

Wholly Genes Chat
25 Apr 2009 – Early Session

Dorothy: Does anyone have any questions
Roy_Reyes: Waiting for Bob I expect :)
kgeveringham: On another subject, I'm in the habit of storing my exhibits internally. I once asked Bob if there was a limit. He said no, though a serial read through would take a long time.
Dorothy: Sorry Bob will not be here
Dorothy: He will be at the evening chat
Ben_Oakley: I have one Dorothy
kgeveringham: It turns out there is a limit. I've hit it and now trying to figure out what to do.
Ben_Oakley: Will TMG display the file path to externally linked text files?
kgeveringham: any suggestions?
Dorothy: You can use John's utility and convert internal exhibits to external
cheshirealan: I agree, external are fine - cant see any benefit of internal
Dorothy: I recommend external exhibits
KathrynBassett: Hello all - any particular topic today?
kgeveringham: ok, will work with that. In the (long ago) past I had trouble organizing them and backing them up, but I think there have been improvements to that.
Dorothy: Internal exhibitbits become part of your project and your project can grow quite fast
kgeveringham: yes, but there hasn't been any problem with it until I hit about 2.25 gig.
cheshirealan: If you have external then you can back them up one by one as you add them instead of every time you backup the project
DonRange: The NarrativeChildren tag generates the surnames of the principals in all upper case. But the default "No children..." sentence it replaces uses initial caps only, as does the sentence that introduces a list of children. Is there a way to have the NarrativeChildren tag use the same capitalization rule as the other sentences about children?
kgeveringham: i didn't know I could use John's utility to change them to external -- that's what I needed. Thanx
kgeveringham: So, back to my first question. TMG 8 and the fix for the WordPort Spawn error.
Roy_Reyes: About the only thing John's Utility can't do is make a respectable Chili sauce :)
kgeveringham: As soon as it was mentioned in a newsletter I asked Bob to add me to the beta test list, but haven't heard.
kgeveringham: Chili sauce would be a good addition <grin>
Dorothy: Don what report are you running?
DonRange: Journal report
DonRange: Journal report to a file, formatted Word for Windows 2000+ (in case that matters)
Ben_Oakley: Does TMG show file paths for external text files, and if not could it be added to the next version?
ggilbert1: Ben_O the path is displayed on the Info tab in the Properties (exhibit) dialog
Ben_Oakley: not for external text files it doesn't :(
Ben_Oakley: on mine at least <grin>
cheshirealan: It is, I just checked
Dorothy: Don, there is an option under Names for children
Ben_Oakley: Where abouts Alan. I cant see it anywhere! Is it in the same place for image file paths?
Dorothy: A text file does not follow the rules of exhibits
ggilbert1: Ben_O for images the path is displayed on the General tab, for Text it is displayed in the Info tab
Ben_Oakley: Oh I see. That will be why I cant find it <big grin>
cheshirealan: I just right clicke on properties and then selected Info tab
DonRange: Yes, I have that checked for surname caps. But the names I'm talking about are the names of the parents, as output in the three sentences (default no children, NarrativeChildren, and intro to the list of children.
Dorothy: Don what do you have for Parents Name
DonRange: I also have parent names checked for surname caps, but only the narrativechildren tag outputs them in all caps
Lauriew: Hi everyone. Do we have a topic right now?
kgeveringham: We're working on a NarrativeChildren problem in a journal report
DonRange: Since someone with multiple marriages can have three sentences in close proximity from the default no children sentence, from a NarrativeChildren sentence, and from the List of Children intro sentence, it would be nice to have them all use consistent capitalization rules. I don't see how to do this with report options or with name styles.

Ben_Oakley: I have been away from Genealogy and TMG for a while do how far away are we from an update or new version?

ggilbert1: Ben_O Wholly Genes never reveals that :(

Ben_Oakley: but have there been any mention of anything? Beta versions, suggestion lists that have been closed etc?

kgeveringham: Timing, no, never, but they have said they are working on TMG 8

Ben_Oakley: ah I see

Roy_Reyes: Ben- TMG won't say but it is closer than it was before but not as close as we'd like :)

Ben_Oakley: I will have to check out the forums and catch up :)

Ben_Oakley: thats always the way Roy

Dorothy: Don, I will need to do some further investigation but I believe it can not be changed, please write to support@whollygenes.com to remind me and I will get back to you

PattRicketts: When using the highlight tool on exhibits after each highlight you have to re-select the tool. I'd really like to see the tool remain active. e.g. When highlighting a crooked census page you have to keep reselecting the tool

Dorothy: Is anyone else having problems and being logged out

kgeveringham: not i

Dorothy: must be my isp

kgeveringham: I take it TMG 8 is NOT in beta-testers hands yet?

Dorothy: Sorry to say I don't know

Dorothy: Does anyone have any questions, about v7

PattRicketts: Dorothy did you see my highlight tool post or were you logged out then

Dorothy: Sorry to say I missed it, please reprint

PattRicketts: When using the highlight tool on exhibits after each highlight you have to re-select the tool. I'd really like to see the tool remain active. e.g. When highlighting a crooked census page you have to keep reselecting the tool

Dorothy: what do you mean by the highlight tool

PattRicketts: When you have an image and you double click on the image to view/edit the image you can add a highlight layer. There are 5 tools, on census images I use the shaded yellow square to highlight the family on the page

Dorothy: I see what you mean, that is one that will need to go on the wishlist

PattRicketts: Thanks!

Dorothy: Do you subscribe to our forum?

PattRicketts: Yes I do and I posted this suggestion a week or 2 ago, but didn't get a response

Dorothy: they usually don't response to suggestion, they go on a list, then the developers decide which ones to implement and when

Ben_Oakley: Can the ability for TMG to be able to search through a folder tree when searching for missing exhibits instead of having to add each individual folder be added to a wishlist?

Dorothy: If it is not there, I will add it

Ben_Oakley: thank you :D

kgeveringham: I have two wish list items

kgeveringham: First when adding a new person, TMG requires a name, though it can be later removed

kgeveringham: can this be fixed so you just get a warning?

cheshirealan: yes please

kgeveringham: I've spent days of my life adding a character only to have to remove it a minute later.

kgeveringham: I mentioned it to Bob once. He said sure, but it never got written down.

ggilbert1: I'd like that too

cheshirealan: My wish list item is to replicate the new Roots MAagic v4 option to run directly from a memory stick and synchronise projects between the stick and the PC. I can then do research in the office where I cant install my own software to the company pc,

Dorothy: currently TMG needs to write to the registry, that is why you can't run TMG off of a memory stick

Ben_Oakley: The last thing I can think of is once again to do with external exhibits. I used external exhibits in a folder tree. Due to my stupidity I backed them all up and then deleted them, and then re opened the backup only to find the exhibits in one folder.

Ben_Oakley: Second, on the little window that links sources to repositories there's a field for reference. Can this be made MUCH longer?

Ben_Oakley: my wish list item would be to have TMG add numbers to duplicated exhibits when it moves them to 1 folder

Ben_Oakley: rather than overwriting them as one exhibit

Roy_Reyes: Ben- if you have two files in different folders with same name and size how can TMG know they are duplicates or just different files with the same name?

Ben_Oakley: it cant but at least you wouldnt lose any exhibits. I know that they would need renaming but they would still be there.

Dorothy: Ben how long would you like the reference field

Ben_Oakley: thats KG's request

kgeveringham: kim asked. I'd like it long enough for URLs which can be pretty long.

Dorothy: thanks for you suggestions

Dorothy: any other questions before I leave

Ben_Oakley: not from me

HollyTimm: thanks Dorothy for your help

Dorothy: Your welcome, you all have a good afternoon, Bob will be here tonight