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Introducing Laplink PCmover

Laplink PCmover is the quick and easy way to migrate from one computer to another. PCmover copies your programs, data files, and registry settings needed to make your programs work properly on the new system, while leaving all of the new computer's preinstalled software intact. You can transfer your data over an existing local area network, over a Laplink USB cable, parallel cable, or using any type of removable media that can be read by both PCs. PCmover can save you hours, even days, of time spent reinstalling software.

Pre-Installation checklist

Before you install PCmover, make sure the "source" PC and the "destination" PC meet the system requirements to use PCmover. The source PC is the "Old" PC that contains the applications, files, and settings you wish to move to the destination PC, or "New" PC.

Do not plug in a Laplink USB cable unless PCmover has been installed on each PC.

System requirements for each PC

- 486 or higher CPU
- At least 16 megabytes (MB) of RAM
- 4 MB of available hard disk space
- Microsoft Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0, Me, 2000, or XP (The operating system on the destination PC should be the same or newer than the operating system on the source PC.)

Once you have verified that the requirements are met, you are ready to install PCmover.

Installing PCmover

To use PCmover to transfer your programs, files, and registry settings onto another computer, the software must be installed on both of the computers.

To install PCmover from a file you downloaded from the Internet, follow these steps on each PC:

- 1 Double-click on the PCmover_setup.exe file in the folder where you saved the download. Follow the on-screen prompts.
- 2 At the end of the installation, restart your computer if prompted.
- 3 Repeat these steps on the second PC.

To install PCmover from a CD, follow these steps on each PC:

- 1 Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2 If the autorun feature is enabled, the installation begins automatically. Follow the on-screen prompts. If autorun is not enabled, use Windows Explorer or some other file management program to display the contents of the CD. Browse to the [CD drive]\EN\PCmover directory and double-click on the PCmover_Setup.exe file to begin the installation. Follow the on-screen prompts.
- 3 At the end of the installation, restart your computer if prompted.
- 4 Repeat these steps on the second PC.

- Important - To move your programs, files and settings, PCmover must be installed on both the Old PC and the New PC.

- When using PCmover to migrate one PC to another, it is strongly suggested that the New computer, the one you are copying files to, be of the same or newer operating system version as the Old computer.

Starting PCmover:

If you plan to migrate your PC using your Laplink USB cable, plug the cable into the USB port on both PC's now.

PCmover needs to be running on both PCs in order to perform your PC migration. If not already running on your PC's, go to Start>Programs>PCmover, and launch PCmover on both machines at this time.

Performing a Migration with PCmover

When you run PCmover, you are guided through the process of migrating to a new computer. For more information about the instructions on any screen, click the Help button on that screen.

Pre-migration Checklist

PCmover recommends you run ScanDisk as well as virus scanning software on the Old computer prior to the migration to prevent post-migration problems. You may also want to run antivirus software on the New computer, depending on the amount and type of use it has undergone since purchase.

When using the Laplink USB cable or parallel port methods of data transfer, make sure that cables are securely connected on both computers. When using the network method, make certain both computers are logged into your LAN before you begin. Exit all programs that are running on both computers.

New Computer setup

Proceed with setup for migration on the New computer first, and proceed with Old computer setup only after the New computer is setup and prepared to receive the migration.

- 1 Welcome to PCmover** Upon starting PCmover, select your migration method: Standard or Custom. The Standard Migration (recommended) is the simple default method, while the Custom Migration is designed for expert users. Click **Next** to continue.



- 2 Which Computer?** Choose **New** to identify this PC as the place your data is being moved to. Click **Next** when ready.
If you are using the Standard Migration method, skip to Step 4 now.
- 3 Before Transfer Starts (Custom Migrations only)** If you haven't already, run ScanDisk (or similar utility) and Virus checking prior to migration. Click each checkbox when complete, then **Next** to proceed.
- 4 Transfer Method** Choose your method of file transfer, then click **Next**.
- 5 Ready to Start Transfer** PCmover is ready to accept data transfer using your transfer method. Click **Next** when ready.
- 6 In Progress Ready to Transfer** PCmover is now waiting for the connection from the Old computer, and the migration preparation on the New PC is complete. Next, begin migration preparation on the Old PC.

Old Computer setup

Once the New computer is ready for migration, begin preparing the Old computer.

- 1 **Welcome to PCmover** Again, select your migration method: Standard or Custom. The Standard migration (recommended) is the simple default method, while the Custom migration is designed for expert users. Click **Next** to continue.
- 2 **Which Computer?** Choose **Old**, then click **Next**.
- 3 **Enter Serial Number** A valid serial number is required to migrate data from your Old PC to your New one. Enter your name, email address and serial number, then click **Next**.

The location of your serial number depends on your type of purchase:

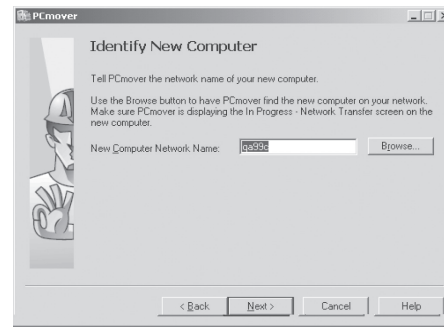
- **Download** - viewed from your Laplink My Downloads account.
- **Physical Box** - affixed to the Quick Start Guide or the CD sleeve.

You will need to be connected to the Internet on one of your PCs for serial number verification. If an Internet connection is unavailable to you, please contact us at (425) 952-6000.

If you are using the Standard Migration method, skip to Step 5 now.

- 4 **Before Transfer Starts (Custom Migrations only)** If you haven't already, run ScanDisk (or similar utility) and Virus checking prior to migration. Click each checkbox when complete, then **Next** to proceed.
- 5 **Transfer Method** Choose your method of file transfer, then click **Next**.

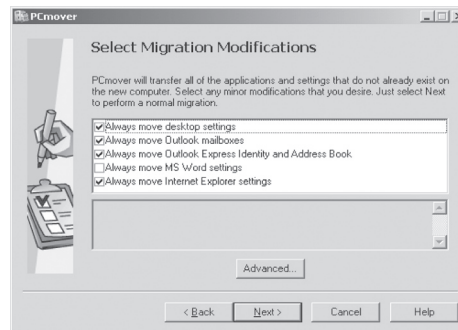
NOTE: If choosing Network, the **Identify New Computer** screen appears. Input the New Computer Network name, and click **Next**.



- 6 **Ready To Start Load Snapshot** Click **Next**, and PCmover will connect to your New computer and prepare a snapshot of the migration process. PCmover analyzes the data on both PCs, determines what files and settings need to be copied to your new system, and lists the total amount of data to be moved.

If you are using the Standard Migration method, skip to Step 8 now.

- 7 **Select Migration Modifications (Custom Migrations only)** Select the specific migration components you would like to transfer. Click **Next** when selections are complete.

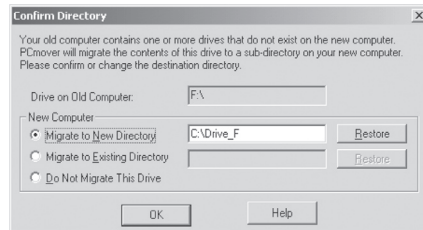


- When you purchase PCmover, you are purchasing a license that limits you to migrating the contents from one (1) Old PC to a New PC. You cannot use your serial number to install PCmover on another Old PC to move its contents to another PC.

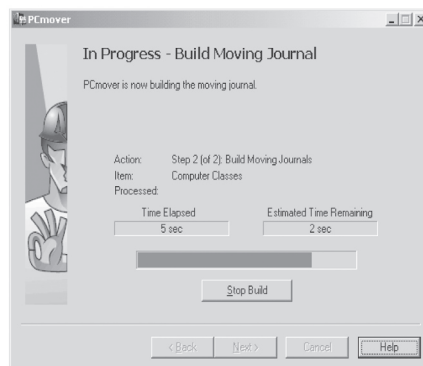
- Once a migration is completed, PCmover does allow you to easily revert back to the original state and settings of your New PC. In that case, you will be able to do the migration between the original Old PC and the New PC as many times as may be necessary.

- 8 Build Moving Journal** During this process, PCmover will examine both computers in preparation for migration. Click **Next** when ready.

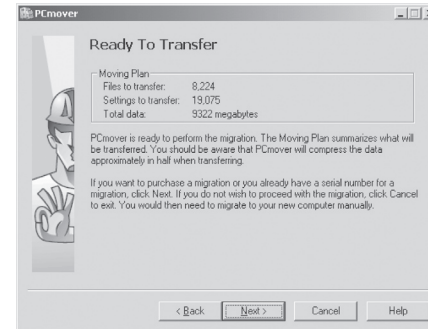
NOTE: Confirm Directory If your Old PC has drives that don't exist on the New PC, PCmover will identify these drives and create a migration directory for you. Accept this new directory, define the path for yourself, or choose not to migrate this drive. Click **OK** when ready.



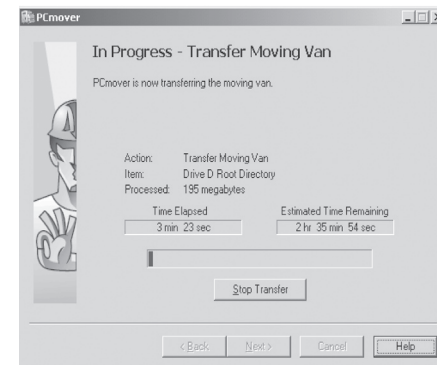
- 9 In Progress-Build Moving Journal** This screen lets you know the progress of the moving plan that PCmover is now creating. Click **Next** when this process is complete.



- 10 Ready To Transfer** Once the Moving Journal is prepared, the following screen appears. This screen outlines the Moving Plan, which provides details of the number of files that will transfer, total data, and more. Click **Next** when ready.



- 11 Ready To Start - Transfer Moving Van** Your migration package is ready to be moved. Click **Next** to begin PC migration.



PCmover now transfers all of your programs, data files, and registry settings to the New computer in a continuous stream. The length of time required to perform the move depends on the configuration of the computers involved and the amount of data to be transferred. When the migration completes, the New computer must be rebooted to ensure that all changes take place.

When the migration is complete, PCmover requires you to restart your computer. Please restart your New PC at this time.

Startup This

The first time you restart the New PC, PCmover's StartUp This runs. StartUp This is an application included with PCmover to help you manage applications that start automatically during the boot process.

Many of the programs and drivers that run automatically when you start Windows relate to hardware that exists on your computer. When you use PCmover to migrate to a new computer, those applications may or may not be needed, depending on the hardware installed in the New PC. The first time you use the New computer after the migration, you can use StartUp This to enable those applications that are appropriate for your New system.

For more information on using StartUp This, refer to StartUp This Help.

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