

Portfolio Evaluator

Managing Database Size

PMD (database) files store all data used in creating reports for Portfolio Evaluator—symbols, markets, etc. TradeStation will only work with the PE2000.pmd file. If this file is at maximum capacity (close to 2GB), then a new PE2000.pmd file will need to be created. When working with Portfolio Evaluator, database files cannot exceed 2GB of data (2048MB).

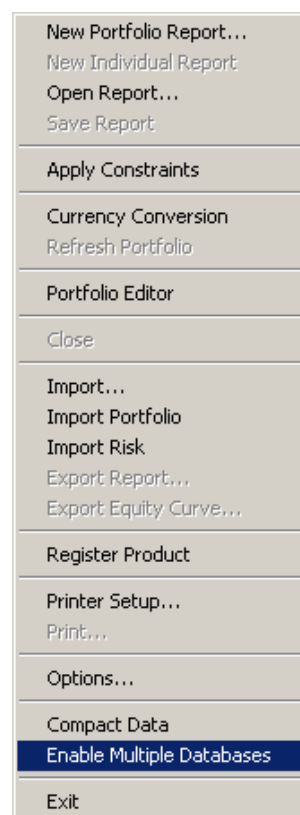
In general, it is recommended that PMD database size is monitored periodically, and should be maintained around 500-200MB (normal). Occasionally, more data is required in a database than what can be maintained within that size. As a database approaches 1500 – 1800MB, a new database should be created.

If the maximum file size is reached, then one of the following options can be used:

- (1) Create a new database (PE2000.pmd).
- (2) Compact the data in the database.

To create a backup file (For builds 332 and later):

1. Check that you have multiple databases enabled. Go to **File** --> **Enable Multiple Databases**. Click to enable databases.

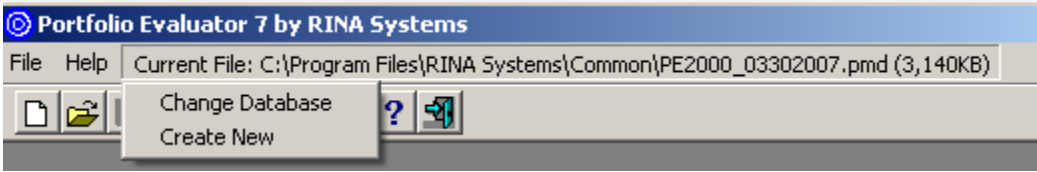


If you see Current File: <some file name.pmd>, as shown below, then multiple databases are already enabled.



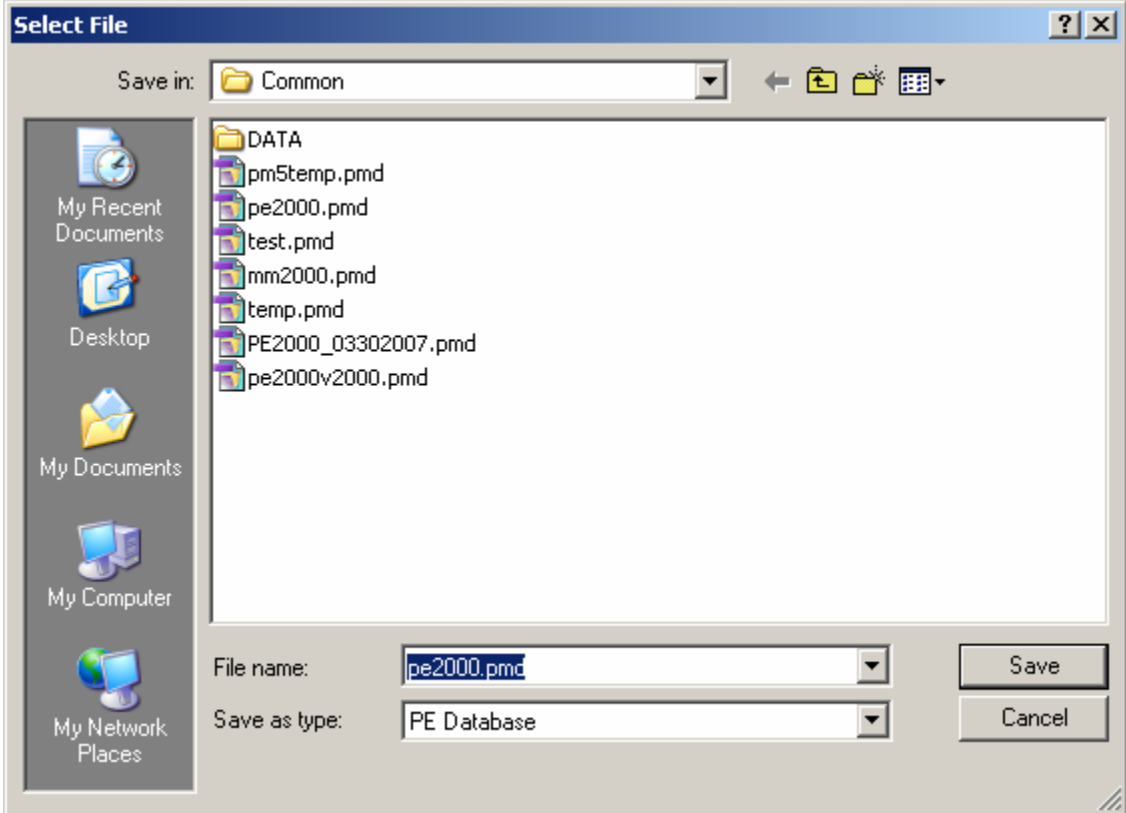


2. Click on the file name to see additional options: Change Database or Create New.

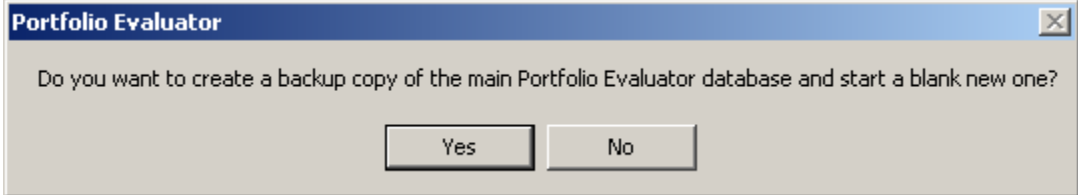


Choose **Create New**.

3. You will need to name the new file **PE2000.pmd**, then click **Save**.



4. Next, you will be asked if you want to create a backup copy of the main database. Click **Yes**.

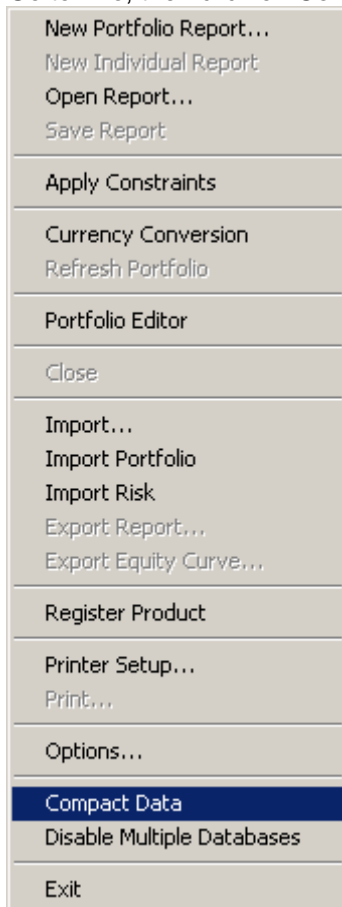


A confirmation screen will appear when this task has completed successfully. You will now be working with a new (empty) copy of the primary database.

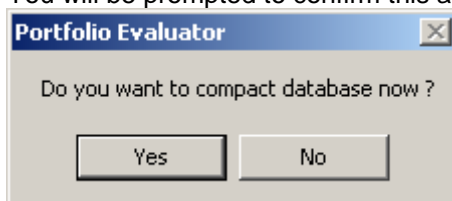
Compact the data in the database

NOTE: It is recommended that you backup your PMD database before you compact the PMD file. Then, proceed below:

1. Delete symbols, markets, etc that are not being used in the PMD file. **Create a backup** of the database. (*.pmd) by making a Copy of the PMD file in another folder.
2. Go to **File**, then click on **Compact Data**.



3. You will be prompted to confirm this action. Click **Yes**.



4. The database is now compressed.