

Here is how to safely upgrade or reinstall PCB Artist to a new version:

- First, determine what release you currently have by opening PCB Artist and clicking on Help>About PCB Artist. The latest version of PCB Artist can be checked from going to Help>Check for Updates.
 - If you need to install a patch (such as 1.2.1), it is not necessary to back up anything and you need not follow the rest of the instruction in this document.
 - If you are installing a full installation (such as 1.2), then continue with the instructions in this document.
- Library Backup:
 - If you have created a new library for any new or modified symbol or component you have created, then it is not necessary to back up your library. If you have not, you must back up the libraries to prevent them being overwritten.
 - To back up your library files, open the Library Manager Icon (from the top left icons, it looks like a book). Then click on the Folders tab in the top left of the Library Manager. The path to your library directories is displayed there (it is possible to have multiple directories listed there. In the default setup, there is only one directory for libraries).
 - We would strongly recommend using the windows zip compression to back up the Library directory.
- Install the new version of PCB Artist.
- Once installation is complete, if you have backed up your Library or PCB Artist directory, you should then return those files to the proper directories. At this point, if the compression file asks to overwrite a library, click the Yes option.

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