

The TEN BEST FEATURES of TMG 7.0

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This list of the Ten Best Features of TMG contains the subjective opinions of the author, who is just one TMG User. He makes extensive use of embedded citations and custom sources, so the improvements to source citations are first on his list.

SOURCE CITATIONS

1. New buttons on the Tag Entry Screen make it easier to repeat the previous citation or select from a list of recent citations.
2. Embedded citations now support inclusion of the citation memo, e.g., [CIT:]124; citation detail; citation memo[:CIT].
3. A new Preference option (Program Options > Prompts) lets you control whether or not to search for embedded citations when deleting a source.
4. TMG now allows you to export source types and then transfer them to other projects or researchers. This is useful when you have customized many source types.

OTHER

5. The Relationship Calculator and the Automatic Relationship Tag now also display relationships as calculated through the spouse(s) of one of the two people. For example:
3rd cousin of his wife, father-in-law (father of her husband), etc.
This can find relationships where the links include one marriage, but not two.
6. A new standard tag type, NarrativeChildren, can be used to override the standard "Children of X and Y were:" text when introducing a list of children or the "There were no children of X and Y" text in a Journal report.
7. A new feature to Check for Duplicates While Adding People will help to eliminate duplication in your project. This is under Program Options > New People
When possible duplicates are found, a Picklist button allows you to examine those people without losing your work on the Add Person screen.
8. The method of resizing windows has been revised to be consistent with that of most other Windows applications. i.e. Font sizes don't change as you enlarge the window. Users who preferred the scaled objects of the older resizing method can revert to that behavior using Preference > Program Options > Other.
9. A new sentence code, [+], when placed at the beginning of a sentence will cause it to be added to the end of the previous sentence when a report is generated. This makes it easier to output compound sentences, including embedded source citations.
10. The Help File has been updated to include the new features of TMG v7 and now uses the more modern HTML-help format, including support for full-text search.

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