

How to Install the PersonalPuddle for Mac OS X

Write Sign Languages in SignWriting
Using SignPuddle Without An Internet Connection
For Mac OS 10.4 Tiger or later



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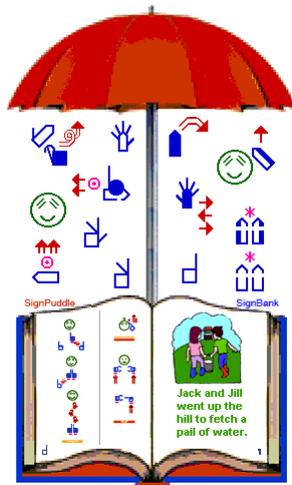


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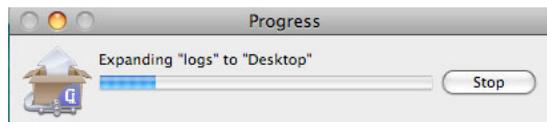
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Part 1: How to Begin

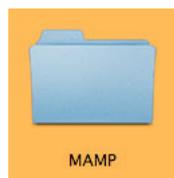
1. Download the PersonalPuddle for the Macintosh, or drag the zipped file from the CD, to your computer desktop. This file should be on your Mac desktop:



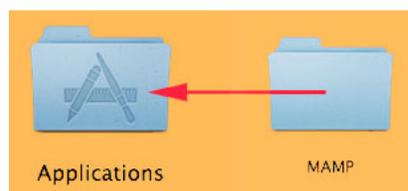
2. Unzip the file by double clicking on it....



3. The unzipped folder is named: MAMP

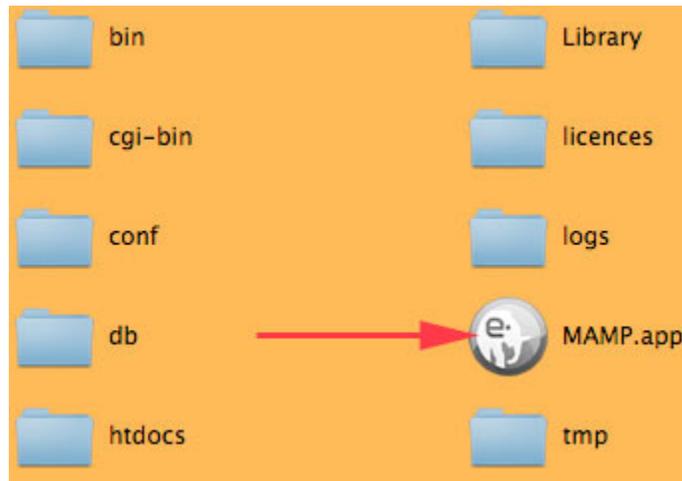


4. Drag the MAMP folder into the Applications Folder:

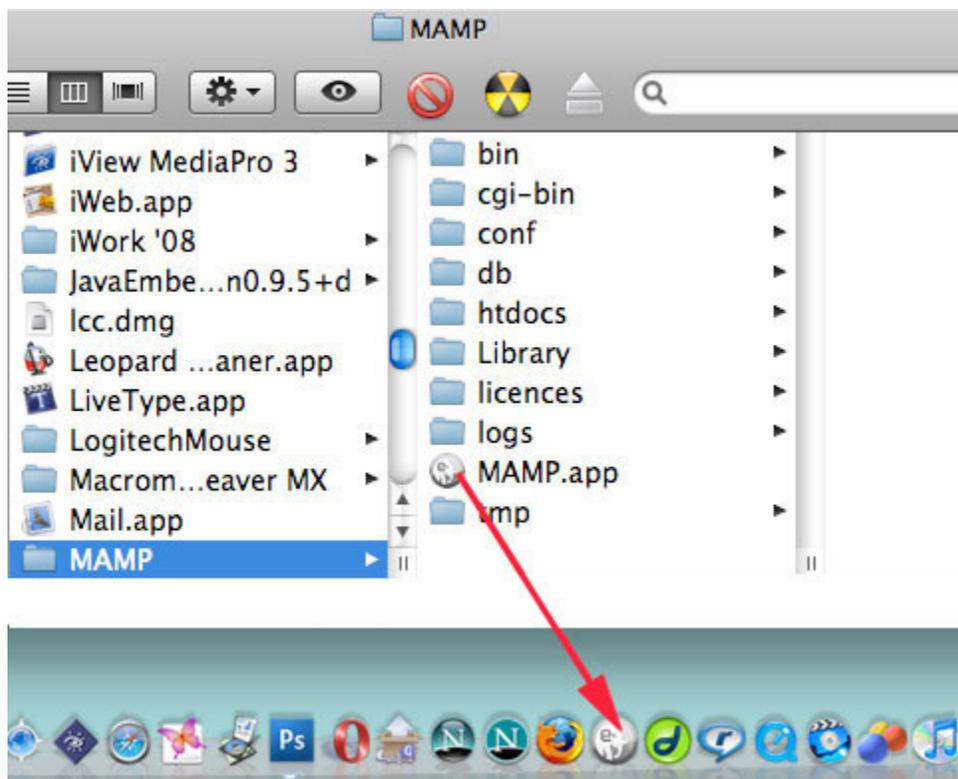


5. Two ways to start the program:

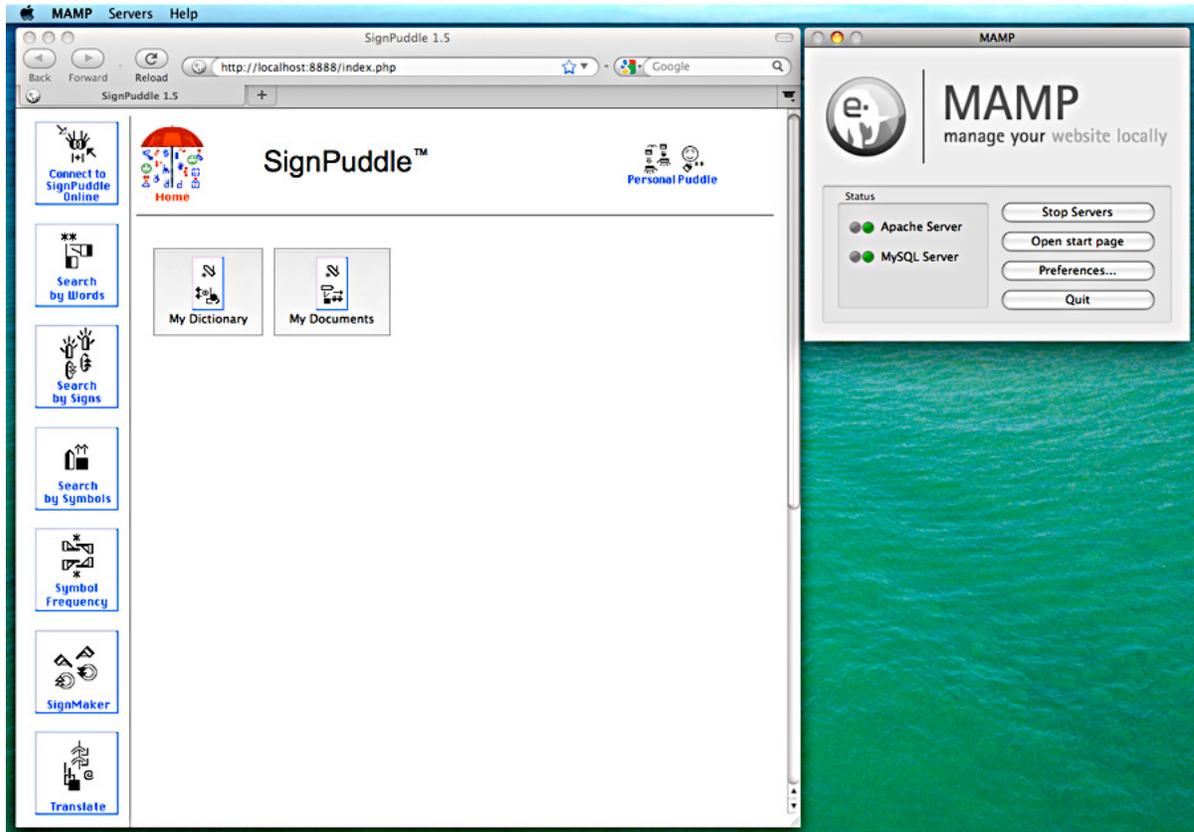
OPEN METHOD 1: Open the MAMP folder inside the Applications folder. To start the program, double-click on MAMP.app:



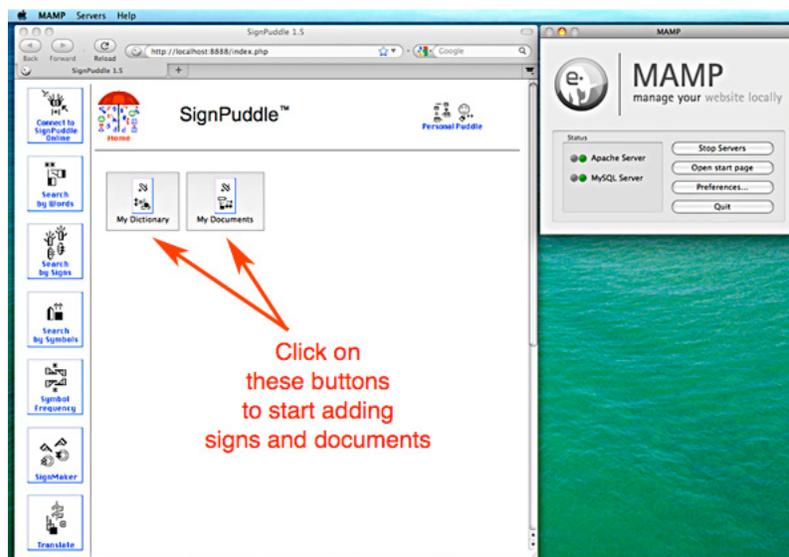
OPEN METHOD 2: Open the MAMP folder inside the Applications folder. Drag the MAMP.app file to the Dock. Then click on the icon in the Dock:



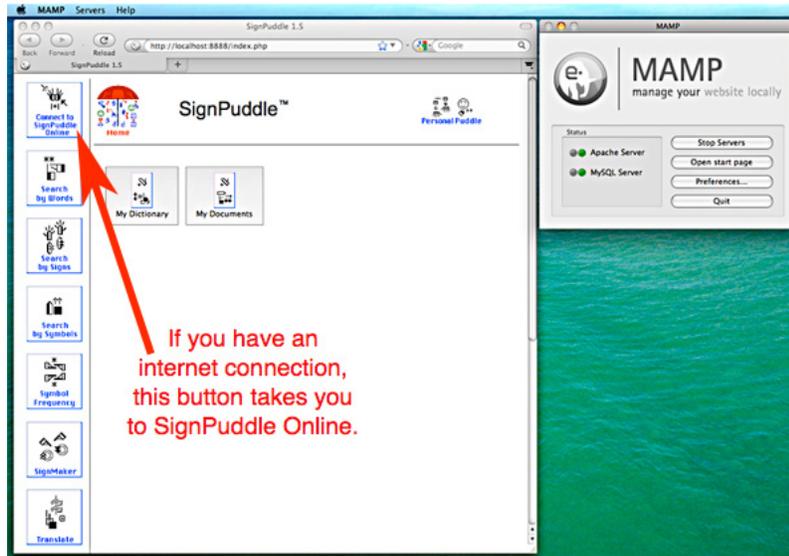
6. The MAMP program opens, and at the same time, it opens the PersonalPuddle inside your web browser. It is best to set FireFox as your default web browser, so you use Firefox when you work in your PersonalPuddle. SignPuddle is designed to work best in Firefox:



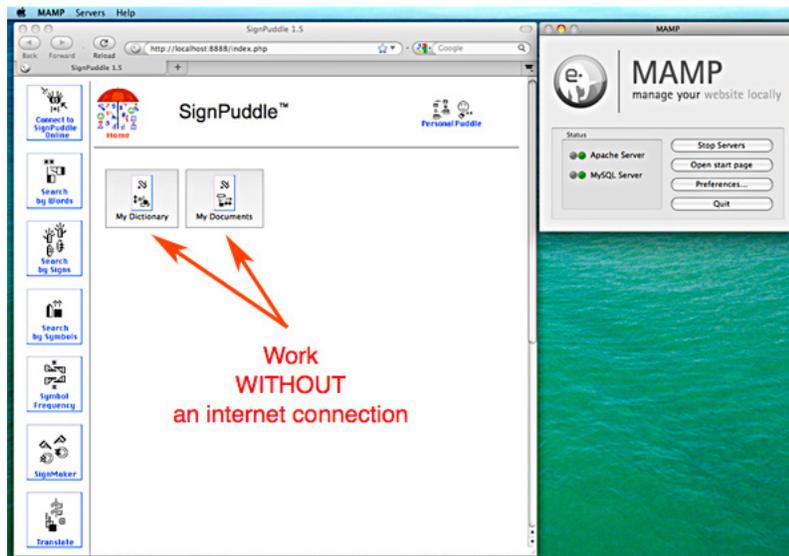
7. Now you can start working in SignPuddle, by clicking on My Dictionary or My Documents. These are empty files, waiting for you to add new entries:



8. If you have an internet connection, you can click on the button **Connect To SignPuddle Online** to visit SignPuddle Online, staying within the same Firefox browser. Then you can use your Back Button at the top of Firefox to return to your PersonalPuddle. So you can move back and forth, between the online and desktop versions of SignPuddle:



9. If you do not have an internet connection, you can continue to work in My Dictionary and My Documents, adding your own signs and documents, without visiting the internet. Those are your own private files, that do not need an internet connection.



10. If you have an internet connection, you can import SignPuddle files from SignPuddle Online. For example, you can place the ASL Dictionary SignPuddle file from the web, into your PersonalPuddle, so you can work with it, without an internet connection. See next section for instructions on how to IMPORT a SignPuddle file.

Part 2: Importing Puddles from the Web

1. To import a SignPuddle file, go to SignPuddle Online:

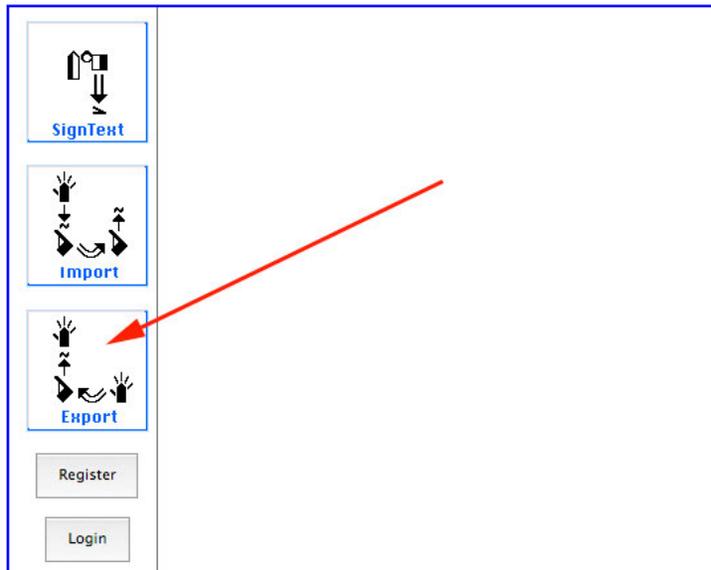
SignPuddle Online
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle>

The screenshot shows the SignPuddle Online website. The navigation menu on the left includes: Downloads, Shop Online, Search, Forums, Library, Lessons, About, SignWriting, SignBank, SignPuddle, SymbolBank, DanceWriting, MouthWriting, and Software. The main content area is titled "SignPuddle- Online" and features a central graphic of a globe with sign language icons, a photo of a man with the text "Choose A Sign Language", and a photo of a woman with the text "SignPuddle Help". Below this is a section titled "SignPuddle Online 1.5" with the instruction "...Click On a Flag Below To Find Your Sign Language..." and a grid of 48 national flags representing different sign languages.

2. Open the SignPuddle file you wish to import, for example, the ASL Dictionary:

SignPuddle ASL Dictionary
<http://www.signbank.org/SignPuddle1.5/index.php?ui=1&sgn=4>

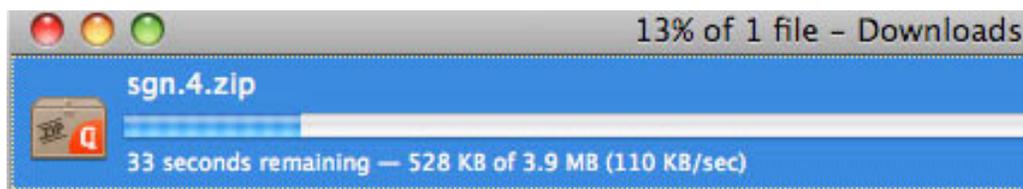
3. Once the ASL Dictionary puddle is open, scroll down. Click on the Export Button:



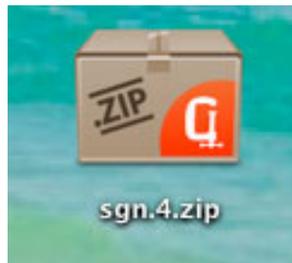
4. This Export Screen will appear. Click on the Puddle Export, Zip button:



5. It will take some time to download the zip file onto your Desktop:



6. The zipped file lands on your desktop:



7. To import, you need to copy the zipped file you just downloaded, into the MAMP import folder. Here is how...

Open your Applications Folder.

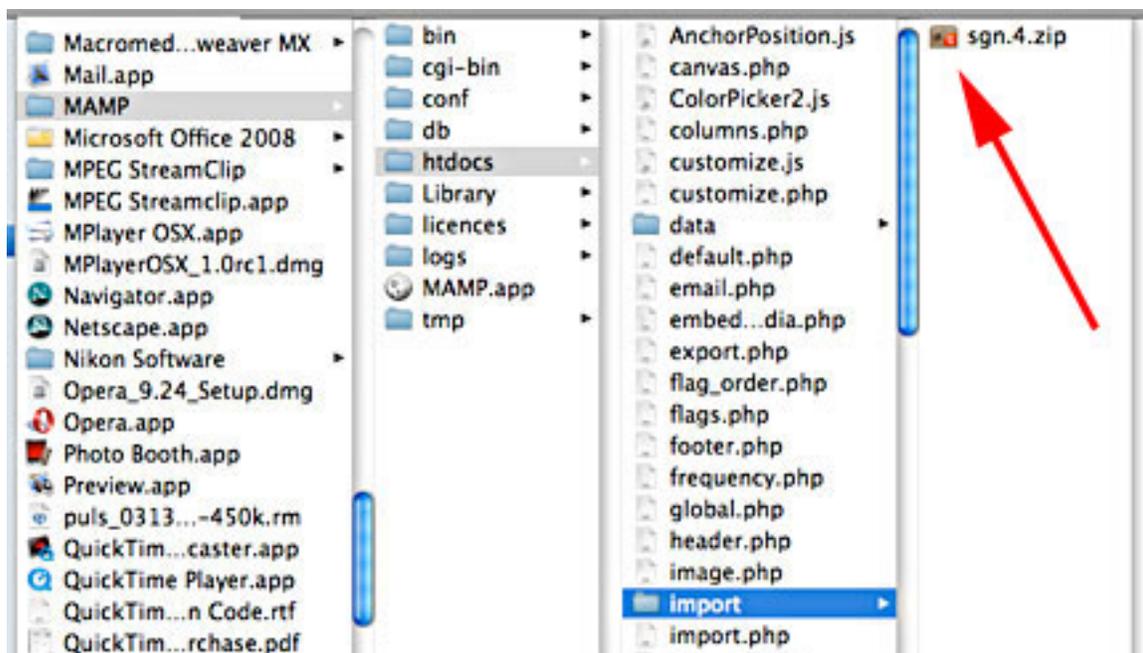
Open the MAMP Folder inside Applications.

Open the htdocs folder inside MAMP.

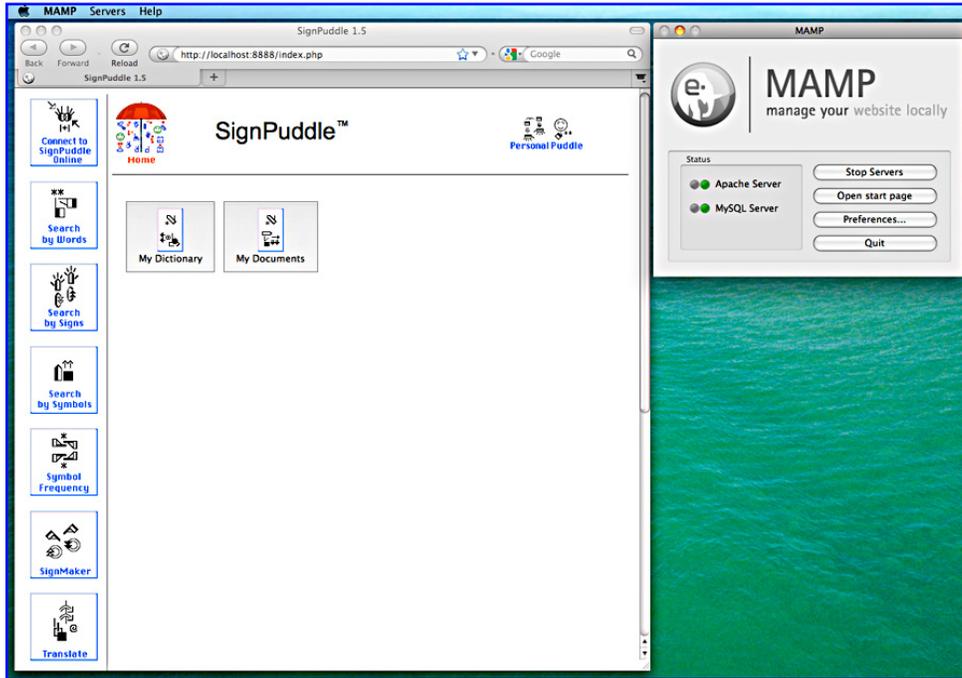
Open the import folder inside htdocs.

Copy or drag and drop the zipped file into the import folder.

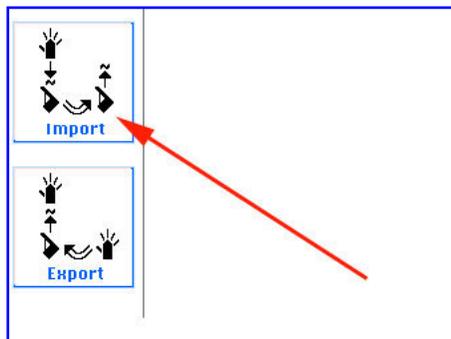
The path is:
[/Applications/MAMP/htdocs/import](#)



8. Now open the MAMP program from your Dock. Your PersonalPuddle opens in Firefox:



9. Scroll down. Click on the Import Button:



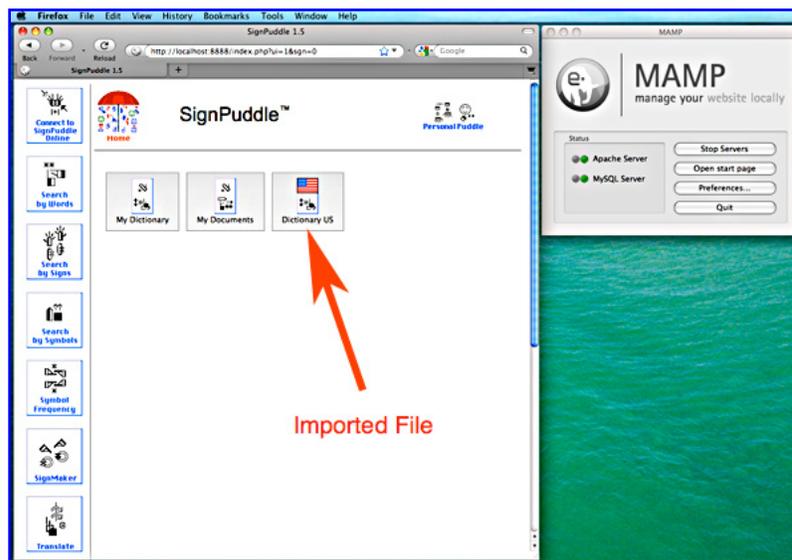
10. This screen will appear. Click on the Import Button:



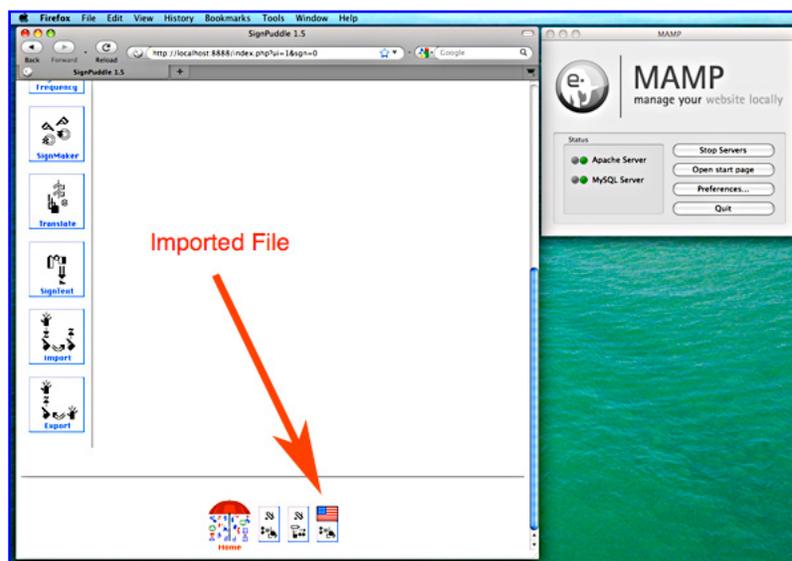
11. After you press the Import Button, your screen will say Success!



12. Click the Red Umbrella. You now have the imported SignPuddle file inside your PersonalPuddle, for you to use privately on your computer, without a connection to the internet.



13. The icons for your files are also located at the bottom of the screen:



14. Double click on any icon to open the file to start using it immediately.





15. To learn how to use SignPuddle software, go to:

SignPuddle Help

<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle/help/>

SignPuddle Instruction Videos

<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle/help/SignPuddle15VideoUS/>

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in English, German, French and Arabic

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Part 3: Importing User Interfaces in Different Languages

A User Interface is the language and icons used to help you navigate and use the software. The PersonalPuddle User Interface opens in English and American Sign Language. You can download and install other User Interfaces in other languages, including:

Czech and Czech Sign Language
French and French-Swiss Sign Language
German and German Sign Language
Norwegian and Norwegian Sign Language
Spanish and Spanish Sign Language
Blind-User-Interface for French users

HOW TO IMPORT A USER INTERFACE

1. Here are the links to different User Interfaces. Paste one of these links into the url of your web browser and press Enter or Return:

Norwegian and Norwegian Sign Language User Interface
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/zipit.php?ui=0&sgn=3>

French and French-Swiss Sign Language User Interface
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/zipit.php?ui=0&sgn=4>

Spanish and Spanish Sign Language User Interface
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/zipit.php?ui=0&sgn=5>

Czech and Czech Sign Language User Interface
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/zipit.php?ui=0&sgn=6>

German and German Sign Language User Interface
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/zipit.php?ui=0&sgn=8>

Blind User Interface for French-French-Swiss Sign Language
<http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/zipit.php?ui=0&sgn=10>

2. The user interface you chose will download to your desktop:



3. To import, you need to copy the zipped file you just downloaded, into the MAMP import folder. Here is how...

Open your Applications Folder.

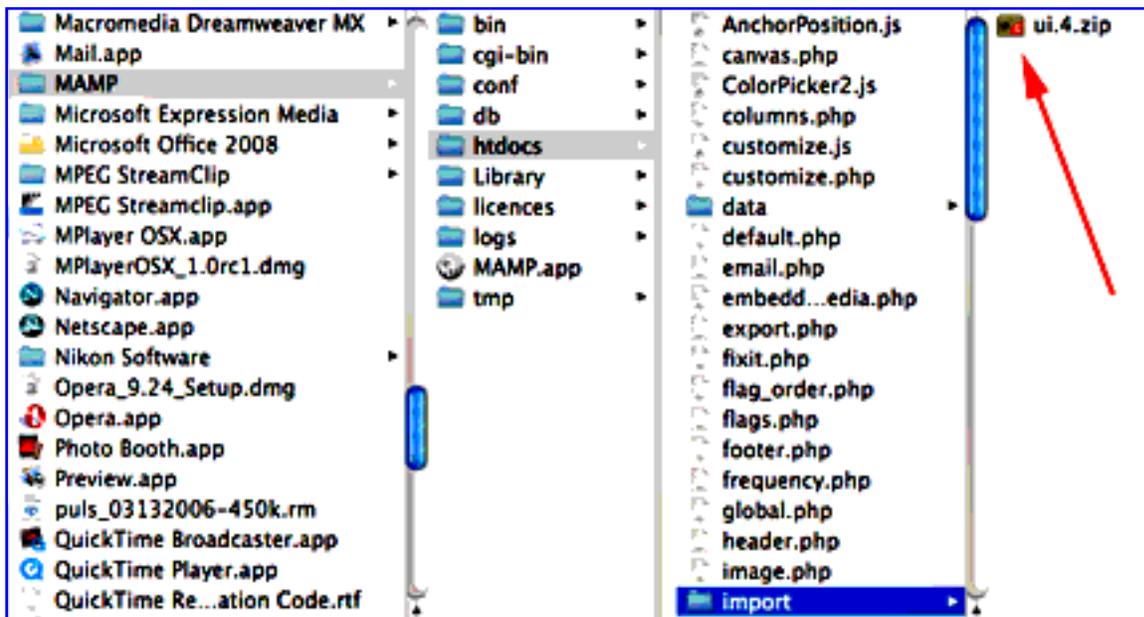
Open the MAMP Folder inside Applications.

Open the htdocs folder inside MAMP.

Open the import folder inside htdocs.

Copy or drag and drop the zipped file into the import folder.

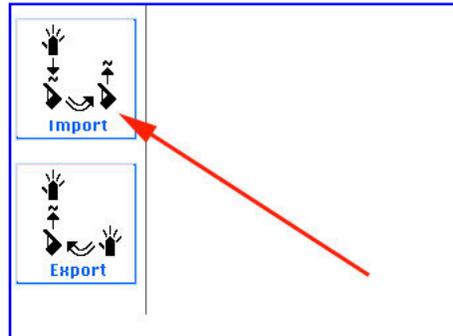
The path is:
[/Applications/MAMP/htdocs/import](#)



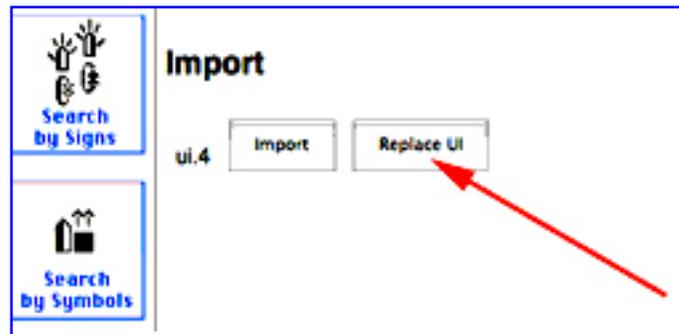
4. Now open your PersonalPuddle:



5. Scroll down. Click on the Import Button:



6. A screen will appear with two buttons: Import and Replace UI

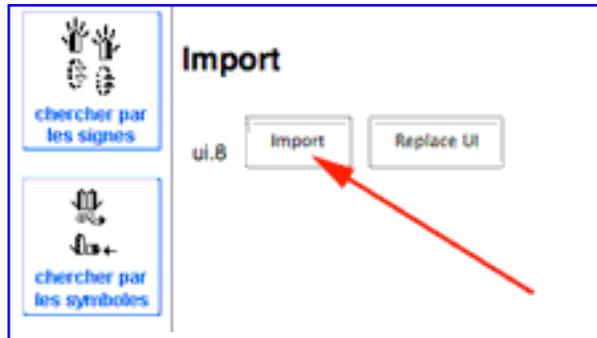


7. To REPLACE the current User Interface, click on the Replace UI button. Your screen will say Success!



8. Click the Red Umbrella. You can now use the new User Interface.

9. To ADD a second User Interface, without replacing the current one, click on the Import Button instead:



10. Your screen will say Success. Then click on the Red Umbrella:



11. This will take you to the User Interface Home Page. Click on the User Interface you wish to use:



12. You can switch back and forth between the two User Interfaces. To switch User Interfaces, click on the Red Umbrella several times to find the User Interface Home Page.

Part 4: Importing A New File That Has The Same Name As An Old File

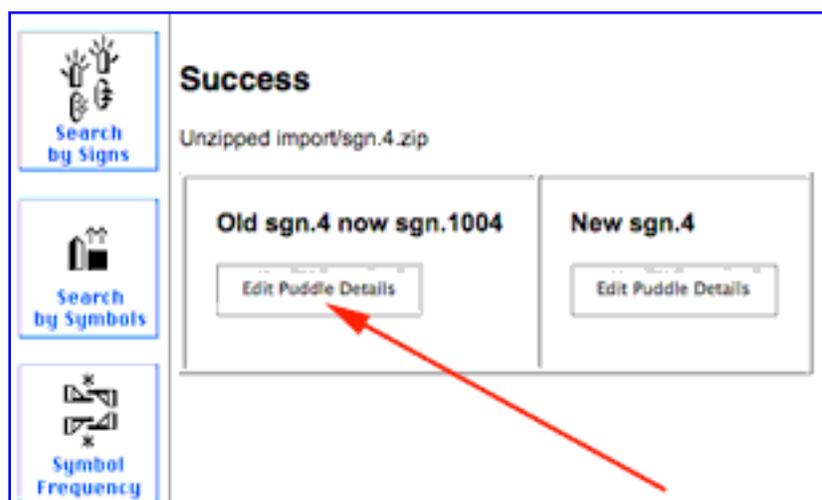
HOW TO SAVE & RENAME AN OLD FILE

1. When importing SignPuddle files from the web, if the new imported file has the SAME name as an older file on your PersonalPuddle, a screen will appear, providing a choice to REPLACE the old file (the old file will be deleted), or MOVE the old file to another name.

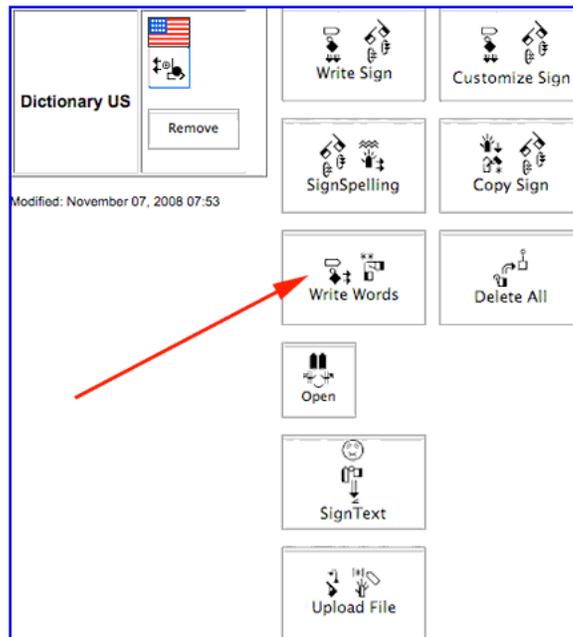
Click on the MOVE button. MOVE means to SAVE the old file and RENAME the old file, so it is NOT deleted:



2. A Success screen will appear, with a choice to rename the OLD file, or rename the NEW file. To rename the OLD file, click on the Edit Puddle Details button in the OLD file box:



3. This screen will appear. To rename the file, click on the Write Words button:



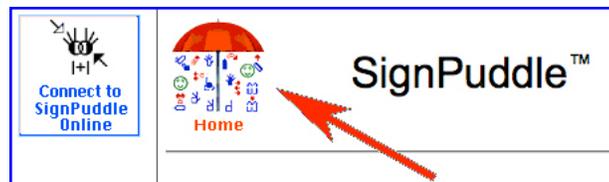
4. This screen will appear. Type the new name for the file, and press the Update Button:

	Dictionary US OLD COPY		
Terms:			
Text:			
Source:			
			Update

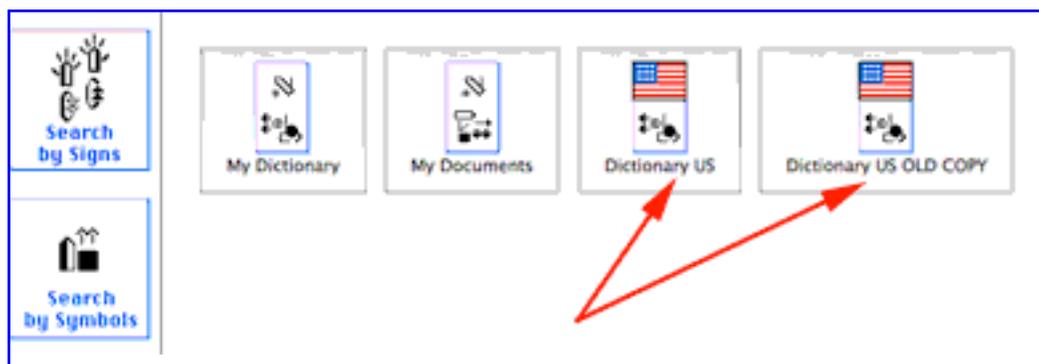
5. This screen will appear. It shows that the file has now been renamed:



6. Click on the Red Umbrella to return to the Home Page:

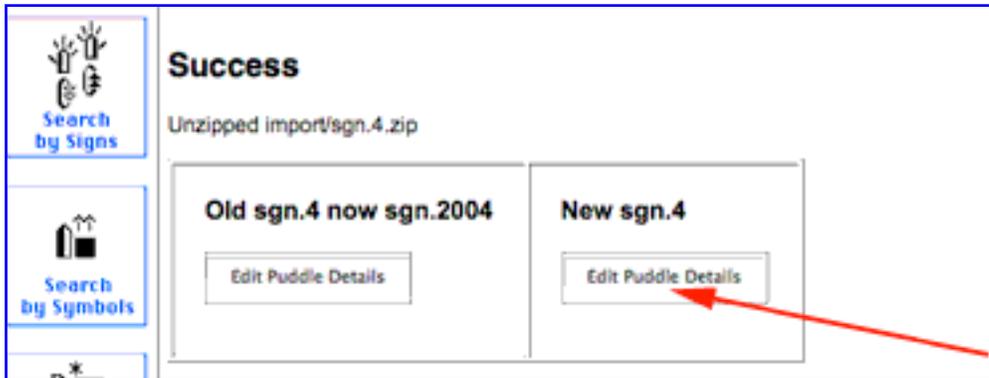


7. The renamed OLD file, and the imported NEW file, now appear on the Home Page. You will be able to work with both files:

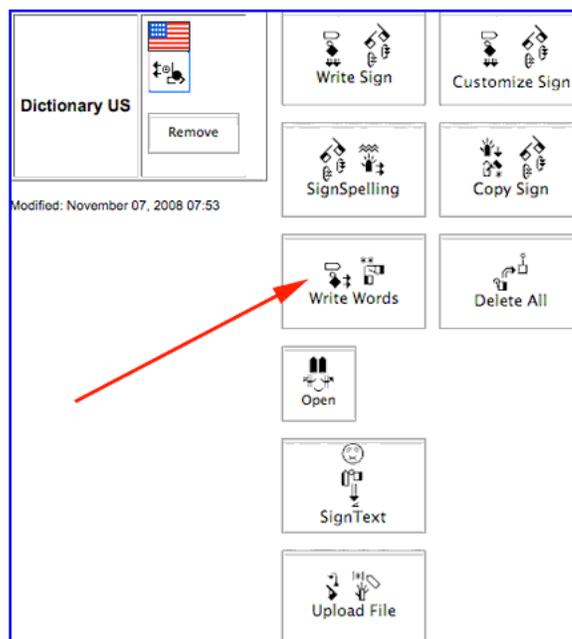


TO RENAME THE NEW FILE

1. To rename the NEW file, click on the Edit Puddle Details button in the NEW file box:



2. This screen will appear. To rename the file, click on the Write Words button:



3. This screen will appear. Type the new name for the file, and press the Update Button:

A screenshot of a web form with three main sections: 'Terms:', 'Text:', and 'Source:'. The 'Terms:' field contains the text 'Dictionary US NEW'. A red arrow points from the 'Text:' label to the 'Terms:' field. Another red arrow points from the 'Text:' label to the 'Update' button located at the bottom right of the form.

4. This screen will appear. It shows that the file has now been renamed:

A screenshot of a dashboard. On the left, a box displays 'Dictionary US NEW' with a US flag icon and a 'Remove' button. Below this box, it says 'Modified: November 07, 2008 08:23'. A red arrow points from the 'Text:' label in the previous screenshot to the 'Dictionary US NEW' text. To the right of the dashboard is a grid of buttons: 'Write Sign', 'Customize Sign', 'SignSpelling', 'Copy Sign', 'Write Words', 'Delete All', 'Open', 'SignText', and 'Upload File'.

5. Click on the Red Umbrella to return to the Home Page:

A screenshot of the SignPuddle home page navigation bar. It features a 'Connect to SignPuddle Online' button on the left, a 'Home' button with a red umbrella icon in the center, and the 'SignPuddle™' logo on the right. A red arrow points from the 'Home' button to the 'SignPuddle™' logo.



6. The renamed NEW file now appears on the Home Page, along with other files:



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