

Where are my files? Old Files? New Files?

How to move client data from one place to another or from one computer to another

Client data files are saved into a single file called *affdata2006.mdb*.

The program has a setting which allows you to save client data files to a local database or to a network database. Whether local or network, the file will still be called *affdata2006.mdb*

If you are installing the program to a new computer, you can figure out where your old files are located in several ways:

Method #1 to find the old client data file:

If you have the program operating on another computer in your office, **and** if you have previously used the program feature that lets you all share the same database file, then you can look up the location of the database file by running the program from the other computer. At the other computer, use the Affidavit program's Settings Menu to get to "Set location of network database". The "Set location ..." screen will tell you where the network database is located. Then use the "Set location ..." screen on your own new computer to "point" your program to that same network location.

Method #2 to find the old client data file:

If you are just replacing a "dead" computer, and you haven't been using the program feature that lets you all share the same database file with other computers in the office, then you should be able to find your old Affidavit program database file on the hard drive of the "dead" computer (assuming you or your IT person can still see files on the hard drive of your old computer).

If the old computer was using Windows XP, the database can be found at *c:\program files\affidavit*. The file is named *affdata2006.mdb*. Copy the file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the hard disk of the old computer to the hard disk of the new computer.

If the new computer is using Windows XP, then copy the old file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the old computer and paste it into the folder named *c:\program files\affidavit* on the new XP computer.

If the new computer is using Windows Vista, then copy the old file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the old computer and paste it into the folder named *documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Data Files* on the new Vista computer.

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If the new computer is using Windows XP, then paste the old file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the old computer into the folder named *c:\program files\affidavit* on the new XP computer.

If the new computer is using Windows Vista, then paste the old file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the old computer into the folder named *documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Data Files* on the new Vista computer.

Method #3 to find the old client data file:

The Affidavit program uses a text file named ***aff2006.ini*** to keep track of where its client database files are located. If you can still see files on your old computer, you can open this file on the old computer to see where the old program has been saving its client data files.

To open the file named *aff2006.ini*, use Explore to locate the file.

To locate the file named *aff2006.ini*

For Windows XP look in *c:\program files\affidavit*

For Windows Vista look in *documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Config Files*

Once found, double click on the file named ***aff2006.ini***. This will open the file in Word Pad or Notepad. The 9th line down will tell you the location of the network database. If the 9th line down matches the 5th line down, then no network location was previously specified. If no network location was previously specified, then the old computer has been using the database at *c:\program files\affidavit*.

If the new computer is using Windows XP, then copy the old file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the old computer and paste it into the folder named *c:\program files\affidavit* on the new XP computer.

If the new computer is using Windows Vista, then copy the old file named *affdata2006.mdb* from the old computer and paste it into the folder named *documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Data Files* on the new Vista computer.

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To facilitate the copy and paste process described above, the file *affdata2006.mdb* can be copied to a "flash drive" or to a CD. You can also "zip" it (compress it) and email it to yourself.

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Alternatively, once you have located the old file and made it available to your new computer, it can be "imported" from a flash drive or CD rather than using copy and paste. This can be done using the program's *Import Database (all clients)* feature.

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Net result: If you are using Windows Vista, your client data files will all be in a single file named *AffData2006.mdb* located at *Documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Data Files*. If you are using Windows XP, your client data files will all be in a single file named *AffData2006.mdb* located at *c:\program files\affidavit*. If you are "networked", you can use the settings menu to change the storage location of the network database, but the local data base needs to stay where we want it.

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