User Manual

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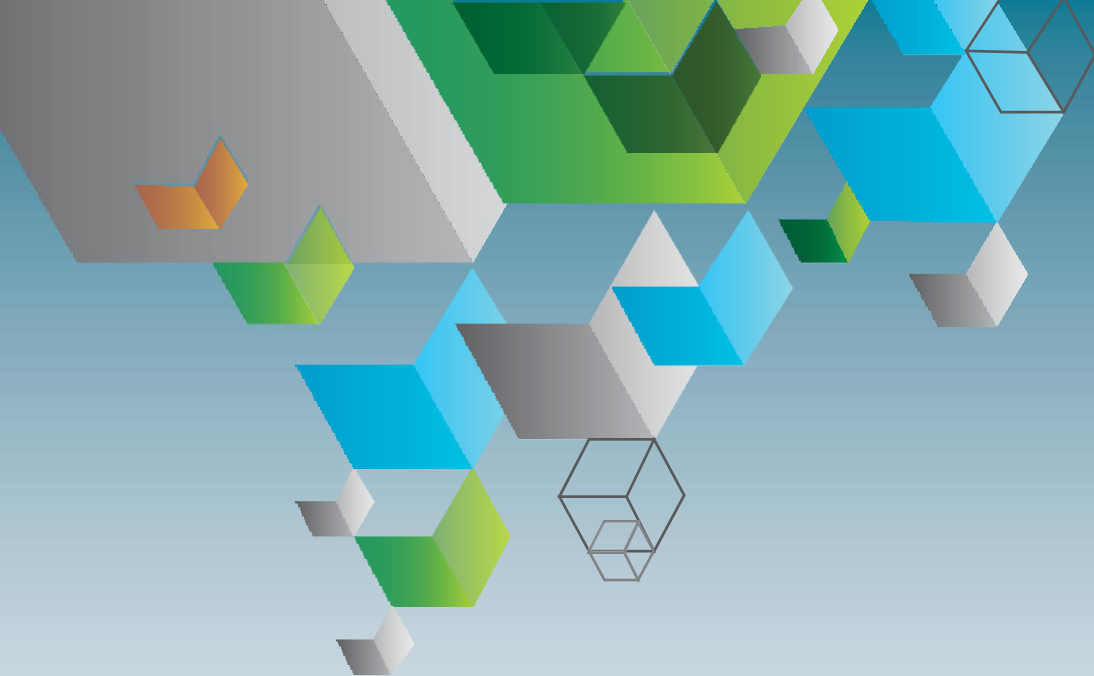
One click solution to parse, store and process FMS schedule settings and configuration data

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Revision History

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1.0	2020-03-04	FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials FileMaker Application Released

1.   Introduction

This User Manual (UM) provides the information necessary for **FileMaker Admin users** to effectively utilize the FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app. This document outlines the step by step process which needs to be followed in order to make the effective use of this app.

FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials is a customized app developed in FileMaker Pro. It is compatible to run with FileMaker version 18 and above on Windows and Mac OS. You don't need to worry about installing any additional plugins to run the app.

FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app follows a very simple workflow with high flexibility and accuracy, this app is extremely helpful for any user who manages [FileMaker server](#) on Windows or Mac OS. It loads and parses the FileMaker Server schedule settings data stored in the dbs_config.xml file.

1.1   How it Works:

You may come across a situation where FMS Schedules may get lost due to the corruption of schedule settings (dbs_config.xml) file. In this problematic scenario, there is no chance you can go back and restore all the previously setup FMS schedules. FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials takes care of all that work for you behind the scenes and saves your precious time.

To address this issue, you can simply take a backed up schedules settings (dbs_config.xml) file and insert it into the FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app. On one click, the app parses all the schedule's settings data from the inserted dbs_config.xml file and import it in a well-managed database allowing you to go through the previously setup FMS schedules. By following few simple steps, you will be able to access the important settings and configuration data for all the previously setup FMS schedules at a glance.

The ideal way to utilize FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app is to execute it locally on your FileMaker server(s). You can keep a separate copy of FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app on each of your FileMaker servers and since, all your previous FMS settings and configuration settings are already present on the FileMaker server. It's easy to locate the schedule settings (dbs_config.xml) file and insert it in the FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app to load and process all FMS schedule settings data. On the other hand, you can always use this app on any of your FileMaker client computers by inserting any backed up schedule settings (dbs_config.xml) file.

1.2   Acronyms

Acronym	Literal Translation
FMS	FileMaker Server
App	Application

2.   Application Overview

FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials is designed and developed in [FileMaker Pro](#) version 18 and above on Windows and Mac OS. The best part is, you don't need to worry about installing any additional plugins to run the app; it can be executed on FileMaker client or directly on FileMaker server computers.

- FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials is flexible to run in both client/server and local environment. You can simply copy the downloaded FileMaker (schedule_parser.fmp12) solution to multiple FileMaker or Client computers and insert a backed up schedule settings (dbs_config.xml) file in each app instance without affecting any other FileMaker admin user's work.

- FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials is loaded with a fully functional graphical user interface which allows the FileMaker admin user to easily access all the exciting features. This app cannot be used as a background process or as a scheduled job.

- **Supported Operating Systems**: Windows and Mac OS.

- FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials is currently not supported to work on FileMaker Go and FileMaker Cloud environment.

3.   Getting Started

3.1   Set-up Considerations

1. **FileMaker Pro 18 (required):** Please make sure FileMaker Pro 18 is installed on your computer before running this app.

2. **FileMaker Server Access (required):** You will need access to FileMaker server for taking backup of schedule settings dbs_config.xml file.

3.2   User Access Considerations

Any user with a minimum or no knowledge about FileMaker can use this app, but this app is extremely useful for FileMaker Server admin users.

3.3   Accessing the App

Use following credentials to login to the app.

- Username: demo
- Password: demo

3.4   System Organization & Navigation

There are the two main navigation buttons added on left top corner of both the screens.

   Home button navigates user to the startup screen of the app.

The arrow button navigates user to the setting tab on the schedule details database screen.

4.   Using the FMS Schedules Explorer Essentials app

5 simple steps to load schedule settings:

1. Login to the FileMaker Server.
2. Locate the dbs_config.xml file and take a backup copy of dbs_config.xml file.
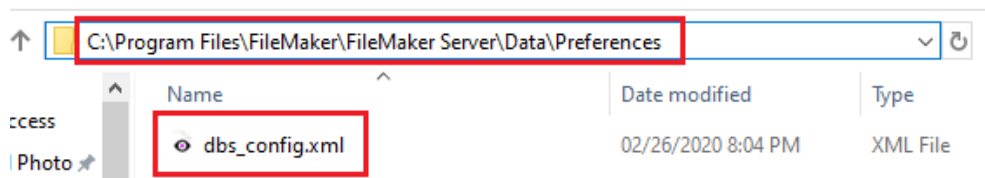
Note: Mac OS path for dbs_config,xml file is **"/Library/FileMaker Server/Data/Preferences"**
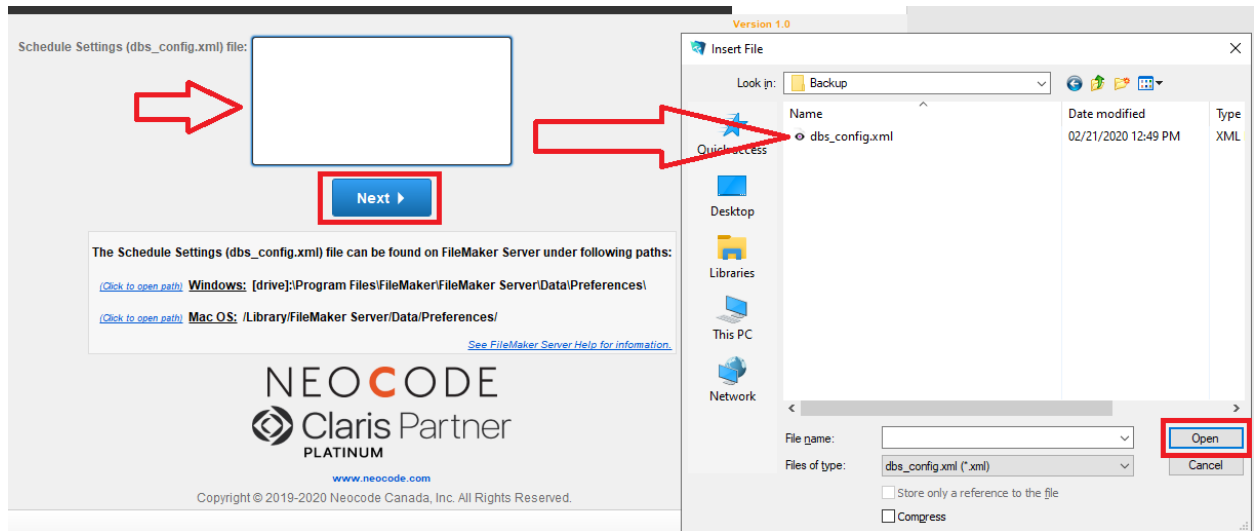
3. **Download** and Open FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials app (**schedule_parser.fmp12**) in FileMaker Pro 18.
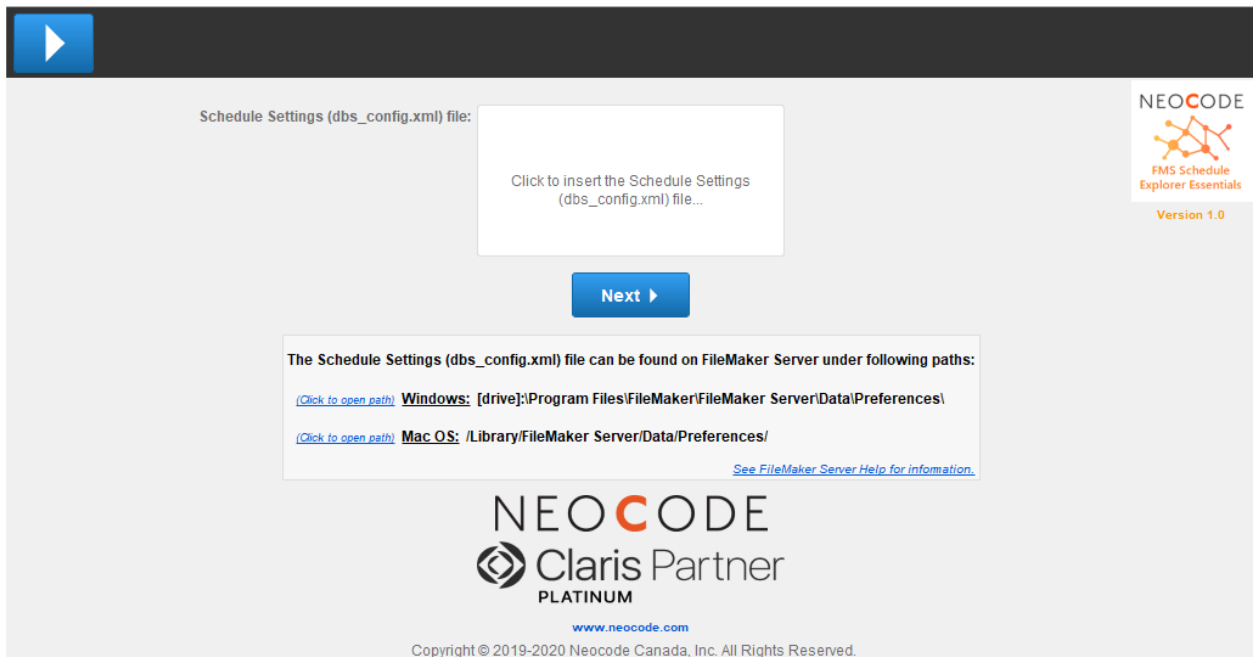
4. On Home screen, click to insert the dbs_config.xml you backed up in above step 2.

5. Click on **Next** to parse and load the schedule settings configuration data. The imported schedule settings data is divided into 3 tabs as explained below.

    i.   **Setting Tab**: This screen has two sections showing Basic Settings and OS scripts schedule settings data for the **Schedule Name FMS**. You can click on forward and backward arrow buttons to navigate between different FileMaker server schedules.

ii.   **Database Tab:** The database tab shows the raw data parsed and inserted into the app.

iii. **Repeat tab:** The repeat tab shows the schedule interval details.

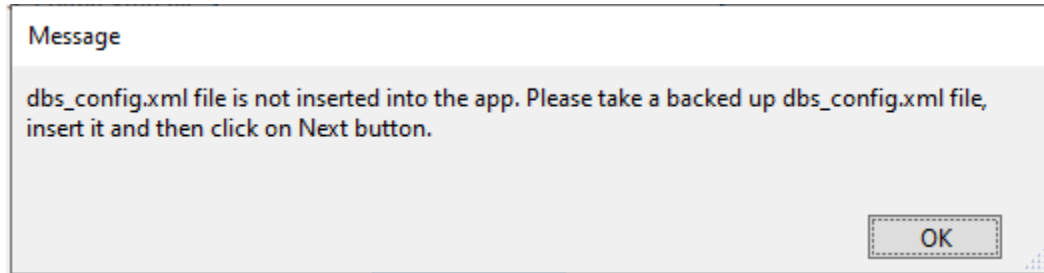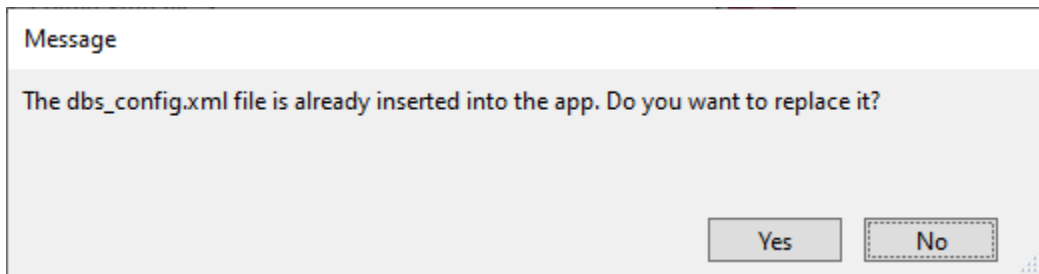**FMS Schedule Explorer Essentials**

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5.   Troubleshooting & Support

5.1   Error or Warning Messages

1. Refer the default paths mentioned on the home screen to locate schedule settings dbs_config.xml file and insert it into the app to avoid this error.

2. This is a warning message confirming whether user wants to replace the existing dbs_config.xml file.

5.2   Special Considerations

Please make sure you always use the backed up copy of schedule settings dbs_config.xml file. Do not insert the deployed version of dbs_config.xml into the app.

5.3   Support

1. In case you run into any issues, feel free to report them via email to **support@neocode.com.**
2. It is recommended that you include the zipped copy of schedule_parser.fmp12 database file in the email to help us serve you better.
3. Direct link to Neocode contact page: https://www.neocode.com/contact-us/

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