

PC Baby 98

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2. What's New

PC Baby for Windows 98 is all new, once again. We have taken all of the suggestions from our loyal users and made this great application even better.

The biggest change in PC Baby 98 is our support for any TWAIN compliant scanning device. This includes almost every scanner and video capture device on the market today. Personalize PC Baby for your family and add pictures to the new PC Baby 98

edition of At Home Photo Album. You can even Email these pictures to your friends around the world over the Internet.

This is not the only change, however. PC Baby 98 has added several more new features that we think you will enjoy.

Unique artwork for each child.

Each child's artwork can be changed to be unique to the child selected.

Scaling and stretching.

All artwork can be scaled or stretched to fit in the frame area. Simply right-click on any picture to change these properties.

Buttons and Background options.

Use the screen setup (tools menu) to change the look and feel of PC Baby to your particular taste. Three button choices and 8 different backgrounds available.

Email Support

Email pictures from your photo album to friends and family around the world.

Prenatal and Daily Journal Unique

These sections are now personal to the selected child. Keep a daily journal for each of your children, and keep a record of all you pregnancies (not just the last one).

First Name Editable

The child's first name is the key to all data tables used by PC Baby, but now you can use a temporary name before the child is born and change the name after birth.

All new reports that include pictures from PC Baby.

All journal-type entries can be individually selected for print.

Backup Data Feature

You can now backup all of the data that you enter into PC Baby. The data is backed up in the industry standard ZIP format, so you can easily restore this data should a disaster occur.

Growth Charts are back

New Growth charts are back, and PC Baby will automatically sort the entries for you.

New areas for personal artwork

With the new added TWAIN support we have also added a few areas to add new pictures to PC Baby.

There is more, but we're sure you get the idea. PC Baby, an already great application for the home has gotten even better.


3. About PC Baby 98

PC Baby 98 is the latest version of PC Baby, the popular DOS, Windows 3.1, and Windows 95 application that has been around in some form since 1991. PC Baby is a baby book for your PC. It's features include all of the things you would expect of a regular paper baby book. You can chronicle all sorts of information about your child's growth and development.

Areas include: personal information about your children, family, the environment in which your children were born, all areas of your children's health and growth, birthdays, holidays, special events, a daily journal of everything your children do, and, of course, the PC Baby 98 version of At Home Photo Album to save all of these memories in visual form.

Also included are areas to store information prior to the birth of your child. You can keep track of important dates, doctor visits, and thoughts and feelings you may have during the pregnancy.

This is a great way to use your computer for a really useful purpose. You will be able to save a record of your children forever.

Note: for further information about all forms in PC Baby, click on the help  (question mark) icon on the particular form.

A Note about the ZIP technology used in PC Baby: This will most likely not apply to you, but this is required by our licensing agreement concerning the source code used. PC Baby uses the file zipdll.dll to perform backup operations that are compatible with the industry standard ZIP file format. The source code for this component can be found at <http://www.cdrom.com/pub/delphi/>. This is a derivative of a project by InfoZip, <http://www.cdrom.com/pub/infozip/>

4. Menus

PC Baby includes the many pull down menus to enter lots of information. The following is a brief description of what each menu does.

Prenatal

Prenatal History - includes dates to remember about the pregnancy, a prenatal journal and a prenatal medical journal to record visits to the doctor during a pregnancy.

Baby Names - includes a list of names section, a names from around the world section and the name encyclopedia.

Child

Pick Child - Select the child to enter information, or add a new child.

Child Information - includes sections for name, birth information, first home, and headlines of the day.

Family - includes an area to input the name, date of birth, and place of birth of your children's family. Also includes a family tree.

Change First Name - your child's first name is the key to all data tables used by PC Baby. But what if the child is not born yet. You can give your unborn child a temporary name until they are born and then use this menu item to change the name after birth.

Health

At the Doctor - includes pediatrician information, doctor visits, immunizations, and childhood diseases.

Growth - includes a growth log, growth input, weight chart, and height chart.

Teeth - enter dates when your child's teeth come in.

Firsts

Skills - enter dates for skills in areas to include: first firsts, coordination, at the table, games, outdoors, learning, and others that you can choose.

Words - enter words as your children learn them. Includes: first word, word log, and word list that lists all the words in your child's vocabulary to include a total word counter so you know what your child's vocabulary is.

Birthdays

From Birth to age 16 - enter information relating to guests, gifts, and remarks from the day. Note: Only the 1st birthday may be edited using the evaluation version of PC Baby.

Holidays

Enter remarks about your children's first Thanksgiving, first New Years, or add a holiday that suits your family that we may not have thought up. If you want, you can make up a special holiday just for your child.

Special Events

Visitors - Enter information about special visitors your child has had.

Outings - Enter remarks about special outings your child has had.

Journal - A daily journal to keep track of all of your children's activities.

Reports

Print out different reports. All the information you enter into PC Baby can be printed out in a variety of report formats. **Note: the non-registered version allows you to only preview the Birth Announcement Report. The registered version, of course, allows you to print out all reports.**

Tools

Email Photo - Select a photo from your photo album to Email to your friends and/or family.

Screen Setup - Select the screen preferences (button and background types).

Photo Album - Launch At Home Photo Album (See the At Home Photo Album manual for use of this application).

Backup PC Baby Data - Select to backup all of your written information stored in PC Baby. The backup file will be saved in the industry standard PKZIP format.

Backup Pictures - Select to backup all artwork (within PC Baby).

Backup Photo Album - Select to backup all pictures in At Home Photo Album.

Help

About PC Baby - displays information about PC Baby.

Print Order Form - Enter order information and print an order form for ordering via postal mail.

Enter Registration Information - select to enter registration information that will unlock PC Baby after you have registered. This information will be Emailed to the Email address contained in your PC Baby order.

On-Line Readme file - select to read the information contained in this file while running PC Baby.

What's New - Select to see the "What's New" help topic.

How to Order - Select to read "How to Order". This will tell you about the different ways you can register PC Baby.

Search - select to search all help topics.

Licensing Agreement - select to read the At Home Software Licensing Agreement.

Importing Pictures into PC Baby - select to read the help topic on importing pictures to change PC Baby's default artwork to personalize PC Baby for you family.

5. Toolbar

PC Baby includes a very helpful toolbar for ‘one-click’ access to some of your favorite sections of PC Baby. The buttons correspond to menus discussed above (these are listed in the order that they appear on the screen - left to right). Each button is equipped with ‘tool tips’ that appear when the mouse cursor is over the button to remind you of what the buttons function is.

6. Ordering PC Baby

To order PC Baby 98:

Click on the “Print Order Form” button or select “Print Order Form” from the “Help” menu.

If your printer is not working or you are just trying to conserve ink/toner, just send \$24.95 per copy payable to:

At Home Software
P.O. Box 121
Marlton, NJ 08053

Please include with your order: Name, Address, Email address, and any comments you have about PC Baby.

Note: All payments must be by check or money order payable in US Dollars drawn to a US Bank or by international money order in US Dollars.

Thanks for you support of PC Baby.

7. Reading this information On-Line

To read this information while using PC Baby, select “On-Line Readme file” from the Help menu.

8. Support for PC Baby

Support for PC Baby is handled via Email at “support@athome-software.com” or via the World Wide Web at our web site at “<http://www.athome-software.com>”

Alternatively, you may sent written comments to:

At Home Software

P.O. Box 121
Marlton, NJ 08053

9. Distribution of PC Baby 98 (Evaluation Version)

PC Baby 98 (Evaluation Version) may be freely distributed and posted on any and all BBS systems or commercial servers. This file should be distributed as baby98.zip or baby98.exe. PC Baby 98 will not, under any circumstances, be distributed with registration codes. Doing so is a violation of US and International copyright laws.