

FIREBASE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

I - Setting Up Your Computer to Accept the Information

Make sure there is a "Temp" directory. You may want to create a "Fbtemp" directory. This is where you can put the downloads. The following is how to set up a Fbtemp directory.

- Go into "My Computer."
 - Double click "C."
 - Click once on "File."
 - Move the pointer to "New," then "Folder."
 - A "New Folder" will appear with your other folders.
 - Type in "Fbtemp" where the cursor is blinking.
 - Hit "Enter" - The folder is made.
- Do a "File/Close."

II - Getting Into FireBase

- Go into the web site using Netscape or Internet Explorer V. 4.0+. The URL is: <http://fire.r9.fws.gov/fbase/index.html>.
- You may want to make this a "Favorite."

- "FIREBASE Login" (Main Screen) will appear. (Fig. 1.0)

Fig. 1.0

FireBase

Please enter your station-ID and password to login to FireBase.

Station-ID:

Password:

Login

Please Note: this site uses a feature called "cookies" to remember your user-id once you have logged in. Upon receiving one of these "cookies" from the server, your browser may prompt you as to whether or not to accept it. If you do not, the FireBase web interface will not be able to function properly. Please accept all cookies from this site!

Enter your station ID
Enter your password
Click on " Login"

- The "FireBase Interface Menu" appears. (Fig. 2.0)

Fig. 2.0

FireBase

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Welcome to the FireBase Web Interface! Please select an option from the menu, below.

-  [Download FireBase Software](#)
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-  [Check-Out Data Files](#)
-  [Check-In Data Files](#)
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-  [Change FireBase Password](#)
-  [Logout of FireBase Web](#)

Please Note: this page has been automatically generated for you by the FWS server. Because of this, bookmarks (also "shortcuts" or "favorites") to this page will not work. To return to this page later, please login again.

III - Program Download or Update

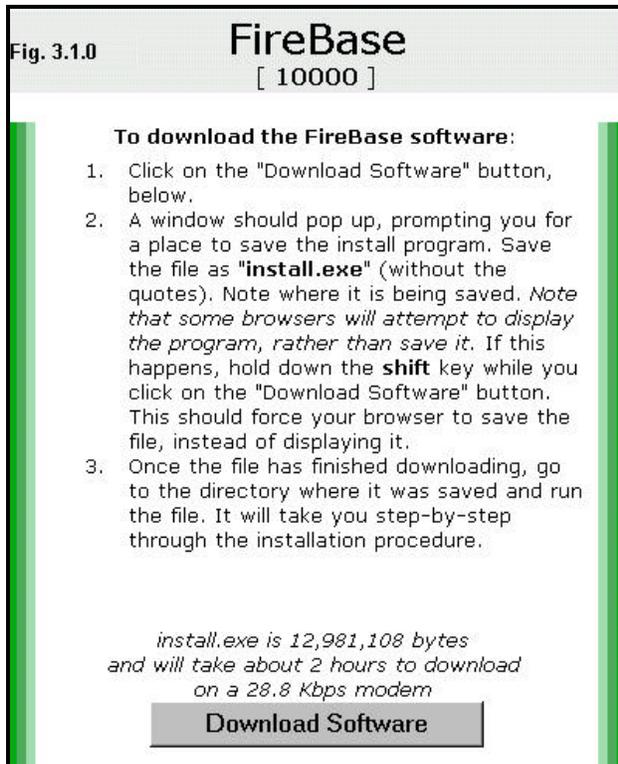
- Click on "Download FireBase Software."

- The following screen will be displayed. (Fig. 3.0)

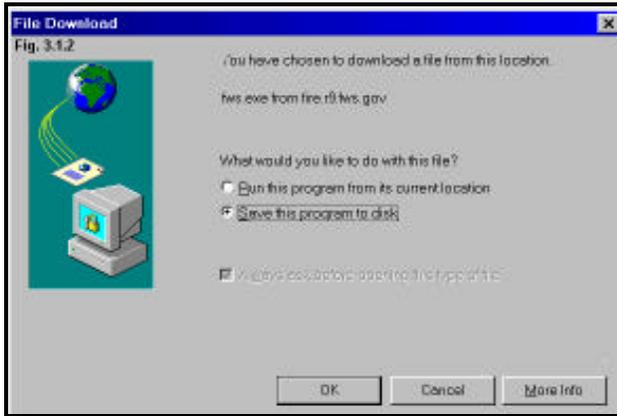


You should only need to do a complete download once. For updates to the FireBase Software, select the Abbreviated Download.

If you select "**Complete Download**," the following screen will be displayed. (Fig.3.1.0) Read the instructions carefully.

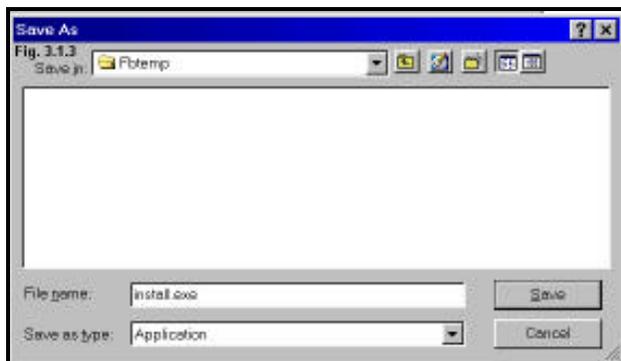


Scroll down and click on "Download Software."



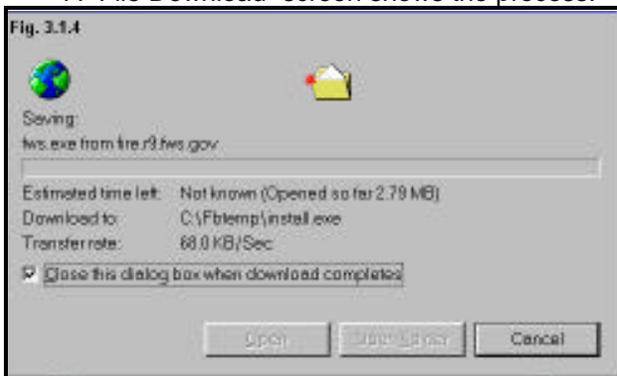
This screen may look a little different than this one does. It may say "Saving Location".

If this screen appears, Highlight "Save to disk," then click OK.



The File Name "fws.exe" will be shown. Change it to "install.exe" as directed in the program download instructions. Make sure the cursor is on the right side of ".exe" and backspace to delete the name. Type **install.exe**, then click on "Save."

A "File Download" screen shows the process.



If it is successful or complete, a "Download Complete" message is shown. Click OK.

- You will be returned to the download screen. (see Fig. 3.0).
 - Go to the bottom of the screen and click "Back to FireBase Web."

- Click on "Logout of FireBase Web." This will take you to the following screen. (Fig. 4.0)



Go to the top of the screen and click on "File/Close" to close your browser.

This file is now in "C:\Fbtemp." To execute the file:

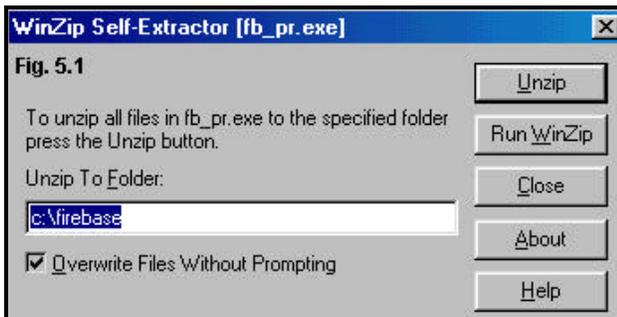
- Double click "My Computer"- Double click on "C."
- Double click on the Fbtemp folder.
- Double click on the raspberries next to "fb_pr.exe."

A "Self-Extractor" screen appears.

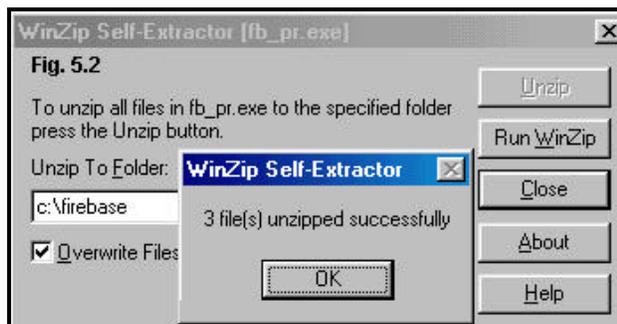


This may look a little different depending on what version of Winzip you are using.

Unzip the file by clicking OK.



The pathway sends the unzipped file to C:\firebase. Click "Unzip."



You will see it unzip three files. They are "fb_pr.mde," "pkzip.exe," and "Firebase.hlp."

After the "Unzipping Successfully" screen appears, click on OK, then click on "Close."

NOTE: Zipped files are used because of the file size and the download time involved. The "checked-in" file may not need to be zipped, but if you receive a "time out" or are otherwise unsuccessful, zip the file and send again.

- Close your "C" drive and "My Computer" by doing a "File/Close."
If you select "**Abbreviated Download**," the following screen will be displayed. (Fig. 3.2.0)

Fig. 3.2.0

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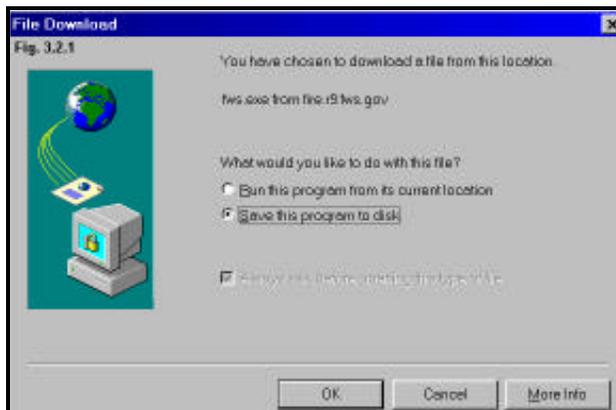
To download the FireBase software:

1. Click on the "Download Software" button, below.
2. A window should pop up, prompting you for a place to save the install program. Save the file as "**fb_pr.exe**" (without the quotes). Note where it is being saved. *Note that some browsers will attempt to display the program, rather than save it. If this happens, hold down the **shift** key while you click on the "Download Software" button. This should force your browser to save the file, instead of displaying it.*
3. Once the file has finished downloading, go to the directory where it was saved and run the file. It will prompt you for a directory into which to extract the new program file--just use the one it suggests (c:\firebase), unless you originally installed the program somewhere else.

*fb_pr.exe is 933,000 bytes
and will take about 10 minutes to download
on a 28.8 Kbps modem*

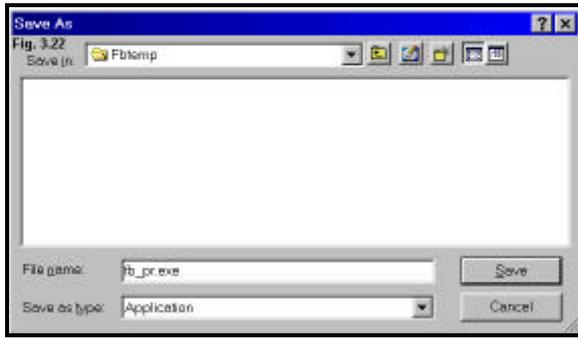
Download Software

Scroll down and click on "Download Software."



A screen will show the file being saved as "fws.exe." Highlight "Save to disk," then click OK.

A "Save As" screen is displayed.



The File Name "fws.exe" will be shown. Change this to "fb_pr.exe" as directed in the program download instructions. To do this, make sure the cursor is on the right side of ".exe" and backspace to delete the name. Then, type in **fb_pr.exe**, then click on "Save."

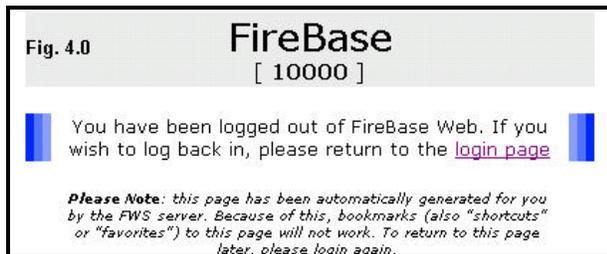


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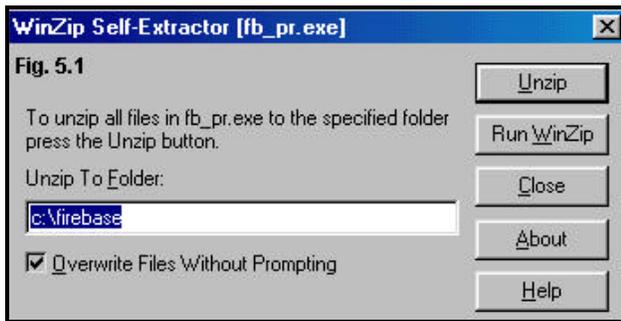
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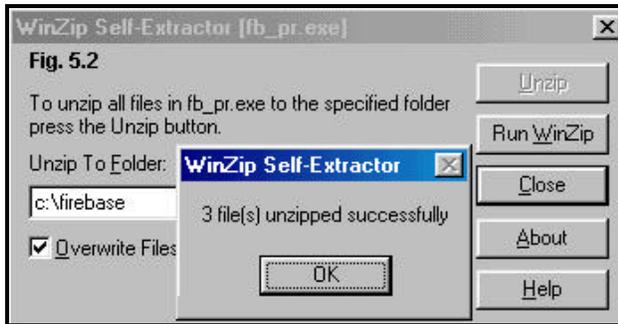
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- Close your "C" drive and "My Computer" by doing a "File/Close."

IV - Checking-Out Data Files

- Go to the "FireBase login." (see Fig. 1.0)
 - Enter your Station ID and Password. Then click on Login.
- The "FireBase Menu" will appear. (see Fig. 2.0)
- Click the "Check-Out Data Files."
- The following screen will be displayed. (Fig. 2.1)



You should get a "10-year period" identified for the analysis. Note: On occasion, this screen does not appear. It goes directly to the next screen, "File Download."

Click "Download Data Files."

- A "File Download" screen appears. (see Fig. 3.1.2)
 - Highlight "Save to disk," then click OK.
 - It will give you a "Save As" screen. (see Fig. 3.1.3)
 - The "File Name" is identified as "fws.exe." (It really doesn't really matter what

- the name is, as long as the extension is .exe).
- Make sure the file is saved to the temp directory (c:\fbtemp).
- Click on "Save."
- It will transfer the file in the "File Download" screen. (see Fig. 3.1.4)

When the download is complete, you will be returned to the following screen. (Fig. 2.2)



It now indicates the data is "checked out."

Click "Back To FireBase Web."

- Click on the "Logout of FireBase Web."

(see Fig. 2.0)

- At the next screen (see Fig. 4.0), "You have been logged out of the FireBase Web," go to the top of the screen and do a "File/Close."

- There are several ways to extract the data. One is to do the following:
 - Right click on the Start button.
 - Click on Explore.
 - Scroll until you see "C:\fbtemp," or the directory where you put the ".exe" file.
 - Double click on the file.
 - The WinZip Self-Extractor box will appear. (see Fig. 5.2)
 - Click "Unzip."
 - This will unzip the file, rename it (fb_db.mdb), and put it in the "C:\FireBase" directory.
 - You will see a "unzipped successfully" box.
 - Click "OK."

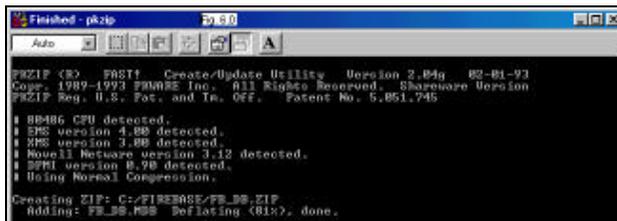
V - Running the FireBase Program

- Click on the "Start" button.
- Click on Program.
- Click on FireBase.
- Click on FireBase (raspberries).
- Once you see that your data is there, go into the "C:\fbtemp" directory and delete the ".exe" file. It is good to keep the temporary file cleaned out, or you may get confused.

VI - Checking in Data Files and Closing the Program

- You may want to make a copy of the database and put it in the temporary directory before checking it in. This is a precaution in case the transfer system fails.
- If you use a modem to connect to the Internet, use the "zip" function before checking in the data.

- To "zip a file:"
 - Before leaving the "FireBase Main Menu" go to the top of the screen and click on "Main/Zip Data File." It will automatically zip the file "fb_db.mdb."
 - After zipping the file, a screen "Finished - pzip" appears.



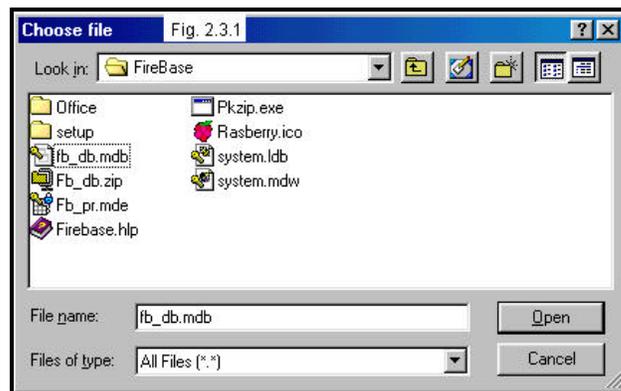
- Back out of the screen by clicking the "X" in the upper right hand corner. When you click the "X," a "Database Zipped" message should appear. (Fig. 6.1)



- The path will be displayed, "C:\firebase\fb_db.zip."

- Click OK.
- The "check-in" data is C:\firebase\fb_db.zip.
- Click "Exit Application" button.
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- Go to the FireBase web site (fire.r9.fws.gov/fbase/index.html).
- Type in the "Station-ID" and "Password." (see Fig. 1.0)
- At the Web Interface Menu, click on "Check-In Data Files." (see Fig. 2.0)
- Click on the "Browse" box. (see Fig. 2.3) This will take you to a "Choose file" box and the "C:" drive.



- Double click on the "FireBase" folder. (see Fig. 2.3.1)
- Click on "fb_db.zip" OR "fb_db.mdb". (see Fig. 2.3.1)
- Click on "Open." (see Fig. 2.3.1)
- This will place it in the above "Data File" box. (see Fig.2.3)
- Click (one time only) on the "Upload Data File." The file should start to "upload."
- When finished, a "Success" message should appear.



Web." (see Fig. 2.3.2)

- Click on "Log Out of FireBase Web."
- Do a "File/Close."
- You are finished. 😊

- Click on "Back to FireBase