

## Alternative DNA Master Installation Instructions

**Why:** the DNA Master update server at Pitt is down, so we have developed a temporary workaround that will allow you to run a mostly functional version of DNA Master on your computer.

1. Download the DNA Master installation package [from this link](#). Follow the standard installation instructions available on [PhagesDB.org](#) and follow them until the point when you are required to update DNA Master. Because the Pitt server is down, this update will fail, so there's no need to attempt that step.
2. Next, you will download a pre-updated copy of DNA Master from [this link](#).
3. Move the downloaded pre-updated copy (Which is named DNA Master Workaround.exe) to your DNA Master folder (located in the folder that you created during installation). You will see your original installed copy of DNA Master in this folder with the name DNAMas.exe. Do NOT delete it (yet).
4. Rename the DNAMas.exe old program to DNAMas.exe to DNAMas\_old.exe so that you know it's the old version.
5. Rename DNA Master Workaround.exe to DNAMas.exe. Click on the program to run it as you normally would.
6. You may encounter a series of update failure messages; ignore these. The program will also take longer to open than normal because it's trying to connect to the server and isn't getting a response.
7. Continue to set your preferences using the [steps in the bioinformatics guide](#).