

# eTakeoff

## Database Upgrades / Conversions

This is a subset of the complete Client/Server Documentation. [Click here](#) if you would like the full document.

Major releases of eTakeoff often require conversion of the databases. In the client/server environment this requires a coordinated effort. The databases must be converted while they are not in use. All clients must be upgraded to the new release before they can access the converted data.

### On Each Client

1. Make sure the estimator is not using eTakeoff Dimension or eTakeoff Bridge.
2. If the estimator uses the eTakeoff Excel Add-in, make sure they are not running Excel.
3. If the eTakeoff Excel add-in is in use and clients wish to use Excel (for ANY workbooks) during the conversion period, do the following to disable the add-in:
  - a. Exit any running copies of Excel.
  - b. While running eTakeoff, select "Admin/User Preferences..." from the main menu.
  - c. Click on the "General" tab.
  - d. UN-check the box "Use eTakeoff Excel Add-in".
  - e. Press "OK"

### On the Server

1. Stop the server
2. Install the server software upgrade (if there is one). For major new releases of the server, you may need a new license activation file. This will be provided by eTakeoff.

Go to <http://etakeoff.com/support/dimension/software-install-links/> and click on eTakeoff Server NEW or UPGRADE Install"

*Note: You will need to download that file to the server and **Run it as Administrator.***

3. Copy the data conversion program "C:\Faircom\TkoServer\TkoDBCvt.exe" to the database folder and run it. It will perform any needed data conversion. **BE SURE TO RUN IT ON THE SERVER. IF YOU RUN IT ON A CLIENT IT WILL TAKE FOREVER TO FINISH!**
4. Modify the dump scripts and your backup procedures to reflect the new database names. For example, upgrading Dimension from version 4 to version 5 would mean making these changes

Version 4 Name	Version 5 Name
eTakeoff40ProjData.ctr	Dimension50ProjData.ctr
eTakeoff40StdsData.ctr	Dimension50StdsData.ctr

5. Restart the server

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## On Each Client

1. Download and install the latest version of eTakeoff Dimension:

Go to <http://etakeoff.com/support/dimension/software-install-links/> and click on “eTakeoff Dimension UPGRADE Install (for existing users)”

2. If the eTakeoff Excel Add-in was disabled before the conversion, re-enable it:
  - a. Exit any running copies of Excel.
  - b. While running eTakeoff, select “Admin/User Preferences...” from the main menu.
  - c. Click on the “General” tab.
  - d. Check the box “Use eTakeoff Excel Add-in”.
  - e. Press “OK”
  - f. In Excel you may need to re-enable the add-in.

### **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](#)