

Compatibility between RM Easiteach 3.x and RM Easiteach Next Generation

RM Easiteach 3.x and RM Easiteach Next Generation are two different applications. Next Generation is not an upgrade for 3.x; it is a new product.

RM Easiteach Next Generation does not directly support opening files created in RM Easiteach 3.x. Files created in RM Easiteach 3.x may be exported to CFF first, so they can be imported into RM Easiteach Next Generation. RM Easiteach 3.6 is required for this functionality; to upgrade from RM Easiteach 3.4 for free [click here](#). The RM Easiteach 3.6 CFF export is only supported in the Microsoft®Windows® version. The steps to convert RM Easiteach files to RM Easiteach Next Generation are as follows:

1. Open the .et file in RM Easiteach 3.6.
2. Save the document as an .iwb file; the functionality to save as .iwb file is available only in RM Easiteach PC version 3.6.
3. Open the .iwb file in RM Easiteach Next Generation. Please note that the .iwb file cannot retain all the functionality of the original .et file.
4. Use the Save As option to save the document as an .etng file.

Note: The functionality to convert the files to IWB is available only in RM Easiteach 3.6 PC version and **not** in the Mac version.

CFF cannot retain all the functionality of an RM Easiteach 3.x file. It is therefore advised that you test any files that you have converted. In our experience, the following elements can be exported:

- Rectangle, circle and ellipse shapes
- Lines
- Freehand drawings
- Text with some limitations – see below
- Some image file formats – see below
- Video files
- Flash files
- Links

There are also the following limitations:

- Dashed lines - There is no option to get the dashed line pattern directly from RM Easiteach. All dashed lines exported from RM Easiteach will have the same dash pattern.
- There is no option to specify the aspect ratio for Text in CFF. So changes in aspect ratio will not be saved in the IWB file.
- In RM Easiteach different line spacing can be specified, but there is no means to specify line spacing in CFF. So there are instances where text gets cut off in the viewer.
- Start and end arrow is only supported for line and polyline in CFF.
- Some images that have been created in previous versions of RM Easiteach will not work in RM Easiteach Next Generation. Only JPG, GIF, BMP, PNG, TIF, TIFF, JPEG and PIC work. EMF and WMF are two file formats that RM Easiteach supported that are not supported in RM Easiteach Next Generation.
- If the work you have relates to objects in the RM Easiteach media bank, this is not exported.
- Not all of the animations convert.

Remember, both RM Easiteach 3.x and Next Generation can be installed on the same network and computers, as they are different applications and happily sit on the same computer. This means that a school using 3.6 can continue to use their content that they are used to using. Any new content or ad-hoc lessons can be created in RM Easiteach Next Generation, as a transitional period for them.