

eTakeoff Bridge Database Conversion





Bridge versions prior to 2.16.12.4 REQUIRE A BRIDGE DATABASE CONVERSION. YOU MUST read the following information BEFORE installing the Bridge upgrade.

- If you are using Bridge on a stand-alone computer and NOT sharing the Bridge Database:
 - Perform a backup of your Bridge Database. If you used the default location during Bridge installation, then the database will be in the C:\ProgramData\eTakeoff\eTakeoffBridge folder. Back up the entire folder.
 - Install Bridge. You can install Bridge over your existing copy. The Database Conversion will be automatically performed when you start up Bridge after the new installation. Ensure all users perform the installation and upgrade uniformly so all users will be working in the same environment.
- If you are sharing the Bridge database on a network and using Client/Server:
 - Follow the instructions found [HERE](#)
- After the database conversion, you will have one Catalog named “Standard” with all your current mappings as before. Your use of Bridge will not change – all references to History Catalogs will default to the Standard Catalog, so this feature will be completely transparent to those users who do not create additional catalogs. You can continue to use Bridge just as you did before the Database Conversion. You can also change the name of the STANDARD catalog to better suit your needs.

Review of Multiple History Catalogs

- Multiple Assignment History Catalogs have been introduced in Bridge ver 2.12.16.4.
 - Prior versions of Bridge had one Assignment History which contained all mappings between takeoff and estimating objects. Bridge now supports MULTIPLE Assignment History Catalogs, which gives you the ability to have as many different mapping scenarios as you need. Some examples of using multiple catalogs:
 - This is useful for BIM/Navisworks users who work with different architects. Currently there are no standards dictating how objects are defined in a model, so each architect or BIM author may use different object types to designate the same object, such as a wall. You can create a separate mapping catalog for each architect’s mappings so you can reuse the mappings for their objects on different models.
 - You could also use this feature to create different mappings for different Estimating databases, such as conceptual vs detailed estimating/etc.
 - Used in conjunction with the features already in the History Assignments windows, you can add, edit, merge and delete individual assignments, whole catalogs, or parts thereof.

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- You now specify which mapping catalog to use when you create a new Bridge. Bridge will default to the last used catalog.
- Three new buttons have been added to the Assignment History Catalog window –
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 - Edit, Add, Filter
- The Assignment History Catalog FILTER button 
 - The filter allows you to see specific mappings in a catalog. Even if you only use one catalog, you still may find times where it's difficult to find mappings for specific systems, such as Dimension or Navisworks takeoff, or Pervasive and SQL estimating. The filter will let you specify which mappings you'd like to display. The pulldown on the right lets you specify which filters to apply and the Filter button itself turns the filters ON/OFF.

Technical Assistance:

If you need assistance, refer to the following document to determine what service works best for you:

[Technical Assistance for Sage Estimating and eTakeoff](#)