This page lists the new features of FTM 2011, packaging differences, and sites available for help with FTM.

This page will be posted on the TNGS (www.tngs.org) site so you can simply CLICK on the links, instead of having to type them in.

Sites listing the new features of FTM 2011:

- http://www.searchforancestors.com/archives/ftm2011.html (also lists what was new in 2010 and 2009)
- http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/family-tree-maker-review.html
- http://store.ancestry.com/ProductDetail.aspx?p=P-4825&Terms=Family+Tree+Maker+2011&o_iid=44503&o_lid=44503
- http://ancestry.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/ancestry.cfg/php/enduser/sab_answer.php?p_faqid=5238&p_created=1281465673&p_sid=2xIDE77k

Family Tree Maker 2011 introduces more than 100 enhancements including:

- Smart Stories—Start your own family history book using a new narrative tool that lets you utilize facts, sources, and notes you've already entered in your tree.
- New and improved charts—Enhance your charts with new backgrounds, borders, and embellishments.
- Refined reports—Save and reuse report settings you choose.
- Better performance—Upload and download trees from the Internet with increased speed.
- Media management tools—Locate missing media items with the click of the mouse.
- More Ancestry integration—Find out which Ancestry members are searching for your ancestors in the expanded Web Dashboard.
- Updated look and feel and new Ancestry color theme.

FTM 2008 and 2009 were for Windows only. FTM for MAC was released with the 2010 version.

Here are some YouTube videos for using some of the new features of FTM 2011:

- Smart Stories: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgv6zyDk-5k
- New Charts and Settings: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KRTU3mzlH0&feature=related
- Automatic Numbering: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEI0r11SOMY&feature=related

Family Tree Maker was completely redesigned in 2008 with a new look and a new architecture.

FTM now available for Windows and the MAC.

Tutorials and Getting Started Guides for Family Tree Maker:

Help for FTM 2010 for the MAC:

Some people are confused about the differences between:

- **Ancestry.com** - a paid subscription internet site with some free databases where you can find original documents as well as compiled indexes.
- **Ancestry Member Trees** - pedigree charts/trees posted by subscribers and non-subscribers to ancestry.com. These should be used as "suggestions" for your research, as they are based on someone elses research, often with no source materials listed.
- **Family Tree Maker** - software that runs on YOUR computer for entering and organizing YOUR genealogy data. This software can also search ancestry.com (and some other online databases) and merge that data into YOUR local data. This software can also copy a tree that you have posted onto the ancestry member tree

section of ancestry.com back into an FTM database on your local computer. The two trees are NOT synchronized, but FTM can be used to copy and replace the tree online and for bringing your tree down as a replacement or separate tree on your local system.

Differences in packaging of FTM Essentials/Deluxe/Platinum/MAC:

On Amazon.com (prices as of 2-12-2011)

- FTM Essentials (For Windows 7/Vista/XP) $29.99: includes 1 month of ancestry.com access and the Quick Start Guide
- FTM Deluxe (For Windows 7/Vista/XP) $62.00 includes 3 months of ancestry.com access, Family History ToolKit and the Companion Guide
- FTM Platinum (For Windows 7/Vista/XP) $94.98 includes 6 months of ancestry.com access plus Photo Explosion Album, Family History ToolKit
- FTM MAC (For MAC OS X) $79.99: Includes 6 months of ancestry.com access
- Companion Guide for FTM 2011 $16.47
- Ancestry.com also has an upgrade version of FTM available.