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This guide is to give an overview of the process for migrating your exiting NorthStarDb 1 data to NorthStarDb 2.0.

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Welcome to the NorthStarDb 2.0 Upgrade Guide.

You will need this guide if you are already using a previous version of NorthStarDb and want to upgrade to NorthStarDb 2.0

The upgrade tools and processes described here are only designed for use when upgrading from earlier version of NorthStarDb. If you are migrating to NorthStarDb from another database the upgrade tool may or may not be helpful but the instructions here will NOT describe your migration process.

Important upgrade Notes:

The upgrade tool assumes that it is receiving data exported from an unmodified 1.x version of NorthStarDb. If your existing NorthStarDb has been customized in ways that change the field names, add fields, or remove fields, not all data may not be correctly be transferred.

There have been a number of feature changes between NorthStarDb 1 and NorthStarDb 2. Not all the features which were included in NorthStarDb 1 are included in NorthStarDb 2. Specifically the Calendar, Support for Quick Books integration, and Class scheduling are not included in NorthStarDB2. Data supporting those features will not be transferred.

This upgrade process migrates your exiting NorthStarDb data to NorthStarDb 2. It does not migrate any changes to fields, scripts, layouts, or reports. If you have customized reports or customized fields, scripts, layouts in your old NorthStarDb those will NOT have been imported. Those changes will need to be recreated in the NorthStarDb 2 Custom File.

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The upgrade process.

The upgrade process is a multi-part process. At first it may seem daunting but in fact it is really quite straight forward. The skills it requires are basic computer skills including selecting and copying files and creating folders.

If you haven't already done it. Create a NorthStarDb 2 folder and unzip the NorthStarDb 2 files into it.

Note: If you currently are using NorthStarDb 1 with FileMaker Server you will have one extra step.

Secure your existing data.

The upgrade process should not do any damage to your existing files. Indeed it never touches your existing NorthStarDb files. But having a backup is always a good thing. Just in case.

- Make a copy of your entire existing NorthStarDb folder to another location or a removable drive.
- Test to make sure that all of the NorthStarDb files are on copy of the NorthStarDb folder you just made.

FileMaker Server Only:

Unmount the NorthStarDb files being hosted by FileMaker Server and copy those NorthStarDb files to a folder on another machine which has a copy of FileMaker Pro. These files will be used in the upgrade process.

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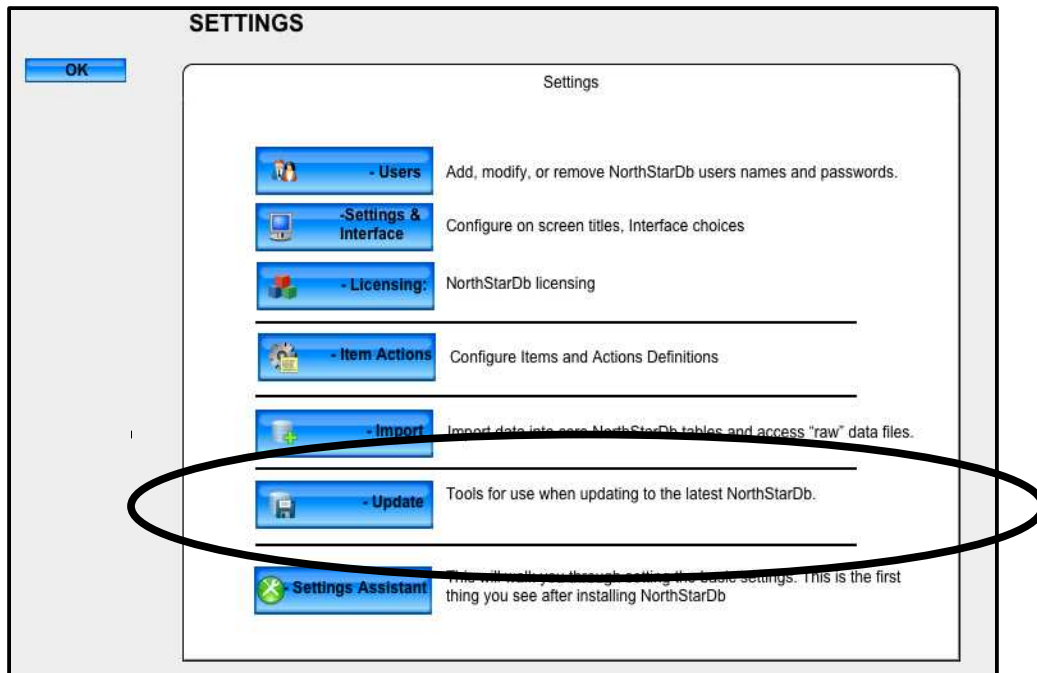
Part 2: Export data from your current NorthStarDb to be used in the upgrade.

Each version of NorthStarDb has put the location of the button used to export data for use in the next version of NorthStarDb in a bit different place. The basic process is the same for all versions. Data from the existing NorthStarDb is exported into a group of text files with the file extension .mer. Those files contain the data used to populate you new NorthStarDb.

The NorthStarDb 2 updater file was designed to use data export files “mer” files from all NorthStarDb 1 versions.

Exporting data from NorthStarDb version 1.0

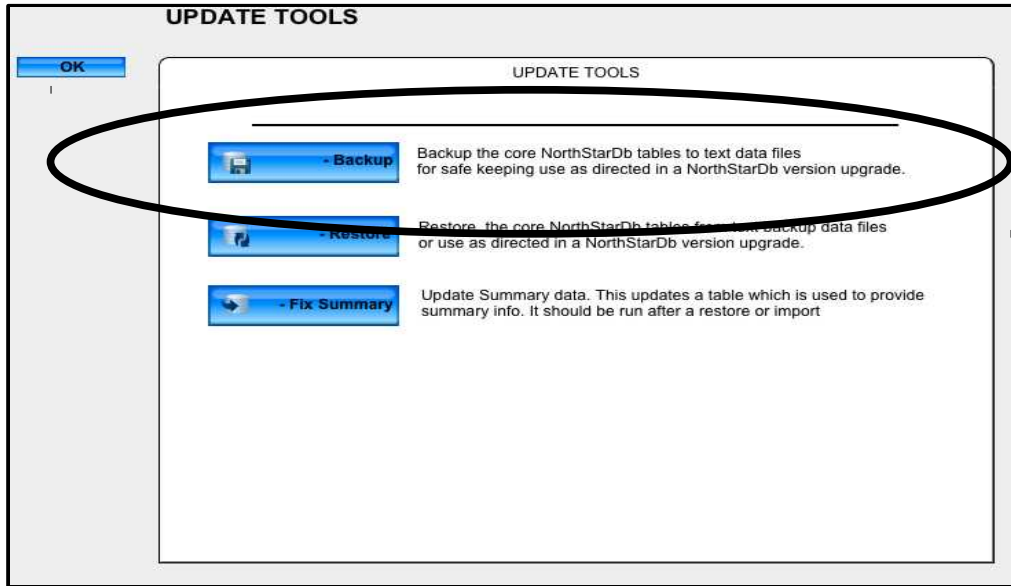
- Open your current NorthStarDb
- Choose the Settings button from the Main Menu.
- Choose the Update button



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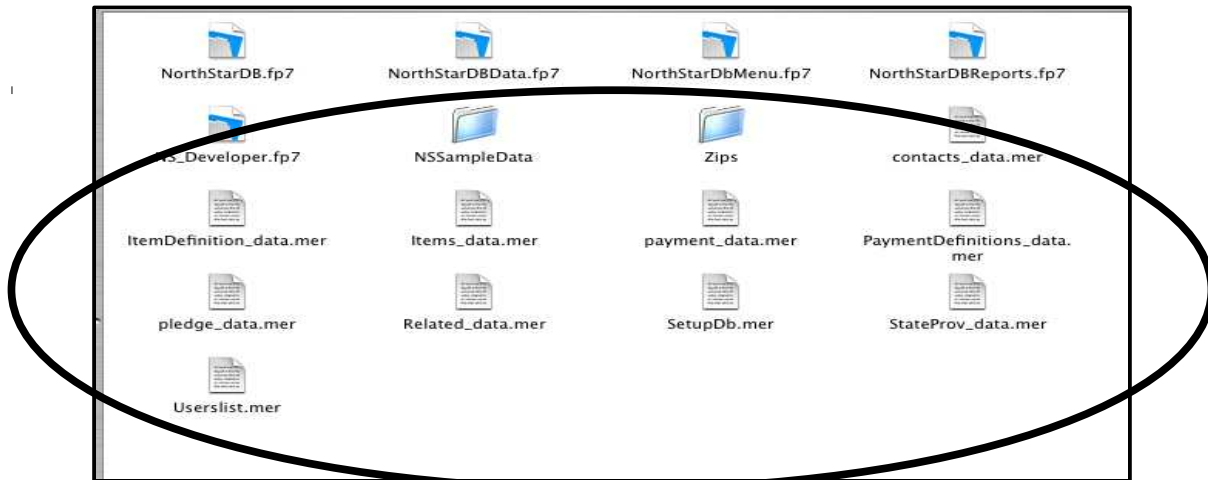
Export data from NorthStarDb version 1.0

- Choose the Backup button



This will create a number of files with the extension .mer in your NorthStarDb folder.

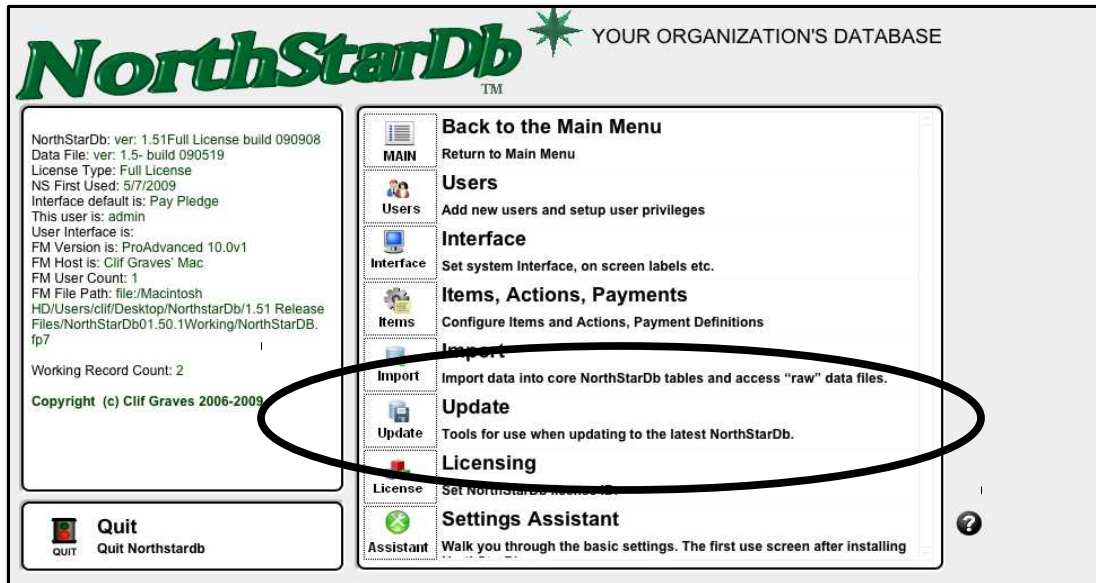
These files contain the data from your old NorthStarDb ready for the next part of the upgrade process.



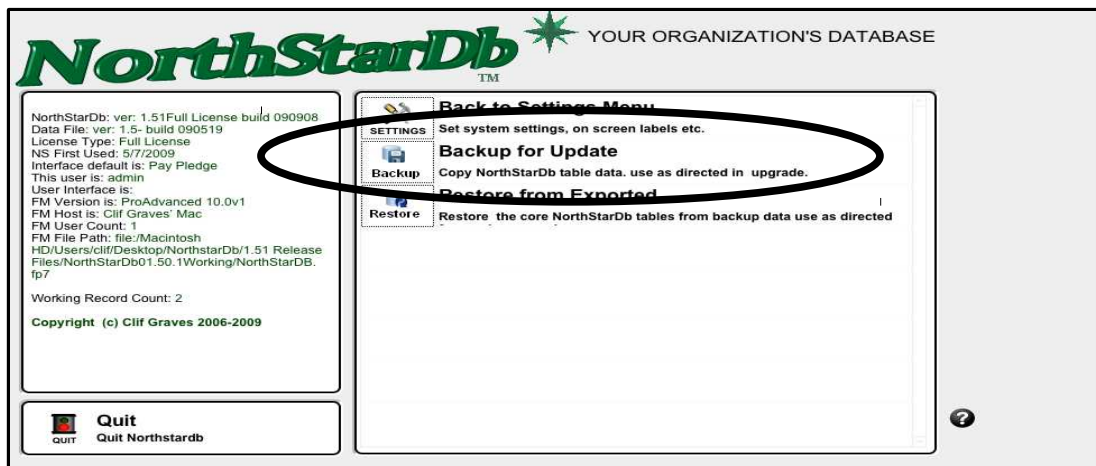
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Exporting data from NorthStarDb version 1.5

- Open your current NorthStarDb
- Choose the Settings button from the Main Menu.
- From the Settings menu, Choose the Update button



On the backup menu choose the Backup for Update Button



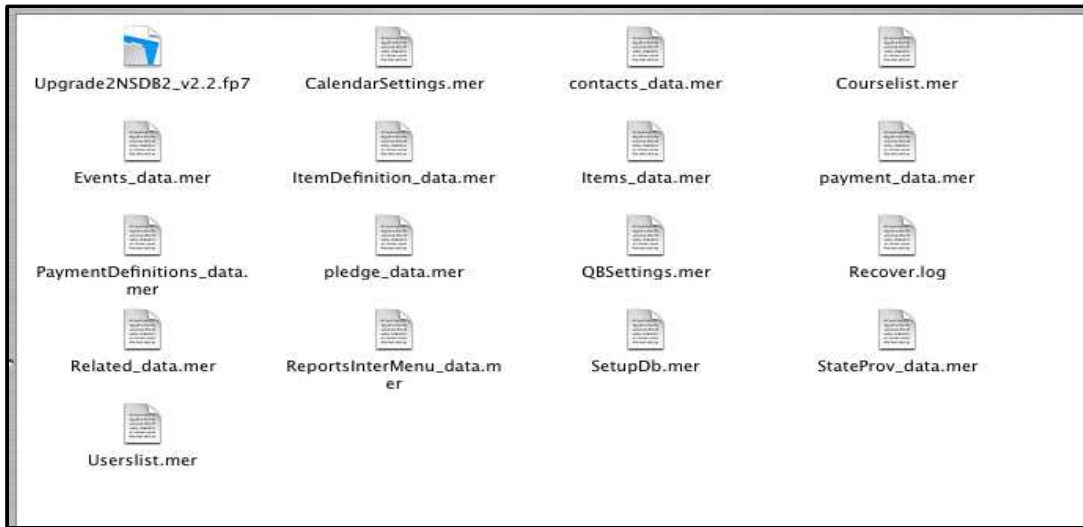
This will create a number of files with the extension .mer in your NorthStarDb folder.

These files contain the data from your old NorthStarDb ready for the next part of the upgrade process.

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Copy all the .mer files into your new NorthStarDb 2 update folder.

- Create a folder you can call “Updater” or whatever you want.
- Copy the Upgrade2NSDB2.fp7 file you downloaded into the “Updater” folder.
- Copy all the .mer files you just created into the “Updater” folder.



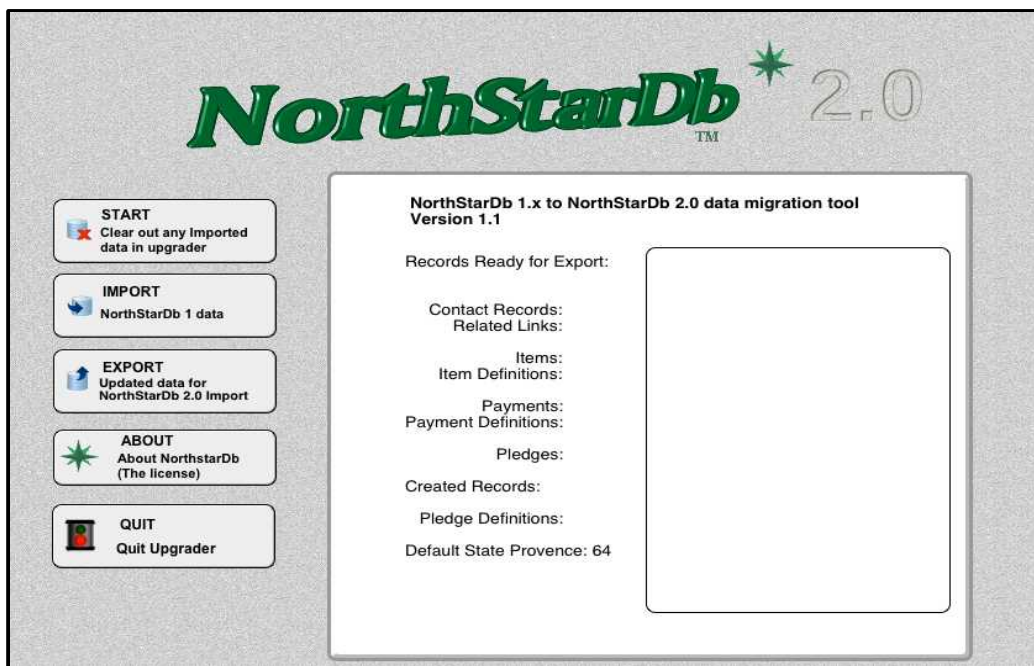
Not all the .mer files exported from your old NorthStarDb will be used in NorthStarDb 2 but it is easiest to just copy them all over.

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Use the NorthStarDb 1 to NorthStarDb 2 update tool file to migrate your data into the NorthStarDb 2 format.

- Launch the Upgrade2NSDB2.fp7 file

The data migration tool is used to import and modify data from the .mer files exported by a previous version of NorthStarDb to make the data ready for use in NorthStarDb 2. The buttons on the left hand side quite clearly describe the process



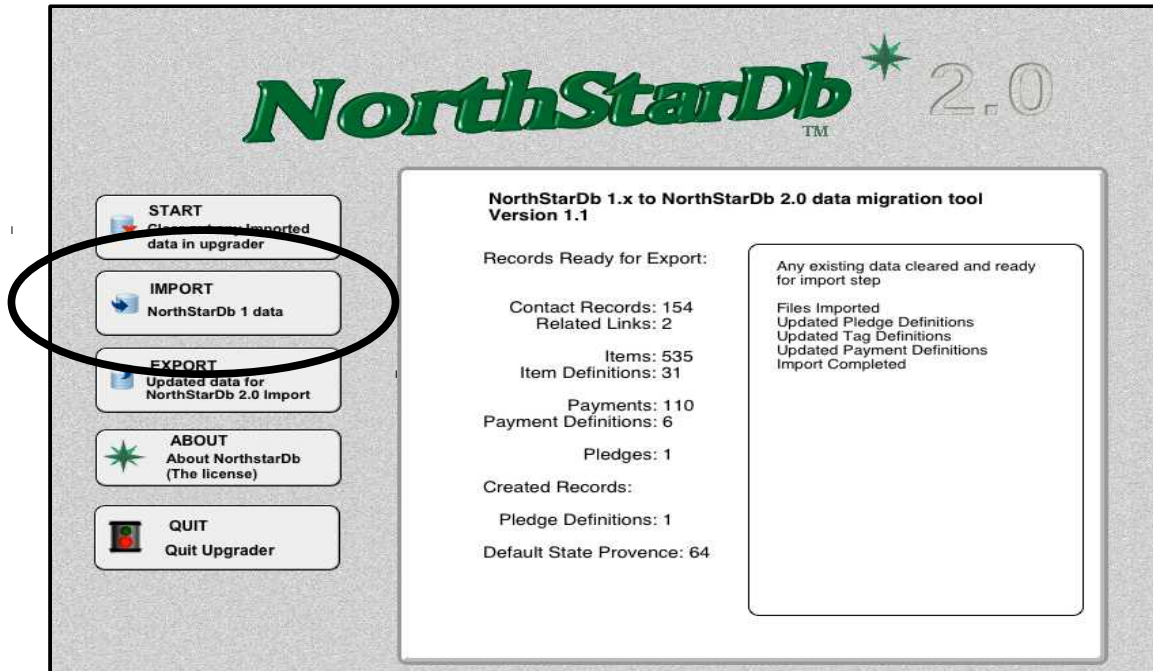
- **Start:** this button will clear out any data in the tool. You probably won't need to use this if you use the tool only once but it assures that you are starting with a clean slate.
- **Import:** this will import the data from those .mer files and do a little bit of cleanup and preparation during the import phase.
- **Export:** This stage exports the data, again in .mer files that are formatted for import into NorthStarDb 2

The next pages will detail that process.

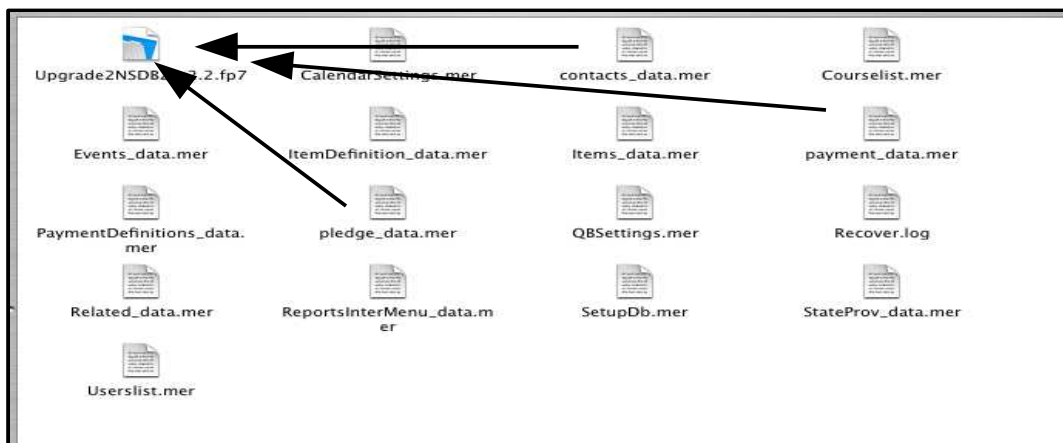
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Upgrading – Import into the migration tool.

The import button starts the process. Once this has run, you will see the counts of records imported as part of the import.



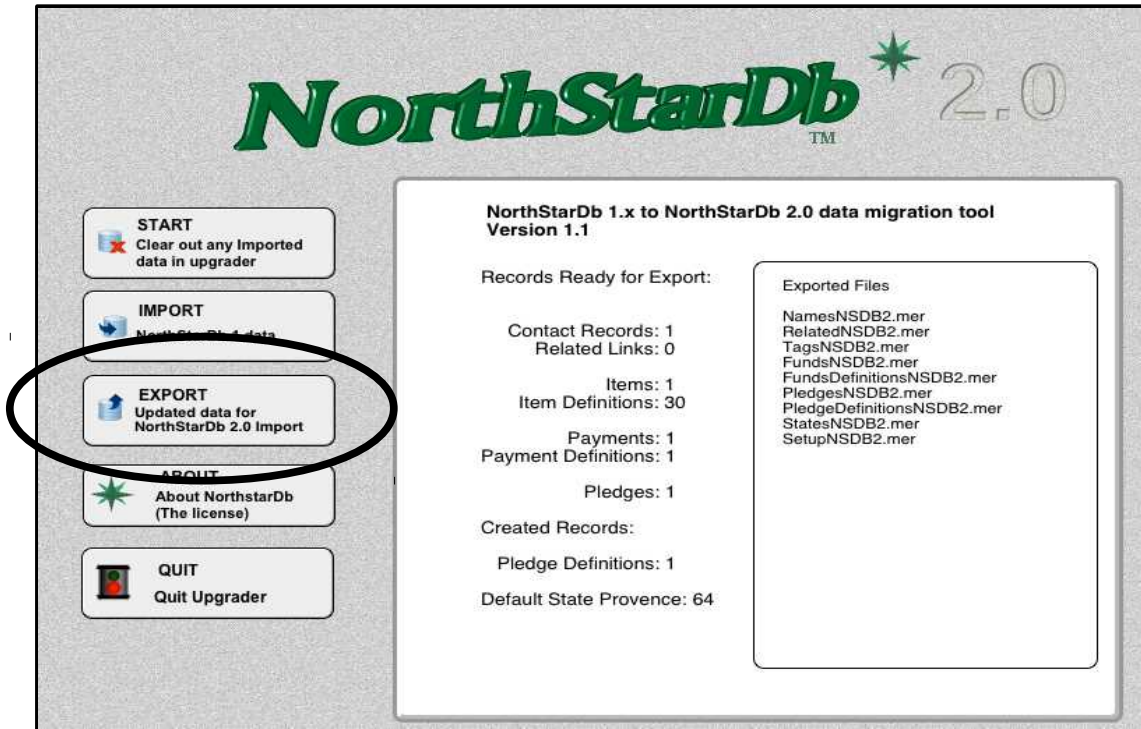
The data from those .mer files will now be in The migration tool. You are actually done with the old .mer files. If you want to, you can delete them.



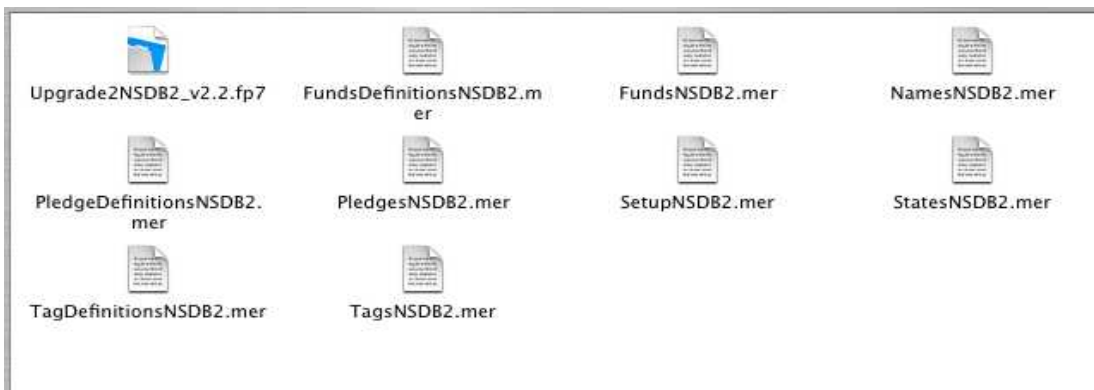
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Upgrading – Export to new .mer files.

The Export button now continues the process. Once this has run, you will see the list of export files.



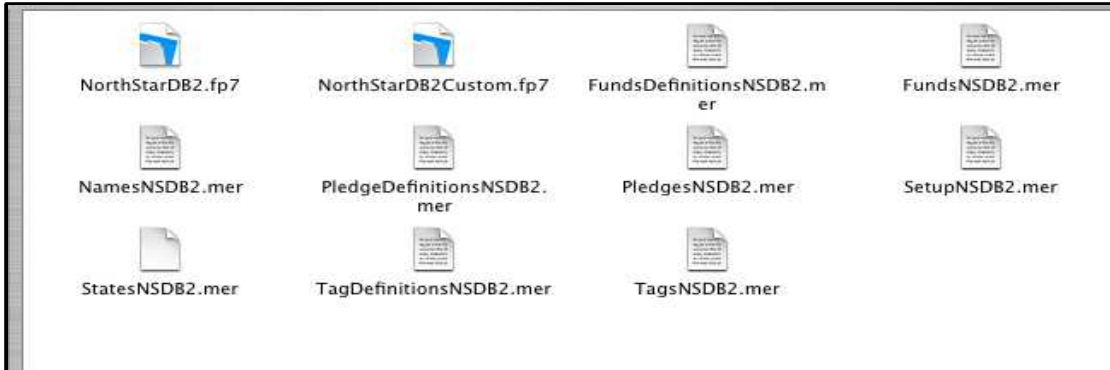
The newly exported .mer files have filenames ending with NSDB2.fp7.



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Import the updated data into NorthStarDb 2.

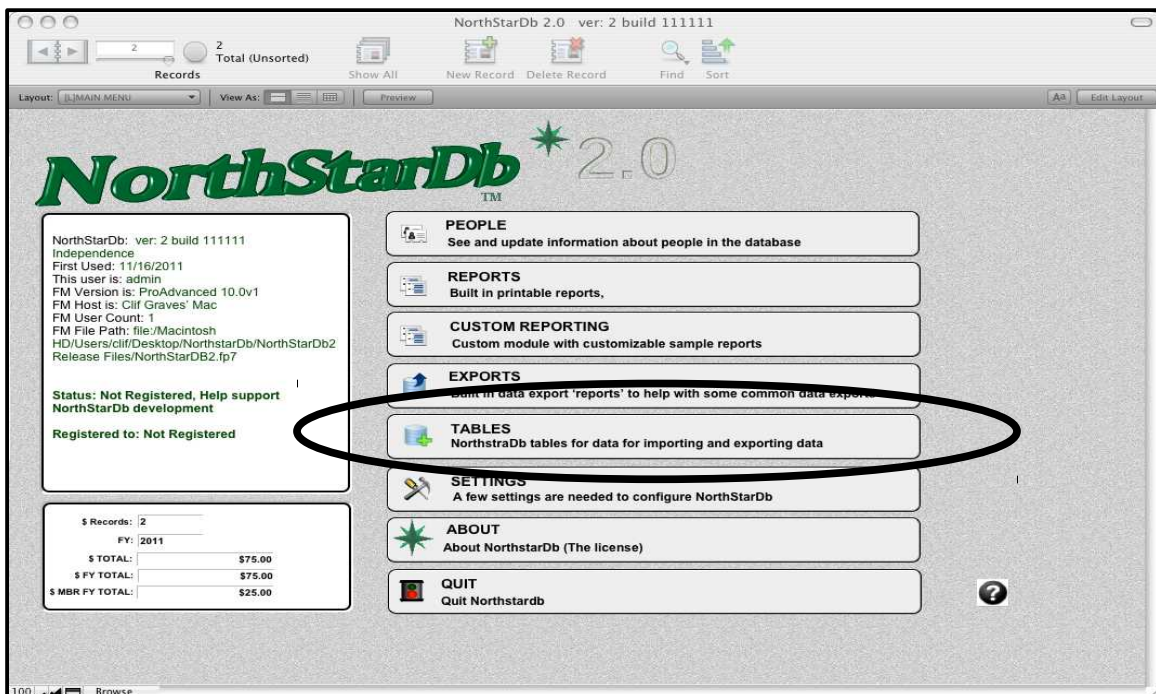
The next step is to copy the newly exported ...NSDB2.mer files into your NorthStarDb2 folder and import the data. Your NorthStarDb2 folder should look something like this.



(It will do no harm to also copy the old .mer files as well.)

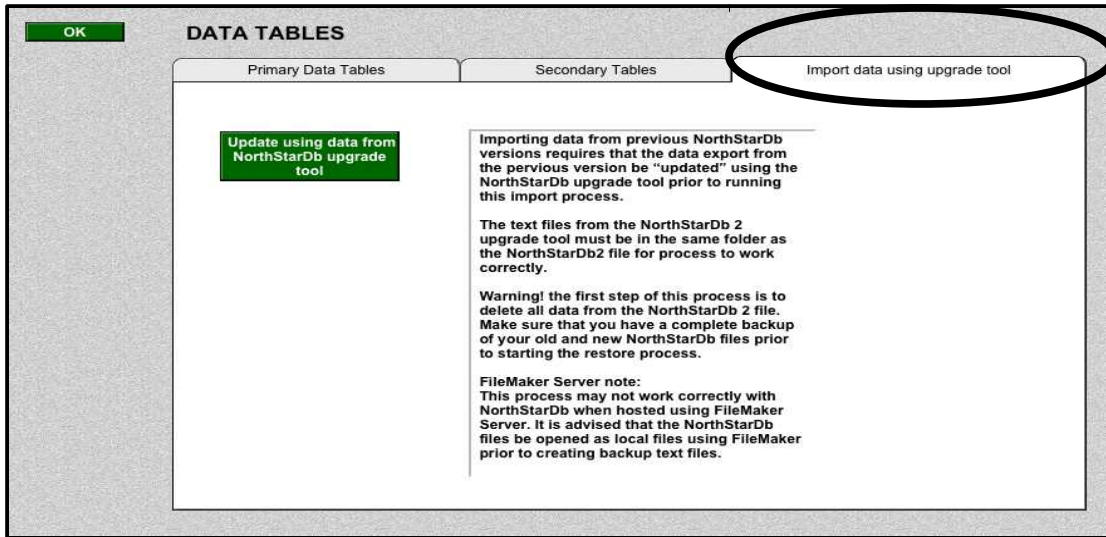
Almost done – Launch NorthStarDb 2.

At the main menu choose the TABLES button.

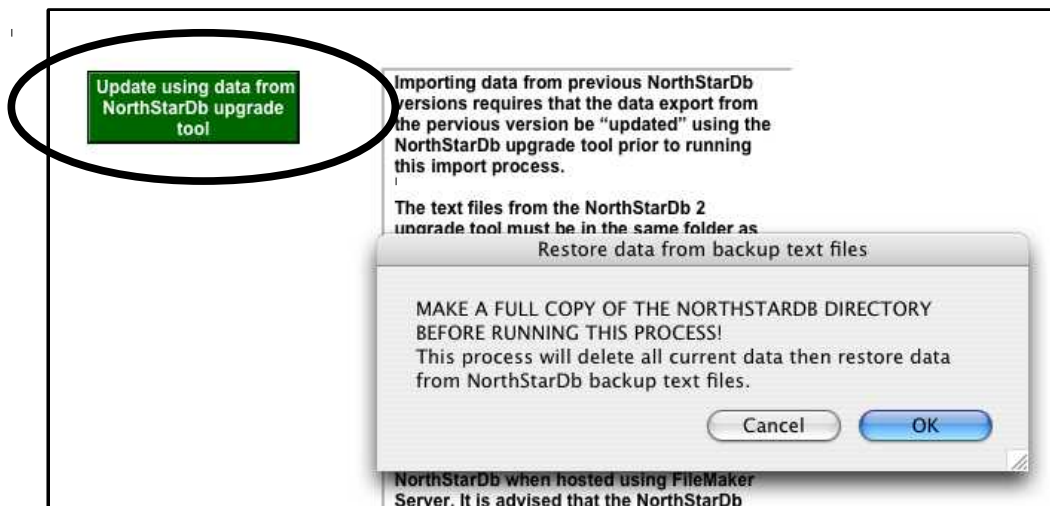


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From the Data Tables screen choose the Tab labeled Import data using upgrade tool.



Then choose the Big Green update button.



Click OK on the restore warning dialog. When the import finishes you should have your data in a shiny new version of NorthStarDb.

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FileMaker Server Only:

Once your data has been imported you will need to copy the NorthStarDb 2 .fp7 files to your server and mount the NorthStarDb files so they can be hosted by FileMaker Server.

This should complete your data import for your upgrade to NorthStarDb 2.0

Follow-up:

You should carefully check the data in your new NorthStarDb to be sure that all the data did indeed come over correctly. Once you confirm that it did, you are good to go.

It is advisable to keep your old NorthStarDb around for at least a few weeks, just in case.

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