



Shrubs

iPhone and iPod Touch

File import tutorial

Starting with version 2.0 of *Shrubs*, there are now two ways to import a GEDCOM file:

From Web

This is the classic way, which requires a web host. A large number of *Shrubs* users either did not have access to one or weren't familiar with the technical steps involved in setting one up. This is why I have been hosting numerous files on my own server. Although this worked fine, it introduced unnecessary delays for the user (including typing in a lengthy address on the device itself) and required extra steps on my side as well. This is what prompted me to add an alternate import method (see below).

From PC

This enables you to upload your file to the iPhone or iPod Touch from another computer on your WiFi network. In order to do this you select the "From PC" option and your device will tell you to enter a specific address into the other computer's web browser (Figure 1). Note that the numbers will change if you restart *Shrubs*.

This step effectively launches a minimalistic web server on the device, enabling any web browser on the local network to access it. Note that the web server is only active while this page is displayed and does not grant access to any personal data on your device.

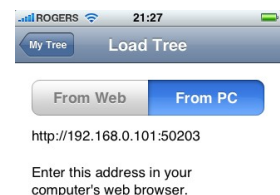


Figure 1

If you go to your other computer and enter the address, a web page will be displayed enabling you to select your file and then [Upload] it (Figure 2).

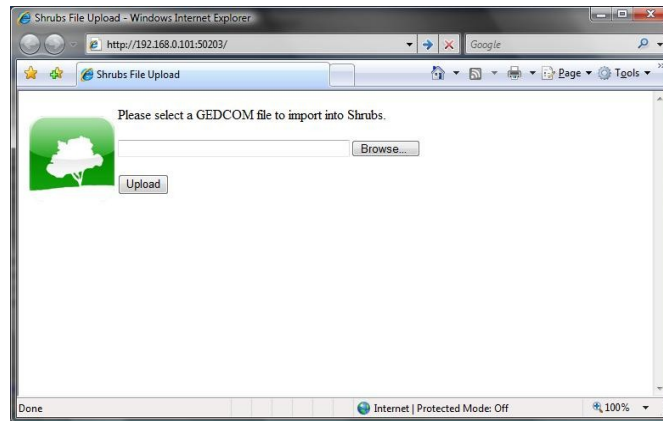


Figure 2

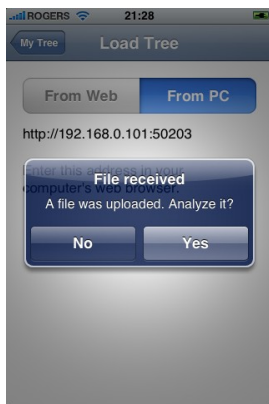


Figure 3

Once uploaded, the iPhone or iPod Touch will alert you that a file was received through its web interface and ask you if you want to analyze it (Figure 3). If you change your mind, you can press [No] and start over.

Answering [Yes] to that prompt will analyze the file, display some basic information obtained from the GEDCOM header and then enable you to proceed with the import process (Figure 4).

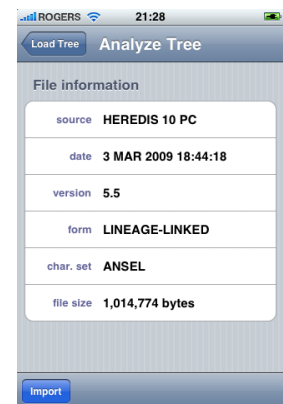


Figure 4

Troubleshooting “From PC” import issues

If you're having problems loading the web page from Figure 2 in your computer's web browser, make sure that both the computer and the iPhone/iPod Touch are connected to the same local network (this import method does not work over the internet). If they are both on the same network, try rebooting your device (hold the top power button for 10 seconds and follow the on-screen instructions) before starting the tree import process again. This seems to be a common issue with the devices themselves.

If all else fails, you can always switch to the old method (“From Web”) but it will definitely not be as quick and convenient.

Remember to visit the official *Shrubs* website at the following address:
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