

We recommend people store parts created for projects in a Project Library that gets loaded in addition to the ArchiCAD Library. We further recommend that you do NOT save or put any other parts in your ArchiCAD Library. This makes upgrades such as this, easy because you don't have to worry about moving your own parts from the old ArchiCAD Library to the new one.

If you do have other parts stored in the old ArchiCAD Library make sure you move them out of the old library and into a new location prior to deleting an old Library.

Transitioning from ArchiCAD 8.1 to 9.0

- 1) Open your ArchiCAD 8.1 project file by double clicking. This will launch ArchiCAD 9.0 (the newest version of a program always launches by default.)
- 2) Let it load and after it is done loading go to the File Menu: Library Manager. Switch from the ArchiCAD Library 8.1.pla to the ArchiCAD Library 9.pla. This is done by removing the ArchiCAD Library 81.pla & adding the ArchiCAD Library 9.pla.
- 3) ArchiCAD 8 and 9 have very similar library naming conventions. You may get no missing parts in which case you should save the file in 9 and continue working in 9. If you do get a list of missing library parts continue to Step 4.
- 4) View the list of missing library parts on screen, or print out. These will be the 8.1 parts that you'll need to use for this file.
- 5) Go to the File Menu: Library Manager. Switch from the ArchiCAD Library 9.pla back to the 81 Library. This is done by removing the ArchiCAD Library 9.pla & adding the ArchiCAD Library 81.pla.
- 6) This should result in all parts being found again. Save out an Archive file by going to the File Menu: Save Special. In the Save Dialogue Box choose ArchiCAD Archive file. Leave all the settings at their defaults. The file will be called "Your File Name.PLA" Where "Your File Name" is the name you choose for your file. Save this to your desktop.
- 7) Open "Your File Name.PLA" in ArchiCAD 8.1. When it prompts you to: create a library called "Your File Name Library" save this to your desktop. Close the archive file.
- 8) Switch to the Mac Finder or Windows Explorer and open the "Your File Name Library" that you saved to the desktop. Inside will be the folder structure of your various libraries. Locate the ArchiCAD Library 81. Rename it to "Your File Name-AC 81".
- 9) Move this renamed library folder into your Project Specific Library folder.
- 10) Open the original file and use the Library Manager to load the ArchiCAD Library 9.pla and remove the ArchiCAD Library 81.pla. Also load the Project Specific Library
- 11) If this all works save the file and it will now load the correct libraries.
- 12) You should no longer need the archive file ("Your File Name.PLA") or the remaining parts in the archive library "File Name Library" and you can delete them.

Finally

Move the ArchiCAD Library 8.1 into a folder called Other Libraries. Use this folder for libraries you only load occasionally.