on the "New Record" button in the toolbar. This will create a new record in the current table. You can then enter data into the fields of the new record.

To edit an existing record, simply click on the record in the data pane. This will display the record in the layout pane. You can then make changes to the data in the record.

To delete a record, simply select the record in the data pane and click on the "Delete Record" button in the toolbar.

FileMaker Pro 3 also includes a variety of tools for creating and managing reports. To create a new report, simply click on the "New Report" button in the toolbar. This will open the "New Report" dialog box, where you can specify the name and layout of the new report. Once you have created a new report, you can start adding data to it. To do this, simply drag and drop fields from the field pane onto the report layout.

You can also use FileMaker Pro 3 to create graphs and charts. To create a new graph or chart, simply click on the "New Graph" or "New Chart" button in the toolbar. This will open the "New Graph" or "New Chart" dialog

box, where you can specify the type of graph or chart you want to create. Once you have created a new graph or chart, you can start adding data to it. To do this, simply drag and drop fields from the field pane onto the graph or chart.

FileMaker Pro 3 is a powerful and versatile database management system that can be used to create a wide variety of solutions. With its user-friendly interface and comprehensive set of features, FileMaker Pro 3 is the perfect tool for anyone who needs to manage data.

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Creating a New Database

Creating a new database in FileMaker Pro 3 is a simple process that can be completed in just a few steps.

1. Open FileMaker Pro 3 and click on the "New" button.
2. Select the type of database you want to create. You can choose from a variety of templates or create a custom database from scratch.
3. If you are creating a custom database, you will need to specify the fields that you want to include in your database.
4. Once you have specified the fields, you can start entering data into your database.
5. To save your database, click on the "Save" button.

Here are some additional tips for creating a new database in FileMaker Pro 3:

- Choose a meaningful name for your database. This will help you to identify the database later on.
- Select the appropriate template or custom database type. This will give you a head start on creating your database.
- Add only the fields that you need. This will help to keep your database lean and efficient.
- Enter your data carefully. Errors can be difficult to find and correct later on.
- Save your database regularly. This will protect your data in the event of a power outage or other system failure.

Creating a new database in FileMaker Pro 3 is a quick and easy process. By following these steps, you can create a database that meets your specific needs.

Once you have created a new database, you can start adding data to it. You can also create layouts, reports, and scripts to help you manage your data. FileMaker Pro 3 is a powerful and versatile database management system that can be used to create a wide variety of solutions.

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