



## ***The VoxPro Version 4.0 Upgrade***

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE INSTALLING VOXPRO 4.0

We've made significant changes to VoxPro. The result is that **files from VoxPro version 3 (VP3) are not compatible with VoxPro version 4 (VP4).**

Nonetheless, there is a migration path. You may save yourself considerable confusion and aggravation by taking a moment to familiarize yourself with the migration procedure before installing the upgrade.

**Special Note** for Customers Upgrading from Version 3.0 (including 3.05 and 3.06) at the end of this document.

### **UPGRADING FROM VERSION 3.1, VERSION 3.2 AND VERSION 3.3**

#### The Usual Situation

If you install VP4 in the same location where you have VP3 installed, then VP4 will "see" the VP3 user configuration file `VP_Config.vpc` and use it to create corresponding user accounts in the new format. The accounts it creates are only the VP3 accounts that physically reside on the local machine. When users login for the first time, they are prompted by a popup window with instructions on how to import their VP3 files into the new VP4 format. The tool that performs this task is called Version Converter, and it is enabled simply by the presence of the VP3 `VP_Config.vpc` file in the VP4 folder. Version Converter is discussed more fully below.

#### Alternative Situation #1

If you install VP4 in a different location from where VP3 is installed, VP4 will not see the `VP_Config.vpc` file, and will thus have no knowledge of the legacy VP3 user accounts. This may or may not be what you want, depending on circumstances. If you mean to move your user accounts to a different location than where they were in VP3 (for example, you would like to put them on a bigger hard drive), then you've done the right thing. Login as Administrator, go to the Accounts menu and (re-) create your users in the new, preferred location. Exit VoxPro, find your original VP3 `VP_Config.vpc` file (it should still be in the old VP3 folder), and copy it into the new VP4 folder. When VoxPro is restarted, users will have access to the Version Converter utility. Files converted to VP4 format will be copied to the new account locations.

#### Alternative Situation #2

What if your user accounts are on a remote server? In this case it doesn't really matter whether you install VP4 in the same location as VP3, since only local accounts are automatically carried over from VP3 to VP4. Login as Administrator and (re-)create the accounts, taking special care to specify the remote server in the path to each user's account. (Or you may take this opportunity to move the account,

specifying a different location, be it local or remote.) Copy the VP\_Config.vpc file into the VP4 folder if it is not already there, and restart VoxPro. The Version Converter utility is now available to each user.

## **USING VERSION CONVERTER**

Access to the Version Converter file conversion utility is enabled if VP4 finds the VP3 configuration file VP\_Config.vpc in its installation folder when it starts up. Version Converter is launched from the main File menu.

Version Converter may be run automatically, or you may control all of its actions manually. The choice is up to each user. Either way, you may cancel its actions at any time and return to VoxPro. You may then restart Version Converter at a more convenient time and pick up from where you left off.

Version Converter requires two to three minutes (depending on CPU speed) to convert and import an hour's worth of audio into VP4. Be aware, then, that a large file collection comprising, say, 10GB of storage, might take a full hour to convert. You may use VoxPro during this time, but you might be distracted by Version Converter's progress notifications.

If you run Version Converter automatically, please be aware of these things:

- It empties your VP3 Deleted Files folder (Recycle Bin in version 3.1).
- It only converts Edits, not Masters. If you have Masters that you access frequently, you may want to first run Version Converter manually, to import your Masters, then run it in automatic mode to get your Edits.
- It deletes your Edits (and corresponding Masters) as they are converted.
- It only allows you to convert your own files. You must be logged into VP4 using the account you want to convert. So, if you are logged in as Administrator, but you are looking at Joe User's folders, running Version Converter in automatic mode will convert the Administrator's files, not Joe User's.

Running Version Converter manually gives you more control over the conversion process, but also requires more interaction on your part:

- It does not automatically delete VP3 files as they are converted. You will probably want to delete old files as you go along, especially if space on your hard disk is limited.
- It allows you to pick and choose which files you want to convert.
- It allows you to specify the destination account and folder for converted files.
- It allows the Administrator to convert files from any account that existed in your VP3 installation.

Please note that Hotkeys assigned in VP3 cannot be transferred to VP4, but will have to be reassigned once again.

After you have given users sufficient time to import their files from VP3, you may reclaim the disk space they occupy by selecting the Delete Version 3 Files command from the main File menu (you must be logged on as Administrator to do this). This

will delete all of the VP3 edit, master and reference files that are located in the same folders as the current VP4 accounts. VP3 files that are located in other areas must be deleted manually. (So, for example, if you have moved your user accounts from the C: drive to a new D: drive, you'll have to clean out the old files on C: by hand.) This action also deletes the VP3 configuration file VP\_Config.vpc from the VP4 folder, thus disabling use of Version Converter.

Please call Audion Labs at +1-206-842-5202 x205 weekdays between 9AM and 5PM PST, or email us at [support@audionlabs.com](mailto:support@audionlabs.com), if you have any questions regarding the upgrade process.

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There is no direct migration path from version 3.0x to version 4.0. If you want to move your audio files into VP4 you must first download and run a utility called VPrepack, then you must install version 3.1 in order to create a configuration file. Depending on how much audio you want to save, it might be easier to just export your files to Windows Wave format, then install VP4 and import them directly. For more information, contact us at [support@audionlabs.com](mailto:support@audionlabs.com), or call +1-206-842-5202, weekdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM PST.