



XDFAM User Guide

Version 1.6

Version 1.6 · Your Family History, Privately Kept

What is XDFAM?

XDFAM — eXtended Family — is a private app for recording your family history. You can add family members across many generations, connect them as parents, children, and spouses, add photos, and keep notes about each person.

Your family records never leave your phone or tablet. No internet connection is needed. No account is required. No company can access your family information.

XDFAM is available in **English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese**. The app automatically uses the language set on your device.

Getting started

First launch

When you open XDFAM for the first time, you will see three introduction screens. At the end you have two choices:

Explore a sample family — loads the Doe family (4 members) so you can see how the app works before entering your own family.

Start with my family — goes straight to the home screen.

You can load or remove the sample family at any time from Settings.

The home screen

The home screen is your starting point. It shows:

Section	What it does
Family Album	Shows photos of members. Tap Play to start a slideshow.
Family Navigator	Opens a tree view of your family.
Member count card	Shows how many members you have recorded. Tap it to see the full list.
Sample family indicator	Appears when the sample family is loaded. Tap View or Delete.

Tap the gear icon (top right corner) to open Settings.

Adding a family member

1. From the home screen, tap the member count card, then tap the green + button. Or tap Add First Family Member if you have no members yet.
2. Fill in the form — First Name and Last Name are required:

- **Title/Nickname** — e.g. Dr, Jr, Nana, Papa.
 - **Gender** — tap Male, Female, or Other.
 - **Date of Birth** — tap the calendar icon. Goes back to 1750.
 - **City and Country of Birth** — enter separately.
 - **Date/Place of Death** — leave blank for living members.
 - **Bio / Summary** — shown on the slideshow card.
3. Tap Save Member. You go straight to the list with the new member at the top.

Editing a family member

Tap a member's name in the list to open their profile.

Tap the pencil icon at the top right.

Change any field and tap Save Member. You are returned to the same profile.

To change a member's photo, tap the photo circle on their profile.

Linking family members together

After adding members, open a profile and scroll to Lineage and Partnerships.

Linking a parent

Tap the link icon next to Father or Mother.

A list opens — the title tells you what you are choosing (e.g. "Choose Father").

Tap the person to create the link.

If the person does not exist yet, tap **Add New Person** to add them on the spot.

Linking a spouse or partner

Tap the link icon next to Primary Spouse or Partner. Tap the person to link them.

Secondary partner

If a member already has a primary spouse, tap the link icon next to Partner to add a secondary partner. They appear with a dashed border in the Family Navigator.

Removing a link

Tap the broken link icon next to any relationship. The people themselves are not deleted.

Viewing children

On a member's profile, scroll to the Children section. This automatically shows every member whose parent is linked to this person.

The family list

Searching

Type any part of a name in the search bar to find a member quickly.

Sorting

Sort option	Result
First Name	Alphabetical by first name
Last Name	Alphabetical by last name, then first name
Recently Added	Newest members shown first

Filtering by gender

Tap Male, Female, or All to filter the list. The badge shows how many match.

Family Navigator

The Navigator shows one member at the centre with their relatives around them:

Parents at the top

Spouse (solid border) and **Partners** (dashed border) beside them

Siblings in a scrollable strip

Children at the bottom

Tap any card to move focus to that person. Use the back arrow to step back through previous views.

Family Album and Slideshow

Tap Play on the home screen to start the automatic slideshow. Each slide shows:

Full-screen photo — or a coloured card with initials if no photo is added

Name and title · Birth and death dates · Place of birth · Bio / Summary

During the slideshow

Tap anywhere on the main screen to pause or resume.

Tap a small circular photo at the bottom to jump to that member's slide.

The counter top right (e.g. 3 / 8) shows which slide you are on.

The back arrow exits the slideshow.

Saving a backup of your family records

It is important to save a backup regularly so your records are safe if you change phones or lose your device.

How to save a backup

1. Go to Settings → Export family data.
2. Your phone's share sheet opens.
3. Tap Save to Files to keep it on your phone, or share it to your email.
4. The backup file is named XDFamily_Export followed by today's date.

The backup contains every member's name, dates, places, notes, bio, and all links. Photos are not included — save a backup before changing phones.

Restoring from a backup

How to restore

1. Go to Settings → Import family data.
2. Navigate to the backup file and tap it.
3. Tap Import on the confirmation message.

What happens during a restore?

Members in the backup are added to your current family tree.

Relationships (parents, spouses, children) are restored correctly.

If a member already exists, their record is updated with the backup data.

Your photos are not affected — they stay on your device as they are.

Moving to a new phone

1. Save a backup on your old phone.
2. Transfer the file by email, AirDrop, iCloud, or Google Drive.
3. Install XDFAM on the new phone, then use Import family data.

Settings reference

Setting	What it does
Import family data	Restore records from a backup file
Export family data	Save a backup of all your records
Load sample family	Add a sample family to explore the app
Delete sample family	Remove only the sample members
Delete all family data	Remove all real members (requires typing a confirmation word)
About XDFAM	App version, features, and copyright

Deleting a family member safely

Action	What it does
Delete one member	Open profile → trash icon. An Undo button appears briefly.
Delete sample family	Settings → Delete sample family. Real data is untouched.
Delete all records	Settings → Danger zone. Type confirmation word. Cannot be undone.

Frequently asked questions

Does XDFAM work without internet?

Yes. Everything works completely offline. Records are stored only on your device.

Is my family information private?

Yes. No data is sent anywhere. No account is needed. Your history is yours alone.

What if I delete the app?

Records are deleted with the app. Always save a backup first.

How do I move records to a new phone?

Save a backup → transfer the file → install XDFAM → use Import family data.

Can two people build the same tree?

Each person maintains their own copy. Share a backup file so a family member can import the same records.

How far back can I record birth dates?

The date picker goes back to 1750 — approximately 10 generations.

Can two members have the same name?

Yes. Members are tracked by an internal number, not by name.

The app is in the wrong language. How do I change it?

XDFAM uses your device language automatically. Change it in device Settings, then reopen the app.

iPhone: Settings → General → Language & Region → iPhone Language

Android: Settings → System → Language → Add a language

What's new

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Four languages — English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Warm visual theme — softer parchment-tone backgrounds and larger text.

Children section — a member's profile now shows their children directly.

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Sort by last name — the family list can now be sorted by last name.

Add from the relationship picker — add a new person on the spot.

Navigator back-history — the back arrow steps through previous views.

Slideshow thumbnail strip — tap a small photo to jump to that slide.

Launcher icon — a proper app icon on your home screen.

Family backup and restore — export and import on Android and iPhone.