

PopLink Installation Instructions

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Refer to the **PopLink_Update_Log.pdf** in your PopLink folder (default location Documents\PopLink) to see the updates included in this release.

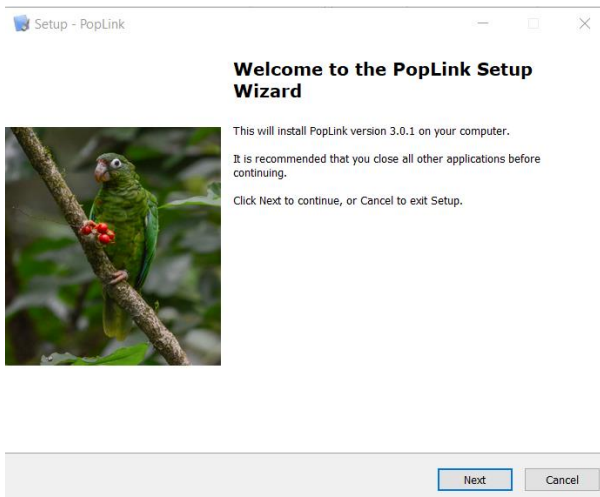
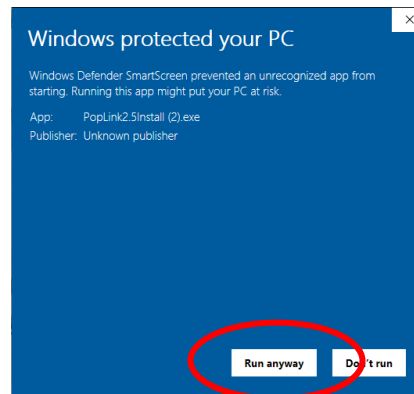
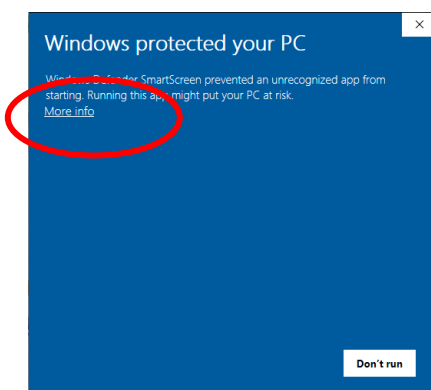
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Instructions for installation

1. Download software installation package: PopLinkInstaller20260831.exe
2. If you receive the message below, select more info, then run anyway.



3. Click through the setup screens and installation will automatically begin and notify you when completed. Select Finish.

4. If you are downloading PopLink for the first time, please see manual for more details on getting started. If you already have version of PopLink on your computer, after you open PopLink 3.0 for the first time, it will automatically move any databases you had in previous versions.
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Installation for users who are not administrators on their computers

1. If you are not an administrator on your computer, have someone that has administrative rights install PopLink following the basic installation instructions.
 2. During PopLink.exe installation, the administrator should check the option that says “**Install for all users**”.
 3. Log in under the non-administrator user and PopLink 3.0 should be installed for all users.
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Installation Trouble-Shooting

If you open PopLink and the “Create a New Database” and “Open an Existing Database” options are greyed out, do the following:

1. Click “Settings”.
2. Set “DB Type” to “LocalDB”, if it wasn’t already.
3. Click “Test Connection”. This may take 15 seconds.
4. If a message appears, click OK, then click “Create Local DB Instance”. After a few seconds the screen should show “Create Succeeded.”
5. Click Test Connection again, click “OK” and proceed normally.

If you try to open an existing studbook and get “Beta versions of databases can’t be opened”:

1. Make a clean/new folder for the studbook database (Documents\PopLink\PopLink Databases\newstudbookname)
2. Navigate to Documents\PopLink\PopLink Databases\[original studbook name] and copy the data.bin file
3. Paste the data.bin into the new folder
4. Open PopLink and try opening that studbook

If you have other problems with installation, please contact us at software@lpzoo.org