

# First Class 2000 Release Notes – Version 3 Build 282

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Shaded items are new features. Those in bold are significant changes that you will need to take into consideration before upgrading to this version.

Note that this is a major upgrade. You will not be able to use this version with your version 2 registration key. New keys should have been sent to you via e-mail. If you have not received a new key, please contact me Robert Bakker at [rob@humanedge.biz](mailto:rob@humanedge.biz). DO NOT UPGRADE UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR NEW KEY.

| Menu               | Sub-Menu   | Details  |
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| <b>General</b>     |  | License validation has been added to the program.  |
|                    |  | There is now a restriction of 32 teachers with allocations allowed for Lite license holders.   |
|                    |  | Wherever needed, where a preview of a teacher or a student showed "Surname, FirstName", has now been replaced by "FirstName Surname". On timetables, this has been replaced by the text in the "Timetable Name" field, if it exists.   |
|                    |  | Subject suffix support has been added to the following:<br>Maintenance – Block maintenance, Class maintenance<br>Reports – Blocking grid, Student information sheets, Student Allocations, Class list, Block list<br>Tools – Copy Blocks, Class allocations, Manual Allocations, Timetables (shows on timetables and can be changed when editing a block).       |
|                    |  | The program was crashing if, while using it on a Windows 95 system, you clicked on the "splash screen". You usually do this to stop the screen displaying.   |
| <b>File</b>        | <b>New</b>   | This process has been simplified. It automatically creates the latest database version, and the "MISSING" forms and year levels are no longer created.   |
|                    | <b>Import-Blocking (Premier license holders only)</b>              | Blocking data can be copied between databases. Follows a very similar process to the extras import except that after running the import you are prompted to select a year level. You should be aware that students are only matched on their code and no other details, so the codes must match between the databases if the student exists in the new database. |
|                    | <b>Export-to Excel</b>   | An export of all teacher and room extras details and all timetable allocations has been added.   |
|                    |  | The export of students' subject choices now includes the Student Code, the Student Name, the Subject Code, the Subject Name, the Grid Line and Focus Area.   |
|                    | <b>Export-CASES21</b>  | An export for CASES21 software has been added.   |
|                    | <b>MarkBook</b>  | An export for MarkBook software has been added.  |
| <b>RollCall</b>    | This export has been updated as it was leaving out some electives. |  |
| <b>Maintenance</b> | <b>Forms</b>   | The program now checks extras as well as the timetable if you attempt to delete a form.  |
|                    | <b>Subjects</b>  | The external key field is no longer needed and has been removed from the maintenance screen and will be deleted from the database. This is because each export profile now has its own external code.  |
|                    |  | It is now no longer necessary to delete subjects from a year level in order to delete the year level.  |

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|  |                           | It is now much easier to add and remove subjects to/from year levels. Clicking "Add" brings up a list with checkboxes, and you can select more than one subject by selecting from a right-mouse sensitive menu. To select more than one subject at a time to remove use mouse drag (left mouse button depressed), Shift-Click or Ctrl-Click.   |
|  | <b>Students</b>           | Codes will be automatically assigned to students without codes during the upgrade as each student must have a unique code. These codes can be edited in the usual way.   |
|  | <b>Subject Choice</b>     | It is now possible to filter either by student or by subject. Filter by subject allows you to add a number of students to a subject at once.   |
|  |                           | This has been updated to be consistent with room group maintenance. It is now possible to add/remove subjects by double clicking a subject, drag and drop or by clicking on the add/remove arrows. The list on left only shows items that are not in the list on the right.  |
|  | <b>Teacher</b>            | The program now checks extras as well as the timetable if you attempt to delete a teacher.   |
|  | <b>Period</b>             | Now checks extras history as well before allowing deletion of a period.  |
|  | <b>Room Groups</b>        | Now changed so that a room can only be in one group. Rooms that are already in a group (either the selected one or another) will not appear as being selectable. You will have to delete a room from a group in order to use it in a different group.  |
|  |                           | Room group maintenance now has splitter bar so the left and right side can be sized. The list of rooms previously showed all rooms, now it shows only rooms that are not in any group. Also, drag and drop has been enabled between the 2 lists, double clicking add or removes an item and Ctrl-A will select all items.  |
|  | <b>Blocks/Allocations</b> | When entering teachers or rooms, a context button has replaced the drop-arrow, and clicking on it brings up a list, which is broken down into "Unallocated" and "Allocated". Allocated resources will have an indication of what type of usage has placed them in this part of the list. There is an option to reduce the display to show codes only.  |
|  | <b>Blocks</b>             | This screen has been completely overhauled. The block names show as a tree-view in the left pane, and the details on the right. Opening a branch on the left shows all the "daughter" blocks. The method for entering data has been changed radically, with checkboxes allowing you to add more than subject at a time.  |
|  |                           | Items in blocks can now be ordered using the arrow buttons on the right of the screen.   |
|  |                           | When you change the subject, teacher or form in a block, the lists are broken down into Unallocated, Allocated and for teachers and rooms, Unavailable. There is an option to reduce the display to show codes only.   |
|  | <b>Allocations</b>        | When selecting to filter allocations by either 'blank teacher' or 'blank form' both the teacher and form columns are now visible. This allows you when, for example, listing all the single allocations with a blank to give the allocation a teacher. Normally, when filtering by a teacher or form, the teacher or form column is hidden because it would show the same teacher or form all the way down anyway. |
|  |                           | There was an error that occurred when an emergency teacher was allocated a class. The teacher now appears in the list with "(Emergency)" next to their name.   |

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|  | <b>Class</b>  | Students now show as “Code – FirstName LastName”. The window has been updated to be consistent with Room Group maintenance and subject choice maintenance – Drag/Drop is enabled and you can now double click items to add/remove them.  |
|  | <b>Extras</b>   | Fractional extras now show as ‘F’ in last 10 days column. Fraction extras above 1 are rounded down. Eg 2.9 would show up as 2.   |
|  |   | The “Daily Summary” has been added to the reports. Unallocated classes appear in <b>red</b> , allocated classes in <b>blue</b> .   |
|  |   | Extras History can now be filtered either by date or teacher. It now also has a table of contents.   |
|  |   | If column widths are changed, the new settings are saved between sessions.   |
|  |   | Absentee History shows the camp name, where appropriate, as the “reason” for the absence. It now also has a table of contents and can now be filtered either by date or teacher. If an item has no block or form, it shows as blank.   |
|  |   | Advice slips print alphabetically by surname of replacement teacher.   |
|  |   | “Extras Summary” tallies up extras at the bottom of the report. It also has a table of contents.   |
|  | You can now print individual advice slips. Teachers who have been given extras show on the screen when “GoTo” is clicked. Use the right mouse button to make multiple selections. A Table of contents on the advice slip report is now working. You can now select to print advice slips for any date without having to change the date for extras. |  |
|  | <b>Exports</b>  | The ability to create additional exports has been removed, as it was redundant. The list on the left-hand-side has been removed and replaced with a combobox.  |
| A “Copy codes” function has been added so that users can copy codes from one export program to another. There is also a “Clear” function for quick removal of all codes. |   |  |
| <b>Tools</b>   | <b>Block Generation</b>   | Imported subject choices, if they create clashes, now appear correctly in the Block Generation.  |
|  |   | There was a bug that stopped some subjects being loaded into the Block Generator. This has been fixed.   |
|  | <b>Manual Allocations</b>   | Students now show as “Code – Name” in the drop-down combobox.  |
|  | <b>Copy Blocks</b>  | Codes that exceed 8 characters, and names that exceed 32 characters during “Copy Blocks” will be truncated. This may mean two or more blocks with the same code. If this occurs, you will be warned of this, and the procedure will be stopped. Another possible reason for non-unique block codes is if you do not prefix the line number from the grid with the year level and two or more year levels have the same line codes. In either case, you must rename the lines with shorter names. |
|  | <b>Timetables</b>   | The “Add Allocation” screen now only appears if it was open the last time the timetables screen was opened.  |
| When editing a timetable, teachers, rooms and forms are separated into “Unallocated” and “Allocated”. There is an option to show codes only.                             |   |  |
| Block items can be ordered just as in “Blocks-Maintenance”.  |   |  |

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|                |                      | Emergency teachers no longer show up when editing teachers' allocations on the timetable.  |
|                |                      | If a cell on a timetable has more than one allocation and you choose the swap allocation function a dialog appears asking you which allocation you would like to swap. This was ignored and the first allocation was always used. It now uses the selected allocation.   |
|                |                      | The previous order of the columns when clash details were shown was Teacher, Form, Room. But the general standard is Teacher, Room, Form so it has been changed to match this. This is also consistent with the way in which the clashes are shown (eg "TC+ RC+ FC+" or "TC-2 RC-3 FC-2").   |
|                |                      | When allocation swaps or moves are selected, you can now double click on a cell in the display to bring up the clash details (It is still also available through the right click menu). The right click menu has been changed to include the items "View in Excel", "Copy", "Preview" and "Clash Details". "Clash Details" shows in bold because it is the default (accessed by double clicking).  |
|                |                      | The "Swap Allocation" function has been modified. A "Move Allocation" sub-menu has replaced the right-click menu item "Swap Allocation". This menu has three items under it – "Swap", "Move in" and "Move out". "Swap" does what "Swap Allocation" always did. "Move in" shows the clashes that would be created if an allocation was moved into the selected cell (this is the equivalent to doing a Swap from a blank cell but this enables the user to do a "move in" on a cell that is not empty). "Move out" shows the clashes that would be created if the allocation were moved to another cell.  |
|                |                      | <b>Quick Edit</b><br>This was previously called "Rooming tools" in First Class 6, but as it is now possible to also edit teachers, rooms and forms, it has been called "Quick Edit". To use this feature change the "Quick edit" option under "Properties" to the appropriate item (teacher, room or form), then click on any cell with an allocation. A list of teachers, rooms or forms will appear and the new item can be selected with a single click. If the cell contains more than one allocation then the user will be prompted to choose an allocation. If the allocation is a block then they will be prompted to choose a class from the block. You can show either the name of the items in the list, or the codes only, by checking/unchecking the checkbox. |
|                | <b>Configuration</b> | You can now specify the block prefix.  |
|                |                      | You can set the number of days to display in what used to be fixed as "Last 10" in Extras.   |
|                |                      | Clash numbers can be displayed on a timetable by checking a box. An example would be TC+ would be replaced by TC-2.  |
| <b>Reports</b> | <b>General</b>       | Report windows now are more consistent in their display and positioning of the "Preview" and "Print" buttons. Keyboard shortcuts "Alt-P" for print and Alt-V" for preview have been added.   |
|                | <b>Teachers</b>      | "On file" report prints alphabetically.  |
|                |                      | Teachers free by number of frees has been altered. It now displays more like the First Class 6 equivalent.   |
|                | <b>Class Tallies</b> | Report is now showing any subject that is either 1) on the blocking grid 2) in the subject year level list or 3) has been chosen by a student in that particular year level. Also, now it just shows a dash in the "Avg" column when an average could not be calculated (due to zero classes).   |

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|  | <b>Block Details</b>   | Now displays in less time. Items line up with each other. The correct number of periods now show (it used to show the number of allocations). The classes are ordered according to that specified in block maintenance.   |
|  | <b>Grid</b>            | It was possible to show this report vertically or horizontally. The horizontal option has been deleted as it is redundant and now only shows with the blocks running vertically. The menu and title of the report have been changed from "Blocking grid – Vertical" to just "Blocking grid".  |
|  | <b>Conflict Matrix</b> | It is now possible to select "Single Subjects" but still alter the subjects to be displayed by checking/unchecking boxes.   |
|  | <b>Block Matrix</b>    | Blocks are now listed in a treeview grouped by year level and child blocks appear under parent blocks. Blocks that don't have a year level (because they don't have any forms) appear under 'other'. If a block is present in more than one year level then it will show more than once in the treeview, but checking/unchecking one instance of a block will check/uncheck all other instances of the block. |