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**Question:**

What is the easiest method to transfer and upgrade a Historian system to version 7.0?

**Answer:**

The easiest method to transfer and upgrade a Historian system to version 7.0 is as follows:

1. Install the latest version of Historian 7.0 and corresponding SIMS onto your new system.
2. Stop all collectors to the old Historian.
3. Stop the iHDataArchiver\_x64 and iHConfigManager\_x64 services on the new Historian 7.0 system and the iHDataArchiver service on your old Historian system.
4. On the Historian 7.0 system, navigate to the C:\Proficy Historian Data\Archives folder. Delete all files in that folder.
5. On the old Historian system, copy all of the .iha files from your archives folder and paste those .iha files into *same drive and directory as the files were stored on the old system*. For example, if the .iha files were stored in the C:\iFIX Data\Data folder on the old system, the .iha files must be placed in the C:\iFIX Data\Data folder on the new system.
6. Copy the <oldcomputername>\_Config.ihc file from the old system and place it in the C:\Proficy Historian Data\Archives folder on the new system.
7. Rename the <oldcomputername>\_Config.ihc file to <newcomputername>\_CentralConfig.ihc.
8. Start the iHConfigManager\_x64 and then the iHDataArchiver\_x64 services.
9. Confirm that the Proficy Historian Administrator can start and you can see your archives in the DataStores tab. Check a few random tags for data values in the Tags tab.

At this point, you should confirm your new archive creation options before reconfiguring your collectors to write new data to the new Historian.

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